Update from St Agnes School Pastoral Board.

Now that the wonderful St Agnes School Jubilee Fete run by the Parents and Friends Association has been held with such great success and NAPLAN is over for the year, it is considered timely to update the St Agnes school community on what the school pastoral board will be focussing on in the coming months.

The St Agnes School Pastoral Board is a policy-making body based on the pastoral model approved by the Bishops of Queensland. The board whilst not having the corporate responsibilities of those attached to private companies is established to assist the pastoral director, principal, parents and staff to provide catholic education within the mission of the church. The general aims can be summarised as

- Promoting the mission of the church, to evangelise and recognise the role of church authority and structures,
- A body to support partnership amongst parents, staff, parish and the wider community,
- Provide focussed input into policy, strategic directions, school renewal and budgetary overview,
- Clearly distinguish between the role of the board in policy and that of the administrative management role of the Principal, Brisbane Catholic Education and the Parish.

The current St Agnes School Pastoral Board is made up of,

Rick Sheehan- Principal
Sr Kari Hatherell- Parish Pastoral Director and spiritual leader
Mark Wall- parent representative and chair
Irene McCarthy- parent representative and secretary
Teresa Daniel- parent representative
John McKee- parent representative
Danny Nichol- parish representative
Brian Moffett- teacher member
Neil McLennan - Board financial adviser/accountant.

During term one focus was on monitoring the activities that will allow for the completion of the 2006-2012 School Renewal framework, the Gonski review and school budgets.

In 2012, St Agnes is in a transitional year where we move from the 2006-2012 renewal activities to looking into the activities and goals that will be part of the schools strategic renewal from 2012 to 2106. This we hope is a wonderful opportunity for every person within the broader school community to have an opportunity to comment and input into shaping St Agnes’ renewal framework. Areas which will be part of that focus include the mission and religious education, learning and teaching, professional practice and collaborative arrangements and strategic resourcing. We are planning for a consultation process to be in place commencing in term three which will provide
opportunities for all members of the school community provide their viewpoints, perspectives and feedback.

During the year the board will also be continuing to monitor the ongoing budget, the development of a strategic educational brief required by Brisbane Catholic Education to facilitate future planning for the school and a review of class and staffing configurations for 2013.

Rick Sheehan  Mark Wall
Principal    Chair