Principal’s Report – February 2013

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education
- 75th Year Anniversary – committee will meet to discuss ideas for celebrating the 75th year. Some initial ideas include:
  - Head – Vision for Learning & Teaching Launch, signage in the school
  - Heart – meditative walk from prayer garden to the grotto/church capturing the Josephite charism
  - Hands – social justice paper, community committee or response...
- Opening School Mass – Friday 8 February.
- Ash Wednesday Mass and Liturgy – Wednesday 13 February.
- The staff attended a Professional Development Day with the St Catherine’s Catholic Primary School, Wishart. The focus for the day was on the new Religion Curriculum.
- St Joachim’s students involved in the Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish Sacramental Program.

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching
- Parent Teacher Information evenings - Monday 18 February & Wednesday 20 February.
- St Joachim’s School - Vision for Learning & Teaching has been sent to the printers. The Curriculum Team will meet in mid Term 1 to discuss how the Vision is launched and presented to the students and parents.
- The Raw Art Program continues during Term 1 – Tuesday 26 February and Wednesday 27 February.

Priority 3: Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships
- New initiative introduced into the Year 1 classes in 2013: hearing, vision and occupational therapy screening.
- National Partnership Funding:
  - St Joachim’s is receiving approximately $30 000 in national partnership money to improve literacy outcomes. Programs include: Reading to Learn, Learning Connections, Teacher Toolkit, mentoring and coaching.

Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing
- St Joachim’s Loans ($242 987.96 Cr) as of January 2013:
  - IT Equipment: $13 327.08 Cr – Loan finishes in Feb 2014
  - Prep & 2 GLAs: $37 052.16 Cr – Loan finishes in Feb 2016
  - Admin Refurbishment: $11 962.08 Cr – Loan finishes in April 2017
  - P21 Project: $180 646.44 Cr – Loan finishes in April 2022
- St Joachim’s has the capacity to borrow approximately $350 000 for Stage 1 of the Master Plan – the new Prep classroom (commencing in July 2013).
- ICLT Proposal for the School Board to consider– increase loan to purchase further interactive whiteboards, iPads and upgrade staff laptops. Current staff laptops will go into student circulation.
- Master Plan Stage 1 & 2: architect has provided some drawings for council approval.
- New OSHC facility – there are a number of options being considered with the two most reasonable places for this to be built include: beside the Parish Hall (near playgym) or at the end of the Parish Hall.
  - A funding agreement between Parish, Centacare and School yet to be discussed formally and finalised.