



St Clare's High School

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Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare's

Last Friday we welcomed our Year 7 cohort of 2017 to St Clare's for their Year 7 orientation day. The day was organised by Bronwen Davidson, the 2017 Year 7 Student Coordinator, and featured a number of classes and gatherings designed to give our youngest learners a taste of what their next year of schooling holds. The day was supported by a wide range of teaching staff and senior student leaders who were as excited as the younger folk to be involved in the orientation program. Feedback from parents, staff and students has been very positive and I thank Bronwen and the team for their work on behalf of the youngest members of our school community.

Last Tuesday two of our students, School Captain **Sarah Ward** and Year 10 student **Luke Strong**, were invited to speak at a gathering of Catholic professional people in Newcastle. They earned this privilege by winning the Diocese Public Speaking Competition for their age group. The topic they were asked to address was designed to give the older people in the room a better understanding of the perspectives of younger people and how this might impact on business, the Catholic Church and life in general. Luke and Sarah spoke with great poise, each



showing to advantage their long involvement in debating and public speaking. Their sophisticated approach to the topic "Accepting a New Reality" took some in the audience by surprise and their ability to adlib and answer questions thoughtfully was appreciated by the gathering. Sarah and Luke represented the St Clare's community with great dignity and were a credit to their family and Catholic education.



I spent Thursday of this week at the Year 11 Retreat which is being held at the Frances Retreat at Bonny Hills. The Retreat is held at a critical time as it marks the Year 11 students' transition to their final year of secondary schooling. The Retreat gives them time to reflect on the passage of their lives, what is important to them, what they need to let go and what they need to work on, so that they become the faithful people and the agents of change in the world we want them to be.

I was impressed by the student's engagement in the program. While there was plenty of fun being had there was clearly a strongly held commitment amongst the students that what they were doing was important to them, their personal growth and spiritual development. The liturgy after dinner to acknowledge each student's special "care bear" was very moving. A great deal of thought, planning and work goes into the Retreat and I thank Denise Ryan and Karen McCann for their efforts on behalf of your sons and daughters. Special thanks to Diocesan Family Community Faith Coordinator, Melissa Fenech, for her presence at the Retreat.

St Clare's staffing numbers are set by the Catholic Schools Office in Newcastle. The staff to student ratio is calculated based on student numbers. This makes it very important that people who are intending to move to another school let us know that they intend to do so in a timely manner. If you are intending to have your son or daughter change schools could you let our office staff know so that we can include other people who are waiting for a position to become available at our school.

On Monday, 14 November we will be holding a meeting for parents of our 2017 Year 7 and Year 10 classes to outline the St Clare's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy and make some suggestions regarding the make and specifications of the device that might best suit your family. Arrangements are being made to have some local suppliers on hand to display devices and explain their capabilities.

2017 will see BYOD policy in its second year at St Clare's. It was adopted because parents, when surveyed, reported that they wanted to choose a device that best suited their family rather than have a device mandated by the school. The meeting will run from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the school hall.

God Bless



Principal

**P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2016 – 6 PM
VENUE – ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, TAREE (COMMUNITY ROOM)**

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.

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

Another win for 'David' Timor against 'Goliath' Australia

17 Comments

Frank Brennan | 26 September 2016

David Timor has once again scored a win against Goliath Australia in the international legal forum. Last time it was in the International Court of Justice which took strong exception to Australia's raiding of the office of a lawyer involved in the preparation of Timor Leste's case, though admittedly Australia's one ad hoc judge did dissent on key points from the other 15 judges!

This time it was before a five-member Conciliation Commission convened under the auspices of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. Timor had asked for compulsory conciliation seeking to advance its demand that Australia come to the table and commence the negotiation of maritime boundaries. Australia raised six objections to the conciliation. All six objections were rejected unanimously by the commission.

Children in East Timor



Two of the commissioners were nominated directly by Australia. One of those commissioners was Dr Rosalie Balkin who had been a highly respected Assistant Secretary in the Australian Attorney-General's Department. She had been in charge of the Public International Law Branch in the Office of International Law.

Balkin's involvement is very significant in light of the long entrenched Canberra bureaucratic mindset which has informed governments of both political persuasions on Timor issues, urging them to yield no ground when it comes to boundary negotiations.

