



St Clare's High School

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Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare's

REGIONAL AWARDS RECOGNISE OUR BEST

On Saturday, 5 November, the Myall Lakes 2016 Community Awards were presented in Taree. The awards encompassed seven categories: Local Grandparent, Junior Sports Person, Senior Sports Person, Young Person, Senior Person, Community Group; Citizen of the Year.

St Clare's High School Captain, Thomas Dormor, was nominated for the Young Person of the Year Award.

In front of 300 people at Club Taree, Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead, announced Thomas as the winner of his category.

Thomas was nominated on the basis of his extensive leadership, academic, musical and community achievements in Forster, his hometown, in Taree and within St Clare's High School.

We congratulate Thomas on this recognition of the significant influence he has had in our region and our school.



Thomas Dormor with the Member for Myall Lakes, Stephen Bromhead, parents, Adam and Simone, and St Clare's Principal, Peter Nicholls

Earlier last week I visited a Year 7 class who took great delight in showing their fabulous cushion covers.

The young people were very engaged with their work, had learnt a lot of skills and were very proud of the work they had completed, as was their teacher Shannon O'Mara.

It was great to see students enjoying the fact that they had met every challenge in their learning and had completed a project that, at the outset few believed they could do so well.



Left to Right - Cheyenne Cowan, WenYuan LimSchneider, Sebastian Walsh, Flynn Cameron & Jackson Brodie

Earlier this term we received news that the entire Year 12 Drama class had been shortlisted for OnSTAGE, the production that showcases the eight best HSC Drama performances from across New South Wales. This was an outstanding accolade for the students and their teacher **Callam Howard**. This week we learned that Year 12 Drama student, **Nicholas Smith**, had achieved the very rare privilege of being selected to perform in the OnSTAGE event. A wonderful outcome for Nicholas and a feather in the cap of his teacher Callam Howard. We congratulate Nicholas and look forward to taking the drama students of 2017 to see Nicholas perform. Well done to all.



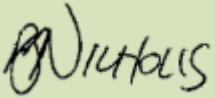
This week the University of Wollongong notified St Clare's that two of our students, **Emily Lee and Zac Camarda** have been selected to receive a Major Prize in the 2016 NSW Year 12 STEM Engineering studies competition. The awards will be given on Friday, 2 December. This is a great result for both young people and a substantial "pat on the back" for our TAS staff in general and their teacher, **Wayne McGrath**.

I have received strongly supportive feedback for students who attended the Year 9 & 10 careers presentation at Fays Twin Cinema last week. A number of students have spoken about the event and how it has stimulated their interest in future areas of work. Well done to Careers Adviser, **Ian Evans** and the staff who worked to make this happen.

Last week's newsletter had a link to a survey designed to give parental feedback about the St Clare's Parent/Teacher/Student interviews and the layout of the semester student reports. Information supplied will help us form up our calendar of events for 2017. I hope you can find the time to complete the survey which closes on Monday afternoon.

Tonight we celebrate the Year 12 Graduation of the 2011 Year 7 Cohort! For many the six years of secondary education pass very quickly and some parents will be surprised to find themselves "school less" as their youngest leaves us. We are very proud of our young people and very thankful for the confidence and trust our parents have in us. No doubt tonight will be a genuine celebration of six years of fun, and learning together. More about that next week.

God Bless



Principal

**P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2016 – 6 PM
VENUE – STCLARE'S 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.

FAMILY DISCOUNT & SCHOOL FEES AGREEMENT 2017: Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle offer family discount rates off tuition fees.

For administration purposes a family discount cannot be given unless this form is completed for each family member and a copy returned to **ALL** Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan schools your children are attending.

The family discount and school fees agreement form will be distributed to students early next week. **Bursar's Office**

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

CAREERS CORNER:

Year 12

Southern Cross STAR early entry offers came out this week. There is a change this year the offers are **not linked to UAC** and so you **do not have your SCU course as No. 1 preference** to get an offer. When you get an offer, it **remains an offer until late January** so if you want to see what you are offered in the UAC Main Round mid-January and then make up your mind as to whether the STAR offer is OK.

UNE direct entry offers are coming out in 2 batches - one has already been offered the next is due out on Friday, 11 November.

