

2022

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Father Wayne's report

Yearly Report

Christmas Greetings to Parish and School Community.

Another year has come and almost gone. As we prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus at Christmas we do well to reflect on the last twelve months and even the last two – three years.

For many of us it has been an unprecedented time in world history and for many a troubling and unsettling time given the Co-Vid Pandemic. For us as a people of faith and getting ready for Jesus' arrival the reality of the event this Christmas is a reminder of Jesus' birth two thousand years ago.

Jesus' birth and remembrance of it gives us a constant in a world that is changing all the time. We need stability and constancy and to engage in the true meaning of Christmas. More than ever we need the message of Christmas to lighten a darkened world and many people including some of you who suffered loss of loved ones and your own health issues.

There is something about the birth of a new born baby that brings a smile, happiness to even the most tired and cynical of us. Christmas is something you and I need and indeed the whole world, bringing peace and love.

To the children, parents and staff a big thank you once again for your support and prayers and if there is anything I am able to help you with please just ask. Hope you have a restful and happy and safe holiday time. Please be assured of my prayers and support for you. With every blessing and good wish be yours and family and friends this Christmas - of hope, peace, joy and love - and a happy New Year.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Wayne

2022

Principal report

Barbara Gomez

2022 year has certainly brought many challenges for MACS school leadership teams. The need to continually navigate the ongoing presence of COVID in the community, implementation of health and safety plans, staff shortages and general fatigue across the education sector were all factors endured to ensure the children's wellbeing and learning was protected, attending school onsite in the classrooms with specialist and extracurricular programs operating, including camps and excursions. Congratulations to all teachers! As a community we need to take a moment to give thanks and to show our appreciation to teachers, school administration staff and leadership teams for the 'can do attitude' through hard work, dedication and commitment to the children in their care. Together in 2022 we have achieved great things!

The beginning of the 2022 school year was so exciting for the children to be back together in their classrooms with their teachers. Teachers were keen to get back into the collaborative learning and teaching space, planning lots of exciting experiences for the children. As a school community we enjoyed numerous events in the Community Garden space such as the crop harvest of sunflowers, corn and pumpkins; barista coffee from the Cafe; propagation of seedlings to take home and singing and performing on stage. Children, parents and staff embraced time together enjoying building relationships and deepening understanding of each other. Our chicken monitors managed the care and feeding of pullets through to egg laying, and entry into the Melbourne Royal Agricultural Show for the first time since 2019. Congratulations to the monitors for the proud achievement of winning second prize for chickens and third prize for the team poster.

In STEM our senior children showcased Inquiry Design Thinking and construction of a pizza oven qualifying at both State and National level representing the best of Catholic Education winning the Catholic Education Primary School Ingenuity Award.

Our Year 2/3 class enjoyed Kids Teaching Kids at Edendale Farm Eltham, sharing their environment and sustainability learnings through biodiversity investigation of soil and mini beasts. Learning Conversations, Goal Setting, Instructional Teaching, Learning Sprints, Assessments, Data Analysis and Bump it Up Walls became the effective Learning and Teaching Cycle embracing Visible Learning by staff and students.

Bike Education, Tennis, AFL Football Clinics, Basketball and Jump Rope for Heart- Skipping provided a great variety for physical education. Camp at Don Bosco Safety Beach was a wonderful experience for 4/5/6 with the highlight of paddle boarding. 2022 has been a year full of fun learning and achievement together as we plan forward for further development of student voice through the implementation of effective intervention and feedback framework.

Children will continue to build their capacity to co design their learning, set goals and evaluate progress working towards personalised learning programs at St Pius X. We are very proud of our children's achievement and the partnerships we have with parents, families, Parish and the wider community. St Pius X is the shining star of 3081.

We look forward to another exciting year in 2023. We thank our local Member of Parliament Kate Thwaites and acknowledge the support of the Australian Labor Government in the allocation of \$2million Capital Grant to fund the St Pius X Master Plan- Stage 2 which will see further improvements of school.

