



# St Clare's High School

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**NEWSLETTER 10/2017**

**7 APRIL 2017**

Dear Parents & Friends of St Clare's

Our Bishop, Bill Wright, has a strong interest in how our catholic school impacts on the formation of our senior student leaders. He attends leadership camps and likes to talk regularly with young people and listen to their thoughts and ideas. As part of this process, Bishop Bill visited St Clare's on Wednesday and spent time with our School Captains and the Student Leadership Team.

Their discussion offered a wonderful opportunity for our young leaders to sit with a significant leader with many and varied responsibilities; to share ideas about faith and ethics and to discuss how a Catholic Education has influenced their actions and leadership.

Our students enjoyed the opportunity to converse with Bishop Bill. My thanks to Bishop Bill for taking time to speak with our young leaders.

This week was our first Parent/Teacher/Student interview afternoon for Years 7 to 10 in 2017. The old adage that it takes a village to raise a child sprang to mind as parents, students and teachers discussed curriculum, assessment and learning and how they could best help our young people achieve in their learning. We trialled a number of innovations including a 'concierge' desk, information board and revamped bell to mark interview times. Thanks to all parents, students and teachers who worked to make the interviews successful. Special thanks to the St Clare's support and IT staff who worked hard to ensure the event ran smoothly.



Great learning takes place when students can see the link between classroom activity and how it applies in the post school world of work. Over the past few weeks our Year 12 Business Studies class has been engaged in the food business, supplying a “Big Breakfast” to paying customers within the school grounds. While completing the project students have learnt about logistics, supply and demand, product assembly, ordering and customer service. According to their teacher, Lyn Tilbrook, the young people have worked well and learnt much.



Year 12 Business Studies Students - Sarah Earley, Timothy Daczko and Hannah Burley

Yesterday a group of students from St Clare’s and St Joseph’s Primary school gathered at Saltwater for a Cultural Awareness day. The young women listened to speakers, discussed matters of interest, engaged in much cultural learning and lent each other support and motivation to continue their education with a positive mindset.

My thanks to Aboriginal Education Teacher **Michelle Case** (St Clare’s), **Tahnee French** Aboriginal Education Worker (St Joseph’s, Taree), **Yvonne Nies**, Teacher (St Joseph’s, Taree), **Sr Kathryn** and **Aunty Wilma**.



Nyokah Dumas and Aunty Wilma



Yvonne Nies, Michelle Case and Sr Kathryn

Due to flooding and continuing poor weather, the Duke of Edinburgh excursion that was to take place in the Term 1 school holidays has been called off. Apologies to all involved, however the safety of students and staff is our first priority.

It is important to know who you are and what you stand for... It is these questions that preoccupy us as we move through the Lenten period; comparing our decision making and behaviour to our own 'bench marks' and the example of Jesus.

As we break for Easter, I wish all our families and members of our school community every blessing of the Easter Season and a safe happy and restful holiday.

God Bless



Principal

**P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2017  
6 PM – ST CLARE'S LIBRARY**

**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, Krumbach**

Bucketts Way, Krumbach

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month – Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month – Mass is celebrated on Sunday morning at 9:00am

#### **Our Lady Star of the Sea, Harrington**

Pilot St, Harrington  
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm

#### **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  
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm  
Sunday Mass: 7:00 am  
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

## CAREERS CORNER:

Apologies to students in Years 9, 10 and 11, but, again this week, **Careers Corner** focuses on Year 12.

For Year 12, the coming two weeks of the Autumn School Vacation (NOTE: not holidays) provide a breathing space to catch up on 'dot point' notes, major projects and reviewing Mid-Course Examination results in light of the constructive comments and suggestions from teachers.

While acknowledging that this time needs to reflect a balance between academic, leisure, family and spiritual needs, students also need to be honing in on career aspirations as, once Term 2 commences, the demands of the daily grind could mean that careers considerations get pushed into the background.

Many students have been making enquiries regarding the various 'early entry' programs run by most tertiary institutions. Closing dates for the bulk of these is at the end of Term 3 **BUT** research into what entries will be relevant must occur well before that.

Hence, students (and parents) need to be proactive in identifying the most appropriate courses, institutions and **SCHOLARSHIPS**: this is required sooner than later... like in the next two weeks. The **Careers Corner** article last week featured the very impressive **Country Education Foundation of Australia** site <https://cef.org.au/> and especially <http://engage.cef.org.au/page/18/scholarship>

Since students at St Clare's suffer the 'tyranny of distance', we are not in a position to access the many weekend OPEN DAYS for tertiary institutions. In fact, the only visit organised by the school is the Schools Visit (not the Open Day) to the University of Newcastle (UoN) on Thursday, 29 June 2017 (the 2nd last day of Term 2). This visit does NOT mean that the school advocates UoN in preference to other places, but that it provides an opportunity for students to see how such institutions operate and the types of facilities available.

Most open days are in August/September, but **UNE (Armidale) is 5 May and Griffith University (Brisbane & Gold Coast) is 23 July**. The full **Open Days Program** (as shown here) of institutions registered with UAC (Universities Admissions Centre) can be found at: <http://www.uac.edu.au/documents/undergraduate/opendays.pdf>

Students from Years 10 to 12 are welcome to attend any of these with their families.

**Ian Evans, Careers Adviser**

# Open days 2017



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| <b>Australian Catholic University</b><br><a href="http://acu.edu.au">acu.edu.au</a><br>Canberra 26 August<br>North Sydney 2 September<br>Strathfield 9 September   | <b>Macleay College</b><br><a href="http://macleay.edu.au">macleay.edu.au</a><br>Surr Hills 19 August  | <b>University of Canberra</b><br><a href="http://canberra.edu.au">canberra.edu.au</a><br>Bruce 26 August   |
| <b>Australian College of Applied Psychology</b><br><a href="http://acap.edu.au">acap.edu.au</a><br>Sydney 23 August, 22 November   | <b>Macquarie University</b><br><a href="http://mq.edu.au">mq.edu.au</a><br>North Ryde 19 August   | <b>University of New England</b><br><a href="http://une.edu.au">une.edu.au</a><br>Armidale 5 May   |
| <b>Australian Maritime College</b><br><a href="http://amc.edu.au">amc.edu.au</a><br>Newnham 12 August  | <b>MIT Sydney</b><br><a href="http://mit.edu.au">mit.edu.au</a><br>For campus tours/appointments and course information call (02) 8267 1400 or visit the website.   | <b>University of Newcastle</b><br><a href="http://newcastle.edu.au">newcastle.edu.au</a><br>Port Macquarie 3 August<br>Central Coast (Ourimbah) 12 August<br>Newcastle (Callaghan) 19 August |
| <b>Australian National University</b><br><a href="http://anu.edu.au">anu.edu.au</a><br>Canberra 26 August  | <b>National Art School</b><br><a href="http://nas.edu.au">nas.edu.au</a><br>Darlinghurst 2 September  | <b>University of Sydney</b><br><a href="http://sydney.edu.au">sydney.edu.au</a><br>All campuses 26 August  |
| <b>Charles Sturt University</b><br><a href="http://futurestudents.csu.edu.au">futurestudents.csu.edu.au</a><br>Albury-Wodonga 22 August<br>Sydney 26 August<br>Wagga Wagga 29 August<br>Bathurst 31 August   | <b>SAE Creative Media Institute</b><br><a href="http://sae.edu.au">sae.edu.au</a><br>Sydney and Byron Bay 5 August  | <b>University of Technology Sydney</b><br><a href="http://uts.edu.au">uts.edu.au</a><br>City 26 August   |
| <b>CQUniversity</b><br><a href="http://cq.edu.au/opensdy">cq.edu.au/opensdy</a><br>Sydney 6 September<br>Online Chat available 3-6pm 2, 16 & 30 August<br>13 September   | <b>SIBT</b><br><a href="http://sibt.nsw.edu.au">sibt.nsw.edu.au</a><br>For campus tours call (02) 9964 6555 or visit the website.   | <b>University of Wollongong</b><br><a href="http://uow.edu.au">uow.edu.au</a><br>Wollongong 19 August  |
| <b>Griffith University</b><br><a href="http://griffith.edu.au">griffith.edu.au</a><br>Southbank, Nathan and Gold Coast 23 July   | <b>Southern Cross University</b><br><a href="http://scu.edu.au">scu.edu.au</a><br>Coffs Harbour 4 December<br>Lismore 5 December<br>Gold Coast 7 December   | <b>UNSW Sydney</b><br><a href="http://unsw.edu.au">unsw.edu.au</a><br>UNSW Canberra 26 August<br>UNSW Sydney 2 September   |
| <b>International College of Management, Sydney</b><br><a href="http://icms.edu.au">icms.edu.au</a><br>Manly 6 August   | <b>TOP Education Institute</b><br><a href="http://top.edu.au">top.edu.au</a><br>Sydney 23 August  | <b>Western Sydney University</b><br><a href="http://westernsydney.edu.au">westernsydney.edu.au</a><br>Paramatta 27 August  |
| <b>La Trobe University</b><br><a href="http://latrobe.edu.au">latrobe.edu.au</a><br>Shepparton 4 August<br>Melbourne 6 August<br>Albury-Wodonga 12 August<br>Mildura 16 August<br>Bendigo 27 August<br>Sydney email <a href="mailto:sydney@latrobe.edu.au">sydney@latrobe.edu.au</a> for an individual appointment | <b>Torrens University Australia</b><br><a href="http://torrens.edu.au">torrens.edu.au</a><br>The Rocks 29 April, 12 August<br>Billy Blue College of Design (Ultimo) 29 April, 12 August<br>Media Design School (Ultimo) 12 August<br>Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School (Leura) 2 September<br>William Blue College of Hospitality Management (The Rocks) 29 April, 12 August |  |

**YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO OLD BAR BEACH:** Year 10-2 and 10-4 Geography classes enjoyed a sunny day in the middle of all the rainy weather at Old Bar Beach learning about coastal issues in the field. One of the activities is about the action of the waves and this was very evident on the beach as it was severely eroded. We also investigated the long shore drift and as usual at Old Bar the drift moves south. Moving from the water's edge to the back of the dune system the students investigated a cross-section and recorded the changes along this transect.

After several hours of field work on the beach we enjoy a lunch with plenty of food at Old Bar Club. Mrs Barbara Foggarty joined us to talk about the recent actions of local people who are volunteering their time to try to improve the natural environment and to reduce the sand erosion.

Finally, we walked along the southern end of the beach and observed the sand erosion that continues to threaten homes and businesses along the dunes. This is a dynamic environment and every year we visit it reveals changes, but sadly it continues to consistently erode. Thanks to Mrs Bronwen Davidson, Mrs Karen Grant and Mrs Tilbrook for their organisation and enthusiastic participation on the day to make it yet another great day to remember at Old Bar Beach. **Karen Grant, Geography Teacher**



Left to Right in the foreground: Lorraine Chitsike, Grace Collinson, Lylah-Belle Wilson and Logan Towers



Students gave the excursion at Old Bar Beach the thumbs up, as they enjoyed building sand castles in the wet sand  
Left to Right: Isabella Reid, Timothy Chisholm and Aisling Stanford



Great to see the boys enjoying themselves learning in the field and being sun smart wearing their hats  
Left to Right: Jake Jones, Kye Lewis and Kieran Fowler

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| <b>MONDAY</b>    | <b>24/4</b> | <b>Pupil Free Day</b>                  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>   | <b>25/4</b> | <b>ANZAC Day</b>                       |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b> | <b>26/4</b> | <b>Lyn Simpson</b>                     |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>  | <b>27/4</b> | <b>Bec Pereira, Wendy Moon – ½ Day</b> |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>    | <b>28/4</b> | <b>Katheryn Smith</b>                  |



**VACANCIES STILL EXIST  
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MONDAYS & FRIDAYS  
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](mailto:cheryl.kingsford@mn.catholic.edu.au)**

**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**

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** If your child is absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence **within 7 school days**. After this time the absence, by law, must remain as **unexplained**.

