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Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare's

Recently I have received some wonderful feedback from a number of people who have seen our students, your sons and daughters, out and about representing the school. It is a source of great pride to all of us that our young people are such fine ambassadors for their family and their school. I was particularly pleased to hear from a parent of a young student who does not attend our school who rang to give some positive feedback about the conduct of St Clare's students while they were on excursion. I thank parents and staff for their efforts to instil a sound moral code and respectful behaviour in our students.



Interviews continue this week and next for teaching positions in the areas of PDHPE, Science and Maths.

We received a great number of applications for the Level 6 Office position and will interview for this position on Tuesday next week. The panel will include a representative from the Catholic Schools Office of Maitland Newcastle.

I hope to publish a full list of new staff and staffing duties in the final newsletter for 2015.



As we approach the Christmas break I wanted to share some thoughts with you about the idea of celebration.

Like most people at this time of year I will be attending a number of formal and informal gatherings to celebrate success, acknowledge retiring staff and to enjoy the company of my colleagues, friends and family.

At each of these gatherings we will have something to celebrate and a clear understanding of the appropriate ways in which to celebrate.

In short we will be celebrating the successes and talents of members of our community in a happy, safe and respectful environment.

The same cannot be said for “after parties” and gatherings of underage young people at private properties, parks and beaches to celebrate the end of year. Such gatherings often get out of hand due to illegal underage drinking and illegal drug use.

The school does not endorse any “after” functions; for example after the Year 10 Social in Week 11, and recommends that parents and carers resist any emotional blackmail that their young person may bring to bear in an effort to allow them to attend such a gathering.

It is school policy to report any illegal drug use that impacts on the life of the school and its community to the police. This policy will be strictly enforced.

God Bless



Principal

**P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2016
6 PM SCHOOL LIBRARY**

PRAYERS: Please pray for those who are currently experiencing health difficulties and continue to pray for community members experiencing challenges, pain, sickness and grief in their lives at this time.

CHAPLAINCY/PASTORAL CARE: A reminder to all that the school has a Chaplain. Please feel free to contact our Chaplain, Deacon Vince Ryan, through the school office if he can be of assistance to you or any member of our whole school community.

PRAYER POINT: 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 29 NOVEMBER

Advent is about waiting. We wait, trying to be patient, for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. That sounds trite, doesn't it? All the phrases that we ‘trot-out’ at Christmas and then, like the tinsel and lights, we pack them away for another year. But this is what our God says:

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.'

Jeremiah 33

And what cities could we substitute for Judah and Israel?

“In those days Paris shall be saved...”

Or we could substitute someone's name; someone that's suffered:

“and _____ shall dwell in confidence.”

What do we wait for? We wait for the God who became human in a child to fulfil the promise that, in the uniting of the human and divine, evil, pain and suffering will be a thing of the past....overcome by the power of “the Lord,” the divine.

Have a good week,

Denise Ryan, Ministry Coordinator

Mass Times

Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree

75 Albert St, Taree

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 9:30 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wingham

8 Farquhar Street,

Wingham

Sunday: 8:30am

St Bernadette's, Krambach

Bucketts Way, Krambach

Saturday: 6:30 pm (On the weekend of a

5th Sunday, a Liturgy of the

Word with Communion is

held at Nabiac Church

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Harrington

Pilot St, Harrington

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

(1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays
in each month)

Saturday Liturgy of the
Word

and Communion: 6:00 pm

(2nd and 4th Saturdays of
each month)

St Therese's, Lansdowne

Cundle Rd, Lansdowne

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

(2nd and 4th Saturdays of
each month)

Our Lady of Fatima, Old Bar

20 Hall St, Old Bar,

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am

St Patrick's, Cundletown

River St, Cundletown

Sunday Mass: 6:00 pm

Forster-Tuncurry Catholic Parish

Holy Name of Jesus

Parish Church, Forster

33 Lake Street, Forster

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Tuncurry

15 Peel Street, Tuncurry

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:00 am

BISHOP'S AWARD

Applications are now called for the 2015 Bishop's Award.

