Children, Our Greatest Asset

Each second we live is a new and unique moment of the universe,
a moment that will never be again
And what do we teach our children?
We teach them that two and two make four, and that Paris is the capital of France.
When will we also teach them what they are?
We should say to each of them: Do you know what you are? You are a marvel.
You are unique.

In all the years that have passed, there has never been another child like you.
Your legs, your arms, your clever fingers, the way you move.
You may become a Shakespeare, a Michelangelo, a Beethoven.
You have the capacity for anything. Yes, you are a marvel.
And when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you, a marvel?
You must work, we must all work, to make the world worthy of its children.

Pablo Casals (1876-1973)

Dear Parents

We have had a good start to the year with the children now settled-in and quality learning taking place. If you have any queries about your child’s learning journey, please contact their class teacher either by email or phone to organise an appointment. Please try to avoid Wednesday afternoon appointments as the staff have meetings on that day. The teachers are also usually available in the mornings from 8.20 a.m. if you wish to have a chat.

SCHOOL FEES:

School Fees for Term 1 have been sent home this week with the due date for the payment of Term 1 Fees being, Friday, 14th March, 2014.

Fees/levies are compulsory unless negotiated. 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.
Agreed arrangements do not carry over from year to year. If at any stage the payment of fees becomes a problem please do not hesitate to see me.
SCHOOL TRANSPORT DETAILS

In the interests of the children’s safety, parents are asked to keep us informed of any changes to after school transport arrangements for their child/children.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Supervision is provided from 8:30 am each morning. Children arriving before this time are required to sit quietly until a teacher comes on duty. No children should be at school before 8.15 a.m. in the morning. After school supervision is provided until 3:30 pm. Please contact the school if you are running late.

PARISH FETE RAFFLE TICKETS

We have sent home a book of raffle tickets to be sold for the Parish Raffle. The Tickets cost $2 and there are 10 tickets in the book. Once the tickets are sold, please place in an envelope with the money and send it back to the school. Unsold tickets are to be please sent back to the office. Please support this Parish Fund Raiser which will help with the upkeep of our church.

Dates To Remember

February 2014
9th - Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings (Yr 5/6)
10th - SD Swimming Trials, Warwick
12th - 13th - Principals’ Meetings
14-16th - Clifton Show
20th P - 5 Parent Information Evening (6p.m.)
27th - Yr 6/7 Leadership Mass 2 p.m. Information afternoon at 3 p.m.(Yr6/7)
28th - School Photos - 8.45 a.m.
28th - Meet & Greet (6 p.m.)

March 2014
4th - P & F MEETING - ALL WELCOME
7th - CD Netball - Allora CD Rugby League - Clifton
15th - PARISH FETE

18th—Literacy Consultant at school. Vital parent evening session.

25th - School X-Country Event
27th - Toowoomba Show Holiday - School Closed

April 2014
4th - Term 1 Concludes - Easter Liturgy at 2p.m.
22nd, 23rd, 24th—Compulsory Parent/Teacher interviews

This Week’s Mass Roster
Saturday 8th March 7pm

Welcoming: E Lyons
POF/OHP: K Flynn
Readers: K Cranitch, M Cranitch
Offertory: A & H Gillam
Eucharistic Ministers: H Gillam & L Lucas
Cleaning: P Imhoff, G Imhoff, J O’Leary, M Bowe & S McDowall

CHURCH HELPERS REQUIRED

Helpers are urgently required for Church cleaning. This will only take approx. 1.5 hours twice a year. A small price to pay to keep God’s home in good order.
Please contact Denise Lyons

Ph: 46972163
Chip Van 2014

Even though school has just started, the first P&F fundraiser for the year is approaching fast.

Our first fundraising event for the year is running the Hot Chip Van at the Clifton Show over the weekend of 14th to 16th February, 2014. We have been offering this service to the Clifton Show Society for some years now and it has always been a solid way to raise some funds for the school. Again this year we have been asked to operate the stall on Friday night, all day Saturday (including night) and Sunday (usually until lunch time).

Of course to run the van efficiently we require some help from our parents (if our teaching staff offer their help every year, then surely it is not too much to ask of our parents). We usually ask for two hours of your time over the three day period. If you are able to support this fundraiser by giving up two hours of your time, please complete the form below and return it to the school by 7th February, 2014.

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Tuckshop

Welcome to another year of tuckshop. It is that time again where I am looking for some Mums/Dads/Carers/Family members to volunteer their time to prepare tuckshop on a Friday morning from 8.45am to 11.15am.

Every Friday we have 2 volunteers who prepare the food for Tuckshop which will commence in week two. Tuckshop orders are handed in on Wednesday morning and tuckshop is on Fridays. The tuckshop pricelist and how to order will follow in a few days time.

If you are able to help out, please return this slip to the office as soon as possible. It is a great way to meet people and in previous times you only are required once a term.

Name:

Phone number:

If you would like to know more or have any questions please call Chrissy on 0488425691.

Thanks, Chrissy Peardon
Clifton Catholic Debutante Ball

Are you interested in being a debutante? The Clifton Catholic Debutante Ball is to be held on Friday May 30, 2014. Any girls (Year 10, 11, 12) interested in participating in this event, please contact Helen Gillam (4697 3571 at night) or Dee at Deez Creations (4612 3423) as soon as possible. Flowergirls and pageboys (from Year 3 or 4) should also indicate their interest — but if there are too many of these little people, there will be a ballot. All expressions of interest need to be handed in by Wednesday, 26 February 2014.

Central Downs Swimming

Congratulations are extended to Lexi Wilkinson, Tara Wilkinson, Michael Shingles, Hamish Rutherford, Caitlin Fogarty, Lachlan Meacle, Liam Ruhle, Darby Peardon, Madeleine Lucas, Harry Bange, Joe Bange, Lachlan Harris, Alister Harris and Millie Zeller who represented the school at the CD Swimming Carnival. They all gave of their very best on the day.

Special mention goes to the following swimmers who attained Age Champion Awards: Lexi Wilkinson—age champion, Lachlan Meacle—age champion, Lachlan Harris—age champion runner up and Tara Wilkinson—age champion runner up. Well done children for a magnificent effort.

Southern Downs Swimming Trials

The Southern Downs Swimming Trials will be held at Allora this Monday the 27th of February. Congratulations goes to the following students who, based on their times at the Central Downs carnival earlier this week, will go on to represent the district at this carnival; Alister Harris, Lachlan Meacle, Lachlan Harris, Lexi Wilkinson, Caitlin Fogarty and Tara Wilkinson. Well done and good luck!

Clifton Tennis Association Inc

Junior Tennis Fixtures:

Nominations of individuals are being called for to participate in junior fixtures at the tennis courts in Clifton. Nominations close on Saturday Feb. 22.

A muster of players is being held from 9am – 10.30am on Saturday Feb. 22.

A suggestion that fixtures be held on FRIDAY AFTERNOONS (after school) has been mooted. What do you think? This would give you Saturdays to do other things.

Please contact: Ashley Gillam (to nominate or for further information) 4697 3571 (AT NIGHT) or at the muster.

CLOTHING POOL: The clothing pool Coordinator, Mrs Susan Smith will be available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Clothing Pool room.

Quote of the Week

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't.

Erica Jong

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal