10 October, 2013
Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4. I am sure that staff, students and parents are re-energised and ready for this short and busy term.

The staff were pleased with the overall NAPLAN results and reports that came through on Tuesday. All children in Years 3/5 and 7 will receive their reports to take home today. Our school continues to maintain good results in these National Tests and there have been many pleasing individual improvements since this cohort last sat the test. This is a great outcome for a small school in a rural location. A factor to take into account is that these NAPLAN tests are merely a snapshot on one day of the year of how the student is faring at school. Congratulations are extended to the staff and students for all their hard work.

The Canberra Trip at the end of last term was a fantastic success. The children found great educational value in all sites visited and the staff were very impressed at the excellent quality of the presenters at the various venues. As the Principal, it is so wonderful to receive positive feedback from all the people our children came in contact with during the trip. Our Air Hostess on the return trip stated that the behaviour and manners of the children on the plane were the best that she had come across. Well done children! I wish to thank Mrs Tania Jeffcoat and Mr Maher for all their hard work and effort with the children in Canberra.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you (the parent) in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per eligible student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate programme toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. (This funding was factored into the amount owed by parents before the trip.)
Friday October 11th
Prep-Year Three classes have been invited to travel on an Historic train to Toowoomba. The train will be hauled by a Heritage Diesel 1620 and we will travel in 1900’s built wooden carriages. This was a special offer made to the school which we couldn’t refuse. The children are most excited. We shall stay in town for a picnic and play and then return with the Horton’s bus back to school.
Permission forms are due back with $5 per child ASAP.

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This Week’s Liturgy Roster
Saturday 12th October, 7pm
Welcome: M Cranitch
POF/OHP: P Tickner
Readers: P Tickner & K Flynn
Offertory: J & M Twomey
Eucharistic: K & M Cranitch
Cleaning: D Lyons, J Nash, M Stark, K Flynn, J Starr

Dates To Remember
OCTOBER
11th - P- 3 Train Trip and Picnic
21st - Non-Contact for all schools (CTJ Day)
22nd - 24th - SFDS Book Fair
23rd - SFDS Readers’ Cup
24th - Daniel Morcombe Day - Free Dress
25th - Prep Open Day
28th - SFDS Book Week Activities
31st - Reader’s Cup - Holy Name

NOVEMBER
1st - Inter-school Ball Games at Emu Creek
1st - Principals’ Meeting Toowoomba
15th - Prep Open Day
22nd - Confirmation Retreat Day
22nd - Confirmation - 6pm - Bishop McGuckin
24th - First Communion - 9.00a.m.
25th - 27th Swimming Lessons (Mon/Tues/Wed)
29th - School Swimming Carnival

DECEMBER
5th - 6.00pm Year 7 Farewell Mass in Church + all students to attend.
5th - 7pm - P & F end of Year Celebration at School for all Parents and students.

Clothing Pool:
The clothing pool is open every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8.30 until 9.00a.m. However, the clothing pool will be closed on the 10/10/13 and 17/10/13 due to Mrs Smith having appointments in Toowoomba.

Quote of the Week
Never say more than is necessary.
Richard Sheridan

God Bless,
Brett Pollard
Principal

ACARA Privacy Notice
The ACARA Privacy Notice was sent out on the last week of term. Please read this notice and advise the school if you do not want your child/children’s information provided to ACARA.
Please fill in the attached slip and return to school within 7 days of receiving this notice. PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO SCHOOL BY 9.30am FRIDAY MORNING.

I, ____________________________ do not want my child/children’s information provided to ACARA.
Signature________________________
**Confirmation and First Communion**

Preparation for Confirmation and First Communion commences next week. Children involved in the program are to attend classes on the same day as for Reconciliation lessons. The Bishop will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 22 November 2013 at 7.00 p.m. **First Communion** will be at Mass on Sunday, 24th November at 9.00 a.m.

Pat Tickner

**Bull Sale Fundraiser**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped run such a smooth Sausage Sizzle at the Bull Sale during the holidays. A special thanks goes to the Kratzmann Family who loaned their Bay Maree for the day and to Nat O’Brien who donated cakes and slices for sale on the day. (Both ex-families of the school.)

All efforts were greatly appreciated and an amount of approximately $1000 was raised for the P & F funds.

Georgie Meacle
Convenor

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**Instrumental Music Lessons**

**FLUTE, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE OR PIANO!!**

Give the gift of music to your child! Instrumental music lessons are available during school hours. If your child is in grade 4 or above they can learn any of the wind instruments. Hire of these is available at reasonable cost from your school. Grade 3 is the starting point for piano. Lessons are given in small groups of 2 or 3. Accounts are sent each term and each half hour lesson is $15. Pick up and return a form at the school office. Email Chris at yougotbuckleys4@bigpond.com.au for more info.

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**Parents Coffee @ The Jam Factory**

Time: 8.45am(ish) on Monday 14th October 2013
(straight from School Drop - off)

No reason - just an excuse for a cuppa. Everyone welcome!

Katie Woodside & Gina Auger

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Clifton & District Amateur Swimming Club

Expression of Interest - Tuesday 15 October 2013 5pm

All committee positions are vacant and we are looking for nominations.

Enquiries: Anita Scott 46973556/0408702498 or Robyn Cougar 46973530/0437117161
BOOK FAIR IS COMING…..(imagine Star Wars theme music here)

In week 3, the school will be holding a **Scholastic Book Fair**. There will be a large display of books, all available for purchase. Prices range from $3 - $20. The titles cover all ages: there are picture books for the younger readers, through to novels for our older readers. There are titles that will suit boys and titles that will suit girls. Having glanced through the selection of non-fiction titles, there is a fantastic range in this genre as well. Some of these titles come with weblinks or CD ROMs. There is also a tray of ‘goodies’ for the children – rubbers, pen toppers etc – for $1 - $4.

The Book Fair will be held in the Multi purpose room. As Monday 21 October is a Pupil Free Day, the Book Fair will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It will be open from 8.15am – school begins and from 3.00 – 3.30 pm. The preferred method of payment is CASH.

Supporting the Book Fair will **benefit the school** through a percentage of sales being retained. This percentage varies with the volume of sales. The higher the sales volume, the higher the percentage we are entitled to. The money earned will be used for both teacher and student resources. I look forward to seeing you there.