Principal’s Report – May 2012

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education
• Prayer rituals and liturgical celebrations: Anzac Day & Mothers’ Day
• Mary MacKillop Prayer Garden has recently been completed at the front entrance of the school.
• Plans are well underway for the Blessing and Opening of the new facilities – 10.00am Thursday 7 June 2012.

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching
• Teachers have been involved in professional learning for the implementation of BCE’s Student Reporting System (SRS). All report cards are generated through an online database.
• During May teachers will join staff from St James’ and St Elizabeth’s to share teaching practices and engage in professional dialogue.
• Dance lessons have commenced each Tuesday.
• Students in Years 4-7 have started their inter-school sport competition: league tag and netball.
• A successful cross-country carnival was held at Mott Park on Friday 4 May.
• NAPLAN tests are being held on 15-17 May.
• Year 5/6/7 class will attend camp on 21-23 May.

Priority 3: Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships
• The results and analysis from the St Joachim’s Growth Survey will be released during May 2012.
• Fete preparations are on target for Sunday 17 June. All students will be performing a class dance during the day. Thank you to the many parents who have already spent many hours preparing for the day.
• Prep interviews continue through May. There are now 23 siblings and 28 Catholic families (within the Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish) applying for Prep 2013. 9 Catholics from outside the parish and 14 non-Catholics within the parish have also applied.

Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing
• New signage has been installed throughout the school.
• Master planning in underway for the development of further facilities that will be required for 2015/2016.
• Brisbane Catholic Education and Sr Kari have approved for St Joachim’s to have two prep classes in 2013. Taking two prep classes will not contravene the school’s current 1.5 stream overall student enrolment guidelines.