5th February, 2015

Dear Parents

We have had a great start to the year with the children now settled-in and quality learning taking place. If you have any queries about your child’s learning journey, please contact their class teacher either by email or phone to organise an appointment. Please try to avoid Wednesday afternoon appointments as the staff have meetings on that day. The teachers are also usually available in the mornings from 8.20 a.m. if you need to have a quick chat.

The first P and F meeting of the year was well attended last night and we welcomed new parents (and some longstanding parents) to the meeting. A good start was made with ideas and projects for the year and a final draft of the Constitution was agreed upon. Thank you to all parents who attended.

The P and F voted to pay for the forthcoming Zoo excursion for the P - 4 classes. This is a great help to parents and on behalf of the parents I thank last night’s committee and quorum for their generous support of this educational trip. The funds used for this excursion come from fundraising efforts by the P&F at such events as the Chip Van at the Show and Races and other fundraising efforts. I would like to encourage ALL parents to make a pledge to at least help at one event during the year spreading the load for the few that usually help on such days. All funds raised benefit the whole school community.

A special thanks to the Watts family for slashing the long grass at the far end of our oval during the last week of the holidays and also the Burton family for the fantastic job they did mowing the main oval in Fr Rod’s absence. Your efforts are much appreciated.

I wish to inform the wider school community that Mr Ty Maher will be taking up the position of Acting Principal at St Maria Goretti Catholic School in Inglewood for 3 weeks this term (16/02/15 - 06/03/15) and for whole of Term 2. Mrs Kelly Maher will take his place in his absence to minimise any disruption to the Year 3/4 class. We wish Mr Maher all the very best in his new venture and will look forward to his return later this term.

SCHOOL FEES:

School Fees for Term 1 are being sent home today with the due date for the payment of Term 1 Fees being, Friday, 05th March, 2015.

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

Fees/ levies are compulsory unless negotiated. I would ask that any parents who would like to discuss any matters to do with the payment of school fees to make an appointment to see me. Confidentiality is assured.

Agreed arrangements do not carry over from year to year. If at any stage the payment of fees becomes a problem please do not hesitate to see me.
Chip Van 2015

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
Name:………………………………..
Phone Number: …………………….

Please circle preferred time to be on van duty:

Friday       night
Saturday    morning  afternoon  night
Sunday      morning  afternoon

CHIP VAN ROSTER 2015

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To comply with hygiene, all volunteers MUST wear head gear and closed in shoes of some sort whilst in the chip van. Please bring a hat, cap or hair net with you for your shift.

Thanks everyone for volunteering their time on the Chip Van at the Show.
If you have any queries please call Tania Ruhle 0422803825 or Kerry McCarthy 46963269.
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.

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P&F NEWS

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

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 20th February 2015.

*The P&F Team*

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**Dates To Remember**

**February 2014**

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.

Tuckshop Roster:

6th February - Leanne Harrigan & Lynelle Skerry

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**Quote of the Week**

Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.

Francis of Assisi

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal
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.

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:

............................................. FAMILY NUMBER ATTENDING: .........................

Please return to school before Friday, 13th February 2014