

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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*From the Principal / APRE- Brendan O'Reilly*

Dear Parents,

This week I will be attending a Leadership Forum held at the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office (TCSO). Throughout the year, all school leaders are required to attend these professional development (PD) days. There will also be a number of days throughout the year when our staff attend PD days. It is an important part of our respective roles to keep abreast of the many changes occurring within the education sector.

## **Absent students**

A huge thanks to the majority of families who do make efforts to call us and let us know if your child will be absent and why they are absent. In the interests of your child's safety and to ensure our school rolls are marked correctly, we need this information. On another positive note, our school uniform is being worn correctly and the students are punctual so thank you!

## **CD Sport trials**

Please be aware that Rugby League, Netball and Soccer nominations have been sent in and all students have been given their signed medical forms. The students need to take these forms with them on the day. Parents are responsible for transporting and supervising students at these carnivals. Please ensure your child has the correct equipment, sun screen and plenty of water for the trials. Best of luck for all of the students.

**Netball**– 12:00 until 2:30pm at St Patrick's Allora

**Rugby League**– 12:30 until 2:00pm at the Clifton Recreation Reserve (show grounds)

**Soccer**– 12:00 to 2:30pm at Clifton State Primary School

**School Photos**–Students personalised envelopes with their name and bar code have been sent home. Please return this envelope to school if you are ordering or not. Any questions about this service can be referred directly to MSP Photography on 3848 3946.

Peace and Best Wishes  
Brendan

## SHROVE TUESDAY or PANCAKE TUESDAY

The name Shrove comes from the word "shrive" which means to confess. On Shrove Tuesday, in the Middle Ages, people used to confess their sins so that they were forgiven before the season of Lent began. Shrove Tuesday is celebrated the day before Ash Wednesday and is therefore the final day before the commencement of Lent. Lent is traditionally a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed during Lent! Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which used to be forbidden during Lent. The funds raised by the students purchasing the pancakes will go towards our Project Compassion appeal.



## LENT: TIME FOR A LITTLE RISK TAKING?

Which type of person are you, a risk-taker or a security-seeker? Some people really love taking risks as is instanced in the emergence of extreme sports; these participants love the rush of adrenaline and the feeling of escaping the ordinary. However, most of us are not risk-takers but security-seekers committed to a lifestyle of playing it safe. In reality, risk-taking is part of everyday life and is taken for granted in matters from food consumption to travelling by car. The great motivational speaker and author, Zig Ziglar, put it neatly when he said, "It's risky when a plane leaves the runway, but that's what planes are for. It's more risky for the plane to sit there and accumulate rust."

The Season of Lent is upon us again and it is a time for us to focus intentionally on what helps or hinders our commitment to Christ. It may be better not to give up something but to take on something, to build up our spiritual muscles. How about this for taking on something: "There was a woman in Swaziland, Orma Mavimbela, who had a well-paid job in the civil service. She felt called to do something for the AIDS orphans whom she saw daily around her. So, she gave up her job and paid for three feeding centres where children could get a meal, receive some loving care and play games. Pretty risky; what happens when her money runs out?" Source: Going Global.

Of course, few of us are in a position to do as Orma did but what can each of us do? We are all made in the image of God but we may not be so Christ-like in our behaviour. Maybe this Lent we could take part in some minor risk-taking. One more quote from Zig Ziglar: "You will get all you want in life, if you help enough people to get what they need."



**Thank you so much to Thane Hilton, Jessica Wardlaw and their respective families for supporting the Project Compassion launch on Sunday morning.**

### **Representative Sport Dates for 2020**

Please keep an eye on dates as they are subject to change.

Central Downs (CD) or  
Southern Downs (SD)

CD Rugby League, Friday 28th Feb  
SD Rugby League, Friday 13th March

CD Soccer, Friday 28th Feb  
SD Soccer, Friday 13th March

CD Netball, Friday 28th Feb  
SD Netball, Friday 13th March

CD Tennis, Monday 16th March  
SD Tennis, Wednesday 6th May

CD Triathlon, Friday 20th March

CD Track and Field, Wed 22nd & Thurs 24th July  
SD Track and Field, 13th August

CD Cross Country, Wednesday 1st April  
SD Cross Country, Thursday 30th April

GALA DAYS for Rugby League, Soccer and Netball  
Friday 15th and 29 August

### **REPRESENTATIVE SPORT**

The following students in the upper years have expressed interest in trialling for district and representative teams throughout the year. Communication relating to these trials will be handed only to those who have nominated.

