



St Clare's High School

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Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare's

Our Year 10 Religious Education classes are studying catholic morality. Students are learning about the difference between values and morals and how decisions can have unanticipated consequences that do not always reflect the thought process of the decision maker. Students too are learning that there can be tension between values, e.g. the want to be a good person and the want to be popular, can throw all sorts of conundrums for the decision maker. I am pleased to report that our young people have strong values and are able to articulate why their values are important to them and to our community.

On Monday St Clare's hosted the Year 6 students from St Joseph's, Taree, St Joseph's, Wingham, St Joseph's, Gloucester, St Joseph's, Bulahdelah and Holy Name, Forster to their annual Year 6 Leadership Day, organised by primary school Year 6 teacher Mr Lee Sullivan.

Students heard from guest speakers, had discussions and played games that promoted teamwork, personal resilience and spiritual wellbeing.

St Clare's Year 12 student leaders, Laura Moy and Connor Thorp, spoke to the students about leadership and what leadership means and St Clare's Year 11 Sports Coaching group ran a series of team sports and games that promoted healthy decision making amongst the group.



Feedback from the day has been very positive with staff and students agreeing that the Senior Students input was first class. My thanks to our colleagues from the primary schools, Karen McCann who coordinated the Sports Coaching Group and Jane Polson who coordinates the activities of the Student Representative Council.

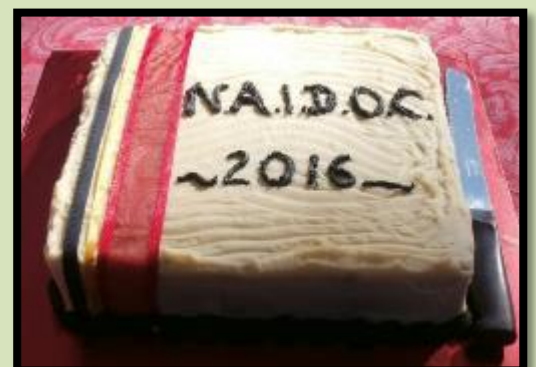


Yesterday we celebrated the contribution of Torres Strait and Indigenous people to our country at our annual NAIDOC School Assembly.

We were lucky to have the dance groups from St Joseph's Primary School, Taree and Taree High School on hand to perform as part of the gathering; both groups showcased their culture with skill and dignity. Well done to Naomi Paulson and Tahnee French, Aboriginal Education Workers, St Joseph's, Taree and Tannika Kent and Brooke Browne, Aboriginal Education Assistants, Taree High School and the young people who gave wonderful performances.



Thank you to Michelle Case for organising the event and to Biripi Elder, Pastor Russell Saunders, for his welcome to country and speech, to Cheryl Kingsford for the catering and NAIDOC Day cake and to Laurent Gonfond, David Constantine and Gabrielle McFarlane and the hospitality students who served morning tea for our guests and students following the assembly. Thanks also to Ralph Saunders from Narralingi Radio Station who broadcasted music for the students.



On Wednesday, Deacon Vince Ryan and some Year 7 students delivered a number of the cans of food that they have collected over the past few weeks to Taree charities. Local aid groups are experiencing high demand on their services and they have been delighted to receive support from our young people. Well done to Year 7 and their Student Coordinator, Mr Tim Masters and Deacon Vince.



Six years can sound a long time but it can also go in a ‘flash’. With just 10 weeks of school to go, some of our Year 12 students and their parents will be feeling this way about their secondary school experience. The holiday period offers our Year 12 students the opportunity to study and to rest before the “run” into exams. A person who makes a commitment to learning and working well over the last 50 days of school is bound to give themselves the best opportunity of achieving their goals.

I have had the pleasure of mentoring six young men in Year 10 as they have engaged in selecting courses and subjects for Stage 6 education. I have been impressed by their willingness to consider their futures and explore their options as they move closer to making their final subject selections – which are due early Term 3. If you or your son or daughter are experiencing difficulty in deciding on subjects or need additional information, contact Mr Ian Evans, Careers Adviser or Theresa Avery, Curriculum Coordinator for assistance.

I hope you and your family have a great break and that you find some ‘quiet’ time to spend together.

God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Nicholas".

Principal

**P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2016
6 PM ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WINGHAM**

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.

VINNIES WINTER BLANKET APPEAL: As our weather becomes cooler our students are keen to support those from our wider communities in need of warm blankets. The appeal has commenced this week, so please consider supporting this wonderful and practical initiative.



You can send in blankets that you don't need or support your child's PC class financially so that they can pool their funds to buy new blankets. The other option is for you to purchase new blankets – it is a generous gift for those who feel the cold.

