Principal’s Report – October 2012

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education

- World Teachers’ Day – Friday 26 October.
- School Officers’ Thank you Assembly and Morning Tea – Wednesday 17 October.
- Term 4 prayer rituals and liturgies: Remembrance Day, All Saints Day, Christmas Carols, Graduation and End of Year Liturgy.
- The staff will attend a Spirituality Day on Monday 22 October in order to maintain BCE accreditation guidelines to teach in a Catholic school and to teach Religion in a Catholic school. This is a pupil free day.

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching

- Prep Orientation Evening will be held on Wednesday 17 October. We have two full classes for the 2013 Prep intake. The new Prep students will visit the classrooms from 4 October.
- The school has received the first draft of the St Joachim’s School - Vision for Learning & Teaching from the graphic designer. Final feedback from staff is being received during the first two weeks of Term 4.
- The Raw Art Program continues during Term 4.
- Written Report Cards will be distributed on Wednesday 5 December.
- End of Year Excursion or Incursion will be held on Thursday 6 December.

Priority 3: Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships

- On behalf of the school community I would like to recognise the exceptional leadership of the outgoing P&F President, Ms Monica Hooper. Since arriving at St Joachim’s in January 2011 I have found Monica to be extremely supportive of the school’s vision and direction. There has been a strong and positive relationship between the P&F and school and I thank Monica for fostering this so well over the last two years.
- St Joachim’s School Strategic Plan 2013 – 2016 has been drafted and will be submitted to the School Board at its October meeting. Parents will be invited to provide comment following the Board’s approval.
- In 2013 there will be two vacancies on the Pastoral School Board. Parents and community members are welcome to attend the Pastoral School Board Education Evening held on Tuesday 23 October. Positions will be filled during this meeting.

Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing

- The Brisbane Catholic Education Office has endorsed the school’s application to continue taking an enrolment of two Prep classes each year. Planning to meet the needs of the growing student enrolment is well underway.