Students currently enrolled in catholic secondary schools within our diocese in Years 7 – 11 are invited to collect a ***Bishop's Award Information and Application pack*** from their schools administration office and discuss their application with their Priest, Deacon, Minister or church leader as well as their school Principal.

Applications are to be forwarded to the Catholic Schools Office and be received no later than **18 December, 2015**.

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact Cath Garrett-Jones on 4979 1303 or email: cath.garrett-iones@mn.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL:

Year 12 students will receive their 2015 HSC results via **email** and **text message** from **6 am** on **Wednesday, 16 December 2015**. Students will also be able to access their results at the same time via the **BOSTES Students Online** site.

Students should now access the **Online > My Details** and check that their **email addresses and mobile telephone numbers are correct**. They could use their personal email address, rather than school email address, although the St Clare's school email system will remain open to the Class of 2015 until the commencement of the 2016 school year.

Students will also be sent a **Students Online Bulletin** reminder before the end of Term 4, which will also feature a personal message from BOSTES President, Tom Alegounarias - students should look out for this.

Students who do not wish to receive their results by email or SMS can opt out via Students Online > **My Details** until 5pm on **Tuesday, 15 December**. Further information can be found on Students Online > Results > **Getting your results**.

For more information, contact: *Students Online > Results > Getting your results* OR ring 1300 13 83 23.

On **Thursday, 17 December, 2015** (the day following the release of HSC results) those students who applied will receive their **Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)**. ATARs can be accessed from 9 am at <http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/atar/>

Students will need their **Year 12 student number** and your **UAC PIN** to log in. Families are reminded that, although the school has the student numbers, we do NOT have access to each student's PIN.

Visit the [ATAR website](#) to read about how the ATAR is calculated and more information on getting results. In general, the ATAR provides a measure of a student's overall academic achievement in relation to that of other students and helps universities rank applicants for selection into their courses. Each .05 increment has about 50 students i.e. there are about 50 students who will receive an ATAR of 67.85. So, the highest ATAR of 99.95 will contain the top 50 students in the state – it does NOT mean that they got an average mark of 99.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of Year 12 students monitoring emails from the school, through Year Coordinator, Mr Evans, and from Careers Adviser, Mrs Healey. Students also need to ensure that, during 'schoolies', someone at home can monitor offers of employment, placements, scholarships or places of residence.

Some Year 12 students are yet to **SIGN OUT** and **return the relevant HSC text**. Year 11 students have commenced HSC courses and, understandably, require these books.

Year 11 students were pleased with the presentation they received from the **Elevate Study Skills Program** this week. The presenter, Gus, was a very engaging and convincing speaker. Following the two hour program, students were given contact details for the Elevate website so that on-going support can be accessed.

Ian Evans, Year 12 Student Coordinator and Bronwen Davidson, Year 11 Student Coordinator

CAREERS CORNER: This week has been full of experiences for students in Years 10 and 11 to give them skills that will assist them to make wise choices for their future. Students have been given access to valuable websites; www.jobjump.com.au and www.stclarescareers.com. Both these sites are sources of useful information and can be accessed by parents. The password for jobjump is monkeys and the St Clare's site does not have a password. Parents are encouraged to access these sites with their child. These sites will be linked to the school's web page in 2016. Students and parents have also taken the opportunity to have interviews to start the process of exploring their career options.

Exciting news to hand in relation to Year 12 is that **Olivia Bielby** has gained a Catholic Education Office teaching scholarship. **Brodie McCann** has gained early entry into Macquarie University and Australian National University. Last count 35 early entry offers from Charles Sturt University were made to our Year 12 students. We have had pleasing results prior to the Higher School Certificate results being released.

