

Star of the Sea Primary School

Strategic Renewal Plan 2012 – 2016

BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL MISSION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

At Star of the Sea we aim to promote the school's Catholic identity and our role within the mission of the Church. In partnership with the Parish, we seek to nurture our understanding of Aboriginal and Marian Spirituality, through prayer and liturgy. The Religious Education Program offers opportunities for the development of staff and student knowledge and spiritual reflection.



Goals for 2014

We intend:

- To review our Mission, Vision and Principles of Teaching and Learning as well as those of the Archdiocese and BCEO
- To provide faith development, spiritual formation, effective RE programs and resources for students
- To provide a cohesive and integrated approach for the spiritual formation of staff and professional learning in RE and theology
- To make practical responses to Catholic Social Teaching



Strategies for 2014

- Ensure staff are up to date with Accreditation requirements for RE
- Greater emphasis and participation in Lighthouse Keeper's Projects and particularly student led projects– Solomon Islands, RSPCA, Phillipines, Vinnies, visits to aged care etc
- Introduce new time for whole staff prayer – Tuesdays at 8:45am
- More promotion of Aboriginal spirituality and symbols
- Conduct an annual parent and parishioner retreat
- Formation of RE Team to attend PL
- Ensure staff plan from the new Religion curriculum – organize year level planning with APRE and Anne Victor EORE
- Staff to be invited into a service program for the wider community e.g. church cleaning roster



BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on Learning and Teaching

At Star of the Sea we aim to implement an active, inquiry approach to learning which fosters enjoyment, engagement and responsibility as students develop the skills of independent, creative, critical and self-reflective, life-long learners. Curriculum will be implemented based on Australian Curriculum and Queensland Studies Authority syllabus documents, and best practice with a futures perspective. Pedagogical practice will be data informed. Social and emotional well-being will always be a priority.

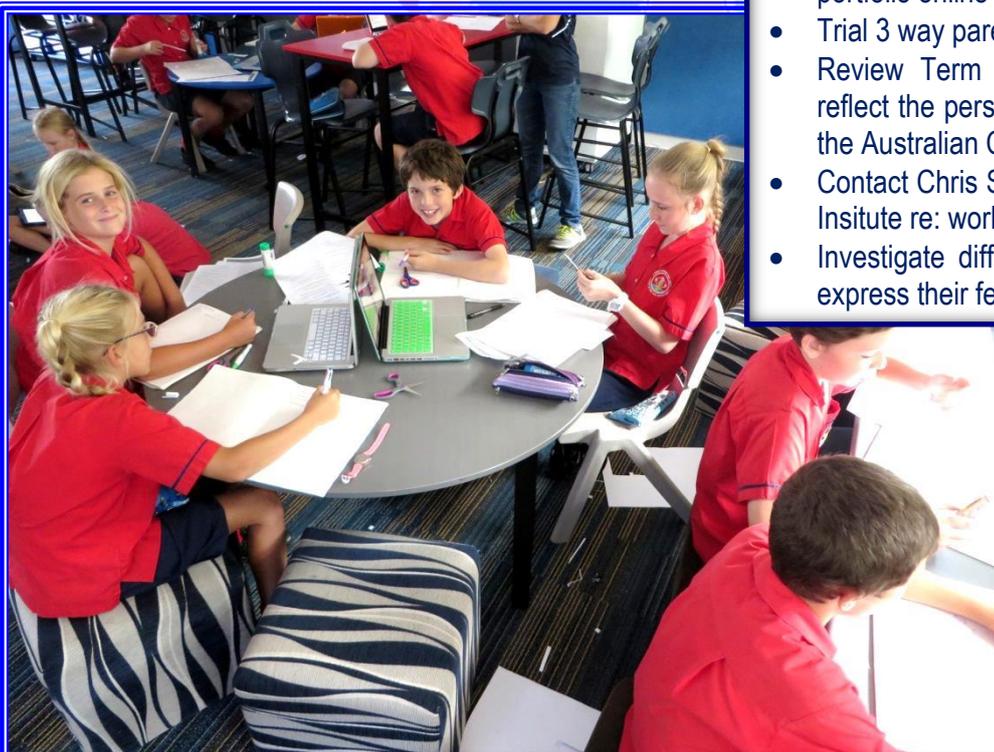
Goals for 2014

We intend:

- To implement high quality learning and teaching programs that will engage all students
- To build student performance through quality assessment and reporting processes
- To build a whole school approach to positive student behaviour and social and emotional well-being

Strategies for 2014

- Review Assessment Scope and Sequence
- Launch Home Reading Partnership – no levelled books or benchmarked books only – 3 texts including infographics
- PD for staff on language, reading and spelling with David Hornsby and his book “Teaching Phonics in Context”
- Wrap meetings to be completed before and after school
- Continue with curriculum planning in year levels with Kate and Kylie
- Organize regular ICLT PD for staff
- Conduct an English Audit
- Compile a Spelling Strategies grid to ensure consistency in approaches
- Greater use of BI Tool and analysis of NAPLAN data
- Introduce fortnightly year level cluster meetings – P-2, 3-4, 5-7
- Investigate the use of PatR and PatM in other schools
- Introduce SRS as our new reporting format and work with John Harpour to build a digital portfolio online to replace ClassMon
- Trial 3 way parent-teacher-student conferences
- Review Term 1 and 5 Behaviour Report to reflect the personal and social capabilities from the Australian Curriculum
- Contact Chris Sarra from the Stronger Smarter Institute re: working with indigenous students
- Investigate different strategies for students to express their feelings e.g. Traffic Cups



BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships

At Star of the Sea we offer a collaborative approach to learning which is grounded in quality relationships amongst all members of the school, parish and wider community. Our relationships are underpinned by the religious and evangelising mission of our school. Our learning environments are challenging, supportive, hope-filled and flexible which engage students in purposeful learning. As a community, we recognise and celebrate our efforts and achievements.



