Lord, Jesus Christ,

Truly you are the Good Samaritan,
The Divine Neighbour, Who has stopped by the side of the road,
To soothe the wounds of our suffering, our weakness, our sin.

You call us to be neighbours to one another, Especially to those most in need of our love and care.

Today I join my prayers, my sacrifices, all that is worthy in these waking hours,
With the compassionate work of Catholic Charities.
May those charged with ministering on its behalf see themselves as the loving eyes and heart and hands of Christ.

May they find, in the persons they serve, the eyes of Christ returning their gaze.
Teach us, O Lord, each day, To search life’s roadsides and ditches,
For the fallen, the weary, the wounded, the lonely, the poor.
May we not “pass by on the other side”, but, like the Good Samaritan, stoop to help, to heal, to carry the person to an inn of hope.

Amen

Dear Parents

Our appeal from the P & F for a Chip Van co-ordinator for next year’s Clifton Show, has paid dividends ,with the Fogarty/Ruhl families offering to organise this important fundraiser for us. I thank them for their generous offer of help. I would like to encourage all parents to join us for the P & F AGM to be held on Tuesday, 12 November 2013. We would like to grow an even stronger P & F community to help in fund raising and maintenance of the school. The meetings are only held once a month and are usually completed in 90 minutes. It is a great time to come and be part of your child’s school community.

We recently encouraged all parents, students (5-7) and staff to take part in the School Improvement Survey. We had a rather poor response with only 6 families taking part, however, the feedback about the school from all respondents was most affirming. I have included a sample of comments made by students( anonymous of course) on page four of the newsletter.

The Book Fair has been a roaring success so far and the last chance for purchasing will be tomorrow morning from 8.00 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. If you have not already done so, please come along and purchase a very reasonably priced book for your child.
**PROPOSED DEBUTANT BALL**

There is a proposed Debutante Ball for 23rd or 30th May 2014. Parents of girls Grade 11 or 12 or who have recently left school, are invited to a planning meeting on the 31st October 2013 at the Catholic Presbytery at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Father Rod

**Parent Contact details** – Please ensure the school is kept up to date with your contact details (phone numbers, address etc) so the school is able to contact you. We have had a number of instances recently where phone numbers have changed and we have been unable to contact parents.

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**Tuckshop Roster**

October 25th - Selena Rutherford
November 1st - Ball Games Carnival

**Club Hotel Raffle Roster**

October 25th - A Woodside & D Peardon
November 1st - T Gillam & J Willet

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**This Week’s Liturgy Roster**

Sunday 27th October, 5pm

*Welcoming:* J Meara  
*POF/OHP:* School  
*Altar:* C Lyons & P O’Brien  
*Readers:* School  
*Offertory:* School  
*Eucharistic:* School

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**Dates To Remember**

**OCTOBER**

25th - Prep Open Day  
27th - School Mass 5pm  
31st - Reader’s Cup - Holy Name

**NOVEMBER**

1st - Inter-school Ball Games at Emu Creek  
1st - Principals’ Meeting Toowoomba  
15th - Prep Open Day  
22nd - Confirmation Retreat Day  
22nd - Confirmation - 7pm - Bishop McGuckin  
24th - First Communion - 9.00a.m.  
25th - 27th Swimming Lessons (Mon/Tues/Wed)  
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.

**2014**

**JANUARY**

28th - School commences

**FEBRUARY**

14th - 16th Clifton Show  
28th - P & F Meet and Greet (DATE CLAIM)

**2014 March**

15th - Parish Fete at the school.

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**Quote of the Week**

*People do not seem to realize that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.*  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**UNIFORMS**

Sizes 2-8 sports socks are now available.

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**Congratulations to Travis McDougall on receiving the Mayoral School Achievement Award from the Mayor of Toowoomba.**

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**God Bless,**  
Brett Pollard  
Principal
Our school congratulates and salutes Tara Wilkinson who recently represented the school in the Australian Interschool Equestrian Championships. The Wilkinson family drove over to Perth with two horses in tow for Tara to compete in the Championships.

Following an exciting 6 day drive over to Perth and 5 day rest for the horses, Tara competed over four days in four different equestrian disciplines. With placings each day Tara’s overall results in the Primary Schools section were; 5th Showjumping, 4th Showhorse, 6th Combined Training, 9th Dressage, 3rd team Showjumping and 2nd team Showhorse, while Queensland took out runner up to the host State for the overall championship.

A sausage sizzle will be held next Tuesday, 29 October 2013 to help the family with some of the costs for the competition. A sausage on bread and a popper will cost $2.00. Please support our fundraiser.

The school offers to hold a sausage sizzle to help children with some of the costs when representing the school in the DD/Qld or Australian Teams.
Socktober – Let’s ‘Sock it to Poverty!’

This month is Catholic Mission month. Socktober is an initiative run by Catholic Mission. Next Wednesday (30/10/13) we are inviting children to wear a different pair of socks than they would normally wear with their uniforms.

These can be as crazy as you like and you don’t have to just wear them on your feet. The children can be as creative as they like in how they wear their socks. We ask all children that decide to join in the fun to bring a gold coin donation that will go to Catholic Mission. Catholic Mission will use this money to help people less fortunate than ourselves.

Comments from the School Improvement Survey

- We pray every lunch time to give thanks for the food we are about to eat
- The school is always offering gifts to the homeless
- I think we should learn more about the school's history and the Good Samaritan Sisters
- I feel safe when at school
- They let us go to a lot of sporting events. They make me feel safe at school.
- The teachers always make me feel safe at school and we are always free to speak to them if we are upset.
- I would like more play time at afternoon tea.
- Our school stops bullying as soon as it starts
- My teacher always gives me constructive feedback and doesn't say its good if it isn't
- This is the best school!
- I love this school. The teachers take care of me so much and I feel really safe and comfortable at St Francis de Sales.
- All of the teachers are caring at the school.
- Our school is nearly always clean.
- This is a very good school and it is the best!
- I like the way my teachers teach at school because it is fun.

School Commendations:
- The good thing about this school is that there is lots of sporting equipment and there are lots of caring people.
- The school offers many wonderful opportunities including social activities, sporting activities and academic opportunities.
- This school has helped me achieve my best for 8 years and I have really benefitted from the great teacher's help. I love coming to school because I feel safe and I gets loads of brilliant help.

Issues of Concern:
- There are no concerns whatsoever at school - it is a very good school.
- The toilets need improving.
STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES
Semester 2, 2013

Bus Fare Assistance
- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $22/week* on fares to and from school (* $17/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities
- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school’s learning support teacher assessed your child’s travel capability rating as ‘semi-independent’ or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2013.
Late applications cannot be accepted.

CLIFTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

invites

Prospective students, parents & interested community members
to our
Open Day and Showcase

Date: Friday, 25 October 2013
Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Place: CSHS, Multi-Purpose Centre
RSVP: to your local school or CSHS by Wednesday 23 October 2013

Come along to see what your local high school has to offer!

Support Clifton Showgirl
2014 Entrant
FRANCES HAYDEN
MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
- Chicken & Champagne
- Centre Piece competition
- Bar
- Sweeps
- Fashion Parade
By Cottage Drapery
5 NOVEMBER
Senior Citizens Centre Clifton
$25 Per Ticket

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