

## STRATEGIC RENEWAL PLAN



### Achievements for 2013

#### Priority 1 Mission and Religious Education

Teachers have worked with the Assistant Principal- Religious Education to implement units based on the new Religious Education Curriculum.

The whole school community has engaged in activities, such as a weekly focus on Mercy values and a Mercy Mass to enhance the religious life of the school and develop the school's Mercy charism.

The first group of staff has participated in the Catching Fire program, a Brisbane Catholic Education initiative to support the spiritual formation of staff, on a personal and communal level. As a result of the program, whole meditation was implemented.

#### Priority 2 Learning and Teaching

A coordinator was engaged to support teachers to implement the Reading to Learn Program across the school. The Reading to Learn Coordinator modeled lesson cycles and planned with teachers. Four additional teachers completed the Reading to Learn course, supported by Brisbane Catholic Education.

Teachers participated in professional development about the identification of Gifted and Talented students, presented by Brisbane Catholic Education. Teachers continued to plan for students with diverse learning needs.

The Technology Committee met during the year to discuss technology matters. A teacher was released from class on a weekly basis as an e-Learning Coordinator. This role included low level problem solving of technology issues and also working with teachers to develop their technology skills. The purchase of ten iPads and fifteen additional laptops increased the school's technology resource bank. The Leadership Team planned for the implementation of the BCE Learning Management System (LIFE) and a team of teachers commenced training in this system.

### **Priority 3 Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships**

A visible link between the school community and parish community has been fostered through regular communication with the Parish Priest, whole school mass celebrated in the hall, children attending the parish mass each week, participation in the parish seniors' concert and the on-going presence of our Parish Priest at school events.

The staff has continued to contribute to build a professional working environment, in which their well-being is supported. This has been fostered through participation in the teacher-focused activities of the Kids Matter program, the contribution of the staff social club and Leadership Team initiatives to build positive relationships.

### **Priority 4 Strategic Resourcing**

The school commenced the implementation of the BCE Learning Management System (LIFE) and the related costs of readying the school's systems and staff training .

The school budget enabled the commitment to the Catching Fire program, Kids Matter program, the implementation of the new Religious Education Curriculum, the Australian Curriculum and individual Staff Professional Development to be upheld.

The school continued its commitment to sustainability and the environment through recycling, photocopy quotas, the development of the school garden and the installation of solar panels.