



St Pius X Catholic Primary School

Principal's Report Annual General Meeting 2020

2020 has been another year that has gone by so quickly with many hours of work and diligence shown by all. Our many achievements are a result of the ongoing commitment of working together, to continue to make St. Pius X a community of 'Faith and Friendship'.

This is a year that I am sure many of us will not be able to forget and hopefully one we don't need to live through again. When we take time to reflect on this year and the events that unfolded, I am extremely proud of the community, staff, students and parents for all that they have been through and continued to work through, as the year unfolded. The challenges that presented themselves along the way forced many of us out of our comfort zone and school life as we knew it, but we were able to adapt and keep moving forward.

To the students and staff, you were amazing in dealing with all the changes we had to accommodate, and at many times, while working on traditional formats but preparing and being aware of a new way moving forward. Your efforts were truly incredible.

To the parents and school community, the respect and trust you had for us as a school during this time was something that I could not describe. To have the high number of supportive emails, phone calls, personal conversations and check in's not only on the staff but also with me, as principal, is something that I will never be able to thank you enough for. This was appreciated.

It would be remiss of me to not acknowledge the many people that were called on to assist us through the process during COVID-19 and support us on weekends and outside of hours. The constant conversations and changes to school procedures, with the action plans and structures that had to be put in place for the safety and benefit to all were ongoing. I thank those people for this support but in particular to Chet Richardson and Nick Sertis, you dropped everything to help and support the staff as part of our COVID-19 Team along with Claire Carrick, Stephanie Johnson, Kim Hughes, Jo Pitt and other staff members as needed.

THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL - The School Advisory Council continues to be a great support as we worked through our 2020 priorities. This is at the forefront of all we do and strive to achieve for our children. The main focus of this year has been the continual development of resources for the staff at St Pius X and the maintaining of our facilities.

The School Advisory Council assist us in many ways and has done so this year through the Finance, Maintenance and COVID-19 sub-committees. In particular, I would like to mention Adam and his support of Margaret and myself regarding the finances and to Chet for coming in and meeting with the Leadership Team around the needs and the ongoing development of the school. I wish to thank the School Advisory Council for their commitment to St Pius X Catholic School, who freely give their time and effort to support us in the running of our wonderful school. They have been a pleasure to work with this year.

To our retiring members of the Council, Mr Navin Bhat and Mr Quinten Lynch, thank you for your amazing support of our school community and the wonderful skills and attributes you have afforded the school - we wish you all the best.

I wish those newly elected members to the School Advisory Council all the best as they begin their journey with us to continually make St Pius X the school that it is.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS - Mr Nick Sertis our P&F President and the members of the P&F have once again been able to raise money for the school as well as provide events for the school community to attend. This year has been even more challenging than it has been in the past with the restrictions and requirements working against them. Thank you must also go to Jodie Draper, Mia Fulwood and Carly Inferrera for their wonderful support and to Mary Jugov-Janiec and Aleks Waldock for their support and organisation along the way.

The very quick response of the P&F to support us during COVID-19 with the new water fountains for the students was amazing. I would also like to mention the flexibility required by the P&F this year who had to adjust their many planned events and suit the school's ever changing requirements has been extraordinary.

I thank all the members of our P&F for their support in 2020, to those that are leaving us thank you and to those that are joining us, we look forward to seeing what 2021 brings us.

PARISH – COMMUNITY - Fr Patrick continues to be an integral part of our community and has been a frequent presence in the school throughout this year and has been great to see. Our School Masses have been very engaging and well received by the school community, even more so this year when flexibility around venues and the Sacraments had to be taken into account. We thank Fr Patrick for his flexibility and receptiveness to allow this to occur.

I would also like to acknowledge the work by both Assistant Principals who have done a power of work, not only with the Sacraments, but also with each Liturgical Celebration this year. This is truly appreciated by all in our community.

Thank you for the extra commitment of the staff as they do this for the families at the Parish through the parent and student workshops, preparation of celebrations/masses and reflection days. Thank you must also go to the ladies in the Parish Office who assist us with communication and these events.

STAFF - I would like to personally thank the staff for their dedication and ability to do what they do. The support of the school and the extras you do are often not acknowledged, but they are truly appreciated by all.

I am very fortunate to be able to say that I would have every single staff member teach my own children – of which they do or have. I thank you personally for the care in which you give not only my children but all children.

Thank you also to the administration team in Mrs Johnson, Mr Hughes, Mrs Tatasciore and Mrs Nichol for all the extras they do to keep the school community and education programs running as effectively as possible.

To those staff that are leaving us we thank you for the wonderful gifts you have shared with the school community and know the next place or phase of life that you engage with will be just as rewarding.

In particular to Miss Melissa Vranjes, I hope that you enjoy the gifts that St Pius X has to offer and that your leadership journey here is one of challenge and reward. I know you will truly enjoy your principalship at St Pius X. May your time here be rewarding both personally and professionally. Best wishes to you all.

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STUDENTS - I thank you all on behalf of the staff for the amazing work, the way in which you conduct yourselves and the relationships that you allow us to develop with you all.

