Principal’s Report – February 2014

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education
• We welcome Rev Joseph Thottankara MCBS to the Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. Fr Joe’s Installation celebration will begin with Eucharist at 9.00am on Sunday 23 February at St Agnes’ Catholic Church, Mt Gravatt. The installation will be followed by morning tea in the St Agnes’ Parish Hall.
• Opening School Mass – St Joachim’s Church, Friday 14 February at 9.00am.
• Ash Wednesday Mass and Liturgy – Wednesday 5 March.

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching
• Parent Teacher Information evenings - Monday 17 February & Tuesday 18 February.
• New School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program will be launched during Term 1. The new program involves the explicit teaching of whole school expectations.
• Roll out of the one-to-one iPad program in Year 3.
• P&F to consider fundraising for:
  o 3 year IT commitment - $7500 per year
  Visual Art display cabinet

Priority 3: Professional Practice & Collaborative Relationships
• Thank you to Ian Stenhouse and Tim Hansen for mowing during the Christmas vacation.
• We welcomed four new staff members: Mrs Mel Ray (Secretary), Mrs Gielen (Prep), Mrs Evans (Prep) and Mrs Delaney (Year 4).
• P&F welcome BBQ – Friday 21 February
• The Year 1 screening initiative introduced in 2013 will continue in 2014: hearing, vision and occupational therapy screening.
• The key professional learning for teachers in 2014 will focus on:
  o Religion Curriculum
  o English Curriculum – developing a whole school approach to the teaching of literacy
  o Mathematics Curriculum
  o Information and Communication Learning Technologies
  o History Curriculum

Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing
• Master Planning:
  o Stage 1: Prep classroom (school funded), OSHC Room (Parish and Centacare funded), artificial turf (P&F funded) and new amphitheatre (school funded) for the early years - opening Term 2, 2014.
  o Stage 2: Student toilets, classrooms (X3), Administration, Learning Support Room, undercover learning area (under Admin), and extension of the library (enclose walkway outside library) - $2.2M project to commence late 2014 or early 2015.
  o P&F to consider fundraising for:
    ▪ Artificial turf around Prep/Year 1 sandpit
    ▪ Shade sail for new early years amphitheatre
    ▪ Fixed seating around school
    ▪ Irrigation system for bottom oval
    ▪ Redevelop area in front of Parish Hall (Crown St) for new play gym (Year 2/3)
    ▪ Bin enclosure for industrial bins