The appeal will run over the winter months so please feel free to send in blankets even as winter ends. I'm happy to receive blankets during the summer months!!

Thank you
Deacon Vince

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
Sunday: 9 am
(Mass is celebrated on
alternate weekends – please
speak to Deacon Vince or

Mrs Denise Ryan at school
for information on which
weekend mass will be
celebrated)

**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

2016 YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMINATIONS

Trial HSC Examinations commence on Monday, 1 August and continue for 11 school days with the final examination being on Monday, 15 August. On Tuesday, 16 August, classes resume.

	Morning Session - all examinations start at 9 am	Afternoon Session - all examinations start at 1 pm
Monday 1 August	Paper 1 English Standard Paper 1 – 2hrs English Advanced Paper 2 –2hrs English ESL Paper 1 – 1.5 hrs	Music 1 – 1 hr approx. Music 2 – 1.5hrs approx. VET Retail – 2hrs
Tuesday 2 August	Paper 1 English Standard Paper 2 – 2hrs English Advanced Paper 2 –2hrs English ESL Paper 1 – 1 hrs	English ESL – Listening Paper 30 mins approx.
Wednesday 3 August	Visual Arts - 1.5 hrs Legal Studies – 3 hrs	Industrial Technology – Timber 1.5hrs Textiles and Design – 1.5 hrs
Thursday 4 August	Mathematics General 2 – 2.5 hrs Mathematics – 3 hrs Mathematics Extension 2 – 3 hrs Mathematics General 1 – 2½ hours	Business Studies – 3 hrs Music 1 Performance – 1pm (Music Room)
Friday 5 August	Chemistry – 3 hrs	Ancient History – 3 hrs Software Design & Development – 3 hrs
Monday 8 August	Studies of Religion 1 – 1.5 hrs Studies of Religion 2 – 3 hrs Catholic Studies – 1.5 hrs	Earth and Environmental Science –3 hrs Community and Family Studies – 3 hrs
Tuesday 9 August	Physics – 3 hrs Society and Culture – 3 hrs	Modern History – 3 hrs VET Hospitality – 2 hrs
Wednesday 10 August	Engineering Studies – 3 hrs Food Technology – 3 hrs	PDHPE – 3hrs
Thursday 11 August	Biology – 3 hrs	English EXT 1 – 2 hrs VET information Technology – 2 hrs
Friday 12 August	Mathematics EXT 1 – 2 hrs Drama – 1.5 hrs	VET Construction – 2 hrs
Monday 15 August	Economics – 3 hrs VET Business Services – 2 hrs	Information Processes & Technology – 3 hrs History EXT – 2hrs
	All Year 12 back in class Tuesday, 16 August	

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL: Today is the last day of Term 2 and time for Year 11 reports to be handed out.

School reports were distributed to the Year 11 students at the end of school today. Parents will be given an opportunity to meet with teachers early next term to discuss their son or daughters progress. This is an excellent opportunity for parents and guardians to touch base with the teachers and discuss any concerns.

In the envelope that will be brought home by the students, you will find a copy of their report for each of the subjects they are studying at the moment. Also in the envelope is a sheet explaining how to book an interview with each of the teachers. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you are not sure how to go about this process.

Many of the students are finding it difficult to concentrate at the moment, and the two week break from school will be a very welcome one. Please use it as a time to rest and recover; catch up on some sleep, and do something that you enjoy, Year 11. It should also be a time to do some revision or to gradually work on any assessment tasks that might be due next term.

The Yearly Examinations will be towards the end of Term 3 which will mean the end of the Preliminary Course. The HSC course begins in Term 4. Woohoo!

Term 4 also brings our Senior Retreat at Bonny Hills and more information will be forthcoming about this next term.

Have a wonderful two weeks break and make the most of your holiday.

“If you don’t design your own life plan, chances are you’ll fall into someone else’s plan. And guess what they have planned for you? Not much.”

Jim Rohn

Karen McCann, Year 11 Student Coordinator

CAREERS CORNER

Year 12 students should review last week’s article on **Careers Holiday Work - What you need to do to be on track for a stress free Term 3.**

Taree Future Options Expo 2016: Years 10-12

This careers expo will be held:

- at Chatham High School MPH
- on Friday 29th July from 9 am – 12 noon (Term 3 Week 1).

St Clare's has been allocated the 11 am - noon time slot. Even though **the event is targeted at all Year 12 students** and coincides with the opening of applications with the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), our **school will also send all Year 11 students. Year 10 students are also welcome** to attend at any time during the morning but **ONLY if accompanied by a parent/carer** who is to sign out a student in the normal manner for taking partial leave from school.