I would like to mention our Graduating Year 6 class, as they take the next step in their schooling. There is no doubt that while many challenges will lie ahead for them, the friendships and values nurtured during their time at St. Pius X will hold them in good stead, no matter where their paths might lead.

PARENTS - An effective school can only succeed in partnership with parents. The children in our school come from such beautiful families, where they are loved unconditionally and assisted in their learning. I would like to personally thank the parents for your support this year. There have been numerous times where parents have put their hands up to assist with classroom rosters, P&F events, carnivals and student activities. Your efforts have not gone un-noticed nor unappreciated.

EDUCATIONAL - In 2020, our key focus area in Literacy was the development of Grammar and Punctuation and HASS as well as continuing to maintain our current focus on English and Mathematics. With very limited opportunities to be exposed to the learning requirements, we will continue to focus on these areas in 2021, with a renewed focus on Students with Disabilities across the school.

Our Professional Development this year had to be changed due to presenters, locations and availability. However, we were able to undertake:

- Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity - Mr Clive Walley UND.
- Life Giving Water - CEWA staff.
- Learning Needs - Natalie Nicholls.
- POWER BI - Wendy Manners CEWA.
- Asthma and Anaphylaxis Training.

2020 NAPLAN Results

These are unavailable in 2020 due to COVID-19. The school continues to reflect on our internal data and have used these results to ensure our Curriculum Plan for 2021 is current and continue to focus on the requirements of the students.

Some highlights for 2020 include:

- Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- Sacramental Retreats.
- The Year 6 Camp to Forest Edge, Waroona.
- The Year 5 Overnight Zoo Camp.
- All staff completing Mandatory Reporting, Asthma and Anaphylaxis Training.
- Development of the Student Code of Conduct.
- St Pius X Feast Day.
- Aboriginal Education Plan and Scope and Sequence.
- Noongar Seasons.
- Interschool Athletics and Girls Cricket Winners.
- Write a Book in a Day.
- Australian Mathematics Competition.
- Sporting School Grants – Cricket, Basketball, Lawnbowls, Golf.
- Incursions and Excursions.
- Teaching Sprints.

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School Improvement Plan 2020/21

Priority - SEARCH	Correlation to Pillars & QCS	Focus Area	Why	Outcome
Service	102 - Integrating Catholic Faith, Life and Culture	<p>Revisit FSW with staff and provide personal opportunities for staff faith and reflection.</p> <p>Continue our Social Justice focus. Year 6 students given opportunity to record Christian service pursuits through Confirmation.</p>	<p>To enhance staff knowledge of the Charism of St Pius X forming the foundation of all we do to incorporate this into our daily life at St Pius X.</p> <p>To pass faith awareness on to students through effective evangelisation and faith sharing practices.</p>	Evangelisation Plan to be revisited in 2021 through general Directory of Catechesis.
Excellence	<p>102 – Integrating Catholic Faith, Life and Culture</p> <p>201 – An Explicit Improvement Agenda</p>	<p>To increase the knowledge of staff and allow them opportunity to continue to develop their own faith formation.</p> <p>Develop staff understanding of new data program and application within the school environment.</p>	<p>Bringing the message of the Gospel more at the forefront of our community and having the role models in school leads this process.</p> <p>All staff being more familiar with the use of data and the ability to integrate this into ongoing education programs.</p>	<p>Faith professional development and ongoing accreditation process.</p> <p>Professional Development on Power BI and sessions shared with staff. Conducted by CEWA consultants.</p>
Authenticity	<p>301 – Engagement with the School Community</p> <p>201 – An Explicit Improvement Agenda</p> <p>203 – A Culture That Promotes Learning</p>	<p>Continue to formulate professional networks, inside and outside of the local area.</p> <p>To 'put into practice' through our classroom language our Impact Learning Statement.</p>	<p>To increase our awareness of what current best practice is and to create opportunities for the exchange of ideas.</p> <p>To provide students with an explicit understanding of what learning looks like.</p>	Started linking Impact Learning Statement with Visible Thinking Learning Intentions.
Relationship	<p>101 - Systematic Evangelisation Planning</p> <p>302 – Wider Community Partnerships</p>	<p>To ensure the Evangelisation Plan is known and understood by all staff, students and parents.</p> <p>To transition the Sacraments to be Parish based through working closely with Father and the Catechist.</p> <p>Revisit the ECE charter and the understanding within it.</p>	<p>To ensure that our community is grounded in and driven by faith and growing in faith.</p> <p>To make the more visible the relationship between parish and school, increasing attendance.</p> <p>To ensure that our current ECE Charter is understood by all.</p>	<p>Parish has taken more of the sacramental role with Father Patrick being very proactive as attending many school based events.</p> <p>Charter has been reviewed and revised by ECE staff.</p>
Courage	<p>208 – Effective Pedagogical Practices</p> <p>206 – Systematic Curriculum Delivery</p>	<p>Implement a whole school grammar and punctuation approach across all year levels that compliments the syllabus. This will also become a focus in our Teaching Sprints.</p> <p>Review and revise the whole school assessment process focusing on early intervention on ECE.</p>	<p>As a result of our NAPLAN Data, staff will formulate a consistent approach to support their knowledge of the syllabus they are required to teach.</p> <p>Ensuring that staff practices are current and catering for all students needs.</p>	<p>Not assessed in 2020 internal data only.</p> <p>Revisit and review assessment schedule. ECE staff completed and reissued schedule to staff.</p>
Hope	<p>206 – Systematic Curriculum Delivery</p> <p>204 - Targeted use of School Resources</p>	<p>To explore and develop further our Aboriginal Education Plan and community understanding of culture within it.</p> <p>Strategic development of school facilities and preparing for the future use of the school site.</p>	<p>Implement an audit of cultural perspectives and cross curriculum priorities and resources.</p> <p>To ensure St Pius X continues to offer up to date opportunities for all involved.</p>	<p>Focus on Aboriginal Awareness and becoming more culturally aware. Professional Development conducted by Mr Clive Walley UND.</p> <p>Meeting with School Board regarding CEWA development and facilities.</p>

