Early on Wednesday morning the year 5/6 students boarded the bus with the students of St Patrick’s Allora and embarked upon their journey to Tallebudgera on the Gold Coast for their senior camp. As you can see from the photos we have already received the students are having a wonderful time.

School camps are a wonderful opportunity for students to independently build their confidence and resilience in a safe environment. We wish them well on their camp and look forward to the many stories we are sure they will want to share on their return.

12th November 2015

On behalf of the school community I would like to congratulate one of St Francis de Sales’ past students; Emma-Lee Smith; on recently being awarded Clifton State High School’s Dux for 2015. No doubt her award is the result of a continuation of the same disciplined, hard working attitude she displayed whilst here at St Francis de Sales. A worthy recipient and a deserved award. Well done Emma–Lee! We enjoy hearing about the successes of all of our students, past and present.
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.

Yr 3/4 - Paddle Pop Design Challenge
During technology this term we have researched, designed and constructed a Paddle Pop Bridge. We have had a lot of fun designing unique and original bridges. All of the bridges were a success and met the design brief of being able to hold a match box car. See the last page of this newsletter for more pictures.

Library Returns
As part of our annual stocktake we are asking that all students get their books back to the library. We thank parents in advance for your assistance in helping your child locate these books.

‘St Frannies’ got Talent’ Final
The process of auditions and semi finals for our talent show have been completed and those students going to the final on the 24th of November are now practising even harder. Thank you to all of the students that have participated in the fun so far for their confidence and energy.

A starting time for the final will be announced soon and all parents and caregivers are welcome. We have a surprise headlining act coming to present on the day for everyone’s enjoyment. We hope to see you there.

Dates To Remember

November 2015
13th - Year 5/6 Camp: Return
18th - P & F AGM 6pm
20th - Prep Open Day
24th– St Frannies’ Talent Show: Final
25th - Swimming Lessons
27th - Swimming Carnival
30th– Year 5/6 Cricket Match

December 2015
2nd– Swimming Lessons
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 Ehmer
19 March 2016 - PARISH FETE

This Week’s Family Mass Roster
Saturday: 14th November 7pm
Welcoming: R Murphy
POF/OH: K & S Flynn
Readers: L Murphy & H Gillam
Offertory: R & L Murphy
Eucharistic Ministers: M Baker & L Murphy
Church Cleaning: M Cranitch, R Naumann, M Gillam, K Cranitch, R Keleher

Quote of the Week:
When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile.

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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 Ann-Maree Bange on 0413 127 398.

God Bless,

Tyrone Maher
Assistant Principal Religious Education
Minnie Vinnies Christmas Appeal

We are coming up to that festive time of the year yet again where we, as a Christian community, need to remember and help those people in our area that our less fortunate than ourselves. This year we are again encouraging all of our families to bring non-perishable items into the foyer of the school office for our Minnie Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Items are to be placed in (or around) the ‘Christmas Tree’. Watch this space each week for an update of our collection. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

P&F NEWS

P&F AGM
The P&F AGM will be held on Wednesday, 18th November at 6pm in the school library. All current P&F positions will be vacated and elections will be held on the evening. Thank you for your nominations.

P&F AGM: 6pm – Wednesday, 18th November 2015
Please email your agenda items to: Clifton.PandF@twb.catholic.edu.au

VOLUNTEERS THANK YOU PICNIC
All families who volunteered throughout the year were invited to a picnic lunch last weekend to thank everyone for their efforts throughout the year. We were lucky to strike great weather and enjoyed butterflied lamb and marinated chicken kebabs on the BBQ and some freshly made salads. Thank you again to everyone who has helped throughout the year! (Please see the last page of the newsletter for pictures)

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION – 3rd DECEMBER, 6PM
Once the end of year mass has concluded, everyone is invited to the school for a BBQ dinner. The P&F will provide food for the BBQ which will include Steak & Chicken with Coleslaw and a Bread Roll. Sausage on Bread will be provided for the Children.

We ask that parents with their Eldest Child in Prep/1/2/3 bring a plate of dessert for the CHILDREN to share (for example; fairy bread, cup cakes, slice, ginger bread man etc).

We ask that parents with their Eldest Child in Year 4/5/6 bring a plate of dessert for the ADULTS to share.

Please provide desserts that do NOT require a bowl - Finger Food Only. Please provide the desserts on a Disposable plate/platter. Please note that the fridge and freezer will NOT be available on the evening.

We look forward to seeing as many families and friends on the night.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 25th November by returning the slip below to the school office.

The __________________________ Family will/will not be attending the P&F End of Year Celebrations on Thursday, 3rd December 2015.

Please indicate how many adults and children will be attending for catering:

[  ] Adults
[  ] Children
This week's year 3/4 'Mad Minute Champion' is Ryan pictured here being presented with the trophy from last week's champion—Heidi. Well done!

Pictured Left: Harry Bange is congratulated for recently competing in the Too-woomba Little Athletics Championships and subsequently being selected to compete in the Queensland Little Athletics’ Championships in Brisbane. Well done and Good Luck Harry.

Pictured Above: Amber (left) and Blaie (Right) being presented with this week’s Principal’s award for their outstanding leadership and classroom work.

Yesterday the years Prep to 4 students attended the Clifton Remembrance Day Service. The students were on their best behaviour and represented their school very well.

Sight Words Champs!

Well done Lilly Coupe.

Well done Matilda, Lily, Tia, Nate and Max on their sight words success.

Year 3/4 Building Bridges

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