The day is organised by a team of local Careers Advisers from the Taree and Great Lakes area and, each year, approximately 1000 students from all of the regions schools have the opportunity to attend free of charge. The event is sponsored by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, and **there is something there to interest each student, regardless of their aspiration.** Over 60 exhibitors will be in attendance on the day, including:

- employer groups,
- trainers such as NSW Police and Defence,
- private tertiary colleges,
- TAFE,
- apprenticeship centres and
- universities from NSW, ACT and QLD

It is important that all Year 12 students in particular make the most of this opportunity to research:

- course options,
- early entry schemes,
- employment prospects,
- scholarship opportunities,
- on campus accommodation options, and
- financial assistance that may be available for study in the form of Youth Allowance from Centrelink.

Further information about the expo will be sent home with students early in Term 3.

Decision making about the future is best made as a family with research and knowledge being the key to success. Any parent or caregiver who needs assistance in helping their child in decision making and planning for the future should contact the school Careers Adviser, Ian Evans, to make an appointment to discuss options, opportunities and strategies for success.

Karen McCann, Acting Careers Adviser

BUCKET HATS: Bucket hats will be available from WorkWise Clothing, 49 Whitbread Street, Taree the 2nd week of the school holidays at a cost of \$19.50 each. **Karina Hogan, PDHPE Studies Coordinator**



PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS: Parents of students who have had a Personalised Planning Meeting, please consider having an interview with a member of the Learning Support Staff to review your child's Plan. Life Skill students to see:

Year 7 **Mrs O'Connor**
Year 8 **Ms Catt**
Year 9 **Mrs Boere**
Years 10 – 12 **Mrs Boere**

Bernadette Boere, Learning Support Coordinator

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS: We wish **Sean Page and Peter Geeves-Whitehouse** well on their Scholarship to the National Art School in the school holidays. This scholarship has been won by award winning artists such as Del Catherine Barton and Ben Quilty and we certainly are very proud of Peter and Sean. **Jason Koenig, Creative Arts Coordinator**



RUGBY 7'S REPORT: On Tuesday our U16 years Girls Rugby team proudly represented St Clare's and left their mark at the state finals in Sydney. Following our Monday school day we travelled down to Kings School in Sydney. Although weary from the trip down, our girls were still able to socialise with other students who had also travelled from around the state. We were all impressed with the fine facilities and were very grateful to the Kings School for accommodating our students.

In our first game, against Illawarra, our girls literally stole the ball to win the game 2-1 with **Madi and Nicole** both scoring. Next was Terrigal and **Nicole and Chloe** both scored early, but they were up against a very well drilled team who came back to win 5-2. Our favourable points differential saw us qualify for the play off against Wauchope. This was a tough and brilliant game. Although Wauchope had an early lead in the second half, **Chloe and Corinna** both smashed through their defence to score and **Klaiha** almost got over the line but was ruled out so sadly we lost 3-2 meaning our ladies, despite playing courageously in a brilliant game, could not get into the Grand Final Cup match.



For the shield match we played Warialda where **Mia, Nicole, Chelsea and Thalia K** all scored winning 4- 2. In the shield final we were matched up against the giant ladies from Blacktown. **Nicole** scored two very quick tries early followed by a great running try from **Thalia S**. In the second half we defended and defended but could not keep the much larger team out and we lost 4-3. Overall we came 4th on points, which is a huge effort by our students. I would like to congratulate **Nicole Griffis** for best and fairest, **Madi Hancock** for the biggest tackle, **Chloe Coble** for multiple hit ups, **Mia Lyons** for the best run, **Thalia Kladis** for a huge try saving tackle and ball steal, **Thalia Simon** for best lineout jump, **Klaiha Waugh-Ridgeway** for inspirational running and most enthusiastic commentary, **Corinna Mundine** for running over the top of the most players, **Chelsea Green** for superb passing and fearless tackling, **Lenae Simon** for inspiring Bear's chanting and coaching our girls throughout the tournament.

A special thank you to **Lamanda Griffis** for travelling and staying with us and all of the parents who travelled down to support the team. This was a successful trip and our girls will hopefully remember it as a highlight of their time at St Clare's. **Jason Koenig, Rugby 7s 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	18/7	Pupil Free Day
TUESDAY	19/7	Help Urgently Required
WEDNESDAY	20/7	Help Urgently Required
THURSDAY	21/7	Help Urgently Required
FRIDAY	22/7	Jenny Chippett – ½ Day

VACANCIES STILL EXIST

**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS
IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL KINGSFORD
AT ST CLARE'S: 6591 2104, HOME: 6552 1857 OR
VIA EMAIL: cheryl.kingsford@mn.catholic.edu.au**

LEAVE NOTES & STUDENT MESSAGES: It would be appreciated if parents/guardians would send in a **written note** if their child needs to leave early for appointments etc. Notes should be handed in at the front office in the **morning before roll call**. If parents/guardians need to notify their child of a change of afternoon arrangements, it is necessary to **phone the school prior to 2:25 pm** (End of Lunch – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday) or **prior to 1:55 pm** (End of Lunch – **Thursday Sport**) as it is often difficult to locate students if their last lesson is a PE Prac or there has been a room change. **Students cannot be collected from the school during school hours by anyone other than a parent or guardian without written permission**. Thank you.

