WELCOME POPE FRANCIS 1.

Last week we welcomed our new Pope who was elected at the Papal conclave. Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, selected the name Francis 1 as his Papal name.

He is the first Pope to come from the Jesuit order, the first to take the name Francis and the first Latin American in the history of the Church. He was born in Buenos Aires on December 17, 1936. He studied and graduated as a chemical engineer, but then chose the priesthood.

On 20 May 1992 he was appointed titular Bishop of Auca and Auxiliary of Buenos Aires, receiving episcopal consecration on 27 June. On 3 June 1997 was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Buenos Aires and succeeded Cardinal Antonio Quarracino on 28 February 1998.

Let us pray for this new leadership in our Catholic Church.

Dear Parents and Friends

We look forward to seeing all the children and their families at our Palm Sunday School Mass this Sunday at 5.00pm. Please make the effort to join us in our First School Mass for the year. The children have learnt a number of songs and will be participating in the Mass. All parents and friends are also welcome next Tuesday at 12 noon for our Easter Liturgy.

Our annual Cross-Country event will take place next Monday from 9.30am at the Clifton Golf Club. We encourage all parents, family and friends to support the children in this great event. The program is published in our Newsletter today. Parents are to please return the reply slip about children needing transport to the event by tomorrow.

A reminder that bookings for our Race Day can be made by contacting Anne-Maree Bange on 0413127398. The event has already attracted 73 bookings with a maximum of 110 people able to attend the event. If you wish to be a part of this special day, contact Anne-Maree as soon as possible.
2014 ENROLMENTS

As we are fielding enquiries for enrolments for 2014, we need to know what spaces we have available.
To help in this regard, it is important that current school families who will have a child entering Prep in 2014 complete an enrolment form as soon as possible.
We already have a healthy enrolment for the Prep class next year and there are only limited places available.

Interviews will be held in May.
It is also important that families who will be leaving the school at the end of 2013 let us know as soon as a decision has been finalised.

SCHOOL FEES
School Fees are now overdue. Please endeavour to pay outstanding amounts as soon as possible.
Please remember that these fees help with the smooth running of the school and are vital to pay for most of our everyday expenses.

*It would be appreciated if any families having difficulty meeting this commitment could contact me as soon as possible.*

TUCKSHOP NEWS
There will be no tuckshop next week.

CHILDREN TO CHURCH
Lisa Lucas cordially welcomes all children to our Church every 4th Sunday (5pm mass) at 4:30pm to join her in a Children’s Rosary Group. Lisa will lead these sessions and guide the students in the praying of The Rosary starting Sunday the 24th of March, 2013.

This Week’s Liturgy Roster
24/03/13 Sunday 5pm

Welcoming:
POF/OHP: School
Readers: Fr Rod
Offertory: School
Eucharistic Ministers: School
Cleaning: J Cleary, B Lack, P Tickner, and J Lyons

Dates To Remember

March 2013
25th - School X-Country Event.
26th - School Easter Mass - 12 noon
28th - School closes at 3.00pm for the Easter Break
29th - Good Friday
31st - Easter Sunday

April 2013
1st - Easter Monday
9th - Pupil Free - Teacher In-service
10th - Pupil Free - Teacher In-Service
11th - Toowoomba Show Holiday
15th - Term 2 Begins (MONDAY)
18th - DD Netball trials
23 rd - P & F Meeting
24th - CD X-Country Trials
25th - Anzac Day

May 2013
2nd - S.D. Tennis Trials
8th - S.D. X-Country Trials
9th - Feast of Ascension
10th - (Fri) Mother’s Day Assembly 2pm
14th - 16th - NAPLAN
18th - P & F Inaugural Race Day

DATE CLAIMERS:

JUNE:
14th - SFDS ART SHOW (Friday - 6pm)
19th - Athletics Field Events (Wed - 10.30 am)
21st - Track and Field Carnival at school.

AUGUST:
31st - Father’s Day Bush Dance (Saturday Evening)

Club Hotel Raffle Roster
March 22nd - J Gillam & S Meara
March 28th - Thursday
J Gillam & S Meara

Quote of the Week
Best friends are the siblings God forgot to give us.

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal
P & F NEWS
The grass edges around the school need trimming - especially near the tank, sports shed and fences. We do not have our next working bee for at least a month and are asking parents to pop in and trim the edges in their spare time. It really does help to make the school look great.

PREP/1 EASTER MULTI-DRAW
Each family has received a book of 10 tickets. Tickets cost $2 each. The proceeds of the multi-draw will be donated to Shepherd's Keep, an AIDS Baby orphanage in Durban, South Africa. Tickets and money must please be sent to school by this Friday, 22/03/13. (Please send in ALL tickets, sold or unsold) The draw will take place on the last day of school this term. (Thursday, 28/03/13) Prizes include: A Beautifully Hand Crafted Quilt, Easter Cake and Easter hamper. If you wish to donate an Easter gift for the hamper, please drop it into the Prep/1 classroom.
Sight Word Champs
Well done!!

Tara Wilkinson with her St Francis de Sales School Horse Blanket. Congratulations on winning the Glennie School Equestrian event. The school is registered as an Equestrian School.
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