21 November, 2013

The Triple Filter Test

In ancient Greece, Socrates was reputed to hold knowledge in high esteem. One day an acquaintance met the great philosopher and said, "Do you know what I just heard about your friend?"

"Hold on a minute," Socrates replied. "Before you talk to me about my friend, it might be a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. That's why I call it the triple filter test. The first filter is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?"

"Well, no," the man said, "actually I just heard about it and…"

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don’t really know if it's true or not. Now, let's try the second filter, the filter of Goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my friend something good?"

"Umm, no, on the contrary…"

"So," Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about my friend, but you’re not certain it’s true. You may still pass the test though, because there’s one filter left—the filter of Usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my friend going to be useful to me?"

"No, not really."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

Dear Parents

I like the story above as it is a good message for our children and society in general to follow. It also fits in well with our school charism of the Good Samaritan. Please take time to chat to your children about the message in the story.

Next week is our penultimate week at school for the year. We start our swimming program on Monday and thank the P & F in advance for funding this most important part of our curriculum. Please ensure that your child brings his/her togs on Monday and a towel. Swimming times are on the next page and parents (especially P/1) are welcome to attend and help with the lessons. We hope that this swimming block will continue to be a positive experience for all.

We have a number of children who will be confirmed by Bishop McGuckin tomorrow evening at 7.00 p.m. Friends and relatives are welcome to attend. These children will also celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday Morning at 9.00a.m. We strongly encourage all students to attend this service to support the children.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend our annual Cricket Match vs Clifton State School from 11.30 a.m. on the school oval next Wednesday and to our Instrumental Music Students’ Concert which will take place next Thursday morning at 8.45 a.m.
SCHOOL FEES:
School Fees are now overdue. Please endeavour to pay any fees owing by Friday, 29 November 2013.

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

UNIFORMS
Sizes 2-8 sports socks are now available.

Tuckshop
As the end of the year approaches, stocks in the tuckshop will start to run out. Items such as plain chips & Lol’s have already run out. These items will be replaced by a similar alternative. Please be willing to accept these replacements as we wind up another great year in the Tuckshop.

Thanks
Carolyn Stace

SWIMMING TIMES:

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On Wednesday, the Year 4/5 & 6/7 will swap times.

This Week’s Liturgy Roster
Sunday 24th November, 9am

Welcoming: E Lyons
POF/OHP: First Communion
Altar: C Lyons & P O’Brien
Readers: First Holy Communion
Offertory: First Holy Communion
Eucharistic: Cleaning: M Cranitch, B Naumann, M Gillam, K Cranitch, J Cleary, B Dator

Dates To Remember

NOVEMBER
22nd - Confirmation Retreat Day
22nd - Confirmation - 7pm - Bishop McGuckin
24th - First Communion - 9.00a.m.
25th - 27th Swimming Lessons (Mon/Tues/Wed)
28th - Cricket Game vs Clifton State School
29th - School Swimming Carnival

DECEMBER
5th - 6.00pm Year 7 Farewell Mass in Church + all students to attend. Everyone Welcome
5th - 7.15pm - P & F end of Year BBQ Celebration at School for all Parents and students.
6th - 11.00a.m. Xmas Assembly. School Closes at 11.30a.m.

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JANUARY
18th - School Office will be open
18th - 22nd Pupil Free - Staff In -Service.
27th - Working Bee at School 8.00 - 11.00
27th - Uniform Shop Open 8.00 - 11.00
28th - School commences

FEBRUARY
9th - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
14th - 16th Clifton Show
28th - P & F Meet and Greet (DATE CLAIM)

March
15th - Parish Fete at the school.
18th - 20th LITERACY WORKSHOPS

Tuckshop Roster

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

Unknown

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal
**Christmas Hamper**

It is that time of year when we need to turn our attention to those that are less fortunate than ourselves. As we have done every year, we are asking you to bring in **one or two items of food** (with an extended period of time before expiry) each week. The display in the office only has a few items on it; so please don’t delay, send in your items.

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**Confirmation Retreat Day**

Students who are to be confirmed will have a retreat/preparation day at school on Friday 22nd November. During this time they will review their lessons and practise for both the Confirmation Rite that night, and First Communion on the Sunday morning. Children may wear appropriate free dress and may order lunch from the tuckshop if desired. The day commences at 9:00 am and concludes at 3:00pm.

Pat Tickner.

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**Tuckshop**

As this is my last tuckshop week as convenor for the school, I would like to thank all the lovely ladies (& men!) who made my six years in the job such a fun and rewarding experience. Many thanks to Chrissy Peardon who will take over next year and I hope you will give her the same support you’ve given me. Helping in tuckshop is an excellent way to get to know other parents and I urge anyone who is able to give it a try.

Merry Christmas
Carolyn Stace

All parents who helped in the Tuckshop this year are invited to a morning tea next **Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. at the Jam Factory**. On behalf of the staff and students, I wish to say a very big thank you to Carolyn and all her helpers this year and in previous years. You have provided a valuable service to all the families at the school.

God Bless,
Brett Pollard
End of year celebration.

Once the end of year mass has concluded everyone is invited to join us all at the school for an end of year BBQ.

This year the P & F are going to try something new. Something with a little less clean up.

The P & F will provide the meat which will be BBQ Rib Fillet and Chicken with a bun and coleslaw. Sausage on bread will be provided for the children.

We ask that parents with their eldest child in Prep/1/2 or 3 bring a plate to share for dessert for the CHILDREN. Example Fairy Bread, Patty cakes, Slice, Ginger Bread Man, Christmas Biscuits. Etc. Finger desserts only.

For the eldest child in Years 4/5/6 and 7, to bring a plate to share for dessert for the ADULTS. Please note that the freezer and fridge will be unavailable for this night and desserts need to be placed on a throw away plate. Finger desserts only.

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

Number’s attending, due back by Friday, 22 November. Please complete the catering slip below and return it to school.

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The ………………… Family, ……..Adults (Number) and ……………. Children,

(will/ will not) be attending the P & F end of year celebrations on Thursday, 5 December 2013.

We can supply a …………………………………… dessert. (Children’s dessert or Adult’s Dessert).

Signed: …………………………………………………..