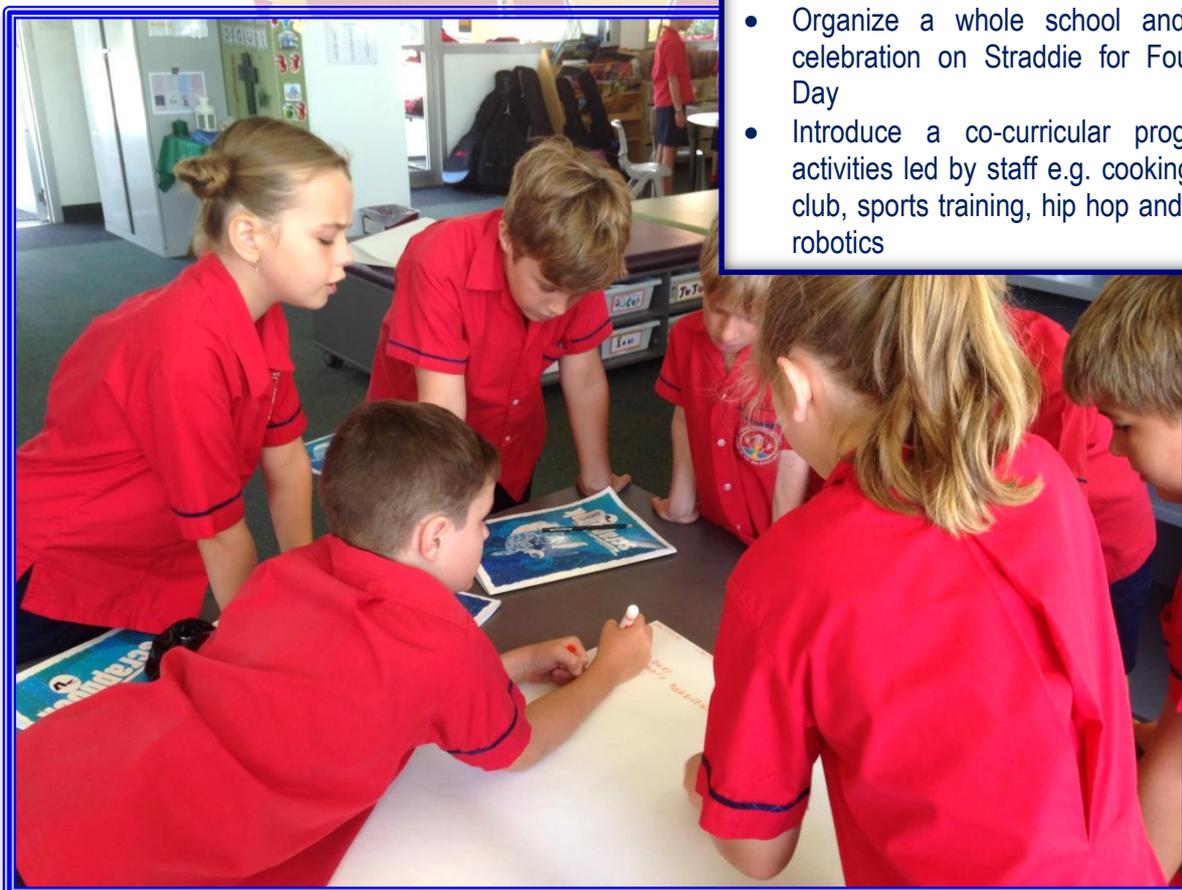
Goals for 2014

- **We intend to:**
- To build strong partnerships among all members of our school and parish community
- To engage them in school renewal and policy development
- To develop further our professional learning community
- To increase staff engagement and further promote a culture of feedback and performance



Strategies for 2014

- Each teacher to undertake a Key Learning Area to attend PL
- Releasing Kate fulltime for curriculum and IT support
- RE accreditation to be moved to iLearn
- Build on the strong feedback culture in staff to promote excellence in teaching has developed
- Best practice shared in staff meetings in learning areas
- Survey parents for topics for parent sessions
- Kate, Karen and Kylie to share some readings from their Stepping Out and Leading Learning leadership programs
- Organize Professional Learning for School Officers one day each semester
- Organize a whole school and parish celebration on Straddie for Foundation Day
- Introduce a co-curricular program of activities led by staff e.g. cooking, chess club, sports training, hip hop and zumba, robotics



BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL Strategic Resourcing

At Star of the Sea, we strive to enhance our capacity to be good stewards of our unique location. Environmentally sustainable practices are a key element in the management of resources and facilities. As a new school we have the opportunity to create a resource policy in line with our mission and vision, and underpinned by an Aboriginal connection with the land and sea.



Goals for 2014

We intend to:

- Provide high quality resources and systems to enhance teaching and learning
- Align budget with resourcing and professional learning needs



Strategies for 2014

- Better budget alignment for PL, resourcing, students needs and priorities
- Survey staff for resourcing needs
- Staff to explore Learning Management System – LIFE further
- Greater use of and access to ResourceLink Digital Library
- Put an oven into the staff room
- Appoint a new WHSO

