10 March 2016

**From the Principal - Brendan O’Reilly**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank our wonderful P&F committee for such a proactive start to the school year. We are very appreciative of your hard work in ensuring that we provide excellent school resources and opportunities for all of our students. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank everyone involved in the construction of our brand new football goals! To Jason Fogarty, Peter Cooke, Grant Gascoyne, Doug Peardon, Keith Joppich, Steve Collier and Troy Gilliam, we say a huge thanks. In the near future, the plan is to purchase post pads and modify the football goals to include soccer goals. The posts look fantastic and I’m sure this facility will be well used.

Tomorrow we have our Parish Fete free dress day. Please ensure your child wears closed in footwear. No singlets are to be worn. Thank you for your generosity in sending back the containers for the bottle store. Next week we have our Cross Country carnival. Children need to be transported out to the Clifton Golf Course by 8:40am on Friday 18th March. There are a large number of Cross Country forms and meal deal forms that have not been returned. Please return them as soon as possible.

Peace and Best Wishes
Brendan

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**HOLY WEEK LITURGY** – We will commemorate the events of Jesus’ journey through Holy Week in a Liturgy in the undercover area at school on **Thursday 24 March at 1:45pm**. Parents are welcome to attend.

**PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER** – As our school Lenten Project Compassion fundraiser, we will be hosting a water relay at school on **Thursday 17 March** at 9am. This will involve the children working in teams in an activity which will promote the challenges that some people in the world face to access fresh water. Each child is asked to bring a coin donation to participate. This money will be added to the school Project Compassion funds.

**COLLECTING PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES** – On **Thursday 24 March** at 9am, we will have a Snail Trail at school to collect the Project Compassion boxes. Children are all asked to return their home boxes on this day.

**UPCOMING DATES:**
- **Project Compassion Water Run** on Thursday 17 March
- **Project Compassion Snail Trail** on Thursday 24 March at 9am
- **Holy Week Liturgy** on Thursday 24 March at 1:45pm  (Final day of Term 1)

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**PLEASE NOTE:**
Email address is Kathleen.Doherty@twb.catholic.edu.au
**Dates To Remember**

**March 2016**
- **Parish Fete**: Sat 19th. Starting at 10am. Students performing from 10am to 11am.
- **Project Compassion Water Run**: Thursday 17th
- **SFDS Cross Country**: Friday 18th
  (Wet day 23rd) Meal deals will be available on the day.
- **Holy Thursday Liturgy**: 24th
- **Project Compassion Snail Trail** at 9am Liturgy: 1:45pm in the undercover area.
- **Celebration of School Leaders**: Cake cutting at 2:30pm.
  (All parents and friends are welcome to attend)
- **Good Friday**: 25th
- **Easter Sunday**: 27th

**April 2016**
- **Parent / teacher interviews**: 18th to the 22nd
- **Representative Sport Dates for Term One**
  - **Central Downs Rugby League**, **Friday 11 March**
  - **Southern Downs Netball**, **Friday 11 March**
  - **Southern Downs Rugby League**, **Tuesday 15 March**
  - **Southern Downs Touch Football**, **Thursday 21 April**
    (girls and boys)

- **Next P&F Meeting**: 6pm – Wednesday, 13th April 2016
  Please email your agenda items to:
  Clifton.PandF@twb.catholic.edu.au
  SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:
  - P&F Facebook Page
  - Social Media Policy & Code of Conduct

- **House Shirts**
  **$10 SPORTS DAY SHIRTS**
  **MCKENNA & COSGROVE**
  We have Sports Day Shirts available in Blue (McKenna) and Maroon (Cosgrove) which can be worn for our cross country, athletics and swimming carnivals throughout the year. The shirts are $10 each and are available from the Uniform Shop which will be open on Monday from 8:30am.

- **Tuckshop Roster**
  **Friday 11/3**
  Carmel Stace & Emma Gascoyne
  Baking – Carmel Stace

  **Friday 18/3**
  **Cross Country Sausage Sizzle**
  Louise Willett, Simone Gillam, Emma Gascoyne

- **Are you able to help in the Tuck Shop on a Friday morning?**
  Volunteers are needed. Please inform us if you are able to volunteer some of your time.

