7 March, 2013

Our Deepest Fear

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine as children do. It's not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own lights shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

Nelson Mandela

Dear Parents

I wish to congratulate our Year 7 students who were officially recognized as the Leaders of our Student Community for 2013. The Leadership Mass held in the Church last Thursday was a special occasion for all concerned. Thank you to Fr Rod for officiating and to Mr Maher for his organization of the event.

If you have not already done so, please complete the parent/teacher interview forms and return them to school as soon as possible. I explained to the children at assembly that it is very important for every single child’s parent to have a chat with their teacher.

Fr Rod is looking for help from parents with the cutting of the edges of the grass around the school. It is a huge job to maintain all the edges around the school and we thank Fr Rod for his efforts around the grounds. Parents are welcome to come along on any afternoon after 3.30 pm or on a weekend and complete a quick “zip around”. No Roundup please!

A reminder that the Easter Raffle tickets are being sent home today with the main prize being an Easter Hamper which includes a specially decorated Easter Cake. Raffle tickets are $2 each and we will send each family a book of 10 tickets. All proceeds this year will be donated to Shepherd’s Keep, a refuge for abandoned HIV /Aids babies in Durban, South Africa. Ask your child about this worthwhile cause. I explained it to the children at assembly earlier this week.
SCHOOL FEES
School Fees are now overdue. Please pay outstanding amounts as soon as possible. Please remember that these 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.

NETBALL AND RUGBY LEAGUE TRAINING
A big thank you this week goes to our 'Netball Super-coach' - Kate Flynn. Kate has come in twice over the last fortnight and has given of her time to help our years 4 to 7 to prepare for the Central Downs Trials this Friday and future netball carnivals. The girls certainly do appreciate her efforts.

The boys have been training this week as well for their trials which are also to be held this Friday. Thank you also goes to Joe Flynn who has offered to come in and give the boys an extra training session today after he marks our netball court.

BASKETBALL NEWS
Congratulations to Luke Meara and William Flynn for recently making it into the Southern Downs Basketball team. The boys will attend a carnival on the 19th March. Good Luck boys and Congratulations

Important Parent Information Session
Next Tuesday night at 6:30pm, Mr Pollard and Mrs Drysdale will be presenting an information session about school improvement here at our school. ‘Excellence in Catholic Education’ is a Toowoomba Catholic Education initiative aimed at improving our schools across all areas. This important information session will highlight these areas that will drive school improvement across the Diocese in the years to come. We think that this is an exciting initiative that is sure to be of interest to our entire parent community. The P & F meeting will run separately to this session straight afterwards. I look forward to seeing you there!

Tyronne Maher

Dates To Remember
March 2013
8th - CD Netball - Allora
12th - P & F MEETING - ALL WELCOME
18th - 21st - Parent/Teacher Interviews
25th - School X-Country Event.
26th - School Easter Mass - 12 noon
28th - School closes at 3.00pm for the Easter Break
29th - Good Friday
31st - Easter Sunday

April 2013
1st - Easter Monday
9th - Pupil Free - Teacher In-service
10th - Pupil Free - Teacher In-service
11th - Toowoomba Show Holiday
15th - Term 2 Begins (MONDAY)
18th - DD Netball trials
24th - CD X-Country Trials
25th - Anzac Day

May 2013
2nd - S.D. Tennis Trials
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

DATE CLAIMERS:
JUNE:
14th - SFDS ART SHOW (Friday - 6pm)
19th - Athletics Field Events (Wed -10.30 am)
21st - Track and Field Carnival at school.

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

Quote of the Week
A good name will shine forever.

Proverb

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal
PREP/1 EASTER MULTI-DRAW

Each family will receive a book of 10 tickets today. Tickets cost $2 each. The proceeds of the multi-draw will be donated to Prizes include: A Beautifully Hand Crafted Quilt, Easter Cake and Easter hamper. If you wish to donate an Easter gift for the hamper, please drop it into the Prep/1 classroom.

Pictured above is the cross that was used during our Leadership Mass.

Hi All,

This year I am taking the plunge - World's Greatest Shave.

The big day will be Saturday 23 March and it would be great if you could support me in this adventure. Donations can be made direct on line at http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/kateflynn .......or at Raff Farm Supplies & Hardware, Clifton.

If I reach say $750 I will get BRIGHT streaks in my hair for each time I reach that amount - my cherubs can't wait to see that!!! hahaha

So come on help me BE BRAVE AND SHAVE!!!!!!

Kate Flynn
Fr Rod and the 2013 Prep Students

St Francis de Sales Leaders 2013
Congratulations to Bridie, William, Luke, Danielle, Kate, Brianna, Tyler, Keely and Sean.
Friday the 22nd of February saw another successful and enjoyable running of the annual Nobby State School Triathlon.

Mrs Skillington, Miss Nystrom and I are proud to report that all of our students displayed wonderful sportsmanship and tried their very hardest and had a wonderful time in the process.

A number of students received medallions for outstanding individual efforts. These were:

- Under 11 Boys — Jaeden Ruhle 1st, Darby Peardon 2nd
- Under 12 Girls — Bridie Joppich 1st, Kate Dowdle 2nd
- Under 12 Boys — Tyler Gillam 1st

A big thank you goes to Keith Joppich who picked up, delivered and returned all of the children’s bikes to and from the event and to all the parents who helped in the transporting of children.

We look forward to the next Nobby Triathlon.

Tyronne Maher
St Francis de Sales Race Day
Clifford Park
18th May 2013
Save the Date

Join us for our Inaugural Twilight Race Day on the Dalrello Deck at Clifford Park Race Course. A bus will leave from the school at 3.00pm, with gates to the Turf Club opening at 4pm. The bus will return to Clifton after the last race.

Tickets are limited so please get in early and place your name on the list.

Cost: $50 with bus and $40 without bus.
Both include entry to the Dalrello Deck and finger food for the evening.

Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed lady, male and couple.

Lucky Door prizes and a Multi Draw on the day.

Any donations of prizes for the multi draw raffle would be greatly appreciated. There are also sponsorship packages available for the sums of $250, $500 or $1000.

Please contact Ann-Maree Bange if you would like to donate or sponsor: 0413 127398 or 46958549

We look forward to seeing you supporting our P&F for a great social evening. Please note that this is an adult only function.
Support Systems in Toowoomba for Families with children with Differences.


MyTime groups provide facilitated peer support for mums, dads, grandparents and anyone caring for children with differences. MyTime is about sharing ideas and information with others who understand the rewards and intensity of caring for a child with special needs. Everyone is welcome.

For more information about MyTime Toowoomba please phone Lisa on 0427 265 046 or visit our Facebook page MyTime Toowoomba.

**Toowoomba Autism Noticeboard**

Toowoomba Autism Noticeboard is a place where information and ideas are posted relating to Autism and local Autism support services in Toowoomba. Any information about workshops, support groups and products can be viewed and shared here. We also have local therapists and medical specialists who participate in the group regularly. This is a way for us all to be ‘in the know’ about the great things on offer in Toowoomba for families and individuals affected by Autism. It’s also an opportunity to share and connect with others on a similar journey.

Find us on Facebook – Toowoomba Autism Noticeboard. Everyone is welcome.