Dear Parents and Carers,
I would like to thank all the families who attended the Family Sunday Mass. Mrs Kathy Doherty did an outstanding job of preparing the Mass and the students for their various roles. I was very impressed with the positive behaviour of the students. We are truly blessed with so many students who are prepared to lead by example. I would also like to thank the Parish community for providing a gift for every new school family. These gifts will be sent home with your child.

We have experienced a hectic schedule of sporting trials recently. This Friday we have both the Central Downs Rugby League and Netball trials. In less than three weeks we have our Cross Country carnival. The students have received regular reminders at school that they need to take ownership of their own conditioning for Cross Country. We will provide some opportunities for students to train but we simply cannot allocate enough time to considerably improve their stamina. This year we will introduce a participation run on the day to encourage both adults and students to get out there, get involved and have fun!

Peace and Best Wishes
Brendan

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God You Know Me

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*O God, you are all around me and protect me from harm.*

*If I travel far from you, call me back.*

*If I forget you are with me, whisper my name.*

*If I hide in the darkness, shine your light on me.*

*May I never forget that you are my constant companion close by my side and holding me near.*

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – This Friday, 4 March at 10.30am, Lucy, Lacey and Mara from our Year 4-5 class will represent the school at this event at the Clifton Anglican Church. All parents and friends are very welcome to come along.

PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER – As our school Lenten Project Compassion fundraiser, we will be hosting a water relay at school on **Thursday 17th March**. This will involve the children working in teams in an activity which will promote the challenges that some people in the world face to access fresh water. Each child is asked to bring a coin donation to participate. This money will be added to the school Project Compassion funds. **Please note the change in date.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**
Email address is Kathleen.Doherty@twb.catholic.edu.au
**Dates To Remember**

**March 2016**
- Parish Fete: Sat 19th. Starting at 10am.
- SFDS Cross Country: Friday 18th (Wet day 23rd) *Meal deals will be available on the day.*
- Holy Thursday: 24th
- Good Friday: 25th
- Easter Sunday: 27th

**April 2016**
- Parent / teacher interviews:

**Clifton Catholic Debutante Ball**

*Flowersgirls / Pageboys:* Parents of Year 3 or Year 4 children are advised that the Clifton Debutante Ball will be held on FRIDAY MAY 20.
If you are interested in being a part of the Ball this year please contact Helen Gillam (46973571) or Hilary O’Leary (46959199) by March 11. *Night time is best to call.*
Please be aware that it may incur costs of up to $200 (for dress, shoes, photos, hire of suit etc).
If there are Year 10 / 11 girls wishing to be debutantes please contact the above numbers.

**P & F NEWS**

*Next P&F Meeting:* 6pm – Wednesday, 9th March 2016
Please email your agenda items to: Clifton.PandF@twb.catholic.edu.au

**SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:**
- School Centenary
- P&F Facebook Page

**TUCKSHOP**

There will NOT be any HELLO PANDAS for the rest of Term 1 due to supplier shortage. We will stock TINY TEDDIES as an alternative until the stock becomes available again.

**TUCKSHOP MEAL DEAL – $6.00**
(Order Friday 4/3 for Friday 11/3)
Home-made Lasagna & Popper for 1st Break and Homebake for 2nd Break

**God Bless**

Brendan O’Reilly
Principal
FREE DRESS DAY *Friday 11th March*

Fill empty containers for the **THE BOTTLE STALL**
At THE PARISH FETE!

**Fill empty containers with items like:**
- Coloured pencils, crayons, small activity pad, felt pens, beads with string or wire to make jewellery, marbles, pencil sharpener, rubber, McDonalds toys, hair-ribbons, scrunchies, clips, comb, brush, sticky tape, drawing pins, small post it notes, whiteboard marker, paper clips, rubber bands, lollies, chocolates
- Bath bombs, bath crystals, soap, hand cream,
- Makeup – unused make-up samples cotton wool, cotton buds, lip gloss.
- Nail file, nail polish, hand cream, nail clippers, cotton wool
- Nails, screws, bolts, screw driver, tape measure
- Small candles, potpourri
- Bandaids, bandages, cotton wool, cotton buds, small scissors, antiseptic cream
- Perfume, bath salts, bubble bath or small toys such as match box cars.

**Bring filled containers to school on free dress day.**

Our Parish Fete will be held on **Saturday the 19th March**. The students from every year level will have one item to perform on the day. There is no special dress required on the day and no school uniform is necessary. I would like to thank Pat Tickner for the time she has devoted to preparing the children for this community event.

Students will perform between **10am and 11am**.
Year 6: Celtic Dance
Year 4/5: The Highwayman – song
Year 2/3: Mickey Mouse Club March
P/1: The Lion sleeps tonight.

To help us prepare for the Parish Fete, please return the form below if you are attending. Thank you.

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**CAKE STALL FOR ST JAMES & ST JOHNS PARISH FETE ON MARCH 19**
If anyone is able to help with donations of patty cakes, cakes, slices & biscuits please leave items at the school office or tuckshop on Friday 18th March or on Saturday morning. Please have a list of ingredients with the baking.

If you are available to volunteer on the cake stall please ring or message Chrissy Peardon on 0488425691. Thank you for helping our Parish Fete.

**Parish Fete**

We will be attending the Parish Fete on Saturday the **19th March**. We will have _______ adults and _______ children with us on the day.

Family name: __________________.
**Principal Awards**

**St Francis de Sales Playgroup**

**EVERY TUESDAY**

9am - 10.30am

**EXCLUDING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

PARENTS/CAREV EWS MUST REMAIN FOR DURATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE PHONE 46873386 OR EMAIL: angela.shillington@wab.catholic.edu.au

16 Meara Place, Clifton

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**Award Winners**

**Southern Downs Swimming**

Michael Shingles & Charlee Murdoch

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**Leadership Mass**