Charles Sturt SRS offers will be made advising you **late November** that you have been successful but you **must have it as a No. 1 preference by 5 December** for a firm offer on 9 December. All other SRS offers will assume you have what you want as No. 1 preference and offers will be made on 9 December. You can **only get one SRS offer** regardless of how many institutions you apply for.

After you receive your early offers and have **done what the offer email says**, you then can **change preferences for the Main Round offer**. All dates are on the inside cover of UAC book.

Those of you who are currently/will soon be eligible for **Centrelink benefits** need to **urgently arrange an interview** in order that your application/change of details can be processed – this can take up to 3 months... or more.

Year 11

By now, students should have **completed any required paperwork to alter subjects** – dropping, picking up (limited options) and changing levels. When a student decreases the number of units being undertaken, **Study Lessons** (NOT ‘freebies’) will exist. Currently, Study Lessons are being held in the Library. Mrs O’Donnell, Librarian, is very pleased with the mature manner in which Year 11 students are using their Study Lessons. Year 11 students should also be aware of the information contained below which relates to non-university options.

Years 9 and 10

All students in Years 9 and 10 had a wonderful opportunity to attend a careers presentation in Fays Twin Cinemas this week. The **Showcase focused on courses/careers which are NOT accessed through universities**. Student reaction was positive and I have already fielded regarding possible options.

The presenters from *SkillONE*, the organisation who ran the event, were complementary regarding our attendance:

“Thank you for bringing your students to the Skills and Thrills Showcase this morning in Taree. I was particularly impressed too with their behaviour as they were very attentive.” Kirstin Casey, General Manager

Students and families can access more information by going to

[SkillsOne - Hundreds of Videos About Getting a Trade or Skill](http://www.skillsone.com.au/)
www.skillsone.com.au/ ▼

Ian Evans, Careers Adviser

2016 YEAR 9 YEARLY EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Please Note:

1. If you do not have an exam you will be in class as normal.
2. If your subject is not listed it is because your exam will occur during normal class time or you do not have an exam.
3. Catch-ups will be done on the first day of your return in order of the exam roster; you may also be requested to complete two exams in one day if you have missed more than one exam.
4. You may receive a zero mark if you do not follow this guideline.

	Morning Session all examinations start at 9:10 am unless otherwise stated	Afternoon Session all examinations start at 11:45 am unless otherwise stated
Week 6 Monday 14 November D6	English – 2 hrs – Hall	Graphics – 1.5 hrs – Room 31 Textiles – 1.5 hrs- Hall Aboriginal studies – 1.5 hrs - Hall Normal classes for all other Year 9 students
Tuesday 15 November D7	Mathematics – 2 hrs - Hall	Japanese – 2hours - Room 2 Normal classes for all other Year 9 Students
Wednesday 16 November D8	Science – 2 hrs – Hall	Food Tech – 1.5hrs Room 9 Commerce – 1.5hrs – hall Normal classes for all other Year 9 Students
Thursday 17 November D9	History and Geography – 1.5 hrs – Hall	Pass – 1hour – hall Normal classes for all other Year 9 Students
Friday 18 November D10	Music Aural – 1.5 hrs - Rm 37 IT Timber 1 hour – Hall Normal classes for all other Year 9 Students	Music 2.5 hours practical - Room 37 Normal classes for all other Year 9 Students

HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS: Year 10 and 11 Students have again been putting their skills into practice as part of the Nabiac Ball on Saturday and Saturday night, 15 October 2016. The students excelled themselves during the day and the night in all duties performed. Students worked from 1 pm until 10 pm and were very professional in the manner in which they carried out their duties.

All the students led by example and received high praise from the Nabiac Ball Committee as well as the guests.

I would like to express my thanks to **Karen McCann, Gab McFarlane and David Constantine** for all their help and leadership in the dining room and the kitchen, as the success of this function was due to their hard work, effective team work, and **Jim McFarlane** for the transport of equipment.

Money raised goes to the students' excursion to the H.O.T.E.L School in May 2017. I was very proud of the students and would like to congratulate them.