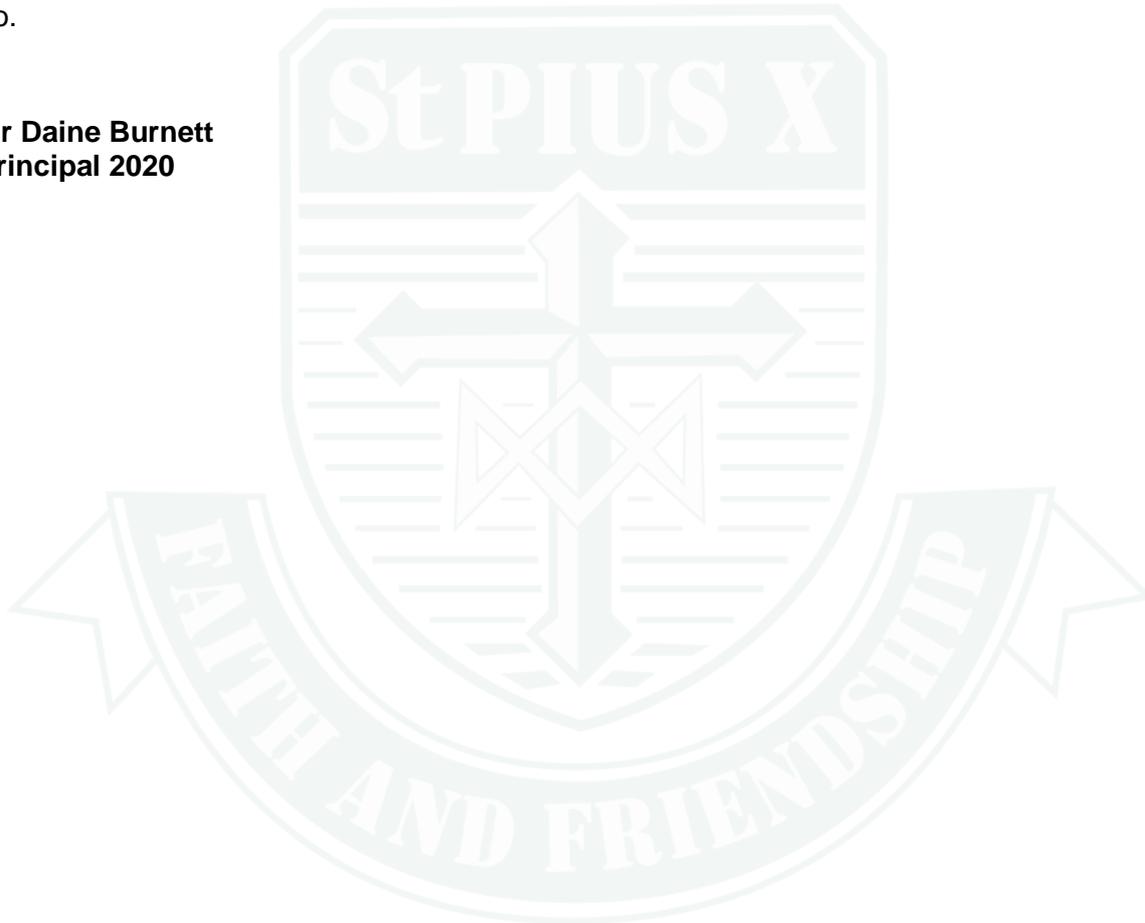


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As I conclude the final year of my time at St Pius X, I would like to thank those who have been on this journey with me as principal, and to those that have been supportive of all we have achieved over the past 8 years. Your loyalty, support and trust was always appreciated, and I thank you for this. To the many personal and professional relationships that have been developed, I thank you for the opportunity to have been part of this and the authentic way these have been fostered throughout the community.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their involvement in ensuring that 2020 was a wonderful year for St Pius X Catholic School. We are truly blessed to be involved in such an authentically faith driven community. Best wishes and may God bless you in all you do.

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