30 January, 2014

‘A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR’

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people so that you will work for justice, equality and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with the foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to all members of our school community for the 2014 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.

A warm welcome to all of our new students and families who join us for the first time this year. Our new children include, Tallis Wilkins (3), Declan Gorton (5) and Destiny Cox (1) and our prep students: Jack McCarthy, Billy Bange, Noah McDougal, Roxy Williams, Jessica Wardlaw, Makayla Olsen and Lili Gilroy. We trust their first couple of days have enabled them to settle in quickly and feel the warmth of our school community.

We received great news at the end of the holidays that the grant that the P & F had applied for has been approved and the sum of $32 000 has been granted for the refurbishment of the toilet block. The school will be paying for the difference. A huge thank you must go to Kerry McCarthy for all her hard work in organising the grant application to the Gambling Association. The refurbishment will hopefully be completed by mid-year. We will report on any progress during the Semester.

A big thank you goes to all our parent and child helpers who came to our Working Bee on Monday. The school was given a good spruce-up and cleaned. Thank you to Kent Meacle and the P & F for providing the welcome Sausage Sizzle.

Please Date Claim Saturday, 15 March 2014 for the Parish Fete which will be held at the school. The planning for the Fete is well advanced and it is set to be a great day in the Parish’s annual calendar.
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

Staff Overview for 2014

Principal: Brett Pollard
APRE: Ty Maher
LST: Pat Tickner (Tues/Thurs)
Prep/Yr 1: Jacqui Drysdale
Yr 2/3: Dennielle Taylor
Yr 4/5: Rebecca Nystrom
Yr 6/7: Tyronne Maher
APRE Release: Angela Skillington
Music: Angela Skillington
Librarian: Mandie Tindall
Admin Officer: Kristy Fogarty
Prep Aide: Mark Spranklin
P.E./ Early Years: Angela Skillington
Intervention: Annette Larkin
Library Aide: Tania Jeffercoat-Altena
Special Needs Aides: Tania Jeffercoat-Altena
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.

This Week’s Mass Roster
01/02/2013 Sat 7pm
Welcoming: D Lyons
POF/OHP: H Gillam
Readers: B Pollard & D Lyons
Offertory: D & J Cleary
Eucharistic Ministers: P Tickner & B Pollard
Cleaning: P Imhoff, G Imhoff, J O’Leary, M Bowe & S McDowall

Club Hotel Raffle Roster
31 Jan - D Wilkinson & J Gillam
07 Feb - S Ferguson & J Jeffercoat
MEDICATION:
As you know our directive from the Catholic Education Office is that we are unable to administer un-prescribed 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 Tuesday, 4th February at 7:00 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 3:30pm. Please contact the school if you are running late.

TUCKSHOP
The tuckshop will open next Friday, 7 February. A tuckshop list will be sent out on Friday this week.

Dates To Remember
January 2014
28th January School Re-Opens

February 2014
4th - P & F MEETING - (7pm)
ALL WELCOME
4th - CD Swimming Trials - Clifton
5th - S/D Cricket Trials
9th - Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings (Yr 5/6)
10th - SD Swimming Trials, Warwick
12th -13th - Principals’ Meetings
14-16th - Clifton Show
20th P - 5 Parent Information Evening(6p.m.)
27th - Yr 6/7 Leadership Mass  2 p.m. Information Afternoon at 3 p.m.
28th - School Photos - 8.45 a.m.
28th - C/D Netball and Rugby League (12 noon)
28th - Meet & Greet ( 6 p.m.)

March 2014
4th - P & F MEETING - ALL WELCOME
8th - CD Netball - Allora CD Rugby League - Clifton
15th - PARISH FETE
25th - School X-Country Event
27th - Toowoomba Show Holiday - School Closed

April 2014
4th- Term 1 Concludes - Easter Liturgy at 2p.m.

CLOTHING POOL: The clothing pool Coordinator, Mrs Susan Smith will be available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Clothing Pool room.

Quote of the Week
Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

God Bless,
Brett Pollard
Principal
Welcome to Tallis, Declan and Destiny
Chip Van 2014

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 14th to 16th February, 2014. 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 (if our teaching staff offer their help every year, then surely it is not too much to ask of 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 7th February, 2014.

Tuckshop

Welcome to another year of tuckshop. It is that time again where I am looking for some Mums/Dads/Carers/Family members to volunteer their time to prepare tuckshop on a Friday morning from 8.45am to 11.15am.

Every Friday we have 2 volunteers who prepare the food for Tuckshop which will commence in week two. Tuckshop orders are handed in on Wednesday morning and tuckshop is on Fridays. The tuckshop pricelist and how to order will follow in a few days time.

If you are able to help out, please return this slip to the office as soon as possible. It is a great way to meet people and in previous times you only are required once a term.

Name: 

Phone number: 

If you would like to know more or have any questions please call Chrissy on 0488425691.

Thanks, Chrissy Peardon
Meet & Greet BBQ

The P & F Meet and Greet BBQ will be held at the school on Friday, 28th February commencing at 6.00 pm. 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 Preschool – Year 4 are asked to provide a dessert for the BBQ while those with an eldest child in Years 5 – 7 are asked to provide a salad. Please BYO drinks.

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, 28th February.

