Principal's Report – October 2014

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education

- Micah Projects
  - Year 6/7 Social Justice Committee facilitated the toiletry drive. The committee will also visit Brisbane Common Ground during this month for a tour. The purpose of the visit is to become more familiar of the work Non-Government Organisations (NGO), like Micah Projects, undertake, and the positive impact NGO’s have on local communities.

- St Vincent de Paul
  - Christmas hampers will be collected for the local St Vincent de Paul chapter.

- Catholic Mission – month of October
  - Socktober initiative

- Liturgies and prayer rituals during Term 4:
  - Christmas Carols Evening – Friday 28 November
  - Year 6/7 Graduation – Tuesday 2 December
  - End of Year Liturgy – Friday 5 December

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching

- 2015 NAPLAN Results received
  - Very pleasing results for St Joachim’s school students.

- During October each classroom teacher will be released from class for one day to plan learning and teaching sequences. Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Wendy Randall, as Curriculum Support Teachers, will assist the teachers.

- Raw Art lessons continue this term
  - Celebration of the Arts Afternoon – Saturday 1 November

- End of Semester Report Cards sent home – Wednesday 3 December

- Health and Physical Education
  - Swimming lessons
  - Year 1 & 2 Swimming Carnival – Thursday 20 November
  - 8 Years – 13 Years Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 25 November

Priority 3: Professional Practice & Collaborative Relationships

- All teachers updated their Apply First Aid certificates during September.

- Teacher Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School
  - Over five years (2010 – 2014) teachers must, at a minimum, attend:
    - 25 hours PD focused on teaching in a Catholic School
    - 25 hours PD focused on teaching Religion in a Catholic School

- Dr Anita Heiss Professional Development
  - Indigenous author to facilitate PD with staff from St Joachim’s and St Agnes’ – Thursday 9 October

- During this month St Joachim’s teachers will meet with teachers from St James’ and St Elizabeth’s to continue sharing professional practice.
  - Consistency of Teacher Judgement Day – Wednesday 22 October

- Parent Education Forums: 1 to 1 Program
  - The parent meetings were well attended and very positive.
  - The proposal for the school to purchase the devices was well received.

Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing

- 2015 School Budget drafted – Tuesday 14 October
  - Presented to the Pastoral School Board in February 2015

- 2015 School Fees to be approved by the School Board during the month of October.

- 1 to 1 Program 2015
  - Two new loans approved by the Archdiocesan Development Fund for the purchase of the iPads and Mac Airs.

- St Joachim’s School WH&S Audit – Wednesday 19 November