26th November 2015

Dear Parents

We held the St Francis de Sales Has Talent contest on Tuesday. We do have a great deal of talented children and I commend them for their participation in the early rounds. Congratulations to the class level winners, Prep - Stevie Olsen, Year1/2 - Lily Maher, Year 3/4 - Lacey Free Year 5/6 Tamicka Farah. The overall winner for 2015 was Michael Shingles - well done!!

I would like to encourage all families to join us next Thursday evening for the End of Year farewell BBQ. We will be saying farewell to our Year 6 students as well as Mr Maher, Miss Nystrom and myself. I am sure that most of the students would like to farewell the teachers and their own friends. We start the evening with a Mass at 6pm followed by the BBQ.
SCHOOL FEES:
School Fees for Term 4 have been sent home and are due for payment. Please remember that these fees help with the smooth running of the school and are vital to pay for most of our everyday expenses.
We especially need to pay all our end of year bills before the Summer break and make a final balancing of accounts to hand over to the new Principal.
It would be appreciated if any families having difficulty meeting this commitment could contact me as soon as possible.

Library Returns
As part of our annual stocktake we are asking that all students get their books back to the library. We thank parents in advance for your assistance in helping your child locate these books. This includes Home Readers.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Please ensure that a note is sent with your child if you want your child to go home with any other parents after the Christmas Assembly.
A note will also be required if you wish your child to accompany other parents to the local swimming pool.
The Christmas Assembly starts at 11.00 a.m.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2015
27th - Swimming Carnival
30th - Year 5/6 Cricket Match

December 2015
3rd - Year 6 Farewell Mass and Parent BBQ 6pm
4th - End of year Nativity Assembly (11.00) School Closes after assembly.

DATE CLAIMERS:
25 January - Bring Supplies to school 2.00 - 3.00pm
27 January - Term 1 Begins
9 February - African Drummers Show
29 February 2016 - School Photos
15/16 March - Angela Ehmer
19 March 2016 - PARISH FETE

UNIFORM SHOP NOW OPEN ON TUESDAYS 8.30am.
If you have any questions or need to place an order please contact Jenny Gillam on 0408198538.

Uniform shop will be open on 19th & 20th January 2016 from 9.30am to 11.30am.

For uniform Direct Debit PAYMENTS please phone Anne-Maree Bange on 0413 127 398 for the P & F bank details as school fees are paid into a separate bank account.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Kind words are the music of the world.
F. W. Faber

God Bless,
Brett Pollard
Principal
P&F NEWS

RAIN WATER TANKS
The tank pads were done last Friday – thanks again to Mark Cunning and his brother for providing the use of your machinery and working on your RDO to prepare the tank pads – it is very much appreciated. The tanks were installed on Wednesday and all the plumbing will be done in the next week. Thank you to everyone who is donating their time and expertise to this project. Thank you to Matt from Raff Hardware and Father Rod for helping Jason with installing the tanks on Wednesday and thank you to Greg Bowe from Plumbow who is connecting up the plumbing.

END OF YEAR – HELP NEEDED!
As the year draws to a close there are a few jobs that we need help with. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Tuckshop – annual clean including all cupboards, fridges and freezers. Please let Anna know if you can help.

End of Year BBQ – if you could please lend a hand on the night with cooking the BBQ or any other jobs we might have would be great, thank you.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL – BBQ LUNCH
The P&F will be cooking a BBQ at the Swimming Carnival. Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered their lunch.
We will have $5 Hamburgers and $2 Sausage on Bread available on the day, however pre-ordered lunches will be served first. Any remaining sausages and burgers will be served on a first in, first served basis.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION - BBQ
If you have not yet sent in your RSVP for the End of Year Celebration please return the form by Friday so catering can be finalised. We look forward to seeing everyone on the night.

Next P&F Meeting: 6pm – Wednesday, 10th February 2016
Please email your agenda items to: Clifton.PandF@twb.catholic.edu.au
2016 P&F Committee: Simone Gillam, Emma Gascoyne, Ann-maree Bange, Lisa Lucas

End of Year Celebration – 3rd December, 6pm

We ask that parents with their Eldest Child in Prep/1/2/3 bring a plate of dessert for the CHILDREN to share (for example; fairy bread, cup cakes, slice, ginger bread man etc) and parents with their Eldest Child in Year 4/5/6 bring a plate of dessert for the ADULTS to share.

The ___________________________________________ Family will/will not be attending the P&F End of Year Celebrations on Thursday, 3rd December 2015.

