St Joachim’s Catholic Primary School
Annual School Report 2008
BROAD STRATEGIC AREA
Catholic Identity, Faith Development and Spirituality

Strategic Goals for 2007-2011
We intend to:

- Provide access to a Catholic Education, which is tolerant of others' beliefs and has a strong commitment to social justice and prayerful celebrations.
- Provide practical and forward thinking in-service and resources for staff related to personal spirituality, theology, teaching program and the faith development of the students.

2008 School Goals
We intend to:

- Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of St Joachim’s School.
- Provide practical and forward thinking in-service and resources for staff related to personal spirituality, theology, teaching program and faith development.
- To deepen the prayer life of the St Joachim’s School community with particular emphasis on developing and negotiating an Early Years focus for liturgies.

Achievements for 2008
- Celebrated the 70th Anniversary of the school with a liturgy, time capsule, Gala Concert and open day.
- Invited community members, past and present, media representatives and dignitaries to attend the 70th Anniversary events.
- Developed a Historical Community PowerPoint.
- Used the weekly newsletter and school website to advertise events and provide a detailed school history.
- Provided professional development on the Spirituality of our school with the Lay Parish Pastoral Director.
- Increased staff awareness of RE items available from BCE Multimedia Centre through a staff visit to the Centre and training in website access.
- Provided opportunities for Weekly Staff Prayer.
- SRF funds allocated to staff RE in-service.
- Focused RE Budget on prayer and spirituality resources for the classroom.
- Continued use of sacred space/prayer tables in classrooms with prayer boxes added to the asset register.
- Purchased Early Years RE CDs, music and activity booklets.
- Held Early Years Liturgies once each semester.
- Student leaders lead Lent and Advent Prayer assemblies.
## Strategic Goals for 2007-2011

**We intend to:**

- Develop policies and practices which provide, promote and equitably resource quality, inclusive Catholic schooling.
- Implement Round 2 of the school renewal framework (2007-2011)

## 2008 School Goals

**We intend to:**

- Continue development of policies and practices to provide, promote and equitably resource quality inclusive Catholic School.
- Implement an initial internal review.
- Develop a school master plan.

### Achievements for 2008

- Updated and reviewed the School’s Assets Register
- Explored the possibility of having a second Prep class in 2009
- Replaced shade sail over amphitheatre
- Constructed sandpit in Early Years Precinct
- Continued and expanded the Environmental Club
- Developed policies for SunSmart and food allergies
- Installed security lighting – oval, amphitheatre, car park & early years grass area
- Applied for community grants to fund development projects
- Redesigned school website to become a more ‘user friendly’ site
- Established Teacher Support meetings to inform planning with regard to special needs children
- Introduced school wide activity levy with school fees
- Consulted community regarding school renewal goals and publish these goals
- Gathered data and evidence to support evaluation and assessment of school renewal goals
- Reviewed school renewal goals and published results
- Gathered data and evidence to support evaluation and assessment of St Joachim’s Internal Review; collated data and prepared report for Internal Review Process
- Reported to BCE Area Supervisor regarding Internal Review Components and negotiated rating results
- Assessed and evaluated 2008 individual staff goals and reported to BCE Area Supervisor
- Consulted with Building Architects and Landscape Architects to develop a school master plan and vision for future building and development
- Consulted with P&F regarding P&F plans for grounds
BROAD STRATEGIC AREA
Relationships, Community and Partnerships

Strategic Goals for 2007-2011

We intend to:

- Create a safe, welcoming, secure and happy environment in which children, staff and parents are treated with dignity and respect.
- Developing working relationships between school-based, parish-based and community-based organisations.

2008 School Goals

We intend to:

- Promote positive interrelationships using the celebration of St Joachim’s 70th Anniversary as a focal point.
- Further develop a safe, welcoming, secure and happy environment in which children, staff and parents are treated with dignity and respect.

Achievements for 2008

- explored possible partner school interrelationships, including interschool swimming carnival and Zone 2 partnership with Acacia Ridge
- consulted staff, parents and community members and Lay Parish Pastoral Director regarding St Joachim’s Seventieth Anniversary celebrations
- celebrated 70th Anniversary with Liturgy, Time capsule, Community celebration and Open Day, and Gala Concert
- implemented an Early Years Liturgy/prayer gathering in each semester
- participated in Professional Development with school staff from other schools (First Steps)
- implemented the Fun Friends program
- introduced new ‘sign in procedures’ for late arrivals/early departures and new sick room register
- introduced health alert cards, rubber gloves, bum bag system and walkie talkie for playground duty
- installed security lighting – oval, amphitheatre, car park and Early Years grass area
- revised play areas
- had new handball courts painted and amphitheatre shade sail replaced
- had a visit from the Spinal Education Awareness Team
- introduced new swimming coaches and procedures to improve student safety (lessons now include personal water safety – e.g. safety dives; safe entry into pool; etc.)
- practised emergency procedures – lockdown; emergency evacuation; chemical spills, etc.
- re-advised school community of safe pick-up; before school procedures
- maintained welcoming atmosphere of school foyer
- adequate pre-enrolment information and school tour shared by principal.
- ensured school involvement in the P&F New parent welcome morning tea; the welcome BBQ; first Monday of the month morning tea
Strategic Goals for 2007-2011

We intend to:

- Develop and enhance Information Technology initiatives throughout the school.
- Implement and resource Early Years Curriculum initiatives.
- Strengthen the continuity of the learning and teaching processes to enhance the engagement of all students.

2008 School Goals

We intend to:

- Enhance the key curriculum area of English.
- Further develop and resource the Early Years Precinct.
- Using our God-given talents to strive for our personal best for the Greater Glory of God.

Achievements for 2008

- began development of a whole school literacy plan
- staff completed First Steps Professional Development
- allocated staff meeting time to professional development to write a English Literacy Plan
- standardised testing performed and used to inform Numeracy and Literacy planning, teaching and learning - Yr 3/5/7 tests
- purchased further Early Years furniture/equipment
- allocated SRF funds to staff in-service
- completed Early Years sand pit
- introduced bi-annual Canberra Sydney Trip for Year 6/7 to enhance understandings in SOSE units on democracy
- implemented mentoring programme for graduate teachers
- teachers in-serviced with regards to special needs students
- involved staff in a research project by University of Qld on ASD children