Thank you and farewell to the 2022 St Pius X staff:

Tim Dipple: Arts Specialist- Music, Performing Art & Visual Art;

Tim has brought an amazing array of experiences to the children as musician and artist, including Wellbeing-Sound Therapy; Animation, Keyboard and Percussion Ensembles, song creation and landscape artwork. Tim has also been a great support as a member of the Year 4-6 Environmental program as well as assisting the Bush School program when needed. We wish Tim all the best with his future endeavors and overseas travel.

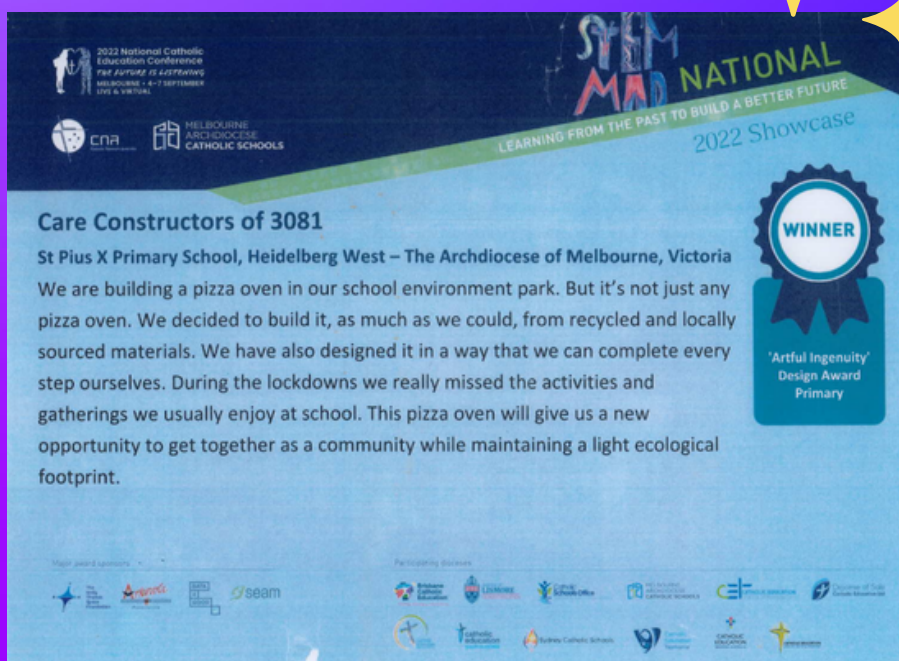
Catherine Knox: Prep/Year 1 Classroom Teacher has been a valuable asset to the St Pius X Teaching team. Catherine is a talented, dedicated and committed teacher who has enabled, enhanced and engaged every student to strive to be the best they can be, with amazing wellbeing and learning outcomes for all. Our thoughts and prayers go with Catherine as she takes time to attend to the needs of her family.

Danielle McDowell: Prep/Year 1 Classroom Teacher- Bush School. Danielle has been a delightful staff member and the children have certainly enjoyed their Bush School experiences with Daniellle. Danilele is a talented Artist- Woodworker working in industry and we wish Danielle all the best with her future plans.

In 2023 we welcome the return from Maternity Leave-**Felicia Dahmen-Arts Specialist- Music, Performing Art & Visual Art;** and the appointment of **Grace Harrick-Prep Montessori** and **Carlyle Jensen Classroom Teacher/Koorie Education P-6.**

STEM MAD SHOWCASE

In term three, Year 4/5/6s participated in the STEM Mad National Competition, as we had previously won the 'Artful Ingenuity Award' with our creation of the community pizza oven. Some of us were chosen to be at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) to present our project to other schools. When we arrived at the centre, we had to organise our table and set up our stall with banners and a prototype. We started feeling nervous, but when we saw a food station with delicious cookies and juice, it made us feel special and helped us to calm down.



