Component: 1.2 - Evangelisation and Faith Formation

This component focuses on living the Gospel, being witnesses of our Faith to the wider community and the spiritual formation of staff and students. Gathering feedback about this component included Staff & Parent Survey, formal discussions with staff, School Mission and vision statements and the guidelines for the religious life of the school.

Noting of Achievements for Annual Report:
* Clear evidence of Living the Gospel
* Many opportunities are provided for witnessing to the community, throughout the year.
* Parish connection, school religion program, class prayer, and a range of other opportunities exist for faith formation.

Noting of Action for Annual Action Plan:
* More education regarding what living the Gospel may look like, and what it actually means may be beneficial.
* There may be scope to witness our Faith to the wider local community through articles in the local newspaper about our Values liturgies and assemblies.
* Making opportunities for activity based parent and student faith formation sessions.
* Allowing time for prayer at social and school gatherings eg. School sport, disco’s and camp.

The survey of all members of the school community indicated that:
46.3% of respondents strongly agreed
50.0% of respondents agreed
3.7% of respondents unsure
0% of respondents disagreed
0% of respondents strongly disagreed
That the school mission is evident in day to day practices.

The survey of all members of the school community indicated that:
29.6% of respondents strongly agreed
63.0% of respondents agreed
5.6% of respondents unsure
1.9% of respondents disagreed
0% of respondents strongly disagreed
That the students, staff and parents are supported to understand the implications of living a life based on gospel values and Christian principles.

The survey of all members of the school community indicated that:
35.2% of respondents strongly agreed
46.3% of respondents agreed
16.7% of respondents unsure
1.9% of respondents disagreed
0.0% of respondents strongly disagreed
That St. Patrick’s primary school offers a comprehensive range and balance of faith formation opportunities.

The following elements of a Christian community seen here at St. Patrick’s Primary school included:
Including and accepting others, crosses, prayer tables, religious images, symbols on the buildings, bibles, prayer cards, community, prayer, friendship, generosity, and support. The respondents also saw care, compassion, and harmony amongst staff and students. Many respondents also mentioned the respect that is seen for one another and the sense of community seen across the school.