Dear Parents

As we near the business end of the term, the school is “humming” with testing and other activities. Due to our Year 5/6 class being away on camp next week, we have postponed next week’s swimming lesson until Wednesday, 25 November 2015. The swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 27 November and parents and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend and support the children.

As per our announcement yesterday, our staffing for next year is as follows: Prep/1, Mrs Jacqui Drysdale, Year 2/3, New APRE (TBA), Year 4/5, Mrs Angela Skillington and Year 6 Mr Jeorge Wigan. Mrs Tickner will be returning in her capacity as Music and LST teacher. Mr Mark Spranklin will return to take our HPE lessons on Wednesdays and Mrs Mandie Tindall will still be running the library with Mrs Annette Larkin as the Library Aide. Our Teacher Aides will be Mrs Tania Jeffcoat - Altena, Mrs Gina Auger and Mrs Melissa Cunnings, with Mrs Donna Wiedman continuing in her position as school cleaner.

In the New Year, I have employed Mrs Angela Ehmer, a Literacy Consultant to further in-service staff in the explicit teaching of Writing and Spelling. She will be conducting workshops in each classroom with the children and their teachers over the few days that she is here. She will spend 2 days at the school from 15 - 16 March 2016. As part of the package, she will conduct a special parent workshop on Reading and Explicit Writing on Tuesday night, 15 March 2016 at 6.00 p.m. This is a must attend workshop for all parents to view how the teaching of Writing and Spelling takes place. Please Date Claim this important date into your diaries for 2016 and don’t miss this informative workshop.

SCHOOL FEES:
School Fees for Term 4 have been sent home and are due for payment. Please remember that these fees help with the smooth running of the school and are vital to pay for most of our everyday expenses. We especially need to pay all our end of year bills before the Summer break and make a final balancing of accounts to hand over to the new Principal.
It would be appreciated if any families having difficulty meeting this commitment could contact me as soon as possible.
St Francis de Sales has Talent

Calling all singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, jugglers, mime artists, poets, actors............

This term we will hold our bi-annual talent contest. Auditions will be held during music lessons later in the term, semi-finals and finals will be during the last week of school. Contestants will be judged on originality, creativity, talent and confidence.

We look forward to seeing our wonderfully talented children performing.

Co-Ordinator : Angela Skillington

Thank you to all parents for supporting our fundraising last Friday. We had a wonderful day and raised a total of $127.

UNIFORM SHOP NOW OPEN
ON MONDAYS 8.30am
For uniform Direct Debit PAYMENTS please phone Anne-Maree Bange for the P & F bank details as school fees are paid into a separate bank account.. If you have any questions or need to place an order please call Anne-Maree Bange on 0413 127 398.

Dates To Remember

November 2015
8th - P & F Volunteers Lunch @ 10.00am - Picnic Point
11-13th  Year 5/6 Camp
18th - P & F AGM 6pm
20th - Prep Open Day
25th - Swimming
27th - Swimming Carnival

December 2015
3rd - Year 6 Farewell Mass and Parent BBQ 6pm
4th - End of year Nativity Assembly (10.00am)

DATE CLAIMERS:
27 January - Term 1 Begins
29 February 2016 - School Photos
15/16 March - Angela Ehmers
19 March 2016 - PARISH FETE

Quote of the Week:
The best things in life are free. The second best are very expensive.

Coco Chanel

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal
CONGRATULATIONS!

The P&F would like to congratulate the Year 4/5 families for their fundraising efforts for next year’s Canberra/Ski Trip. The fundraising was organised and run by the Year 4/5 families and included Sausage Sizzles, Chocolate Sales, Bull Sale Canteen and the Bunnings BBQ. Special thanks to the teachers who helped on the day. Together they have raised approximately $5,000. This will reduce the cost of the camp by about $200 per child. Every Year 4/5 family contributed towards these fundraisers in some form. Well Done!

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU PICNIC - THIS SUNDAY
10am Sunday, 8\textsuperscript{th} November - Picnic Point. Thankyou for returning your RSVP’s. Catering will be finalised by lunch time Friday, so if you haven’t sent in your RSVP yet, please text 0401 367 097; your family name, number of adults and number of children. Thankyou.

P&F AGM – NOTICE
The P&F AGM will be held on Wednesday, 18\textsuperscript{th} November at 6pm. All current P&F positions will be vacated and elections will be held on the evening. Nomination forms for the 2016 committee positions are available at the front office. Nominations should be provided to the front office by 3pm on Wednesday, 11\textsuperscript{th} November.

P&F AGM: 6pm – Wednesday, 18th November 2015

Please email your agenda items to: Clifton.PandF@twb.catholic.edu.au

P&F Executive: Simone Gillam, Lisa Lucas, Ann-Maree Bange, Bec McKenzie

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INVITATION

Sunday, 8\textsuperscript{th} November from 10am
Picnic Point, Toowoomba

The P&F invites you to a family day at Picnic Point to thank all of our volunteers who have helped with fundraising throughout the year such as in the canteen, the uniform shop, sausage sizzles, Bunnings BBQ, Polocrosse, Chip Van etc. The P&F will provide the BBQ. We request families bring their own picnic rugs, chairs and drinks.

Please return this form by tomorrow if you will be attending so catering can be organised.

Family Name:__________________________________________

[ ] Adults

[ ] Children

Thank you for your support!
This week’s ‘Mad Minute Champion’ is Heidi Burton, pictured here being presented with the trophy from last week’s champion - Billy Joppich. Well done Heidi.