LATE NOTES: Lateness to school is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained to the school the same way as other forms of absence. **Arriving Late for school requires a handwritten note from a parent/carer or a phone call from a parent/carer** or the absence is recorded as an unexplained partial absence. Thank you.

SCHOOL CLINIC: Students are reminded that if they are unwell whilst at school they are to advise their teacher who will then send them to the Front Office. If necessary, the office staff will contact a parent while the student waits in the Clinic. **Students are not to contact parents on their mobile phones** as this leaves teachers and office staff unaware of the situation and is also in breach of the school policy – use of mobile phones. Thank you.

COMING EVENTS - 2016

Term 3

- Week 1**
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| Monday | 18/7 | ◆ Pupil Free Day |
| Tuesday | 19/7 | ◆ First Day for students for Term 3 |
| Wednesday | 20/7 | ◆ Year 10/11 Parent/Teacher Interviews |
- Week 2**
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| Monday | 25/7 | ◆ Students from Kobe Kaisei arrive |
| Friday | 29/7 | ◆ Taree Careers Expo – Chatham High School
◆ Horsesports - Taree |
- Week 3**
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| Sunday | 31/7 | ◆ Year 9 Snowy Excursion Departs |
| Monday | 1/8 | ◆ Trial HSC Examinations commence |
| Wednesday | 3/8 | ◆ P & F Meeting – 6 pm (St Joseph’s Primary School, Wingham) |
| Thursday | 4/8 | ◆ Kobe Kaisei students depart St Clare’s |
| Friday | 5/8 | ◆ Year 9 Snowy Excursion Returns |
- Week 4**
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| Friday | 12/8 | ◆ St Clare’s Feast Day Celebrations |
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- Week 5**
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| Monday | 15/8 | ◆ Trial HSC Examinations conclude
◆ CCC Netball Championships - Penrith |
| | 18/8 | ◆ Years 7 – 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews
◆ Dio Athletics |

- Week 6** Thursday 26/8 ♦ Year 7 Vaccination – 3rd dose
- Week 7** Wednesday 31/8 ♦ P & F Meeting – 6 pm
- Week 10** Thursday 22/9 ♦ Year 12 Farewell Assembly
 Friday 23/9 ♦ Year 12 Graduation Mass
 ♦ Last Day of Term 3
- Term 4**
- Week 1** Thursday 13/10 ♦ HSC Written Examinations commence
- Week 3** Wednesday 26/10 ♦ P & F Meeting – 6 pm
- Week 4** Friday 4/11 ♦ HSC Written Examinations conclude
- Week 5** Monday 7/11 ♦ Year 9 & 10 Yearly Examinations commence
 Friday 11/11 ♦ Graduation Evening
- Week 6** Friday 18/11 ♦ Year 9 & 10 Yearly Examinations conclude
- Week 7** Monday 21/11 ♦ Year 7 & 8 Yearly Examinations commence
 Wednesday 23/11 ♦ P & F Meeting – 6 pm
 Friday 25/11 ♦ Year 7 & 8 Yearly Examinations conclude
- Week 10** Thursday 15/12 ♦ HSC Results released
 Friday 16/12 ♦ ATAR Results released

7 STRANGERS INVESTIGATE THE GREATEST PARANORMAL MYSTERY IN THE WORLD

APPARITION HILL

From the acclaimed director *The Triumph* comes a powerful new film that chronicles the incredible journey of 7 strangers who embark across the globe to investigate one of the greatest mysteries of the modern era. **Apparition Hill** is an emotionally charged "cinematic pilgrimage" to the little-known village of Medjugorje nestled along the Croatian-Bosnia-Herzegovina borders. The feature-length documentary is being shown in select theaters through our Grassroots Partnership Program. Discover the shared miracle as two atheists, a skeptic, two terminally ill patients, a widower, and a recovering addict learn about life ... and what comes after it.

WHEN: Sunday 24th July, 2016

WHERE: Fays Twin Cinema, Taree

START TIME: 11:15am

COST: \$10 w/proceeds to cancer research

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