To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note, fax or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school

**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 - 2017

### Term 2

|                |                  |             |  |
|----------------|------------------|-------------|--|
| <b>Week 1</b>  | Monday           | 24/4        | ◆ Staff Professional Development Day – <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> |
|                | Tuesday          | 25/4        | ◆ ANZAC Day  |
|                | <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>26/4</b> | ◆ <b>Students return to school</b>                           |
|                | Thursday         | 27/4        | ◆ Dio Touch  |
| <b>Week 2</b>  | Monday           | 1/5         | ◆ Year 12 Construction Work Placement                        |
|                | Tuesday          | 2/5         | ◆ School Social – Theme “Jungle Safari” 6:45 pm to 9:30 pm   |
|                | Thursday         | 4/5         | ◆ Dio Cross Country  |
| <b>Week 3</b>  | Monday           | 8/5         | ◆ Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement                         |
|                | Wednesday        | 10/5        | ◆ P & F Meeting  |
| <b>Week 4</b>  | Monday           | 15/5        | ◆ Year 10 & Year 11 Mid-course Assessment Period             |
|                | Friday           | 19/5        | ◆ Year 7 Immunisation  |
| <b>Week 6</b>  | Monday           | 29/5        | ◆ Year 7 and Year 8 Mid-course Assessment Period             |
| <b>Week 7</b>  | Monday           | 5/6         | ◆ Year 9 Mid-course Assessment Period                        |
|                | Wednesday        | 7/6         | ◆ P & F Meeting  |
| <b>Week 8</b>  | Monday           | 12/6        | ◆ Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday                            |
| <b>Week 10</b> | Friday           | 30/6        | ◆ Term 2 Concludes   |

### **Term 3**

- Week 1** Monday 17/7 ♦ Term 3 Commences
- Week 2** Friday 28/7 ♦ Taree Careers Expo - Chatham High School Multi-Purpose Centre – Year 11 & 12 students. Year 10 students may attend ONLY if accompanied by a parent/carer who signs a student out of school
- Week 3** Monday 31/7 ♦ HSC Trial Examinations commence  
Wednesday 2/8 ♦ P & F Meeting
- Week 4** Friday 11/8 ♦ St Clare's Feast Day
- Week 6** Thursday 24/8 ♦ Year 10 & Year 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- Week 7** Wednesday 30/8 ♦ P & F Meeting  
Thursday 31/8 ♦ Years 7, 8 and 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- Week 8** Monday 4/9 ♦ Year 11 Final Exams  
Thursday 7/9 ♦ Year 7 Immunisations
- Week 9** Friday 15/9 ♦ Japanese Exchange Program Commences  
Japanese Exchange Program Concludes 30/9/17
- Week 10** Friday 22/9 ♦ Year 12 Graduation Mass  
♦ Term 3 Concludes

### **Term 4**

- Week 1** Monday 9/10 ♦ Term 4 Commences  
Wednesday 11/10 ♦ Year 11 PDHPE Camp  
Friday 13/10 ♦ Year 7 2018 Orientation Day
- Week 2** Monday 16/10 ♦ HSC Examinations Commence  
Wednesday 18/10 ♦ Senior Retreat
- Week 3** Wednesday 25/10 ♦ P & F Meeting
- Week 5** Friday 10/11 ♦ HSC Examinations Conclude
- Week 6** Friday 17/11 ♦ Year 12 Graduation
- Week 7** Wednesday 22/11 ♦ P & F Meeting



3 April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers & Students

We would like to invite St Clare's students to participate in the ANZAC Day March in Taree on Tuesday, 25 April. We also encourage students in surrounding areas to attend their local Marches in full school uniform, if unable to attend the Taree March.

St Clare's High School has always had a strong representation on this day of National significance and those students who regularly attend the ANZAC Day March and Service should be proud of their contribution in recognising the sacrifices made by countless men and women, both old and young.

**Date:** Tuesday, 25 April 2017

**Time:** 9:30 am for 10 am start

**Place:** Meet on the corner of Albert Street & Macquarie Street (Taree High)

**Dress:** Full School Uniform

I thank you in advance for your participation and hope that the days commemorations allow you time to reflect on just how immense the sacrifices made during times of war are. I believe that by understanding the past we are better equipped to avoid such terrible occurrences in the future.

Yours sincerely

**Phillip Gibney**  
Assistant Principal

**Peter Nicholls**  
Principal

## Measles outbreak in western Sydney

There is currently an outbreak of measles in South Western and Western Sydney, with at least 9 people having acquired the disease in the region during March 2017.

