20th March, 2015

HONESTY

Jesus, Your Words are carved for eternity! You have commanded the virtue of honesty. It is the power against all deceptions. Direct Your Spirit of honesty upon us, so that our souls may always remain stainless. Guide our daily thoughts, words and actions, To join those living by the Spirit of truth.

Amen

Dear Parents

The CEOT have requested that Mr Tyronne Maher remain in Inglewood for the last 3 weeks of this term due to the Principal of St Maria Goretti being unwell and not able to take up her position. Mr Maher will return to St Francis de Sales for the whole of Semester 2 as originally planned. We are most fortunate that Mrs Maher is able to continue teaching in the Year 3/4 classroom.

Vanuatu Appeal

We are holding a special appeal for the people of Vanuatu who were affected by Cyclone Pam in recent weeks. Mrs Drysdale checked online on how best to give some assistance to the people of Vanuatu from our community.

If every child in the school donated $1, we could raise enough money to provide 11 families with life-saving water kits that contain jerry cans and water disinfection material. For $2 each, we could pay for temporary toilets. We are setting a challenge for the school community (I will also ask the parish on Sunday), to see how much we can raise by next Wednesday for these unfortunate victims of the cyclone.

Angela Ehmer Visit

Angela Ehmer will be conducting Literacy in-service sessions with our teachers and classes on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Parents are welcome to attend a 40 minute session on Tuesday evening at 5.30pm where Angela will run a guided reading session with a group of younger students. I would especially encourage parents of children in the early years of school to attend this informative session.
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Supervision is provided from 8:30 am each morning. Children arriving before this time are required to sit quietly until a teacher comes on duty. No children should be at school before 8.15 am in the morning. After school supervision is provided until 3:30 pm. Please contact the school if you are running late.

TUCKSHOP

After the cross country on March 27th the P&F have generously donated iceblocks for the children. If your child has special dietary requirements please contact Christine on 0488425691 so we can ensure that we have an iceblock suitable for them to eat so they don't miss out.

Cross Country

Our cross-country event will take place next Friday, 27 March at the show grounds. The school will walk up to the show grounds at 9.00am and we hope to start the events by 9.30a.m. A list of events will be sent home next week.

Please ensure all Sponsorship forms and Money are returned to the school by Thursday of next week.

Parents and friends are welcome to come along and enjoy the event.

REMINDER:
School Mass this Sunday at 5.00pm. We encourage all families to join us for this important and sacred part of our school tradition.

Tuckshop Roster:

27th March - School Cross Country

Dates To Remember

March 2015
22nd - School Family Mass 5PM - Date Claim.
24/25th - Angela Ehmers Visit - Literacy Expert. 5.30 Demonstration Lesson.
27th - School X-Country Event
31st - P & F Meeting 6.30pm
30-1 April Year 3/4 Parent Teacher Meetings

April 2015
2nd - Term 1 Concludes - Easter Liturgy at 2.30 p.m.
12th - Felton Food Festival
20th - Term 2 Begins
20th - 23rd - Parent Teacher Interviews
24th - CD Cross Country
25th - Anzac Day March

MAY 2015
7th - SD Cross Country
9th - Race Day
12th - 14th - NAPLAN TESTS
22nd - Gala Day
24th - Family Mass 5pm. (Date Claim)
29th - Gala Day

JUNE 2015
8th - Queen's Birthday Holiday
19th - Art Show
25th Semester 1 Reports to Parents
26th - Term 2 Ends

Quote of the Week

Ask yourself this question:
"Will this matter a year from now?"
Richard Carlson.

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal
P&F NEWS:

Uniform News
The Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday 8.30-9am until the end of the year. Cash and cheque payments only. Contact Jenny on 0408198538 or email: bbnaumy@bigpond.com

Our next P&F meeting will take place on TUESDAY the 31st March at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Please remember to send in any agenda items before the meeting.

Please send any agenda items to the email address below.

Email address
Please feel free to contact us on our email address. Clifton.pandf@twb.catholic.edu.au

Triathlon results

Congratulations to all our students who took part in the Nobby Triathlon last Friday. From all accounts, our students gave of their very best to complete as many rounds of the grueling course as possible. Mr Maher also complimented our students on their good manners and excellent competitive spirit.

Compassion

In Manila some weeks ago a profound encounter was witnessed by thousands of people. Pope Francis was being welcomed by a young girl, Glyzelle Palomar, when she broke down and through her tears she asked the question: "Why do children suffer"?

Pope Francis did not respond with a theological lecture on the mystery of evil. Instead, visibly moved, he reached out and hugged Glyzelle, affirmed her tears, and then diverging from his prepared speech he responded from the heart saying, "Only when we are able to weep about the things that you lived can we understand something and answer something….. Today's world needs to weep," he said. "The marginalized weep, those left aside weep, the scorned weep ... but those of us who lead a life more or less without needs, don't know how to weep….. Certain realities of life are only seen with eyes cleansed by tears".

This encounter between Glyzelle Palomar and Pope Francis personifies the essence of compassion – an ability to enter into the suffering of another and feel it as one’s own…

Breege O'Neill rsm

Basketball:

Clifton Basketball sign up day 25th March 4.30 pm. All forms need to be filled out and paid for on the day.
$65.00 under 10s & $80.00 u14 s & Opens. Season starts after Easter.
5 -10 year olds play 3.45 pm
11 - 14 year olds play 4.30. Opens play 6 pm.
Phone Angela 0408987322 or Kay 46958575
SIGHT WORD CHAMPIONS
Well Done !!!

Liam Ruhle represented the Southern Downs Tennis Team at the Darling Downs Trials. Well done Liam.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TRIATHLON TEAM.

Well done Brianna and Lachlan for being runner’s up in their age group at the Triathlon.

Excellent effort Sophie for being Age Champion in her age group at the Triathlon.