STEM MAD SHOWCASE

When the competition officially began, we stood behind our stall and invited other people to come and see the awesome work we'd done. We shared what we've done over the past half year, why we did it, how the pizza oven worked, and much more information. It definitely took us some time to get used to talking in front of other people, but we became more confident as time went on.

At lunchtime, we had more food and juices prepared for us, and we had some time to walk around and see what other people had done. It was interesting to see how all the different schools from different states gathered to share their work. A lot of them did awesome work, but I still think our pizza oven was the best of all.

After a while, we went to another room, and the winners were announced.

Unfortunately, we didn't win the award this time but we still had a great time. It's all about the amazing experience that we had.

Gardening & Bush School



This year, Year Preps—3s participated in Bush School every Friday. We had so much fun with everything from the science experiments (such as the volcano explosion and curling up of a daisy) to climbing a tree, playing tug of war, and even exploring living creatures in the Darebin Creek.

Year 4/5/6 had a whole-day gardening lesson with Ms. Bella on Fridays. We did lots of inquiry projects, such as creating a pizza oven from scratch, and learned about the flora and fauna around us.

4/5/6 CAMP

On October 17, the 4/5/6s went to Camp Don Bosco.

We had two cabins to share among the class. The girls used the cabin with the blue door, and the boys used the green one. The best part about the camp was playing a game called "Gaga Ball," where you bounce the ball two times and say "Gaga Ball." You hit the ball with your hand, and if it hits any part of your body up to your shoulders, you're out. It was so fun that we ended up playing this game every single day.

The food we had was very delicious. The first meal was scones with jam and whipped cream. YUM! For lunch, we had hotdogs with cheese. It was funny when Angus put too much Sriracha sauce on his hotdog and struggled because it was too spicy. After lunch, we continued playing gaga ball. We also went to the game room and played football for a long time; it was so long that it went to dinner time. For dinner, we had chicken puffs, which were delicious. For day two, we went to the beach and learnt how to paddle board. We tried hard, but it was too tricky. Some people managed to stand. On the last day of camp, we had a relaxing time then packed up to leave. Before we came back to school, we visited the Enchanted forest, which had amazing views.

When we arrived, everyone got so tired, but we had so much fun. I can't wait to go again next year.



CHICKEN - 2022

St Pius X Student Chicken Monitors and other buddies worked hard to raise and look after the chickens every day during lunch time.

They collected eggs, monitored their food, ensured they had clean water, and collected the eggs.

Our chickens participated in the Melbourne Show Chicken Competition, and we did a great job and won TWO AWARDS.

GO ST PIUS!!

2022 Schools Poultry Birds Primary School Section

*[2022 schools poultry project
primary school section]*



Cooking competition

COLOUR UP CHRISTMAS PARTY



STUDENTS

PARENTS

TEACHERS





During the school's Christmas "color up" event, all the students and teachers were asked to wear their favourite coloured clothes. All the classes practised some carols and performed on the stage. As the main event of the day, we had a master chef cooking competition where there were 3 teams: the student team, the parent team, and the teacher team. They were asked to create two dishes (one sweet and one savoury) in 40 minutes. We had student, teacher, and parent judges who gave marks for the taste and presentation of the food. And the official winner went to.....

the STUDENT team!

LEARNING LINKS



STEM VIDEO



CLAYMATION




BOOK CREATOR



COSPACE



**CHRISTMAS
CAROL**



**CELEBRATING
LEARNING**

2023 ENRICHING LIVES

*"Together we lift
each other up to
reach our dreams"*

Together we support children to build a solid foundation for a lifetime of happiness and self enrichment, by learning to take responsibility for their own development, and acquiring the skills and knowledge which form a springboard to their future. All students are challenged to extend themselves and to excel on their individual learning journey. Co-Designing Inquiry and Student Voice allows for creativity and innovation, enriching student wellbeing and engagement resulting in high outcomes for all. We look forward to 2023 as we work together to enrich our lives by sharing the light of Christ in wisdom and truth, mercy and love.

