

Principal Report for P&F

The term has continued to be a busy one with the children and teachers working hard toward a well earned rest at the end of the term.

Some of the major highlights from the last few weeks have been:

1. Year 6 Camp
2. The Chn's liturgy First Communion Commitment Mass which was well attended.
3. The Sensational Quiz Night which people are still talking about.
4. Fabulous Book Week that included the Totally Amazing Incursion and Colourful Dress up parade.
5. St Pius X feast day which was very low key this year due to site works.
6. Wonderful reviews from our Performing Art classes, duets and soloists.
7. Athletics carnival – Field and Track events.
8. Interschool Athletics carnival
9. Footy Carnival
10. Numerous Incursions and excursions.
11. First Communion

NAPLAN RESULTS

The NAPLAN results for year 3 and 5 were received last week. Overall St Pius performed well once again. Below is a summary of our results compared to national and state averages.

	State Average	National Average
Y3 Reading	Well Above	Well Above
Y3 Spelling	Well Above	Well Above
Y3 Punc & Grammar	Well Above	Above
Y3 Numeracy	At Standard	At Standard
Y3 Writing	All above or At standard minimum standard	
Y5 Reading	Above	At Standard
Y5 Spelling	Above	Above
Y5 Punc & Grammar	Above	At Standard
Y5 Numeracy	Above	Above
Y5 Writing	2 below standard minimum standard	

ROB ROMEO'S PROGRESS

Rob visited the school last week and today and he's looking great. He looks forward to returning to school for the beginning of term 4.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES

The handover and transition between myself and Mac Callisto was smooth and things have progressed in a positive manner. It has been a very busy time for Mac and I juggling teaching duties and the acting Principalship, but we are very grateful for the experience and would like to take this opportunity to thank the board & P&F for their support in our application to share the role

PERFORMING ARTS

This years Performing Arts Festival has been most successful for St Pius X. We have had many excellent results, honourable mentions and we have won one festival shield.

Year 6 class claiming the Christian Drama Shield for 2011, superbly directed by their teacher.

These shields are the highest awards available for each section and very difficult to win. Shield winners are judged from both primary and secondary participants.

Matthew Ryan from the year 6 class was presented with the Year 6 shield at the gala Festival Concert at the Perth Concert hall last Tuesday.

St Pius X has now won 5 shields in total and 3 in the last two years and has now a growing reputation in the field of Performing Arts.

ATHLETICS PROGRAM

The athletics program at St Pius X concluded with the Interschool Athletics carnival last Tuesday. Olivia Heffernan, in her first year as PE teacher has done a wonderful job organising the Cross Country, Faction Carnival Field and Track Events and the ASCS Athletics carnival for the association. Special thanks must also go to Aquinas and Manning Primary for once again offering their grounds so we can complete our carnivals.

MURLALI LODGE

Recently we had a few complaints from parents about a resident of the Salvation Army's Murlali Lodge who was seen around the school boundary. I spoke to public relations manager Warren Palmer who was very obliging and organised to speak to the lodge's supervisor about the resident. Warren then called back and stated that the supervisor was aware of the resident and has talked to the person involved and he has been instructed to take a different route to the shops keeping away from our school. Further to this today I was visited by the Lodge's supervisor Mr Allen Gould who

wanted to touch base with me and reassured me again that the resident involved has been spoken to. He also reassured me that the men who are residing in the lodge whilst the new quarters are being constructed in Mt Lawley were well screened, had troubled pasts but were quite harmless. I am very impressed with the professionalism of the Salvation Army and their genuine empathy towards the concerns of some of our parents. If necessary they are willing to come and talk to our parents at a P&F meeting to put to bed any concerns parents may have.

BUILDING PROGRESS

The schools BER progress is progressing well. By the end of next week the roofing should be completed on both Admin and Multipurpose buildings. The Kindy is progressing well and some ground works will be completed soon outside the Kindy and Pre Primary. The existing columns which are not to standard around the undercover area will be hopefully replaced during the holidays to minimise disruption. At present the balance of the contingency budgeted account is very low due to unforeseen problems due to the age of the school. It is fair to say that the school will need to dip into school reserves to help with finishing the project. Some things that need considering above the BER grant would be replacing the boundary fence, softfall replacement and more playground facilities for the Pre Primary and Kindy.

END OF REPORT

Kind regards

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