29 January, 2015

‘A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR’

Lord, at the commencement of this new year we praise you and thank you for the gift of life and for the opportunity of growth awaiting us.

We ask your blessing and help in all that we do together.

We thank you for love – the love and concern of our families, our staff and our friends.

May we be friendly to everyone here – children, parents and staff.

We ask you to bless each of us for the year ahead.

Help us to grow in faith, in goodness and in generosity.

Help us to be always cheerful and to smile, even when we don’t feel like it.

Help us to be generous and helpful and to take the good with the bad.

Help us to hear you calling us in everything that happens throughout 2015.

Create in us a capacity for giving that will make us worthy to be called Christian.

Keep us strong and steadfast in the face of temptation.

Let your wisdom be our guide.

May each of us be a messenger of peace, of truth and of joy.

Amen

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to all members of our school community for the 2015 school year. We, as a staff, look forward to walking with you in the spiritual and educational journey of your children.

Parents, with staff, are all in this journey together – all equally important in the life that is school. We share a co-responsibility in ensuring that standards are not compromised at St Francis de Sales School.

We start the year with a total of 85 students. A warm welcome to all of our new students and families who join us for the first time this year. Our new children include, Jordynn Watts(Yr5), Azri-ella Watts(Yr 2), Kaisius Goodall(Yr5), Tamicka Farah (Yr5) and Joshua Millard(Yr1).

We trust their first couple of days have enabled them to settle in quickly and feel the warmth of our school community.

We also welcome our Prep students: Jack Burton, Dakota Chambers, Piper Cox, Blaie Dawson, Declan Fogarty, Matilda Hanson, Daniel Kirby, Jorja and Nathaniel Lucas, Kaleb Millard, Bailey Naumann, Stephen Olsen, Michelle Sibanda, Lucas Stace, Tia Wardlaw and Emma Woodside.

A reminder that the children brought home yesterday an Important Dates List for 2015 and a letter from Mr John Borserio, Director of Toowoomba Catholic Education, with regards to the State Elections this Saturday.

A warm welcome is extended to Mr Jeorge Wigan our new Year 5/6 teacher. He has brought a wealth of new ideas and has enjoyed the first couple of days with his class.
Staff Overview for 2015

Principal: Brett Pollard
APRE: Ty Maher
LST: Pat Tickner (Tues/Wed)
Prep: Jacqui Drysdale
Yr 1/2: Rebecca Nystrom
Yr 3/4: Tyrone Maher
Yr 5/6: Jeorge Wigan
APRE Release: Kelly Maher (Term 1)
Angela Skillington (From Term 2)
Music: Pat Tickner
P.E./Librarian: Mark Spranklin
Admin Officer: Mandie Tindall
Prep Aide: Tania Jeffcoat-Altena
Library Aide: Annette Larkin
Special Needs Aides: Tania Jeffcoat-Altena
Lisa Lucas (Yr 3/4)
Gina Auger (Yr1/2)
Cleaner: Madonna Wiedman

MOBILE PHONES:

Children are not allowed to have mobile phones at school! If for a valid reason a child needs to bring a mobile phone to school (for after school use) then a note needs to be written to your child’s teacher. Under no circumstances are mobile phones to be kept in school bags! Mobile phones must be handed in to the class teacher each morning and collected in the afternoon. Children who are found to be in possession of a mobile phone at school will have the phone confiscated until collected by a parent from the School Office.

UNIFORM:

Thank you to the Parent Body for the great turnout of your children this week. Our school uniform displays a message of pride and love about the school of which children, parents and staff can be justifiably proud. Our uniform is a tremendous asset and frequently draws praise from members of the wider community.

Therefore, children are consistently reminded of the importance of correct uniform. Parent support is vital in ensuring the consistent reflection of correct school uniform with the children. All children wear sports uniform two days each week; Wednesday and Friday.

Variations are not allowed and it is improper for children to assume that they can wear trendy variations.

The following points are consistently reinforced:

- hair accessories – school colours only.
- Boys’ hair - short back and sides (no “tails” or “mohawks” etc)
- Girls’ hair - tied-up if longer than the collar Hair colouring/ streaking is not permitted
- Girls - plain sleepers/ studs only – one only in each ear.
- anklet socks, jewellery, (rings, necklaces, bracelets) nail polish, glitter are not part of the uniform.
- Footwear – joggers for sports days
- black leather (lace-ups) or black joggers (lace-ups) with formal uniform
- no hat – no play.

SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS AND WEBSITE:

The School Office email address is: clifton@twb.catholic.edu.au
To communicate via email to any staff member you may email via the office or communicate directly to them via the email formula:
firstname.lastname@twb.catholic.edu.au
The school website address is:
www.clifton.catholic.edu.au

This Week’s Mass Roster
Saturday 31st Jan 7p.m.

Welcoming: P Tickner
POF/OHP: M Wiedman & M Lucas
Readers: K Flynn & M Wiedman
Offertory: J Maguire & M Wiedman
Eucharistic Ministers: G Imhoff & P Tickner
Cleaning: H Gillam, M Comerford, J Maguire, M Wiedman & S Olley
MEDICATION:
As you know our directive from the Catholic Education Office is that we are unable to administer unprescribed medication to the children in the school (e.g. panadol, cough mixture, aspirin, etc.)
If you wish your child to be given prescribed medication at school, an ‘Administration of Medicine Form’ must be completed. These are available from the school office. Children who require asthma medication must have a special form completed by a parent.

