Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education

- Graeme Kinghorn is adding the final touches to the prayer garden at the front of the school. Amanda Sheridan and Graeme have chosen plants to go into the garden. Further decoration and a cross (made by Graeme) is to be installed.
- Families are invited to march with the school on Anzac Day - Wednesday 25 April.
- Year 5-7 students will attend the Anzac Day Ceremony on Monday 23 April.
- The whole school will gather for the school’s Anzac Day Ceremony on Monday 23 April.
- Blessing and Opening of the BER facilities has been confirmed for 10.00am Thursday 7 June. This has been a change in date from the Tuesday 5 June due to the availability of a federal member to officially open the buildings. The school is requesting the assistance of the P&F for catering. The school has a budget for this event and will pay for the food/beverages.

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching

- All staff attended an excellent 2 day mathematics conference during the Easter vacation. There will be some follow up whole school planning so that a consistent approach to unit planning and assessment practices aligns with the ACARA Mathematics Curriculum.
- Teachers in the upper school (Yr 3 – 7) will continue to their intensive “Reading 2 Learn” course on Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 April. This course builds teachers’ capacity to effectively teach both reading and writing.
- Yr 3 – 7 students have been invited to sit the University of NSW tests. The computer, science, spelling and writing competitions will be held this term.
- A number of students who have been identified as requiring extension in mathematics will participate in Maths Olympiads held here at school. The Olympiads consist of 5 separate contests, 1 per month from May to September. Mrs Sims will be facilitating these sessions.
- New reporting procedures will take place this semester. Reports will be distributed during Week 10 this term.

Priority 3: Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships

- Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist at the pick-up zones. More parents are required. Please see the school website under the “Drop off Pick up Zones” page for vacancies.
- Education students from Australian Catholic University will be working in a number of classes this term. They have not been assigned to a specific class but will travel from one class to another.
- Psychology students from Caroline Chisholm Centre, Psychology and Counselling Clinic, QUT, Kelvin Grove, are assisting our own school counsellor, Mrs Meg Jones.
- Amanda Sheridan is liaising with the Mt Gravatt Holland Park RSL Sub-Branch to coordinate this year’s ceremonies.
- The teachers have requested the P&F Committee to consider changing the uniform procedures so that all prep students only wear the sports uniform.
- Request from the school for the P&F to hire a POD to store fete collections. There is limited space for storage already.
Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing

- The ANZAC Day Memorial plaque has been installed below the flagpole.
- The St Joachim’s Time Capsule is beside the flag pole and will have a new plaque installed shortly.
- Signage around the school has been ordered and will be installed by the end of the month.
- More port racks have been ordered for the Yr 4 – 7 classrooms.
- A new toilet block is being considered/costed to go on the end of the Year 3 – 7 classroom block (at or above oval height). The toilet block will not encroach too much onto the oval as it will be built on the sloped garden area. As part of this work, the retaining wall on Emma Street could be extended and more concrete poured behind the classrooms. Storage would be made available under the toilets for P&F tables, chairs, BBQs etc. These could easily be accessed for functions in the undercover area. Potential exists for the undercover area, tuckshop to be hired out.
- BER facilities will be opened on Thursday 7 June 2012.
- The St Joachim’s Growth Survey has closed and the school received over 90 responses. The Pastoral School Board is assisting the school principal to draw conclusions from the data. Chris Thomas will present the draft response paper to the School Board on Tuesday 24 April. Following their feedback the paper will be posted on the school’s website.
- Prep 2013 interviews have commenced. All 22 siblings will be offered positions pending the enrolment interview and process. All other Catholics will be interviewed during the next 5 weeks.