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NEW VISION

“Nurturing every child to grow and flourish in Christ”

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have completed the work on creating a new vision from the school. It will become central to the development of the school over the coming years and will build on the excellent work of the past forty two years.

One of the core purposes of Catholic education is to nurture and develop a love of learning and to create within each child an understanding of the person of Christ. Many of the findings from the recent questionnaire expressed the importance of these two key factors and have been reflected in the new vision.

Parents are given the responsibility as their child’s first educators, to foster and nurture within them a well-rounded personal social education. As a school, our role is to support this understanding through the creation and delivery of a broad curriculum. By creating opportunities which engage and challenge children, their potential begins to be realised.

Once these fundamental principles become rooted deep within each child, they learn to flourish. They are ready to use their talents, demonstrate resilience and maturity, and discover the world from a new perspective.

As a school we are committed to provide a Christ-centred education in which children feel confident about their work, and enjoy belonging to a community that encourages independence and respect. The vision for the future of our school clearly shows that the children are at the heart of everything that we undertake as a school. We are ensuring that the community that was built on love and learning continues to be shaped through nurture, growth and flourishing in Christ.

Another part of our vision has been to create a new school website. We have been working with an experienced web designer to create a new school website which is both exciting and image driven. It will inform and share with the wider community our commitment to delivering an excellent education for our children. The pictures that were taken by a professional photographer make the site visually appealing and the content will inform you of the key areas about our school. I am pleased to announce

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that the new site is now live. Please spend some time navigating around it to familiarise yourself with the new features and layout.

Other images that were taken of the children will be turned in to large prints and hung around the school building to enhance the environment and demonstrate our new vision. A rich and colourful environment promotes high standards and progress for everyone.

The children have also been consulted about their understanding of how the school has nurtured and helped them to grow and flourish. Their key ideas will be turned into professionally made signs and displayed around the school.

A special mass to launch our new vision will be celebrated at Saint Alban & Saint Stephen church in the very near future. It is our hope that many of you will be there to share with us in this important liturgy as the school moves forward in a new direction.

It has been a long and rewarding journey which has created a rich stream of ideas and comment. These values which helped our school to become successful can be built on together.

Yours faithfully,

C D Soyka
Headteacher

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