

Principal's Report to the School Board Tuesday 23rd August 2011

Our commencement to the Third term has once again been very smooth and holidays seem a long way gone. From the school calendar you will note that it is again a busy term. I ask that you keep the calendar in a prominent place and refer to it regularly.

Main events to take place this term include:

- First Communion for Yr 4 Students
- Athletics Carnivals Faction and Interschool Carnivals
- Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival
- Staff Professional Development
- Yr 6 Camp
- Quiz Nite
- Feasts of Mary MacKillop and St Pius X
- Excursions and Incursions
- Book Week Celebrations
- Bunning's Sustainability Program-\$100 voucher provided and maybe more to come in helping us with replanting around the school grounds.

Robert Romeo's Progress

Rob is getting stronger everyday but still will take some time for him to start feeling a lot better. He is hoping that in the next couple of weeks he will be up to doing lots more. Rob wishes to thank everyone in the St Pius X Community for their prayers, gifts and cards whilst he was in hospital and also at home he appreciates the support he has been given.

Principal Duties

As you are aware with Rob's unexpected absence for this term, The Catholic Education Office Director Ron Dullard has approved that Nik and I split the duties during term 3. With the ongoing building responsibilities and the many other duties we both have sharing the role will ensure that the school and the children's interests are the primary focus. Nik will take over from me as of the 29th of August

Performing Arts

We have had much success in this festival and I would like to commend all the students and teachers involved for their efforts and commitment. We believe this is an important aspect of the curriculum and therefore we encourage participation.

Archbishops Religious Assessment Yr 3 and 5

This took place a few weeks ago. The Yr 3 students have been included this year. The assessment has been set by the Archbishop and they are very challenging and cover many aspects of the Religious Education Program taught in the school.

Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education

The Year 5 students participated in two assessments Science and Society and Environment. These assessments are carried out by all students in this year level and are used to monitor standards throughout Western Australia. These results are only generated to schools.

Professional Development

Teachers spent a day on the 15th August being in serviced on the new Australian Curriculum. They also familiarised themselves with new ipads that were purchased and learnt more about how to use these within their classrooms.

Building Progress

Over the holiday period, the new roofing was replaced and work has continued to progress on the Administration Building along with the Multi Purpose Room and the Kindy. During one of the Site Meetings, we were informed by the Building Supervisor that there are some problems that have arisen with existing structures. One of the problems is the existing columns around the school veranda. These will need replacing due to their age and the need for stronger columns to support the new roof. It is hoped that this work will be completed over the next school holidays. Some other issues that need attention are the Soft Fall in the Pre Primary. This may need to be replaced as it is cracking and lifting up hence a safety issue.

As you are all aware there is no lighting in the Tuckshop. This has been an ongoing problem and due to the electrical wiring being very old this does need to be replaced and work cannot be completed till the end of term. We have addressed this issue at the meeting. In the meantime, Wally was able to remove the shutter on the outer windows to allow more light in. We ask for the community's patience during this time. We thank the parents who continue to work in the tuckshop and do such a fine job considering the conditions.

We will keep the community updated on the progress as we know more. Much of the work is dependent on the weather and the workers are doing their best to keep to the time frame given.

Open Day/Open Classroom/Grandparents

This year we have decided to have our Open Day on Wednesday 26th October. On this day we will begin the day with a Grandparents/School Mass for all to attend. After the mass morning tea will be held in the Library for Grandparents and parents to attend till about 11.00am. At 11.00am classes will be opened for grandparents and parents to visit and see the work their children having been doing over the previous term. The open class will run for about an hour and parents are free to leave when they wish. We have decided to take this approach this year due to the renovations around the school and having limited space to present our usual Learning Journey. This will also alleviate pressure on parents who have more than one child at school.

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