1. Children are not pets.
2. The life they actually live and the life you perceive them to be living is not the same life.
3. Don't take what your children do too personally.
4. Don't keep score cards on them - a short memory is useful.
5. Dirt and mess are a breeding ground for well-being.
6. Stay out of their rooms after puberty.
7. Don't worry that they never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you.
8. Learn from them; they have much to teach you.
9. Love them long; let them go early.

**Finally.** You will never really know what kind of parent you were or if you did it right or wrong. Never. And you will worry about this and them as long as you live. But when your children have children and you watch them do what they do, you will have part of an answer.

Robert Fulham

Dear Parents

During the September holidays, Mrs Drysdale and I attended a Good Samaritans Gathering in Sydney. It was a special couple of days where we found out a great deal about the charism of our school and how to keep this special charism alive and vibrant in the 21st Century. We have come up with a number of ideas on how to continue to grow our Good Samaritan traditions and ideals which we will share with the school community next year.

Having chatted to a few parents, I have decided to include a section in the newsletter about past students’ achievements. If you know of any past students’ achievements in the classroom, sports field or even workplace, please let me know and I will endeavour to place it in our newsletter in future.
PROPOSED DEBUTANT BALL

There is a proposed Debutante Ball for 23rd or 30th May 2014. Parents of girls Grade 11 or 12 or who have recently left school, are invited to a planning meeting on the 31st October 2013 at the Catholic Presbytery at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Father Rod

Parent Contact details – Please ensure the school is kept up to date with your contact details (phone numbers, address etc) so the school is able to contact you. We have had a number of instances recently where phone numbers have changed and we have been unable to contact parents.

FETE: St Patrick’s, Allora

The St Patricks Fete in Allora will take place this Friday 18th October 2014.

Tuckshop Roster
October 18th- Katie Woodside
October 25th- Selena Rutherford

Club Hotel Raffle Roster
October 18th- S Ferguson & D Batham
October 25th- A Woodside & D Peardon

Past Student News………

♦ Emma-Lee Smith - UQ Young Achievers Scholarship which supports her for 4 years if she chooses to study at a UQ university
♦ Emma - Lee also received a USQ Young Achievers Award and will travel to Brisbane for a motivation day.
♦ Emma - Lee sat the international ICAS Maths exam in which she attained a Distinction placing her in the top 11% across the world. Well Done!

This Week’s Liturgy Roster
Saturday 19th October, 7pm
Welcoming: L May
POF/OHP: C Lucas
Readers: B Lack & M Wiedman
Offertory: J Nash & Family
Eucharistic: K Flynn & B Pollard
Cleaning: D Lyons, J Nash, M Stark, K Flynn, J Starr

Dates To Remember

OCTOBER
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. Everyone Welcome
5th - 7pm - P & F end of Year Celebration at School for all Parents and students.
6th - 11.00a.m. Xmas Assembly. School Closes at 11.30a.m.

2014
JANUARY
28th - School commences

FEBRUARY
14th - 16th Clifton Show
28th - P & F Meet and Greet (DATE CLAIM)

Quote of the Week

There is only one pretty child in the world... and every mother has it.

Chinese Proverb.

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal
Prep - 3 Train Ride on a Diesel Locomotive

Last Friday our Prep - 3 children were given the ride of their lives in an old train pulled by a Diesel Locomotive. The children were invited on this journey by the Queensland Historical Society. Once in Toowoomba, the children enjoyed a lovely picnic before travelling back to Clifton by bus. An exciting day was had by all.
The P&F would like to thank all families that could make it to the Movie Day during the September holidays. It was an entertaining day with the children having a great time watching The Smurf Movie and Bed Time Stories. A total of $241 was raised for the P & F and we hope we can build on this by hosting another Movie Day during the next holidays. A big thank you goes to Anne-Maree Bange and her helpers for putting on such an entertaining day.

Next week, Book Fair is here! This week the students have all had an opportunity to look through the Book Fair and think about titles they might like to own. Some have written a wish list to bring home. This is an indication of what they would like and does not oblige you to purchase. The Book Fair will be open from 8.00-8.45 am and from 3.00-3.30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and 8.00-8.45 am on Friday. There is a Variety Tray of items, priced from $1-$4. This tray contains erasers in different shapes and sizes and glittery pencils and pencil toppers. Please come along and visit the Book Fair. A percentage of all sales is returned to the school so the higher the sales, the more we receive. There will be a box of titles near the exit that the library would love to own. If you choose to, it would be wonderful if these titles could be purchased and donated to the library. We then gain a double benefit: a percentage of the sale to put toward another title, as well as the title itself.

HOLIDAY MOVIES

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Socktober – Let’s ‘Sock it to Poverty!'

This month is Catholic Mission month. Socktober is an initiative run by Catholic Mission. Next Wednesday, Oct 23rd, we are inviting children to wear a different pair of socks than they would normally wear with their uniforms. These can be as crazy as you like and you don’t have to just wear them on your feet. The children can be as creative as they like in how they wear their socks. We ask all children that decide to join in the fun to bring a gold coin donation that will go to Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission will use this money to help people less fortunate than ourselves.
YOUR CHILD’S P & F NEEDS YOU!!!!

After years of excellent and dedicated service, the “Old Guard” P & F committee is moving on. We need fresh talent and new faces to continue the fine tradition of the St Frannie’s P & F!!! The P & F is a good way to meet new people and make friends.

In the last few years, the P & F has supplied the school with among other things,
- Interactive Whiteboards for classrooms
- $12 500 of Library Books
- Swimming Lessons for all students
- Grounds Maintenance
- A great uniform shop
- A wonderful Tuckshop
- Yearly funded Meet and Greet and end of Year functions.

We need to continue this great tradition of effective P & F community functions and fund raising. Our AGM is on Tuesday, 12 November 2013 where we will be seeking a number of parents to take up positions on the executive. We especially encourage parents of children in Prep-4 to join us.

NEWSFLASH!!! POSITION AVAILABLE:
Right now, we are looking for a Co-Ordinator to organise the Chip Van at the Clifton Show in 2014. This entails booking of the van, ordering chips and drinks, sorting out a roster, setting up and clearing up and to be available to replenish supplies over the weekend. Please contact Chrissy Peardon on 46123 548 if you are interested. Chrissy, the current co-ordinator is taking over the role of Tuckshop convenor and will need to hand over the Chip Van to another dedicated parent.
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2014 Entrant
FRANCES HAYDEN
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MELBOURNE CUP
LUNCHEON
~ Chicken & Champagne
~ Centre Piece competition
~ Bar ~ Sweeps
~ Fashion Parade
By Cottage Drapery
5 NOVEMBER
Senior Citizens Centre Clifton
$25 Per Ticket

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FETE 18th October

St Patrick’s Fete
18th October
5.00pm—10pm
cnr Warwick
& Arnold Streets,
Allora

Face Painting
Glo Products
Jumping Castle
Fire Truck Rides
Animal Nursery
Slushies

Duck Races (Live)

Sheaf Pitching
competition

Anything Goes
auction race
‘start getting your team
of 4 together’

Bottle Stall (Tombola)
Homemade Cakes & Sweets
Bar & BBQ
Plants for sale

Fashion Parade
School Performance
Music live entertainment