7th November, 2013

Dear Parents

As we near the business end of the term, the school is “humming” with testing and other activities. A reminder that swimming lessons start on Monday, 25 November and it is expected that all students partake in these lessons as part of the curriculum. The swimming carnival will be held on Friday, 29 November and parents and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend and support the children.

Our staffing for next year is as follows: Prep/1, Mrs Jacqui Drysdale, Year 2/3, Mrs Dennielle Taylor, Year 4/5, Miss Rebecca Nystrom and Year 6/7, Mr Ty Maher. Mrs Skillington will be returning in her capacity as Music and Early Intervention Teacher and APRE/Curriculum release.

Mrs Tickner will continue to take LST on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Mr Mark Spranklin will continue to take P.E. on Wednesdays.

Well done to the staff and children who attended the ball games competition last Friday. A great time was had by all and by all accounts, St Francis de Sales students’ behaviour and sportsmanship were outstanding. I have included some photos later in this newsletter.

In the New Year, the school has employed Mrs Angela Ehmer, a Literacy Consultant to further in-service staff in the teaching of Reading and Comprehension. She will be conducting workshops in each classroom with the children and their teachers over the few days that she is here. She will spend 3 days at the school from 18-20 March 2014.

As part of the package, she will conduct a special parent workshop on Reading and Comprehension on Tuesday night, 18 March 2014 at 6.30 p.m. This is a must attend workshop for all parents to view how the teaching of Reading and Comprehension takes place. Please Date Claim this important date into your diaries for 2014 and don’t miss this essential workshop.
SCHOOL FEES:
School Fees for Term 4 have been sent home and are due for payment. Please remember that these fees help with the smooth running of the school and are vital to pay for most of our everyday expenses. We especially need to pay all our end of year bills before the Summer break.

It would be appreciated if any families having difficulty meeting this commitment could contact me as soon as possible.

UNIFORMS
Sizes 2-8 sports socks are now available.

Tuckshop
As the end of the year approaches stocks in the tuckshop will start to run out. Items such as plain chips & Lol's have already run out. These items will be replaced by a similar alternative. Please be willing to accept these replacements as we wind up another great year in the Tuckshop.

Thanks
Carolyn Stace

**Club Hotel Raffle Roster**
November 8th - K Joppich & B Giggins
November 15th - J Gillam & C Jessen

**Tuckshop Roster**
November 8th - C Stace & J Gillam
November 15th - C Peardon & A Marks

**Lost Jacket**
Corey Gascoyne has misplaced his spray jacket with his name on the inside front left pocket. It would be greatly appreciated if all families could please check their child/children’s jackets in case they have it by mistake.

Dear Parents,

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Coco Chanel

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal

Dates To Remember

**NOVEMBER**
12th - P & F AGM
15th - Prep Open Day
22nd - Confirmation Retreat Day
24th - First Communion - 9.00a.m.
25th - 27th Swimming Lessons (Mon/Tues/Wed)
29th - School Swimming Carnival

**DECEMBER**
5th - 6.00pm Year 7 Farewell Mass in Church + all students to attend. Everyone Welcome
5th - 7.15pm - P & F end of Year BBQ Celebration at School for all Parents and students.
6th - 11.00a.m. Xmas Assembly. School Closes at 11.30a.m.

2014
**JANUARY**
28th - School commences

**FEBRUARY**
14th - 16th Clifton Show
28th - P & F Meet and Greet (DATE CLAIM)

**March**
15th - Parish Fete at the school.
18th - 20th LITERACY WORKSHOPS

**Quote of the Week**
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**This Week’s Liturgy Roster**
**Saturday 9th November, 7pm**

*Welcoming:* N May
*POF/OHP:* M Wiedman & C Lucas
*Altar:*
*Readers:* R & G Imhoff
*Offertory:* R & G Imhoff
*Eucharistic:* N & L May
*Cleaning:* M Cranitch, B Naumann, M Gillam, K Cranitch, J Cleary, B Dator
Coffee....Again!
Where: Jam Factory
When: Monday November 11th
   After School Drop Off
   Everyone Welcome
   Love to see you there.
Katie Woodside
Gina Auger

Christmas Hamper

It is that time of year when we need to turn our attention to those that are less fortunate than ourselves. As we have done every year, we are asking you to bring in **one or two items of food** (with an extended period of time before expiry) each week. Keep an eye out for the display that will soon appear in the office.

Congratulations to Travis McDougall, who was the recipient of the Mayoral Achievement Award for 2013. Part of the transcript from his award is as follows:

Travis McDougall is a polite student, an excellent example to younger students and a loving brother. He does not let anything stand in the way of achieving his potential. He has a wonderful sense of humour that brings an energy to the classroom which is appreciated by his teachers and peers.

Reader’s Cup:
Our school came 4th out of all the schools that competed at the event. Well done!
Thank you goes to the mums’ who transported the children and attended the day.
P & F AGM - TUESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER AT 7p.m.

The P & F Annual General Meeting will take place next Tuesday Evening. We are looking for a number of candidates for various positions on the Committee. Being a member on the committee entails attending a meeting once a month for 90 minutes and being a “force for the good of the school” during the year.

Being on the committee does not mean that you are automatically there for the duration of your child’s education. You may stay on the committee for only one year if you so wish and then allow someone else to have the pleasure of being part of the committee.

Even if you don’t wish to be on the committee, please be part of the voting process next Tuesday so that we have a broad base of parent opinion. Bring your own refreshments and a plate and join in a great evening.