The Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
Where there is hatred ... let me sow love.  
Where there is injury ... pardon.  
Where there is doubt ... faith.  
Where there is despair ... hope.  
Where there is darkness ... light.  
Where there is sadness ... joy.  

Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek.  
To be consoled ... as to console.  
To be understood ... as to understand.  
To be loved ... as to love.  
For it is in giving ... that we receive.  
It is in pardoning ... that we are pardoned.  
It is in dying ... that we are born to eternal life.

Dear Parents,

The next couple of weeks are going to be very busy at school. The NAPLAN tests commence on Tuesday, 14 May 2013 and conclude on Thursday, 16 May 2013. We try to instill in the children that these tests are not something to stress about or to be afraid of, but rather a chance for them to do their best. Parents are asked to give their children positive encouragement about the tests.

On next Friday, 10 May, the Prep/1 Class will be hosting the Mother’s Day Liturgy and tea at 2.00pm. All mums and grandmothers are cordially invited to attend and enjoy a celebration of this great day. Children may leave with their parents after the tea.
YEAR 3, 5, 7 NAPLAN TESTS
A reminder to the parents of students in Yrs 3,5,7 that the NAPLAN tests will be held Tuesday—Thursday 14th-16th May.
It is important that all students in Yrs 3,5,7 be at school on these dates to sit the tests. If you know that your child will not be at school on any of these days, please contact your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Prep Enrolments for 2014 are now being taken with interviews taking place at the end of May.

SCHOOL FEES:
School Fees for Term 2 were sent home last week with the due date for the payment of Term 2 Fees being Friday 24th May.
Please pay them at your earliest convenience. Our 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.

Tuckshop Roster
May 3rd—J Gillam & S Petersen
May 10th—K McCarthy & G Auger

Club Hotel Raffle Roster
May 3rd—R Sheather & D Wilkinson
May 10th—S Murdoch & K Joppich

This Week’s Liturgy Roster
4th May Saturday 7p.m.
Welcoming: E Lyons
POF/OHP: C Lucas
Altar:
Readers: B Lack & K Flynn
Offertory: K Flynn Family
Eucharistic Ministers: D Lyons & G Imhoff
Cleaning: M Cranitch, B Naumann, M Gillam, K Cranitch, J Cleary & B Dator

Dates To Remember
May 2013
7th - P & F Meeting
8th - S.D. X-Country Trials
9th - Feast of Ascension
10th - (Fri) Mother's Day Assembly 2pm
14th - 16th - NAPLAN
18th - P & F Inaugural Race Day
20th - DD Soccer
22-24th Principals' Meetings
24th - Gala Day - Allora
27th - National Reconciliation Week
28th - DD Cross Country
31st - Gala Day Allora

JUNE 2013:
6th - School Accreditation
14th - SFDS ART SHOW (Friday - 6pm)
17th - School Reports Home
19th - Athletics Field Events (Wed -10.30 am)
21st - Track and Field Carnival at school.
21st - Term 2 Ends at 3.00 pm

JULY 2013
8th - TERM 3 Begins
9th - Sacramental Program Meeting 4pm
12th - NAIDOC DAY Celebrations (At school)
22nd - Catholic Education Week
26th - Bishop’s Pupil Free Day
29th - CD Track and Field

AUGUST:
31st - Father’s Day Bush Dance (Saturday Evening)

2014
March
14th - Parish Fete at the school. (Friday evening)

Quote of the Week
We learn by teaching.

James Howell
God Bless,
Brett Pollard
Principal
At our meeting next Tuesday, we will be discussing the possible introduction of a small P & F Levy to help with the payment of a gardener to do all the small jobs around the school during the year. The idea would be to hold a BIG clean-up and Working Bee at the beginning of each year, followed by a gardener completing the edge trimming/weeding of gardens etc during the year. This would alleviate the need to hold any further Working Bee’s during the year as these functions are only being supported by a small minority of the parents.

Please join us at the P&F Meeting next Tuesday evening at 7pm to have your say on this matter.

Shane Meara
P & F President
St Joseph’s College
Enrolments 2014 /2015
Enrolment Interviews for students commencing Year 8 in 2014 will take place in the near future. Because of the high demand for enrolment at St Joseph’s, it is not always possible to accept all enrolment applications. It would be regrettable if children from our Catholic Primary Schools were unable to be offered a position because of late application. If you intend enrolling your child at St Joseph’s for 2014/2015, you are urged to do so immediately.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers
The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion has started and we request that you send your Earn and Learn Stickers into the school so that we can donate them to the Mater Hospital Special School. We believe that this is a great way of supporting the sick children who have to attend this school while in hospital. This is an easy way of doing a fundraiser for them without families dipping their hands into their own pockets. Please support our drive.

Footy Trials
Congratulations to our boys who tried out for the Under 35kg and Under 43kg club trials recently. We have a wealth of talent at the school and many of the boys were selected for the respective teams. Well done boys!!

RACE DAY NEWS
We only have 12 tickets left for the Race Day with some places still available on the bus. The Multi Draw for the day are great with over $900 in prizes including many excellent vouchers. Tickets will only be sold on the day and the winner or purchaser needs to be present in order to take their prizes home! The cost of tickets is $2 per ticket or 3 for $5.

Raffle Tickets need to be returned by Friday, 10th May - Sold or unsold. Please support your school P & F in this Fundraising activity by selling your ONE book of tickets. All funds raised at the Race Day will go towards funds for the school!!

Auction: A 2012 signed Cowboys NRL jersey will be auctioned at the event.

Come along to the Clifton Heartmoves class where you can exercise at your own pace in a social and friendly atmosphere! Classes are available each Wednesday 10:30am to 11:30am at Clifton Anglican Hall, Clifton-Gatton Rd, Clifton. Classes are $3 for CHANGE groups (People who are not in the paid workforce; People who work part-time or casually; Older adults (60 years and over); Culturally and linguistically diverse populations; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) and $7 for public participants. For more information contact Pauline on 4637 2676 or fivefamilyfitness@gmail.com.
Prep/1 Mother’s Liturgy

The Prep/1 students invite all mothers, grandmothers and special women in our lives to attend our Mother’s Day Liturgy on Friday 10th May, at 2:00pm.

You are most welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat after the Liturgy.

See you on Friday!
News from Year 4/5

Last Thursday our school joined in with the local community to march and pay respect to the ANZACS. We had a fantastic turn out of over 60 St Francis De Sales students!

On Friday, our Year 4/5 class held a special ANZAC Day prayer service. This was a time for us as a school community to reflect and give thanks to all those who went off to war to give us the freedom we have today.

We have a very busy term two in Year 4/5. This term we are preparing for NAPLAN testing which will take place in week five. We have also started to look at the narratives text type and by the end of the term we will have written our own. In Mathematics we are focusing on the measurement and geometry strands along with number and algebra. In science we are exploring the Primary Connections unit called Fantastic Light. The Religion unit that we are studying this term is called ‘Being People of Justice’. So far we have looked at the 10 commandments and are beginning to write our own, to fit into a modern day context. Finally, in History we are exploring the theme Early Australia. On top of all this we are preparing to present work in the St Francis de Sales art show.

We look forward to a very busy term filled with hard work!

Year 4/5