Please indicate how many adults and children will be attending for catering:

[ ] Adults
[ ] Children
Minnie Vinnies Christmas Appeal

We are coming up to that festive time of the year yet again where we, as a Christian community, need to remember and help those people in our area that are less fortunate than ourselves. This year we are again encouraging all of our families to bring non-perishable items into the foyer of the school office for our Minnie Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Items are to be placed in (or around) the ‘Christmas Tree’. Watch this space each week for an update of our collection. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

CLIFTON NEWS

For all your back to school requirements.

Drawn on Australia Day 2016

1st Prize
1 child will win $20 off their book list entered now.

2nd Prize
1 child will win $10 off their book list entered now.

3rd Prize
1 child will win $5 off their book list entered now.

Just fax, email or drop your booklists in early and pick them up at your convenience.

We have a large range of book covers and can handle both primary and secondary booklist orders in the local and surrounding areas.

Compare our back to school prices and win by keeping your money book.

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Congratulations Azri-Ella on completing her Multi-Lit Ryan and Billy tied in the mad minute this week with both boys scoring 40 out of 40 for the 3 times tables. As per the rules, Billy, being the more junior of the two boys received the trophy for the final time this year. Congratulations!
Camping
Stashing our bags into the car grinning while we’re singing
Starting to drive down the road we’ve stuffed the car with clothing.
We arrived at our camp, tore open the bag of marshmallows,
We had some dinner and heard short stories about some scary fellows.
We heard a bang, we saw a shadow and heard an owl hoot,
it got chilly, we started to freeze so we popped on our boots.
We hopped into bed, slept like a baby and we heard Dad snore,
We heard a person call for help and we thought he was poor.
We woke at midnight we saw some fireworks – it was quite loud,
Explosions filled the sky and I smelt the smoke from the clouds.
We went to bed and fell back to sleep and woke with a start,
The tent had caught on fire, straight for home we ran really fast.

By Laila, Emma, Mitchell

Christmas Holidays
Opening the big presents is the greatest gift of all,
Putting up the shiny brand new balls as one big ball falls,
Santa’s beard is as white as snow when he flew through the air,
Looking up above when he flew through the sky like a big flare.
When Santa got back he was tired and needed a nap,
When Santa was home he went and danced and did some cool tap.
Santa put the deer in their stable ready to rest,
Santa at some big red cookies with milk that are the best.
Santa is waiting for another year to come back ‘round’,
The elves were looking for Santa’s present but it was found.
They were all happily drinking coffee when a storm came,
The happy elves were happily playing some cool fun games.
Santa went and fed the deer and checked on his big red sleigh,
He went in for a rest before he was to be away.
Santa was in the big bed reading a big thick book,
Mr Claus was in the kitchen trying to be a cook.

By Heidi, Lacey and Noah

Rugby
Whistling though the air a ball cutting through the sky,
Jumping over the other players as if I could fly.
Running down the hundred metre field I take a huge leap,
Skidding over the line I score a try, siren goes beep.
Kicking the conversion the ball flies straight through the goal post,
Roaring is the crowd at the stadium on the west coast.
Scraping off the fresh wet mud and in the locker their towels turn brown,
Driving the limo to the party for the football crown.

By William, Billy, Matty, Kasius and Andi.

Mud
Diving into the slippery mud, my fantastic soul delight,
Grinding in my slimy toes the ‘funnest’ of my life.
My wet feet were as dark as chocolate, lumpy as a rock,
As I walked through the mud my feet were as heavy as a block.
By Ryan, Mitchell W., Anthony, Krish and Myckeai.

Mr Cat’s Diary
Sitting on a purple sofa, pondering ‘bout his day,
Mr Cat sat and decided all the happy games he’d play.
‘I think I’d like to pounce on dog, then bounce on him like Roo,
And to not disturb dog I’ll buy some really comfy shoes.
So as quiet as a mouse his shoes, pillows on his feet,
He crept towards sleeping dog- his enemy to defeat.
Cunning as a fox, and as sneaky as a snake he crept,
Towards the laundry silently where the sleepy dog slept.
As he turned the final corner he growled at what he found,
Dog was in Mr Cat’s basket instead of on the ground.
Mr Cat was enraged he gave dog’s thick tail a sharp hard pull,
Dog yelped as Cat pounced and rode him like a wild, crazy bull.

By Jess, Harry, Cam and Lilly

Flat Out Motorbike
Riding down the wet track when suddenly there were some rocks,
My bike began to slip and slide like it was wearing socks.
The bike went over a cliff, it took off like a flyer,
Coming down fast I landed on top of the sharp barbed wire.

By Hardy, Poppy, Rylan, Clare and Tallis.