Responding to the commission's findings, Attorney General George Brandis and Foreign Minister Julie Bishop on Tuesday regurgitated the long repeated Canberra mantra: 'The current treaty arrangements between Australia and Timor-Leste have been hugely beneficial to Timor-Leste and have supported the accumulation of a \$16 billion sovereign wealth fund ...

'We have a strong interest in Timor-Leste's stability and growing prosperity, and in providing a stable and transparent framework for investment in the Timor Sea.'

They have no idea just how patronising this sounds in Dili each time Australia gets defeated in the international forum. They may well be right. But it's not their call. Timor-Leste is now an independent sovereign nation and its leaders, which include those who fought for its independence, now want to negotiate maritime boundaries. It's time for some very plain speaking in Canberra.

Australia and Timor Leste negotiated the Timor Sea Treaty in 2002 and the CMATS Treaty (Treaty on Certain Maritime Arrangements in The Timor Sea) in 2006. The CMATS treaty was negotiated in such indecent haste that Foreign Minister Alexander Downer deliberately circumvented the usual Australian parliamentary process for scrutinising the treaty.

It was finalised at a time of great political instability in Timor Leste. CMATS was designed to put the negotiation of maritime boundaries on hold for 50 years, providing Timor Leste with a 50 per cent revenue share of the Greater Sunrise oil and gas field, even though most of the field fell within Australian jurisdiction under the 2002 agreement. Back in 2006, commentators including me endorsed CMATS as a fair deal given that it was supported by the Timorese leadership who were content to put boundary negotiations on the long finger in exchange for a short term financial windfall.

The expectation was that a deal for the development of Sunrise would be finalised within six years and that production would start shortly thereafter. But that never happened. No deal was struck with the joint venturers led by Woodside and Shell. With the present glut in oil and gas prices, it is highly unlikely that Sunrise will be developed in the foreseeable future. For example, Shell has shelved the Browse project off the Western Australian coast. Browse is twice the size of Sunrise, and has none of the complex jurisdictional issues.

Having learnt that Australia spied on the Timorese negotiators when CMATS was being finalised, the Timorese have been keen to invalidate the CMATS Treaty. They have other international proceedings on foot seeking a declaration of invalidity. They may succeed; they may not. Meanwhile the Timorese have received legal advice which encourages them to think that the whole of Sunrise might eventually be included within Timor's jurisdiction, avoiding the need to deal further with the Australians. There is no certainty about this, because negotiations will need to include a place at the table for Indonesia as well as Australia and Timor-Leste.

The Timorese convinced the Labor Party before the last election that a future Labor government should commit to prompt negotiation of a maritime boundary. Labor also announced it would reverse the 2002 Australian decision to withdraw Australia from court determinations or arbitration in the event of a failure to reach agreement. The Timorese then treaded carefully and respectfully with Malcolm Turnbull during the election campaign. With new prime ministers on either side of the Timor Trough, the Timorese thought the time was ripe to seek agreement on commencing the negotiation of maritime boundaries. They could have enlisted their many Australian friends to campaign against Turnbull in the election. But they decided not to. They opted to wait.

Armed with a strong legal team from the UK led by Vaughan Lowe and Sir Michael Wood, two of the doyens of international maritime law, the Timorese then took a bold step. Lowe and Wood had advised that the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) contained provisions for compulsory conciliation in cases where the parties had agreed not to go to arbitration or to judicial settlement. They argued this was the situation with CMATS. The commission agreed. The commission decided:

Nothing in CMATS constitutes an agreement 'to seek settlement of the dispute by a means of [the Parties'] own choice'. Nor does the commission consider that an agreement not to pursue any means of dispute settlement can reasonably be considered a dispute settlement means of the parties' own choice. Accordingly the commission concludes that CMATS is not an agreement [pursuant to UNCLOS] that would preclude recourse to compulsory conciliation.

The Conciliation Commission will now host a year of meetings between the parties assisting them to reach agreement on maritime boundaries. The commission will then produce a report. Though the report and any observations by the commission are not legally binding, this one-year procedure should now be enough to convince the Turnbull government that there is no point in putting negotiations on hold for another 41 years or until the election of the next Labor government.

