A Hug

It's wonderous what a hug can do.
A hug can cheer you when you're blue.
    A hug can say, "I love you so,"
    Or, "Gee, I hate to see you go."
    A hug is, "Welcome back again."
And, "Great to see you! Where've you been?"

A hug can soothe a small child's pain,
    and bring a rainbow after rain.
The hug! There's just no doubt about it-
    we scarcely could survive without it!
A hug delights and warms and charms.
    It must be why God gave us arms.

A hug can break the language barrier,
    and make your travels so much merrier.
No need to fret about your store of 'em,
    the more you give, the more there's more of 'em.
    So stretch those arms without delay
    and give someone a hug today!
    -Author Unknown-

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful turnout to the Meet and Greet last Friday night.
The night was enjoyed by the many parents, children and teachers who attended. Our thanks go to all those who contributed in any way to make this such a wonderful occasion.

This week there is a note from Shane Meara (President of P&F Association) regarding a fund raiser that is coming up, so be sure to consider being part of this event.
School Fees

School Fees for Term 1 have been sent home with the due date for the payment of Term 1 Fees being next Monday, 28 February. 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.

Parish Camp Weekend

This year, the Parish community (including Clifton, Leyburn and Cambooya/Greenmount) will be celebrating our Parish Weekend away at MAROON DAM on the weekend of 18th and 19th of March. Kerry and Maria Cranitch are organizing this year’s event which promises to be an enjoyable weekend. We will be staying in two large houses near the dam. Each house can sleep 15 people and has its own facilities. We need to know if you can be part of this exciting weekend. The cost will be $20 per person per night. Children under 6 are free. To assist with the organizing, please call Kerry Cranitch on 0427663450 or 466634450 or Pat Tickner on 0410415067 or 46 123 116.

Instrumental Music Lessons

Instrumental music lessons are available during school time on Wednesdays, half-hour lessons are held in small groups of 2 or 3. Choose from flute, clarinet, saxophone and piano. Woodwind Instrument hire is available from the school at reasonable cost. Lessons are $12.50 per half hour and are billed to parents at the beginning of each term. Children will need to be in years 4 to 7 for woodwind instruments and years 2 – 7 for piano. If you are interested in music lessons for your child, please ask at the office for a form which you can fill out and return to school. If you have any questions please e-mail Chris Buckley on yougotbuckleys4@bigpond.com

P & F FUNDRAISER

HELPERS REQUIRED

Roll the Dice Run – Saturday 5th March.
St Francis de Sales Parents and Friends will be catering for a “Roll the Dice Run” on Saturday the 5th March. This event is sponsored by the Warwick Rotary Club, and we have been asked to supply lunch. Volunteers will be required to assist with the catering prior to the event, and to help on the day. It is expected that the group of bikers will be at our school for less than an hour, so your time will be needed for a short time only. Please seriously consider helping out to make this fundraiser for our school a success, complete the form on the next page, and return to school ASAP.

Students of the Week
Dates To Remember

February 2011
22/23rd - Principals’ Meetings (Chinchilla)
24/25th - Early Years Conference - Mrs Skillington presenting)

March 2011
1st - P&F Meeting
2nd - 4th Principals’ Meetings
5th/6th - Mary McKillop Club
7th - Parish Council Meeting
12th - School Parish Mass
18th/20th - Parish Camp
18th -(Noon) Netball and Rugby League Trials
21st - School Cross Country Allora
31st - Toowoomba Show Holiday

April 2011
4th-8th Parent-Teachers interviews
13th April - Central Downs Cross Country
Pilton
14th April - Term 1 Ends (3.00pm)
15th April - Pupil Free Day ACARA Inservice

School Board

Expressions of interest are invited from current parents of St Francis de Sales School who may wish to serve the educational goals of the School through membership of the St Francis de Sales School Board. The Board will meet monthly. The Board’s mandate identifies its primary function as shaping the educational vision by discerning educational goals.

No qualifications are needed, just common sense and a ‘big picture’ view of the whole school. We are looking for people who have a real interest in the welfare of the school and our children and who possess a willingness to collaborate with others in decision making.

An induction course will be held by Toowoomba Catholic Education to help members of the board in their role.

If you would like to nominate either yourself or someone else please apply in writing via the School Office before the end of term.

ATTENTION concerned year 2/3 parents.

Despite all rumours, when Mrs Drysdale decides on having a pirate dress up day you will be given sufficient notice with a note sent home detailing the event.

Please disregard everything you have been forced to believe so far !!!

SKI TRIP

REMINDER:
There will be a Ski Trip meeting Tuesday 1st March at the Multi Purpose Room starting at 6pm.

Clothing Pool

Please note that the clothing pool will now be open on Thursday Afternoons from 2.30pm - 3.30 pm and not Wednesdays as previously advertised. Please phone Shannon Daffey if you need an item of clothing between times. Ph: 0417 165 834

Quote of the Week

Charity, good behaviour, amiable speech, unselfishness — these by the chief sage have been declared the elements of popularity.

Burmese Proverb

God Bless,

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal

Club Hotel Raffle Roster

Feb 25th
K Joppich & P Stace

Mar 4th
K Flynn & D Richardson
Clifton Football Fanatics
Sign Up Days

17.02.11 and 24.02.11
3.00pm to 4.30pm

At the Centenary Park next to the Post Office.
Players must be five years old.
New Players need birth certificates.
Cost $130 including shirt and socks.

Last Sign On for
Warwick District Football Association - Juniors
Saturday, 5 March 2011
from 9 am to 12 pm
at the Football Club
Enquiries to Jon Pearson on 0448603860

“Roll the Dice” Run 5th March. Please tick beside how you will be able to help.

NAME__________________________________________________

I can supply fillings for the sandwiches. (nominate type please)______________________

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I am available to make sandwiches on Saturday morning 5th March.

I am available to make slices or cakes. (please wrap individual slices in good size pieces)

I/We are available to help with the BBQ on the day.

Year 7 School Leaders 2011, pictured with Father Thomas and Mr Pollard
Mary MacKillop Club

On Saturday and Sunday March 5 and 6 an introductory course will be held for parents and students who expressed interest in becoming involved in the club. This session will be conducted by the sisters of St Joseph. Please complete the attached form indicating your availability to attend this two day introduction. More details will follow as they arrive.

NUMBERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS FRIDAY (25th Feb)
FOR THE CLUB TO PROCEED

Mary MacKillop Club

I ______________________
and my child/children

Will be available on the weekend of March 5/6 to attend the Mary MacKillop Club Introductory Session.

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