As my time as a teacher and Careers Adviser comes to an end I would like to thank the parents for their support and also thank the students for their cooperation and I wish them well in whatever career path they follow. **Mr Evans** will be the Careers Adviser in 2016 and I feel content as I know he is a caring person and has the student's futures as his top priority. Remember you can achieve your dream by having faith in yourself and determination to succeed. **Carol Healey, Careers Adviser**

HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS: The highlight of this week was the St Joseph's Year 3 Chef for a Day program. Students came and experienced cooking in the commercial kitchen. Lots of happy faces were seen even though the aprons were a little big. The students successfully cooked and decorated cakes with a Christmas theme. **Carol Healey, VET Coordinator**





CREATIVE ARTS NEWS: This term Miss Aitchison's Year 10 Visual Arts Class have been working on a 'Street Art' unit of work. To finalise the unit students have created a Street Art Mural for the school to be installed on permanent display in the school basement outside the canteen. This collaborative work has been designed by the entire class in consultation with the school executive and is to represent popular culture and school values. Congratulations to **Miss Aitchison** and Year 10 Visual Arts for your creativity and dedication to this project.
Jason Koenig, Creative Arts Coordinator



MATHS WORKSHOP - Mathematics Workshop provides the opportunity for every student to obtain assistance and support in improving their understanding of mathematics. Four mathematics teachers are available each week to explain the concepts you are finding difficult or give assistance to enable you to complete your homework, assignments or any work that you may have missed due to absence from class.



WHEN IS IT ON? Wednesday lunchtime - every week.
Bring your lunch!

WHERE? Room 10

We hope to see you there!

Mrs Julie Rowsell- Mathematics Coordinator

MONDAY	30/11	Help Urgently Required
TUESDAY	1/12	Monica McMullen
WEDNESDAY	2/12	Jackie Wiseman
THURSDAY	3/12	Rebecca Mirow
FRIDAY	4/12	Janette Wright

**VACANCIES STILL EXIST
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL KINGSFORD
ST CLARE'S CANTEEN: 6591 2104, HOME: 6552 1857 OR
VIA EMAIL: cheryl.kingsford@mn.catholic.edu.au**



LOST PROPERTY: There are numerous items in the school lost property including jumpers and tracksuit jackets. Please claim any items before the end of the year as they will then be donated to St Vincent de Paul.

COMING EVENTS

Term 4

- Week 9** Monday 30/11 ♦ Year 7 Digi-Ed
Wednesday 2/12 ♦ Year 9 Reflection Day
Friday 4/12 ♦ Year 7 Reflection Day
- Week 10** Sunday 6/12 ♦ Carols by Candlelight, Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
Activities commence 3:30 pm – Carols from 6 pm
Monday 7/12 ♦ Year 10 Camp Commences
Friday 11/12 ♦ Year 10 Camp Concludes
- Week 11** Monday 14/12 ♦ Year 10 Awards Ceremony – 10:15 am
♦ **Final Day for Year 10 Students**
Tuesday 15/12 ♦ Year 10 Social – Rowing Club
Wednesday 16/12 ♦ HSC results released
♦ Years 7, 8, 9 & 11 Annual Awards Ceremony – 10:15 am
♦ Parent/Teacher Interviews (by request) – 1 pm
♦ **Final Day for Students**
Thursday 17/12 ♦ ATARs released by UAC
♦ Pupil Free Day
♦ **Final Day for Teachers**

2016

Term 1

- Week 1** Wednesday 27/1 ♦ Staff Development Day – **Pupil Free Day**
Thursday 28/1 ♦ Staff Development Day – **Pupil Free Day**
Friday 29/1 ♦ Years 7, 11 & 12 Students Commence
Monday 1/2 ♦ Years 8, 9 & 10 Students Return
- Week 3** Wednesday 10/2 ♦ P & F Meeting – 6 pm School Library



Leaving School or Starting a Job?

Free Seminar: *Being Smart with Money* (Free pizza provided!)

- Money saving tips \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$
- Credit traps
- Work and your entitlements
- Are you eligible for Youth Allowance?

Dates to choose from:

Wednesday: 2nd December and 16th December

Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Venue: Taree Centrelink,

184 – 188 Victoria St, Taree

(You don't need to be receiving a Centrelink payment to attend. Parents welcome too!)

You must book in. Limited seating available.

Call 136 357 or email fis.seminar.bookings@humanservices.gov.au