Turnbull's advisers may well continue to tell him that CMATS provides certainty for economic development of Greater Sunrise, while putting on hold the uncertainty of maritime boundary negotiations which might exacerbate tensions with Indonesia, given the past dealings and agreements between Indonesia and Australia. They may well continue to argue that risks in relationships can be minimised by maintaining present arrangements. This week's ruling should give the Canberra bureaucrats every reason to pause.

There is nothing to be gained for Australia by continuing to put negotiations on hold when there is no immediate prospect of Sunrise being developed, when the Timorese are increasingly convinced (whether rightly or wrongly) that they were duped, when Australia is wanting to put out a clear message in the South China Sea that China be committed to negotiations in accordance with international law, and when Australia has to spend a year at the table engaged in conciliation under the watchful eye of five commissioners who have already taken a dim view of Australia's legalistic approach.

More than ever, Turnbull will have to stop preaching on the South China Sea if he is not prepared to act in the Timor Sea. Australia has already told the commission that 'it will engage in the conciliation in good faith'. So Turnbull will need to develop a new narrative as to why Australia wouldn't make the best of a bad lot and use the compulsory conciliation as a means to kick start a sensible negotiation of maritime boundaries. Hopefully he will drop the patronising Canberra line that we Australians know what's best for the Timorese. With their flash UK legal advisers and Norwegian commercial advisers, the Timorese will make their own decisions from here on. Thus far, David has scored two king hits in the international forum. It's time for Goliath to take stock.



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YEAR 12 STUDENTS: Please ensure that you clean out your lockers prior to the Graduation on 11 November 2016. Thank you.

CAREERS CORNER: With Year 12 students currently occupied with written HSC Examinations, **the focus of this week's article is Years 9-11.**

Year 10

The Taree branch of the **Commonwealth Bank** is currently seeking applications from students **currently in Year 10** who are looking to kick start their career in finance/banking/business by commencing a **school-based traineeship**. Students who have selected **Business Studies &/or Legal Studies in 2017** should pay particular attention to this offer.

The **school-based traineeship** is structured to **allow a student to complete the traineeship whilst still studying for the Higher School Certificate**. (The units even count towards the award of an HSC!)

The successful applicant will be **required to work one day per week at the bank during the school term and also half of the school holidays**. (Note: this is **PAID** work!).

The successful applicant will also be **required to attend a week-long training course in Sydney (16 – 20 January)** and be escorted by a parent/guardian for the duration.

For a copy of the application package, contact Amanda at GTES (apprenticeship and employment specialists) on 0409 593 740 or ahoop@etes.com.au. St Clare's Careers Adviser, Ian Evans, also has information. **Applications close on Friday, 4 November 2016.**

Years 9 & 10

On Friday, 4 November, **all Years 9 and 10** will walk to Fays Twin Cinemas, Taree, to attend **SKILLS AND THRILLS** – a 1 hour careers showcase facilitated by the company, **SkillOne**, which will take careers advice out of the office and onto the screen through an exhilarating film packed with music, video and animation.

Students will find out the latest on jobs of the future, industry trends and how to connect their passions to a successful career outcome. **SkillOne** will showcase a variety of in-demand industry areas, with a focus to the needs of our region including:

- Tourism and Hospitality
- Building and Construction
- Community Services and Healthcare
- Digital, IT and STEM
- Creative Industries
- Primary Industries and Agribusiness
- Government jobs
- Service sectors

Importantly students will learn about career opportunities in each sector and avenues on where to go for training.

Years 9, 10 & 11

The management of **Coles Supermarket, Taree Manning Mall**, is currently looking to **hire 12 junior casuals** in the coming month ready for the busy season of Christmas. Any students **15 years and over** looking for casual employment need only **apply through the online system before Wednesday, 25 October** in order to be considered for the positions. **Year 12** students might also like to apply.

In order to apply the student will need to:

- Go to www.colescareers.com.au<<http://www.colescareers.com.au>>
- Click on the Job Search menu icon at the top of the page
- Enter Job No 603865 into Search Field
- Read the job advertisement for further information
- Click Apply and fill in the required details
- **Applications close 26/10/2016**

Years 9, 10, 11 & 12

Students and families are reminded that the **Term 4 Week 2 JobJump articles**, featuring careers information based on 1) subject areas and 2) places of post-school education, have already been sent to **students in Years 9-12**. A mechanism for distributing this information to parents is currently being set up.

