Continuing our Lenten journey
Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone’s face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits – here in this world and in the world to come.

CARITAS – Each family received a Project Compassion box following the Ash Wednesday liturgy last week. Project Compassion 2016 celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. Through education, training and sharing knowledge, individuals and communities are empowered to transform their futures and create lasting change. Any spare change that you are able to save in your box will be collected at the end of Lent and sent to Caritas Australia for distribution amongst the most vulnerable people.

FAMILY SUNDAY MASS – 28 February 2016. A letter came home to parents at the end of last week inviting all community members to this celebration of the Eucharist. Could notes be returned to Mrs Doherty tomorrow (19 Feb) to assist with planning please. Many children will be involved in this Liturgy and we welcome all families to join with the Parish community to celebrate together. During this Liturgy, new school families will be formally welcomed into the community.

UPCOMING DATES:
Family Sunday Mass on Sunday 28 February at 5pm

Please note:
Email address is Kathleen.Doherty@twb.catholic.edu.au
Dates To Remember
February 2016
Information Night / Meet & Greet:
Thursday 18th
5:00pm - 6:00pm
6:00pm - 6:30pm New Parent’s Info
6:30pm - 7:30pm Information Session
Family Sunday Mass: Sunday 28th at 5pm
School Photo Day: Monday 29th

March 2016
Leadership Mass: Tuesday 1st at 2pm
Parish Fete: Sat 19th. Starting at 10am.
SFDS Cross Country: Friday 18th
(Wet day 23rd) Meal deals will be Available on the day.
Holy Thursday: 24th
Good Friday: 25th
Easter Sunday: 27th

April 2016
Parent / teacher interviews: 18th to the 22nd

SCHOOL CAMP
Dear Parents of our year 5/6 students,
A deposit of $250 for camp needs to be paid at our school office by the 29th of February. We would encourage you to make payments in advance at our school office. I would like to personally thank our wonderful parent volunteers who coordinated a number of fund-raising efforts, to make camp more affordable for everyone.

Kind regards,
Brendan O’Reilly

Angela Ehmer Website:
Angela offered parents the opportunity to use resources on her website for Literacy and Numeracy. Please see the details below:
literacysolutions.com.au

Literacy Solutions is an experienced team of literacy consultants. We have worked with Angela Ehmer from Literacy Solutions to enhance our school reading, teaching and learning practices. This year she will be visiting our school to coach and mentor the staff with current research based techniques to enhance writing. Angela has offered parents the opportunity to use her resources on her website for reading and writing activities. See the above website to access information and activities.

This Week’s Mass Roster
Saturday: 20th February 7 pm
Welcoming: M Cranitch
POF/OH: G Imhoff
Readers: K & M Cranitch
Offertory: P & J Fogarty
Eucharistic Ministers: P Tickner & M Baker
Church Cleaning: School

God Bless,
Brendan O’Reilly
Principal
SMS Text Messages. At times we will use this tool to communicate with parents of our school. This is an auto-generated email from the Human Edge SMS Server. Please do not reply to the text messages being sent. If you need to contact the school please phone 46973366 or email clifton@twb.catholic.edu.au

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-Maree Bange on 0413 127 398 for the P & F bank details as school fees are paid into a separate bank account.

Southern Downs Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday 17th of February, we had several swimmers represent St Francis de Sales at the Southern Downs Swimming Carnival. All students were commended on their great sportsmanship and had some outstanding results throughout the day. Congratulations on your achievements team; we are all very proud!

Southern Downs Participants
Michael Shingles
Kristy Shingles
Lily Rickert
Billy Joppich
Lacey Free
Charlee Murdoch - Age Champion

Clifton Show
Well done to everyone who participated and entered into the different events at the Clifton Show. It was great to see so many familiar names in many of the competitions including handwriting, baking, art, horse jumping, and heifer parading to name a few. We have a very talented group of students at our school!
A special congratulation goes to our students who represented our school in the Battle Of The Brains competition. The questions were certainly tricky, but it was great to see you all trying your best with some great results! All our teams did well, with one team placing fourth and another third.

Battle Of The Brains Participants
Hamish Rutherford
Sophie Willett
Laila Sly-Jackson
Aishlin Baldwin-Harrigan
Lachlan Peardon
Heidi Burton
Ryan Gillam
William Horton
Tamicka Farah
Joe Bange
Principal Awards

Charlee Murdoch joint Age Champion SD Swimming

Battle of the Brains
Southern Downs Swimming

Award Winners
MEET & GREET
The Meet & Greet is this evening from 5pm. This year, the P&F will provide party pies, sausage rolls and cheerios for the kids and nibbles for the parents. This is a wonderful opportunity for old families to come together, and for new families to meet and mingle with other parents. We look forward to catching up with you tonight.

CLIFTON SHOW (CHIP VAN) – P&F FUNDRAISER
Thank you to all the families that either volunteered time in the Chip Van or donated soft drinks which were sold over the weekend. The P&F successfully raised over $2,500. Thank you again for your support.

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be OPEN on Monday’s from 8:30am. The Uniform Shop Convenor, Jenny Gillam, can be contacted on 0408 198 538.

TUCKSHOP
Thank you to those families who have offered to help volunteer in the Tuckshop this term, we could not provide tuckshop without your support. PLEASE NOTE: There will NOT be any HELLO PANDAS for the rest of Term 1 due to supplier shortage. We will stock TINY TEDDIES as an alternative until the stock becomes available again.

Next P&F Meeting: 6pm – Wednesday, 9th March 2016
Please email your agenda items to: Clifton.PandF@twb.catholic.edu.au
2016 P&F Committee: Simone Gillam, Emma Gascoyne, Ann-maree Bange, Lisa Lucas

TUCKSHOP MEAL DEAL – $6.00
(Order Friday 19/2 for Friday 26/2)
Homemade Pizza & Pop Top or Popper for 1st Break and Homebake for 2nd Break
Pizza Options include HAWAIIAN or BBQ MEATLOVERS

With Deepest Sympathy

It has been a tough week in our local community with a number of loved ones passing away. The P&F sends our sincerest condolences to the families and friends of those affected. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.