Principal’s Report – July 2014

Priority 1: Mission and Religious Education
- Micah Projects and St Vincent de Paul
  - On Friday 20 June we held a very successful *St Joachim’s Sleep Out* to raise awareness for the need to support those most vulnerable in our community. Thank you to the many parents and staff whom supported this great initiative.

- NAIDOC Week (6-13 July)
  - NAIDOC Week celebrations are held around Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
  - We celebrated NAIDOC Week during our school assembly on Monday 14 July.
  - Later this term we will host visitors from Ngutana-Lui (meaning ‘to teach’).
  - Ngutana-Lui, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Studies Centre, is a part of Brisbane Catholic Education that provides opportunities for students, their teachers and others to increase their awareness, knowledge, understanding and respect of the cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
  - The purpose of the Centre is to foster and encourage reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians.

- Liturgies and Prayer Rituals this term:
  - Catholic Education Week
  - Feast of St Joachim and St Anne
  - Grandparents’ Day
  - St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast
  - Feast of the Assumption

Priority 2: Learning and Teaching
- Mrs Amanda Sheridan and Mrs Stephanie Sims facilitated two parent education sessions focused on understanding the reporting practices in the Australia Curriculum.
- End of Semester 1 Written Report Cards were sent home last term.
- Each classroom teacher will be released from class for one day to plan learning and teaching sequences. Mrs Sheridan, as Curriculum Support Teacher, will assist the teachers.
- Health and Physical Education
  - Auskick (AFL sessions) - starts Thursday 31st July for 8 weeks
  - School Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 12 August
  - Zone 2 Inter-School Athletics Carnival - Friday 29 August
  - Years 4 to 7 Sports Gala Day - Thursday 18 September

Priority 3: Professional Practice & Collaborative Relationships
- All staff members will be have their Apply First Aid certificates updated this term.
- Teachers will meet with teachers from St James’ to continue sharing professional practice including discussing way to ensure the consistency of teacher judgement.

Priority 4: Strategic Resourcing
- *St Joachim’s School Master Plan:*
  - New shade sail for the Early Years’ Area has been installed.
  - Turf has been laid on the oval, at the entrance to Crown Street, and around the sandpit.
  - Thank you to Mr Kinghorn for the many hours he dedicated to preparing the oval for the new turf, as well as ensuring it was well watered during the holidays.