Ian Evans, Careers Adviser

MATHEMATICS NEWS: On 16 August, 93 students from Years 7 – 11 sat for the ICAS Mathematics Competition which is run by the University of NSW and is offered to students in the Asia Pacific Region and South Africa. The examinations are quite challenging with the problems assessing the students’ knowledge across the five strands of Mathematics; Number and Arithmetic, Algebra and Patterns, Measures and Units, Space and Geometry and Chance and Data.

The Mathematics staff wish to congratulate all the students who attempted these examinations and especially those who were rewarded with high levels of achievement.



Mathematics

YEAR 11	Thomas Dayoub	Distinction
YEAR 10	Luke Strong	Distinction
	Kyle Chapman	Credit
	Joel Dark	Credit
	Harry Wade	Credit
	Rhys Hood	Credit
	Claudia Kukas	Credit
	Saksham Lama	Credit
	Harold Last	Credit
	Nicholas Parsons	Credit
	Matthew Parvin	Credit
	Hugo Pennington	Credit
	Caitlan Tull	Merit
	Jennifer Wesley	Merit
YEAR 9	Zebulen Everingham	Distinction
	Miguel Guthridge	Distinction
	Griffin Hearn	Credit
	Abbey Last	Credit
	Ella Reay	Credit
	Galen Wiseman	Credit
	Grace Collinson	Merit
	Elijah Doherty	Merit
	Jack Wood	Merit

YEAR 8	Kade Lewis-Fisher	High Distinction
	Ivan Heng	Distinction
	Lyall Last	Distinction
	Grace McCallum	Distinction
	Jim Brown	Credit
	Liam Pope	Credit
	Dahli Reid	Credit
	Elise Rourke	Credit
	Zain Saeed	Credit
	Senura Senanayake	Credit
	Jessica Yi	Credit
	Hannah Bailey	Merit
	Elizabeth Heiss	Merit
	Jasmine Young	Merit

YEAR 7	Jayden Heng	Distinction
	Wen Yuan LimSchneider	Distinction
	Maddison Eakin	Credit
	Kirra Forsayth	Credit
	Mikayla Guymer	Credit
	Erin Horsington	Credit
	Rory Kennewell	Credit
	Olivia Nguyen	Credit
	Callum Owen	Credit
	Rohan Wiseman	Credit
	Finlay O'Connell	Merit
	Harry Plummer	Merit
	William Watman	Merit



Thomas Dayoub
Year 11
Distinction

Luke Strong
Year 10
Distinction

Zebulen Everingham
Year 9
Distinction

Miguel Guthridge
Year 9
Distinction

Kade Lewis-Fisher
Year 8
High Distinction



Ivan Heng
Year 8
Distinction

Lyall Last
Year 8
Distinction

Grace McCallum
Year 8
Distinction

Jayden Heng
Year 7
Distinction

WenYuan LimSchneider
Year 7
Distinction

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE: Kade Lewis-Fisher, Year 8, achieved an outstanding result which placed him in the top 1% of candidates in the ICAS Mathematics competition. Kade has been selected due to his exceptional problem solving skills, as one of 60 students nationwide to participate in the 'digIT' program. This is a six-month program that combines two residential camps and a mentoring program. The camps will enable Kade to explore all aspects of Information and Communication Technology, including programming through guest lectures, interactive sessions, practicals and field trips. He will be matched with a mentor recruited from a variety of ICT backgrounds and together they will construct personal goals for Kade. This might include discussing study options and career pathways, undertaking further extension work with support from his mentor, developing ideas based on learnings from the camp or working on a project.



Congratulations to Kade on achieving both a magnificent result in the ICAS Mathematics Competition and being offered the opportunity to embrace his talent and extend his future pathway. We look forward to Kade sharing his experience in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS O'SULLIVAN: On 17 September, **Miss Tara O'Sullivan** received a Student Teacher Prize at the Mathematical Association of NSW (MANSW) Annual Conference. Each year, two student teachers are nominated from selected universities to recognise their outstanding Mathematics results during their final year of their university degree. Tara began teaching at St Clare's this year where she has shared her significant mathematical ability and educational knowledge with both her students and her teaching colleagues.