Laurent Gonfond, Hospitality Teacher





Night Shift: Gab McFarlan, Mr Constantine, Jayden Wisemantel, Kirrily Smith, Alina Kaulen, Ruby Jones, Monique Cushway, Claudia Kukas, Amber Phillips, Danielle Murray, Mrs McCann, Jasmine Cowan, Mr Laurent



Day shift: Mr Laurent, Monique Cushway, Jasmine Cowan, Abbey Workman, Chantelle Bell, Miranda Bell, Jessica Cheers, Mr Constantine, Jesse Wilkes, Andrea Goss, Maggie Crocker and Gab McFarlane

VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL: It is amazing how the year has come and almost finished. It is the time to open our hearts and give generously to those families who will struggle financially over the Christmas period. Our Hamper Appeal has commenced with the baskets in each of the Pastoral Care Rooms. I am attaching our list of suggested items – there's plenty to choose from!!

Catholic Care have also asked for our support this year to assist with the 40 families they care for, so that will put an extra bit of pressure to our ensuring we have enough goodies for the over 100 families that we have cared for in previous years. Please give generously and thank you in anticipation. **Deacon Vince**

Chips - 18 variety	Lollies	Fruit Cake
Rice Biscuits – Plain & Variety	Jelly	Fruit
Soft Drinks	Cans of Beetroot	Mince Pies
Juice (tetra packs or bottles - any sizes)	Cans of Corn	Tomato Sauce
Cordial	Cans of Peas	Pasta
Long Life Milk – 1 litre	Tinned Soup	Pasta Sauce
Long Life Cream	Cans of Fruit Salad	Serviettes
Long Life Custard	Jars of Vegemite	Christmas Crackers
Jatz Biscuits	Box of Tea Bags	Present for Boy (unwrapped)
Shapes	Tin or Jar Coffee	Present for Girl (unwrapped)
Pop Corn	Tin Milo	
Cereals – (Weet Bix, Corn Flakes, Just Right)	Jar of Jam	
	Tins of Baked Beans	
	Tins of Spaghetti	

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP: It is Term 4, and the St Clare's Human Rights Group is under new management. The former leaders have completed their HSC and are preparing to embark on new endeavours in their lives. **Willow Mackay** has been chosen from the 2017 Senior Leadership Team to lead the group. In our first few meetings of this term we have discussed what our agenda should be for the next year, and the key human rights issues that face our society today. One such issue is that of domestic violence. Though both men and women experience domestic violence, the majority of victims are women. The Australian Bureau of Statistics has estimated that 33% of all women have experienced physical violence since the age of 15. These figures are devastatingly high and must be reduced. **Sid Joon on behalf of the St Clare's Human Rights Group**

VOLUNTEER READER/WRITERS: Examinations begin at St Clare's next week Monday, 7 November, and then subsequent year groups have exams that finish on 25 November. I ask for any assistance you can give during this time as a reader/writer for students at St Clare's that need these provisions to access the curriculum.

Each day during the examination period there is a morning and afternoon exam. Morning exams run from 9 am till approximately 11:30 am. Afternoon exams are from about 1 pm onwards.

It is a requirement to have a working with children's check that is valid for three years. An application can be filled out online at:

<https://wwccheck.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicants/Application#>

It is free to obtain this.

If you feel you or someone you know could assist us during this period please email bernadette.boere@mn.catholic.edu.au

or phone the school on 6552 3300 to show your interest.

Thank you. **Bernadette Boere, Learning Support 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



CANTEEN OPEN DAY: Invitation to all to join us for a cuppa at the St Clare's Canteen on Tuesday, 22 November at 10:30 am. Please feel free to come along and see how the canteen operates and meet some of the volunteers. All welcome and feel free to bring a friend! **Cheryl Kingsford, Canteen Supervisor**

MONDAY	14/11	Help Urgently Required
TUESDAY	15/11	Sue Lythgoe
WEDNESDAY	16/11	Help Urgently Required
THURSDAY	17/11	Help Urgently Required
FRIDAY	18/11	Jane Murray

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 6** Monday 14/11 ♦ Year 9 Yearly Examinations commence
♦ 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 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 – 7 pm
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

4th December 2016

Time: 6.00pm



Christmas Carols Evening



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church
Albert Street, Taree

Activities beginning at 4.30pm

★ Carols will commence at 6.00pm

Admission is by Gold Coin Donation

All Welcome

Entertainment includes

Sausage Sizzle

School Choirs

Soloists

Band

★ Group Singing



Drinks

Santa

Lucky Dips

Balloons

★ Special Guest
Appearance by
the Super
Heroes