These students have nominated for their chosen sports below;

**Rugby League**– Bailey G, Lucas S, Thane H, Nait L, Nate M, Jack B and Max P.

**Soccer**– Roxy W, Sam W, Callum R

**Netball**– Jorja L,

**Tennis**– Riley C

**The Nobby triathlon**– Eve S, Thomas P, Archie J, Tia W, Callum R, Havanna H, Roxy W, Jess W, Nate M

#### **Mass Times**

**Clifton: 1st Sunday– 7:30am**

**2nd, 3rd & 5th Saturday-7pm**

**4th Sunday-Family Sunday Mass at 5pm**

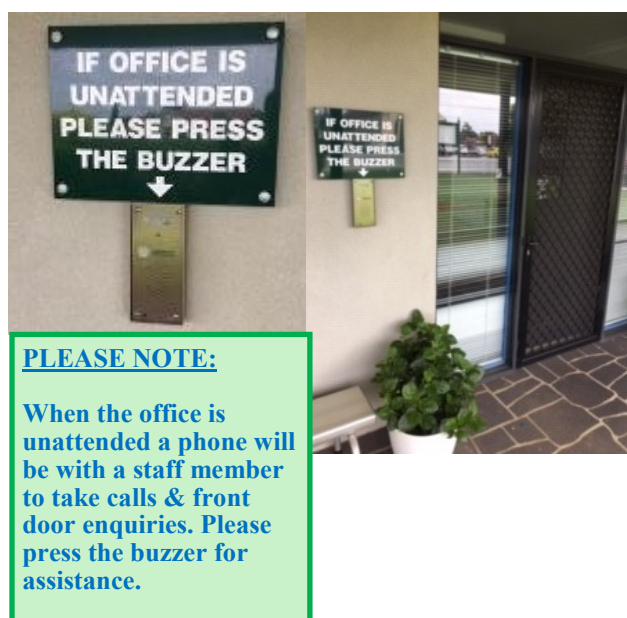
### **SCHOOL FEES:**

We do recommend the setting-up of a direct debit facility to pay regular amounts into the school account. This alleviates overdue bills.

**School:** BSB: 064 786  
A/C: 523886001

**Reminder:** P & F payments & Uniform payments are to a different bank account **not** the school account. Please contact Emma Gascoyne for any further enquiries.

**P & F:** BSB: 084610  
A/C: 508684159



Our teachers need to differentiate learning experiences and prepare classrooms in the mornings. If the message is not urgent, we would greatly appreciate it if you simply email messages to us and we will get back to you.



## **DATE CLAIMERS-**

### **FEB**

26<sup>th</sup> Parish Ash Wednesday Mass 9am  
28<sup>th</sup> CD Netball, Rugby League and Soccer trials

### **MARCH**

2<sup>nd</sup> School Photo Day  
8<sup>th</sup> 5/6 Camp fundraisers  
13<sup>th</sup> SD-Netball, Rugby League and Soccer trials  
16<sup>th</sup> CD tennis  
20<sup>th</sup> Nobby Triathlon  
22<sup>nd</sup> Family Mass 5pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Prep Vision Screening  
26<sup>th</sup> Toowoomba Show Holiday  
27<sup>th</sup> School Cross Country

### **APRIL**

1<sup>st</sup> CD Cross Country, Pilton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Last day of term 1  
2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Week Liturgy 2:00 pm in the Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> Colour Run school fundraiser 2:40pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Pupil Free Day  
20<sup>th</sup> Term 2 starts

### **MAY**

15<sup>th</sup> Gala Day @ Allora  
24<sup>th</sup> Family Mass 5pm  
29<sup>th</sup> Gala Day @ Allora



# **AWARDS**

## **2020**

### **JUNE**

19<sup>th</sup> School Athletics day  
25<sup>th</sup> Reports sent home  
25<sup>th</sup> End of term 2  
26<sup>th</sup> Pupil Free Day

### **JULY**

13<sup>th</sup> Term 3 starts  
22<sup>th</sup> CD Track & Field @ Allora  
24<sup>th</sup> CD Track & Field @ Allora  
26<sup>th</sup> Family Mass 5pm  
26<sup>th</sup>-Cath Ed Week  
31<sup>st</sup> Pupil Free Day

### **AUGUST**

13 SD Athletics  
23 Family Mass 5pm  
27 Dress up day for book week. The theme is, "Curious Creatures".

### **SEPTEMBER**

11 Ball Games Carnival  
17 Whole school Play  
18 Pupil Free Day

### **OCTOBER**

6-9<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Camp

### **NOVEMBER**

20 Special Awards Assembly 2:15pm  
20 Christmas Carols and End of year BBQ  
3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas presentation 2:15pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Whole School Mass 9am and Yr 6 awards



**Principal's Award**