Julie Rowsell, Mathematics Coordinator



YEAR 11 PDHPE CAMP 2016: The largest (45 students) PDHPE group ever in the history of the camp embarked on Cundle Flat Farm on Wednesday the 12th through to Friday the 14th October.



Year 11 PDHPE 2016, Mr Clacherty & Miss Hogan

The students were made up of six tribes:

Los Gringos: Kylie Neilson, Hannah Lewis, Tim Daczko, Tim Keen, Jack Eason, Peter Geeves-Whitehouse and Daniel Sewell

Hakuna Matata: Maddison Pinto, Kirrily Smith, Miranda Bell, Natalie Blancas-Williams, Reece Minett, Sam Thomson and Sean Page

Crikey: Sarah Chalmers, Tayla Mullen, Gabby Wyse, Sam Mudford, Lachlan Cross, Caine Tubnor and Andrew Hills

Bandidos: Jesse Wilkes, Stephanie Poole, Chloe Crossingham, Maggie Croker, Andrea Goss, Oscar Carey, Noah Jones and Brady Griffiths

Fire breathing Rubber Duckies: Sarah Ward, Ruby Jones, Abbi Greenaway, Tasma Henry, Tom Hallot, Paul Elliott, Seth Collis and Andrew Taylor

The Coights: Sophie Wood, Emily Becker, Brooke Berg, Renee Pettet, Mikayla Cartwright, Jacob Dunn, Joshua Argall and Hugh Polson

The camp began with an issue with the tow ball on the Mini Bus which delayed us for two hours. Fortunately, Tinonee Bus Depot came to the rescue and replaced it. We arrived at Cundle Flat Farm just in time for lunch and the weather was perfect to set up camp. It did not take the students long to settle in, it did take the teachers a little longer, especially the boys (**Mr Clacherty & Mr Collier**).

The Bandana Hunt was the first activity for the tribes to gain points and select their favourite bandana. Crikey gained first place and the opportunity to select the bandanas of their choice. The afternoon was perfect for enjoying the beautiful river – jumping off the famous rock and risking bruises and a few scraps from the rocks down the rapids.

Daniel Sewell “Who said these rocks were soft!”



Once the sun had set the students were keen to light the fire and they began preparing their dinner. After dinner more points were awarded for Trivia. Day one came to a close and the students were keen to get some rest so they could enjoy many more activities the next day. Wednesday night was extremely cold (3°C) with many of the students not getting a lot of sleep.

Thursday morning unfortunately was cold and showers were predicted all day. However, it did not lessen the enthusiasm of the students as they climbed a rather high mountain to gain a magnificent view of the whole camp ground. Some students were hoping that they would be able to gain mobile phone service, but they were disappointed. In the afternoon the students tried out their archery skills and were also required to complete an orienteering course. Once darkness approached and dinner was shared, the campfire was a fantastic opportunity to socialise, laugh and play fun games. Thank goodness Thursday night was not as cold as the night before.



Mrs McCann equipped for the showers!



Group at the top of the mountain



**Archery - Left to Right
Thomas Hallot, Gabrielle Wyse, Lachlan Cross & Samuel Mudford**

Friends – Maddison Pinto, Kirrily Smith & Miranda Bell

As Friday morning crept around the weather started to improve. The last challenge for the camp was the obstacle course. The Coights gained first place. Securing their overall placement as winners of the survivor camp for 2016.



**The overall winners The Coights
Back Row - Joshua Argall, Hugh Polson, Emily Becker and Jacob Dunn
Front Row – Brooke Berg, Mikayla Cartwright, Sophie Wood and Renee Pettet**

