Dear Parents,
We are requesting donations of any exterior paint that you may have at home and are interesting in donating. Any colour and any amount will be gratefully accepted. The year 6 students will use this paint as part of their end of year gift to the school.

WORKING BEE – SUNDAY
We will gather at 9am in the undercover area. If it is raining on Sunday morning the Working Bee will be cancelled. We will update our community on a cancellation via the school Facebook page. Some equipment we will need on the day; trailers, chainsaws, wipper snippers and wheelbarrows.

LIBRARY NEWS
We have been in-undated with overdue books since the reminders were sent out last week! Thank you for this excellent response.

MINI VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL
We are coming up to that festive time of the year yet again where we, as a Christian community, need to remember and help those people in our area that our less fortunate than ourselves. This year we are again encouraging all of our families to bring non-perishable items into the foyer of the school office for our Mini Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Items are to be placed in (or around) the ‘Christmas Tree’. Watch this space each week for an update of our collection. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- 15th November at 3:15pm
Our next P&F meeting has been organised for the 18th October, at 3:15pm. Nomination forms are available at the school office.

STEM CHALLENGE DAY
The Clifton High School will be holding a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) challenge day this Friday. The school Open Day will be in the morning and prospective parents and students are invited to attend. From 12pm there will be a range of STEM related activities on display and the students are welcome to join in and be involved. All welcome.

Peace and Best Wishes,
Brendan
School Fees: School Fees for Term 4 have been sent home with the due date for the payment of Term 4 Fees being Friday 10th November.

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.

The Power of Prayer and Ritual Inside Our Helplessness

I was living by myself in a university dorm, thousands of miles from where this all happened, and thousands of miles from anyone with whom I could share this sorrow. Alone, agitated, panicked, and desperately needing to do something but being absolutely helpless to do anything, I was literally driven to my knees. Not being able to do anything else, I picked up the prayer book that contains the Office of the Church and prayed, by myself, the Vespers prayer for the dead. When I’d finished, my sorrow hadn’t gone away, my friend was still dead, but my panic had subsided, as had my desperate need to do something (when there was nothing I could do).

My prayer that night gave me some sense that the young man who died that day was alright, safe somewhere in a place beyond us, and it also relieved me of the agitation and panicked pressure of needing to do something in the face of agitated helplessness. I’d done the only thing I could do, the thing that’s been done in the face of helplessness and death since the beginning of time; I’d given myself over to prayer and to the rituals of the community and the faith of the community.

There’s a lesson to be learned here, one that can bring steadiness and calm into our lives at those times when we desperately need to do something, but there’s nothing to do.

Dates To Remember
Semester One 2017

October
20th-Clifton High School Open Day
22nd-Sunday Working Bee

November
8th-5/6’s Cricket with Clifton State School
17th Special Awards Assembly 2:15pm
15th to 17th, 22nd & 23rd – School swimming
24th Christmas Carol’s
24th SFDS Swimming Carnival
30th-Reports sent home
30th-End of year Mass 5pm followed by BBQ & Celebrations.
1st–Christmas Liturgy 10am.

Mass Times
Clifton: 1st Sunday–7:30am
2nd, 3rd & 5th Saturday-7pm
4th Sunday-Mass at 5pm

This Week’s Mass Roster
Sunday 22nd Oct 5p.m.:  
Welcoming:  N & J Lucas  
POF/OH:  B Naumann & L May  
Readers: L Lucas & B Lack  
Offertory: T Taylor & M Williams  
Eucharistic Ministers: K Flynn & S Shelton

God Bless

Brendan O'Reilly
Principal
Free 1 day workshop for parents & carers of school-aged students on the autism spectrum!

Warwick
22 Nov 2017

Register your place:

positivepartnerships.com.au

A brief message to our playgroup families that playgroup will not be held week 8 & 9 of this last term.

Students of the Week

Principal’s Award
The children are learning how to use the Bee Bot Robots.

The students are enjoying the upgraded outdoor play space.