- **God Bless**
  Brendan O’Reilly
  Principal

- **This Week’s Mass Roster**
  **Saturday: 12th March 7:00pm.**
  Welcoming: D.Lyons
  POF/OH: V.Harris & M.Wiedman
  Readers: P.Tickner & M.Wiedman
  Offertory: K & M Cranitch
  Eucharistic Ministers: H.Gillard & K. Flynn
  Church Cleaning: Genny Imhoff, J.O’Leary, M.Bowe, K & M Cranitch.

- **UNIFORM SHOP NOW OPEN**
  ON **MONDAYS** 8.30am –9.30am
  If you have any questions or need to place an order please contact Jenny Gillam on 0408198538.
  For uniform Direct Debit PAYMENTS please phone Anne-Marie Bange on 0413 127 398 for the P & F bank details as school fees are paid into a separate bank ac-
FOOTBALL POSTS
The P&F would like to thank Jason Fogarty for taking the idea of installing football posts and for coordinating this project through to completion. A HUGE thank you to Keith Jooppich from South East Engineering for designing and constructing the posts and donating all the materials and to Steve Collier from Colliers Earthmoving for donating his time and machinery to dig the post holes and fill the schools vegetable garden bed. We also thank Doug Peardon, Peter Cooke, Grant Gascoyne and Troy Gillam for helping with the installation of the posts. Jason’s concept is to install a soccer net below the cross bar of the football posts so they become dual purpose. We should have pads for the posts in the coming weeks and the P&F will source quotes for a soccer net and possibly upgrade the cricket nets at the same time. Thanks again to all those involved.

P&F FACEBOOK PAGE
The P&F would like to introduce the use of Facebook as a new way to connect and communicate with members of our school community. The page would be a “Closed” Group and only families of our school could become members. We wish our content to be more accessible, and to benefit from the experience and knowledge of our parent community. Our P&F Facebook page will allow our community to keep up to date with activities through a medium preferred by many. Our Facebook page will be a place where we can build our community by building school spirit. There is a Social Media Policy and Facebook Code of Conduct available for all parents to read and consider. The P&F will vote for the use of Facebook and the associated policy and code of conduct at the next meeting.

OTHER NEWS

Book Fair
Over the next week, we will be having a Scholastic Book Fair in the school library. Today and tomorrow (10-11 March), children will visit the Book Fair with their teacher and have the opportunity to complete a ‘Wish List’ which they will bring home for discussion with their parents. The Book Fair will be open at the following times for parents should they wish to visit and purchase:

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from 8.15 until 8.40am
- Wednesday afternoon from 3 – 3.30pm
- Parish Fete – the Book Fair will be running throughout the Parish fete on Saturday 19 March

Should parents want to purchase any item, there are a number of options for payment:

- Phone payment calling 1800 557 908
- In person during the times listed above. (correct change would be much appreciated)

Breakfast
An alarming number of students are indicating that they do not eat anything for breakfast. At school, a hungry child can lose concentration in class, have no energy for playtime and experience cravings to eat unhealthy foods first, such as biscuits and chips. A healthy breakfast is so important for a child’s health as well as establishing good habits for nutrition that they can carry through life. If you are experiencing difficulty providing breakfast for any reason, please inform us so we can assist you.

CROSS COUNTRY (18/3/16) – SAUSAGE SIZZLE ORDER FORM

Student Name(s):__________________________________________________
School: SFDS

[ ] $5.00 Meal Deal – Sausage on Bread, Homebake & Popper
[ ] $2.00 Extra Sausage on Bread

Total Amount Enclosed:____________________________________________
New Goal Posts!

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Principal Awards

Award Winners

Southern Downs Tennis
Liam Rhule & Sophie Willett

ALL CHILDREN 0-5 YEARS WELCOME
BRING A HAT, WATER BOTTLE & MORNING TEA
DEVELOP AND LEARN THROUGH FUN AND CREATIVITY

St Francis de Sales
Playgroup

EVERY TUESDAY
9am - 10.30am
EXCLUDING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

16 Meara Place, Clifton

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