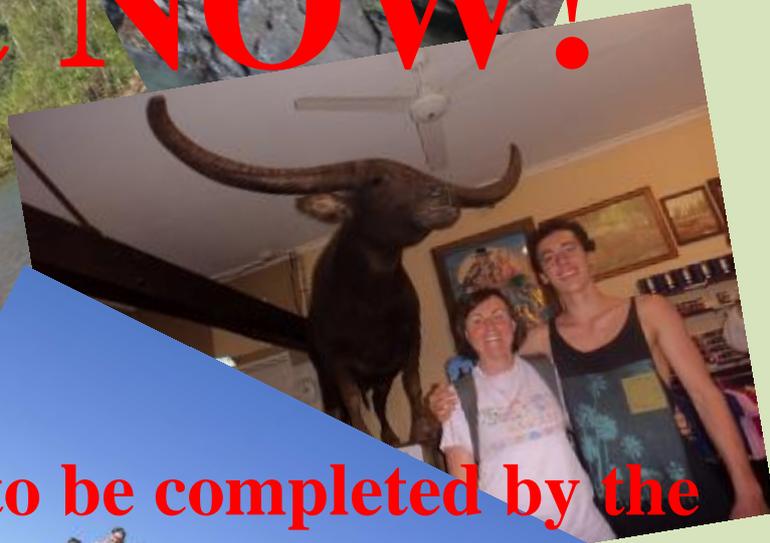
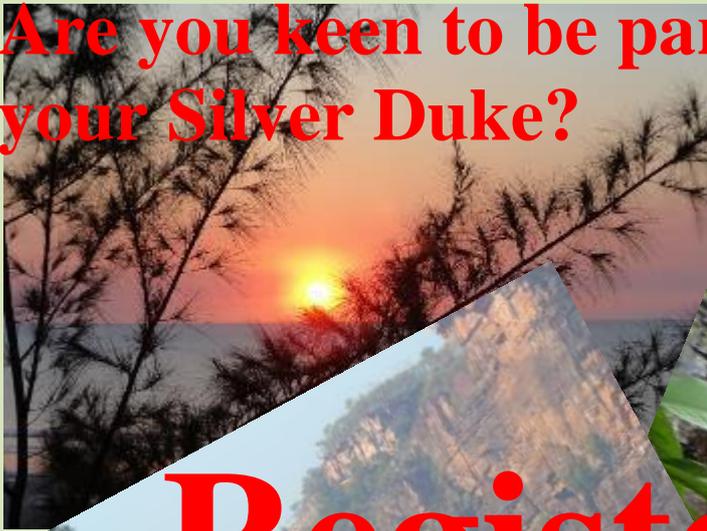
On behalf of Mr Clacherty and myself I would like to thank all of the students for their excellent behaviour and maturity as well as a big thank you to Mrs McCann and Mr Collier for dedicating their time and expertise to ensure that the camp ran smoothly.

Karina Hogan, PDHPE Studies Coordinator

Are you keen to be part of Top End 2017 for your Silver Duke?

Register your interest NOW!

Permits for this need to be completed by the 1st of November. So if you are keen, you need to see Mr Holland for an expression of interest form by the end of NEXT WEEK.



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	24/10	Help Urgently Required
TUESDAY	25/10	Ros Hia
WEDNESDAY	26/10	Lyn Simpson
THURSDAY	27/10	Help Urgently Required
FRIDAY	28/10	Help Urgently Required

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 3** Wednesday 26/10 ♦ P & F Meeting – 6 pm
St Joseph's Primary School, Taree (Community Room)
- 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** Monday 14/11 ♦ Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Year 7 & Year 10 2017
Parent Information Evening – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
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** Wednesday 14/12 ♦ Year 10 Social
Thursday 15/12 ♦ Year 10 Awards Ceremony
♦ HSC Results released
Friday 16/12 ♦ ATAR Results released
♦ Years 7, 8, 9 & 11 Annual Awards Ceremony
♦ **Final Day for Students**
- Week 11** Monday 19/12 ♦ Pupil Free Day
♦ Parent/Teacher Interviews (by request)
Tuesday 20/12 ♦ **Final Day for Teachers**

2017

Term 1

- Week 1** Friday 27/1 ♦ Staff Development Day – **Pupil Free Day**
- Week 2** Monday 30/1 ♦ Years 7, 11 & 12 Students Commence
Tuesday 31/1 ♦ Years 8, 9 & 10 Students Return
- Week 5** Wednesday 22/2 ♦ School Photographs

Taree

Dyslexia Seminar - NSW

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016 |

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Club Taree

Cost: FREE

Speakers: The Parent Perspective,

Marianne Mullally

The Dyslexic Perspective, *Tom Mullally*

FEDERATION OF P & F ASSOCIATIONS

AGM and General Meeting

DATE: 16 November 2016

VENUE: Victor Peters Suite, Hunter Street, Newcastle

TIME: 6:30 pm – 9 pm