Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend the warmest of welcomes to all of our new families. We look forward to getting to know you this year.

This year we welcome Sandra Miiller (teacher librarian) and Tina Hilton (library assistant and teacher aide) to our school community.

It has been a smooth start to the school year. The students have settled in well to the usual routines. Our new prep students have transitioned particularly well and are enjoying the excitement and challenges of school life.

Please take note of our meet and greet times. The P&F have kindly offered to cook sausages for the kids and provide finger food for the adults. This is a great opportunity to get to know your child’s teacher and their expectations for the year.

**9th Feb - Information Night / Meet & Greet:**
- 5:00pm - 5:30pm Prep/One parents
- 5:30pm - 6:00pm 2/3 parents
- 6:00pm - 6:30pm 4/5/6 parents followed by 2018 camp meeting

We will hold our Leader Induction Liturgy on Friday the 10th Feb at 2:00pm in the church. All community members are most welcome to join us for this celebration.

Special thanks to Simone Gillam, Troy Gillam and Chris Skillington who donated their time over the Christmas holidays to ensure the oval was well watered. Our oval looks fantastic. Thank you!

We have been caught short of certain uniform items in certain sizes. The items have now been ordered. Thank you for your patience. Our uniform shop will be open on a Monday morning from 8:30am.

School photo information and tuck shop information has been sent home with the students this week.

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**St Francis De Sales, Clifton, celebrating 100 years**

St Francis de Sales School Centenary is fast approaching, and preparations are well under way for celebrating the occasion. On Saturday 18th March, the “Celebrating a Centenary Dinner” will commence at 7pm at the FE Logan Hall. Sunday’s celebrations will include a Family Mass at 9am followed by BBQ lunch, games and entertainment at the school. There will also be a display of memorabilia and the sale of the Centenary Book and souvenirs. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased through the school or the local newsagent from the 1st February.

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Representative Sport Dates for Term One 2017
Please keep an eye on dates as they are subject to change

Central Downs Swimming, Monday 6th Feb
Southern Downs Tennis, Friday 7th Feb
Southern Downs Softball, Tuesday 7th Feb
Southern Downs Swimming, Friday 17th Feb
Southern Downs Aussie Rules, Friday 22nd Feb
Southern Downs Basketball, Friday 23rd Feb
Central Downs Tennis, Friday 24th Feb
Central Downs Netball, Friday 3rd March
CD Rugby League, Friday 3rd March
Central Downs Soccer, Friday 3rd March
Triathlon, Friday 10th March
Southern Downs Netball, Friday 17 March
SD Rugby League, Friday 17 March
Southern Downs Soccer, Friday 17 March
Southern Downs Hockey, Friday 17 March

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photo Day is fast approaching. (Monday, 27th February 2017). Photo envelopes are being sent home today. Please return your child’s photo envelopes to school.
Sibling Photo order envelopes are available in the office and you may include payment for all children in one envelope. Please return all forms even if you are not purchasing any photos.

Mass Times
Clifton: 1st Sunday– 7:30am
2nd, 3rd & 5th Saturday-7pm
4th Sunday-Family Sunday Mass at 5pm

This Week’s Mass Roster
Sunday: 5th February 5:30 am
Welcoming: Pat Tickner
POF/OH: M Lucas
Readers: P Tickner & L May
Offertory: N & L May
Eucharistic Ministers: L Lucas & P Tickner

Dates To Remember
Semester One 2017
FEBRUARY
9th Feb- Information Night / Meet & Greet:
5:00pm - 5:30pm Prep/One parents
5:30pm - 6:00pm 2/3 parents
6:00pm - 6:30pm 4/5/6 parents followed by 2018 camp meeting
10th Feb-Leader Induction Liturgy 2:00pm in the church
12th Feb-Bunnings BBQ fundraiser for 2018 camp
17th, 18th and 19th Jan-Clifton Show
26th Feb- Family Sunday Mass 5pm
27th Feb- School Photographs

MARCH
1st March-Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9am in the church
18th and 19th March-School Centenary
30th March-Holy Week Liturgy 2:30pm
31st March- SFDS Cross Country at Allora

APRIL
18th April-Term 2 Commences
25th April-ANZAC Day

MAY
1st to 4th May-Parent/teacher interviews
19th May-Gala Day Allora
26th May-Gala Day Allora

JUNE
7th June-Field events SFDS (half day)
9th June- SFDS track carnival
23rd June-Term 2 ends

SCHOOL FEES:
School Fees for Term 1 are being sent home today with the due date for the payment of Term 1 Fees being, Friday, 09th March, 2017.
We do recommend the setting-up of a direct debit facility to pay regular amounts into the school account. This alleviates overdue bills.
I would ask that any parents who would like to discuss any matters to do with the payment of school fees to make an appointment to see me. Confidentiality is assured.
If at any stage the payment of fees becomes a problem please do not hesitate to see me.
P&F NEWS:
Welcome back to term one everyone. These next few weeks will be busy for the school and the P&F committee. The next P&F meeting will be held at 6:30pm – Wednesday, 8th February in the school library. Submissions for general business to be in before the meeting thank you. Please email them to Danny Danniels - dannydaniels42australia@gmail.com
At this meeting we will be putting final touches to the up and coming fund raisers;

Sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Toowoomba- Sunday 12th Feb 2017. The roster is available on the school Facebook page. If you can volunteer a couple of hours that would be great. Alternatively, to volunteer for this fund raiser please contact Emma Gascoyne Mob 0438674705

Clifton Show – Chip Van Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th February 2017
If you are not on the crew yet please contact Angela Skillington Teacher class 2/3. The roster is available on the school Facebook page. If you are not able to make this fundraiser you may make a donation to the fund raiser by way of soft drinks at the school office please.

Tuckshop
You can order lunches by sending in with your child a brown paper bag with their name, class and order on it, and the money inside. Our first tuckshop for the year will be Friday, 10th of February. Just a reminder to parents, and to let new parents know, that tuckshop orders need to be placed on Friday for the Following Friday. For example:

Friday Week 2 (3/2) Place Order for Friday Week 3 (10/2)

Please keep an eye out in the coming newsletters for our further fund raisers. As we get close to the dates we will inform you of times and call on you to volunteer where you can. The new committee would like to thank Simone and her committee for all the hard work last year. We, the new committee, look forward to working with parents, friends, teachers and students in this busy year of the schools life, as it celebrates its 100th year. Take care.

Till next time,
Danny

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

The students in the upper years will have opportunities to trial for district and representative teams throughout the year. Please be aware that the eligible age does vary for certain sports. All of the students in the upper years have now nominated for their chosen sport/s. When we receive information pertaining to that particular sport, we will pass on that information to your child. Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming nominations are based on recorded times or placing’s at our own carnivals. It is highly recommended that your child is proficient at the particular sport and plays at a competitive level before they attend the trail or trials. Please have a conversation with your child about what sports they have chosen to trial for.
You Can Do it Award winners

Principal's Award

WELCOME
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(library assistant and teacher aide)
School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

on **Monday 27 February 2017**

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method. **All payments are due on photo day.**
- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual ‘shootkey’ listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child’s order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided. **Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.**
- **Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request.** THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY FROM 8AM
  - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their **correct school uniform.**
- Students appearing in any Extra Curricular Group Photos will be notified on how to order these, via a personalised order envelope, issued after photo day.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

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