Report on SPX School Goals - 2010

Broad Strategic Goal: St. Pius X School community values excellence in its teaching and learning opportunities.

Australian Curriculum: Teaching Staff have planned to implement English in 2011 and have been exploring the curriculum during Term 4 curriculum planning. Teachers have explored differences and similarities between current Queensland Curriculum and new Australian Curriculum. The school has audited reading books collection and is purchasing sets of Guided Reading books and new Big Books to supplement Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 class reading materials. The Prep and Year 1 teacher attended Phonemic awareness seminar in August.

Science: Kathy Harris, from the Australian Academy of Science inserviced staff on the Primary Connections units which connect Literacy and Science teaching in an inquiry based format. Teachers have been implementing these units during 2010.

ICLT (Information Communication Learning Technologies): Staff have received inservice on the CTC (Contemporary Teaching Tool). This online tool allows teachers to create their own profile by measuring their IT knowledge, their application of the knowledge and the creation of new knowledge when teaching students. The tool then determines the pathway for individual tutorials for the upskilling of all teachers in an online learning mode. Overall staff progress in various components then allows for targeted planning for future professional development. Staff were introduced to the new Brisbane Catholic Education internet portal.

Broad Strategic Goal: Strengthening and enhancing relationships and fostering a real sense of community is vital to St. Pius X School.

Anti-Bullying policy: School Board has developed policy with community input and feedback. The policy was launched on school website in July. Future development includes focused teaching and learning in this area and parent information about the program.

Communication: Curriculum Overviews were developed for each class and communicated to parents at the commencement of each term.

Broad Strategic Goal: The Catholic Identity and Ethos of St. Pius X School is integral to who we are and all we undertake.

Sacred Space: An initial meeting has occurred with the Cross-Cultural Officer from Brisbane Catholic Education to discuss the purpose for the outdoor Sacred Space. A community committee will design and implement the project during 2011.
Staff Spirituality: All teaching staff attended the Pray 2010 Prayer Gathering in July. Many classes have begun Christian Meditation as a result.

Mary MacKillop icons: School has purchased Archdiocesan Mary MacKillop prints for all classes.

Broad Strategic Goal: Through effective organisation, management and resourcing, St. Pius X School will provide a quality, inclusive learning environment.

Sustainable practices: Staff were inserviced on Eco-spirituality and the stewardship of creation. Two successful ‘Nude Food’ days were held during the year. We have introduced ‘powering down’ each afternoon with computers and during the day with air-conditioning and lighting. Prep students constructed their own ‘no-dig’ garden. Three garden beds were established through P and F funding for the school.

Building: Education Revolution Federal Funding: Plans for the multi-purpose hall were finalised with the architect for tender process in April. The Building Project commenced in August employing Walton Constructions with expected completion date in late March 2011. Regular fortnightly site meetings have occurred with builders, principal, BCE project officer and architect. There will be a competition to name the hall early in 2011.

External Review: Staff, parents and school board all participated in feedback on Strategic Renewal Plan and provided input for the External Review. Consultative groups of parents, staff and students participated in the External Review on the day with the panel. Results of the positive review were shared with the community. Recommendations will form part of the 2011 school goals.

Digital communication: The school website was expanded to include policies. Online communication was enhanced by the introduction of emailed newsletters and class communication. A school wide wireless network was installed in November.