RETURN SLIP:

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Please return to school before Friday, 14th February 2014

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Netball

Would you like to play Junior Netball?
Netball for 5yrs (born 2009) to 14yrs (born 2000)
Come along to sign-on day Saturday 15 February 2014
At our Junior courts - Barnes Park, Matthews St, Warwick
10am – 1pm
For more information:
Email: warwicknetball@bigpond.com
Ring: Linda Bunch 0407 734 380
Facebook: www.facebook.com/warwicknetball

Joey Scouts HOP into 2014

Clifton Scout Group is reforming the Clifton Joey Scout Mob in 2014. The first Mob meeting for children aged 6 and 7 years old will be held from 4 pm to 5 pm on Friday 31st January at the Scout Hut, 5 Davenport Street, Clifton.

HOP (Help Other People) is the motto of the Joey Scout section. The level of interest expressed at a meeting held at the end of last year justified reforming the Joey Scout Mob. Group Leader, Ian Gregory will be involved in running the Mob activities until a Joey Scout Leader is recruited and trained.

Clifton Scout Group will now offer programs for Joey Scouts, aged 6 and 7 years, Cub Scouts, aged 8 to 10 years, and Scouts, aged 10 to 14 years old, for youth from Allora to Greenmount and Leyburn to Pilton. For further information about Scouting in Clifton and surrounding districts contact Group Leader Ian Gregory on 4697 3553 or at cliftonscoutgroup@live.com.au.

Instrumental Music Lessons 2014

FLUTE, CLARINET, SAXOPHONE OR PIANO!!

Give the gift of music to your child! Instrumental music lessons are available during school time. If your child is in grade 4 or above they can learn any of the wind instruments. Hire of these is available at reasonable cost from your school. Grade 3 is the starting point for piano. Lessons are given in small groups of 2 or 3. We need a minimum of 8 students for lessons to continue this year. Accounts are sent each term and each half hour lesson is $15. Pick up and return a form at the school office. Email Chris at yougottuckleys4@bigpond.com.au for more info.
J & E Dancehouse

Come along and join our wonderful and exciting new dance classes held in Clifton.

We offer classes in:

- RAD Ballet
- Jazz
- Irish
- Contemporary

Classes are held at the F E Logan Hall CLIFTON, and will commence on Wednesday the 5th February 2014.

For any information please feel free to contact Jameille.

We look forward to some Happy Dancing.

Mrs Chris Buckley
B.A. (creative)

99 Carrington Rd
Toowoomba 4350
Ph: 46304933
Mob: 0400 009289
yougbuckleys4@bigpond.com

Expression of interest for instrumental lessons

Group lessons are given each week for half an hour @ $15.00 per lesson. Each term an account is sent to parents which must be paid by the due date to ensure continuation of lessons. Students must be in years 4–7 for woodwind instruments or 3–7 for piano.

Students Name: __________________________ Year: __________________________
Parents Name(s): __________________________
Address: __________________________ Postcode: __________________________
Parents Account to: __________________________ Postcode: __________________________
Address: (if different) __________________________ Postcode: __________________________
Email: __________________________
Phone: __________________________ Mobile: __________________________

Instrument: (please circle and mark 1st and 2nd preferences)
Saxophone  Clarinet  Flute  Piano

Has the student played this instrument previously? Yes  No
If yes, state number of years learning: __________________________

Do you have your own instrument? Yes  No  Suitable keyboards must have 'touch control' or similar and full size keys, contact me if you're not sure if yours is suitable.
If no, would you like to hire an instrument (not piano)? Yes  No

If you have any questions my contact details are above.

Chris Buckley
IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

SCHOOL TERMS:
Term 1: Tuesday 28 January to Friday 04 April (10 weeks)
Term 2: Tuesday 22 April to Friday 27 June (10 weeks)
Term 3: Monday 14 July to Friday 19 September (10 weeks)
Term 4: Tuesday 7 October to Friday 5 December (9 weeks)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:
Australia Day Sunday 26 January
Show Holiday Thursday 27 March
Good Friday Friday 18 April
Easter Monday 21 April
ANZAC Day Holiday Friday 25 April
Queen’s Birthday Monday 09 June
Labour Day Monday 6 October

PUPIL FREE DAYS:
Monday - 20 October (All Schools)

DATE CLAIMERS TERM 1 – 2014:
Mon 28 January - Australia Day Holiday
Tues 04 February - Central Downs Swimming - Clifton
Tues 04 February - P & F Meeting 7pm
Wed 05 February - Southern Downs Cricket Trials (Boys and Girls)
Mon 10 February - SD Swimming Trials
Fri 14 February - Clifton Show
Sun 23 February - School Parish Mass 5p.m. (Whole School Singing)
Thurs 20 February - 6.00p.m. Prep- 5 Parent Information Evening
Thurs 27 February - Years 6 and 7 LEADERSHIP MASS AT 2.00p.m.
Thurs 27 February - 3.00p.m. Year 6/7 Parent Information Meeting
Thurs 28 February - C/D Netball(Allora) and Rugby League (Clifton)
Fri 28th February - Meet and Greet 6.00pm

March
Thurs 6th and 13th March - Year 6/7 Cycle Safety Toowoomba
Sat 15th - PARISH FETE
Tues 18th March - 6.00p.m. Parent Reading/Literacy Presentation - Parents are urged to attend this presentation.
Fri - 4 April - Last school day for Term 1

TERM 2:
Tues 22nd - Thurs 24th April - Parent Teacher Interviews(1st three days of term)
Tues 13 - 15th MAY - NAPLAN Testing
Sun 25 May - School Parish Mass (5 p.m.)

Wednesday 18 June - FIELD EVENTS from 11 am. (Long Jump/High Jump/ Discus/Shot Put / 800m )

FRIDAY 20 June - TRACK EVENTS (Sprints) + Field Finals From 9.00 am.