St Brigid’s School
Goal Review 2010

In 2010 the St Brigid’s community has worked to further our School vision and mission by focusing on a number of key areas as identified by our community. Our work this year has included an ongoing commitment to Professional Development in the area of Mathematics; development of documented policies and procedures in the area of Finance and Budget and our school Vision for Learning and further development of partnerships within the school and parish.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Goals:

In 2010, St Brigid’s school will be part of a cluster of schools working as part of the national, Make It Count project, focusing on numeracy, mathematic and Indigenous learners.

In 2010 at St Brigid’s, a First Steps Facilitator will be trained to provide Professional Development for staff in the area of teaching Mathematics.

In 2010, St Brigid’s staff will engage in cultural competency professional development to improve their engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Achievements:

Staff have completed the eighteen hour First Steps In Mathematics: Number course. Teachers and school officers have used the materials to assist in the diagnosis of development of mathematical understanding and planning for future learning. Teachers and students were involved in a Mathematics Camp, highlighting the importance of Mathematics for learners and gaining new ideas for the learning and teaching of Mathematics at St Brigid’s. Cultural competency training has assisted staff to develop deeper understanding of the contribution cultural background makes to the way children learn best.
PARTNERSHIPS

Goals:

In 2010, St Brigid’s will support the parish initiative to encourage more children to complete their sacraments of initiation in the parish.

In 2010, the school will work to engage parents in the worship life of the school by celebrating special days like Mother’s Day and Father’s Day with a liturgical celebration.

Achievements:

Parish and school calendars were closely aligned to allow school and parish to work together to enrich the liturgical and sacramental lives of our student and families. The children have been involved in a range of liturgical experiences including Masses, a Novena for St Mary MacKillop, Reconciliation services, class and year level prayer liturgies and the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Each year level has had responsibility for particular areas of the Mass, so they come to a deeper understanding of parts of the Mass. Many parents were able to join us in prayer and worship throughout the school year.

PLANNING AND RENEWAL

Goals:

In 2010, the school board and staff will revisit St Brigid’s Vision for a Learning Community.

In 2010, the school community will work towards formulating plans for an Eco-Inquiry Centre that will focus on Inquiry Learning.

In 2010, St Brigid’s will work to align the budget with fee collection rates in order to ensure a buffer amount as nominated by BCEC.

Achievements:

The school board worked with the community to articulate our understanding of quality learning and teaching in a revised St Brigid’s School Vision for Learning. The document will be used to inform classroom curriculum planning to ensure learning is at the core of everything we do. The Eco-Inquiry Centre is underway and staff have chosen Professional Development experiences that will assist them to use an Inquiry Learning approach to the curriculum when the National Curriculum is introduced. Fee collection processes have been formalised.