Principal’s Report – June 2013

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education

- St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
  o St Joachim’s will support the local St Vincent de Paul Conference again this year.
- Annual Catholic Campaign
  o According the Brisbane Catholic Archdiocesan website one in six Australian children live in poverty making the dream of a Catholic education seem unreachable to many families. Catholic education should not be denied to any young person because of the financial situation of their parents.
  o Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane has invited all Catholic Schools to support the Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund.
  o The Mary MacKillop Fund continues the work of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who devoted her life to seeing that children were educated regardless of their financial status.

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching

- Over the last few weeks the students have been involved in assessment activities.
  o Teachers use a range and balance of assessment techniques e.g. work samples, teacher observation, self-assessments, pencil & paper tests, assignment work, reading records and student/teacher consultations. These tasks, together with other assessment techniques, allow teachers to cater for all learners and learning situations.
- Students will bring home end of semester report cards on Wednesday 5 June.
  o The purpose of written report cards is to provide parents and students with a summary overview of achievement and progress. The report summarises evidence of student learning about how the student is achieving, provides feedback about the quality of this achievement and provides direction about where to next.
- UNSW ICAS Assessments during June include:
  o Science: Wednesday 5 June
  o Writing: Week beginning 17 June
  o Spelling: Tuesday 18 June
- The St Joachim’s Cross Country Team participated at Daisy Hill on Thursday 30 May. There were many outstanding individual results and the team was place third overall. This is a wonderful result.

Priority 3: Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships

- School Fete
  o Congratulations to all involved in the lead up to the fete. St Joachim’s community has once again pulled together to ensure the school fete will be one of the most joyous occasions of the school calendar.
  o Thank you to Mrs Natalie Arnold and Mrs Kylie Hansen for their leadership during the weeks leading up to the fete.
- DDJ Concert
  o Students participating in the DDJ Instrumental Program will showcase their talents on Thursday 13 June.

Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing

- Sustainable Environmental Initiatives
  o Nude Food Fridays – students and staff are encouraged to bring food in washable containers in order to reduce waste.
  o A new large recycling bin has been delivered and is being well used.
  o There are now two bins in each classroom – one with a yellow ‘recycling’ sticker and one with a red ‘general waste’.