The reported cases include children and infants who have attended childcare centres and secondary schools. There is potential for the measles outbreak to spread further as the infected young people have large social networks both within and outside of their schools, and some have travelled on public transport whilst infectious. Measles is highly infectious and anyone who isn't vaccinated is at risk of infection if they have had contact with an infectious case.

Immunisation is effective in preventing measles. It is important for everyone to ensure that they have received at least two doses of measles containing vaccine (MMR). Infants and young children are vaccinated with measles containing vaccine at 12 months and 18 months of age. Older children and adults born during or after 1966 should ensure that they have been vaccinated with two doses of vaccine. Unless people are certain they have had two doses of measles vaccine, they should visit their GP as soon as possible for **free** measles vaccination.

The first sign of measles is usually a high fever, a runny nose, cough, and red, watery eyes. The rash usually starts on the face and upper neck and spreads over the body, hands and feet. The rash lasts for 4-7 days.

People with measles symptoms should seek medical advice as soon as possible phoning the emergency department or GP beforehand, stay home from work or school, and limit other activities to avoid exposing other vulnerable people, such as infants, to the infection.

Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html>

**KING OF THE KRATER EVENT IN TUNCURRY THIS SATURDAY:** Whilst the event is known widely as a skate comp, there is also heaps for other young people not interested in skating to take part in (slip 'n' slide, sumo suits and a Gladiator just to name a few!). All the event info is in the poster below – however, additionally, there will be two FREE buses to assist young people from outside of Tuncurry access the event. The Bus routes are:

### **Bus #1: Gloucester - Tuncurry**

Departing Gloucester High at 9:00am and heading straight to Tuncurry.  
Leaving event at 4pm and returning to Gloucester High at just after 5pm.

### **Bus #2: Wingham/Taree/Old Bar – Tuncurry**

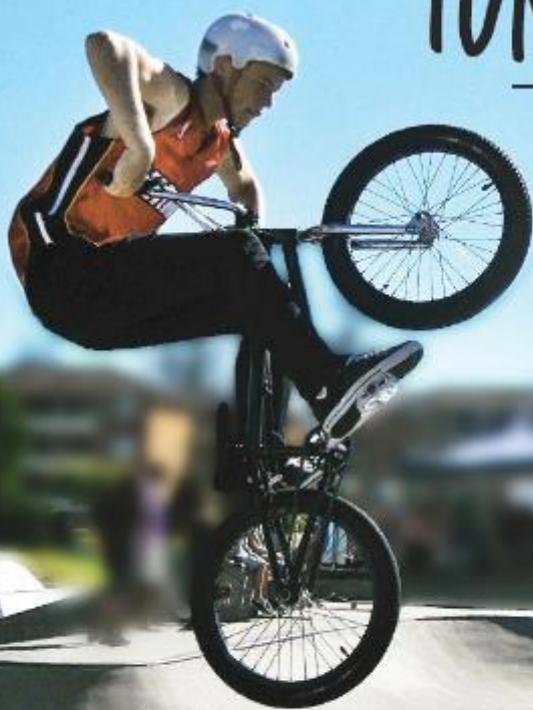
Departing Wingham Skate Park at 9:00am > Picking up at Taree Skate Park at 9:20am > Picking up at Old Bar Skate Park at 9:40am > then on to Tuncurry  
Leaving event at 4pm > drop off at Old Bar Skate Park at 4:30pm > Drop off at Taree Skate Park at 4:50pm > returning to Wingham Skate Park at 5:10pm

# KING OF THE KRATER

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

TUNCURRY SKATE PARK

12 & UNDER • 17 & UNDER • OPEN  
**10AM - 4PM**



**NOT JUST A SKATE COMP**

SLIP & SLIDE, PHOTO BOOTH, ATTRACTIONS AND GIVEAWAYS  
THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



MidCoast  
Council



club forster  
sporties tuncurry



**DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT**

PROTECTIVE HEADWEAR COMPULSORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

**GOLD COIN ENTRY** ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE DAY GO TO  
WESTPAC HELICOPTERS SERVICE  
CONTACT HOME BASE - 6555 5622