Principal’s Report – September 2013

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education

- Micah Projects Partnership
  - Thank you to Orlaith Gallagher, Jennifer Spoto, Jo Taylor & Mandy Horan who provided the hair and make-up for the tenants of Brisbane Common Ground prior to Brisbane Common Ground’s Moonlight Magic Dinner Dance (7 September).
  - Thank you to the Year 5, 6 & 7 students who ran a cake stall to fundraise Welcome Packs for the tenants.
- Sister School Partnership
  - Discussions to form a new partnership between our school and St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Cloncurry, are well underway. St Joachim’s Year 5 students have already communicated with St Joseph’s Year 5 students via an online survey about Mary MacKillop’s lasting influence on both schools.
  - St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Cloncurry, QLD is located approximately 800km west of Townsville and was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph in 1909. St Joseph’s currently has an enrolment of approximately 175 students including many indigenous students.
- Sacramental Program
  - Please continue to keep in your prayers many of our Year 3 students, and others in our parish, who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
  - The concepts of Sacramentality and the Sacraments are part of the new Religion Curriculum, however, preparation for receiving the Sacraments happens within the parish/family context (Brisbane Archdiocesan Policy).

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching

- Year 3 students in 2014 will be the first to engage in a 1 to 1 program. Parent information sessions were held on Wednesday 4 September & Tuesday 10 September 2013.
- Religion Curriculum
  - A new Religion Curriculum will be launched by BCE on Friday 11 October 2013.
  - Teachers will be implement the new curriculum from 2014.
- St Joachim’s School Musical
  - ‘Masquerade’ is planned for Friday 13 September. The school musical, which involves all students from Year 3 –7, will be a highlight during our 75th anniversary celebrations.
  - Congratulations to all involved especially the 13 main characters who have been greatly supported by Miss McLeod, Miss Wilson and the classroom teachers.

Priority 3: Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships

- Staff professional learning during August/September:
- The school acknowledged and farewelled Sr Kari during a beautiful prayer ritual on Monday 9 September. The school community acknowledged Kari’s wonderful contribution to the Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish.
- Archbishop Mark Coleridge has announced that Rev Fr Joseph Thottankara MCBS (Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament) will be the new Parish Priest of Holland Park Mt Gravatt.
  - Fr Joseph is currently the administrator of St Joseph’s Catholic Parish, North Ipswich, and will join the HPMG Parish in January 2014.