Principal’s Report – October 2013

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education

- Term 4 prayer rituals and liturgies: Remembrance Day, All Saints Day, Carols Evening, Graduation and End of Year liturgy.
- The staff will attend a Spirituality Day on Monday 21 October (pupil free day) to maintain BCE accreditation to teach in a Catholic school and to teach Religion in a Catholic school.

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching

- Swimming lessons and carnivals take place during Term 4.
- The Raw Art Program continues during Term 4.
- Afternoon of Arts to be held this term.
- End of Semester 2 Written Report Cards will be distributed on Wednesday 4 December.
- Class teachers and allocation letters to parents will be distributed on Thursday 5 December.

Priority 3: Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships

- **Prep Orientation Evening for Parents** will be held on Wednesday 23 October commencing at 7.00pm.
  - Addresses from the Principal, APRE, P&F President, Chair of the Pastoral School Board and the current Prep teachers.
- **Prep Orientation for Students** who were accepted to start at St Joachim’s in 2014 will take place on Wednesday 30 October.
  - Pre-Preps will visit the classrooms.
  - Parents will remain in Penola Place to receive information regarding uniforms, tuckshop, school fees, drop off & pick procedures and other general procedures.
  - Tea/coffee (organised by the school staff) will be served prior to the parent meeting. It would be wonderful if there were members of the P&F present to welcome new families.
- The whole school end of year excursion will be held on Thursday 5 December. It would be appreciated if the P&F could assist with pizzas and fruit for the students when they return to school following the excursion.

Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing

- The Pastoral School Board is currently reviewing the school fee structure for 2014.
- The new OSHC facility and Prep classroom project is out to tender. Construction to commence in November.
- The architect and principal met with the contractor who laid the artificial turf at St Laurence’s College and other Catholic primary schools. The contractor comes highly recommended and his work in these schools has been exceptional. The quote to lay artificial turf, including the building up of the ground, is approximately $15 000. This excludes the surface in front of the proposed new amphitheatre and around the sandpit. Concrete contractors are still quoting on the amphitheatre.
- The P&F might consider applying for shade sail grants for this area of the school.