“Deck the Hall” Project Update

Alan Donovan from G&M Consultants who designed and supervised the building of B Block 10 classrooms and the Dominic Centre is attending the P&F Meeting tonight to explain the project to the P&F who are providing the majority of funding for this extension and enhancement to the Dominic Centre scheduled for August 2015.

Virtues Banners

The beliefs and values which underpin our mission at St. Martin’s are clearly derived from Gospel values taught by Jesus. Each year level has selected a virtue which they believe really strongly in. We have taken delivery of these banners and have already used them during Catholic Education Week and Dominican Heritage Day. We also intend to use them on special days like Harmony Day; Anti-Bullying Day and for assemblies and sports days. Signage will reinforce what we believe in and visually reinforce this for the children, staff and parents as well as the wider community.

Teacher-Principal Meetings

Each year I meet formally with the teachers to gain further understanding in relation to their role as teacher in a Catholic school. The meetings follow a structure including but not limited to:

1. Review of the teacher’s professional goals
2. Discuss operational matters that teachers perceive are affecting the delivery of Catholic education for our children
3. Discuss the school’s Strategic Plan and major goals leading in the review period and then planning for the next school year
4. Staffing in relation to the next school year including covering the teacher’s own professional journey and future direction

Strategic Feedback and Curriculum Sharing

Last Wednesday a great number of our teachers demonstrated their great collegial openness by sharing pedagogy and software they have found effective when used in their classrooms for the benefit and learning of others. This atmosphere of sharing and support is exactly what I am seeking as we progress into a year of constructive feedback for teachers from their peers through the Strategic Feedback program.

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