If your child needs to have medication administered please ensure it is prescribed by a G.P. Your attention with this ensures our ‘Duty of Care’ is not compromised.

P&F MEETING
The first P&F meeting of the St Francis de Sales P&F will be held in the library on Wednesday, 4th February at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

OFFICE HOURS
The office is attended by our admin officer Linda every day this year from 8.30 a.m. until 3.00 p.m.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT DETAILS
In the interests of the children’s safety, parents are asked to keep us informed of any changes to after school transport arrangements for their child/children.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION
Supervision is provided from 8:30 am each morning. Children arriving before this time are required to sit quietly until a teacher comes on duty. No children should be at school before 8.15 a.m. in the morning.
After school supervision is provided until 3:30 pm. Please contact the school if you are running late.

TUCKSHOP
The tuckshop will open next Friday, 6 February. A tuckshop list will be sent out on Friday this week.

Dates To Remember
January 2015
27th January School Re-Opens

February 2014
4th - P & F Meeting - (6.30pm) All Welcome
11th -12th - Principals’ Meetings
13th - CD Swimming Trials - Clifton
13-15th - Clifton Show
19th - SD Swimming Trials, Warwick
20th CD Tennis
20th - Meet & Greet (6 p.m.)
26th - Yr 6/7 Leadership Mass 2 p.m.

March 2015
2nd - School Photos
4th - P & F Meeting - (6.30pm) All Welcome
5th - SD Tennis
6th - CD Netball - Allora
CD Rugby League - Clifton
CD Soccer - Clifton
19th - Toowoomba Show Holiday - School Closed
20th - SD Netball/Soccer/League
27th - School X-Country Event
30-1 April Year 3/4 Parent Teacher Meetings

April 2015
2nd- Term 1 Concludes - Easter Liturgy at 2.30 p.m.

Quote of the Week
Families are like fudge - mostly sweet with a few nuts. ~Author Unknown

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal
Welcome to Kasius, Joshua, Tamicka, Azri-ella and Jordynn
Even though school has just started, the first P&F fundraiser for the year is approaching fast.

Our first fundraising event for the year is running the **Hot Chip Van at the Clifton Show** over the weekend of 13th to 15th February, 2015. We have been offering this service to the Clifton Show Society for some years now and it has always been a solid way to raise some funds for the school. Again this year we have been asked to operate the stall on Friday night, all day Saturday (including night) and Sunday (usually until lunch time).

Of course to run the van efficiently we require some help from our parents. We usually ask for two hours of your time over the three day period. If you are able to support this fundraiser by giving up two hours of your time, please complete the form below and return it to the school by 6th February, 2015.

### Parent/Volunteer 1

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Please circle preferred time to be on van duty:

- **Friday night**
- **Saturday morning**
- **afternoon**
- **night**
- **Sunday morning**

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### Meet & Greet BBQ

The P & F Meet and Greet BBQ will be held at the school on **Friday, 20th February** commencing at 6.00 pm. Class Teachers will start the evening with a short information session which will be followed by the P & F BBQ. **We would encourage every family in the school community to attend.**

The P & F will provide the meat and parents are asked to assist by providing a dessert or salad. Parents with an eldest child in **Prep – Year 3** are asked to **provide a dessert** for the BBQ while those with an eldest child in **Years 4 – 7** are asked to **provide a salad**. Please BYO drinks.

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### MEET AND GREET REPLY

For Catering purposes, please complete the slip to give us an idea of numbers for the Meet and Greet on Friday, 20th February.

RETURN SLIP:

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Please return to school before Friday, 13th February 2014
**P&F NEWS**

**WELCOME**
The P&F would like to welcome all families back from holidays, we hope you had a lovely break. A big welcome also to Mr Jeorge Wigan our new 5/6 teacher, along with all new students and families that have joined our school.

**Uniform News**
The Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday morning 8.30-9am. Cash and cheque payments only. Contact Jenny on 0408198538 or email: bbnaumy@bigpond.com

**CHIP VAN**
Once again the P&F will be running the hot chip van at the Clifton Show (Fri 13th-Sun 15th Feb). This is a great fundraiser for our school so if you can spare a couple of hours over the show period to help out it would be appreciated. Please contact Kerry McCarthy 46963269 or email our P&F email address. We will publish a roster prior to the show.

**MEETING AGENDA**
P&F Constitution update
Chip Van
Oval upgrade options
Felton Food Festival

Email address
Please feel free to contact us on our new email address Clifton.pandf@twb.catholic.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you all at the Meet & Greet BBQ on the ……
The P&F Team

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**J.E. Dancehouse**

Come along and Join our Wonderful and Exciting Dance Classes held in Clifton.

* RAD Ballet * Jazz * Irish * Contemporary

Classes are held at the F E Logan Hall CLIFTON, and will commence on Wednesday the 4th February 2015.

For any information please feel free to contact Jameille.
We look forward to some Happy Dancing.