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Dear Parents & Friends of St Clare's

Over the past weeks we have witnessed a great deal of political argument about funding for schools. While these arguments are ongoing and very important they point to one of the great blights on the Australian Education System, that the Australian political classes are unable to agree to a bi partisan approach to Education in Australia.

We know that a student who completes Year 12 has put themselves in a position to lead a productive and happy life. We know also that education is one of the great liberators from poverty and tyranny. Most importantly we know that when people work collaboratively great things happen for members of the local community and out country.

We can see this 'truth' reflected in the stories and photos in this week's newsletter. Learning, self-discipline and hard work can take our young people where they want to go, our teachers are passionate and committed about creating positive learning environments so our young people can learn and make their way in the world. I guess what I am trying to say is that, despite the tug of war between differing political views, the St Clare's school community is committed to providing a quality Catholic education to all those who seek it and will continue to do so however and whenever the funding debate is resolved.

God Bless

Principal

P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 7 JUNE 2017

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

1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month – Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening at 6:30pm
2nd and 4th 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

PRAYER POINT: 21 May - 6th Sunday of Easter

"...If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate,
to be with you forever.
This is the Spirit of truth...
You know him, because he abides with you,
and he will be in you..." from John 14: 15-17

I need an 'advocate'. I need 'someone' to 'go into bat for me' because sometimes I think I can't show others what God has done for me. My life is so messy, so busy, so cluttered that my head is spinning. It is this 'advocate' that I need. But when I read the text again I notice that Jesus says: "Another advocate" ...like I've already got one! That's worth thinking about.

Have a good week and go gently with yourself

Mrs Denise Ryan

Ministry Coordinator

I found this the other day when I was looking for ‘an advocate’. I thought you might like to check it out.

The Pope Video <https://clicktopray.org/profile/54964>

OUR MISSION

The Pope now has a mobile application called Click To Pray for his worldwide prayer network. The app invites you to pray together with millions of others around the world for the Pope's monthly prayer intentions which address current challenges facing humanity. And because every day is different, the app offers a prayer 365 days a year to help you discover each day how God calls you to live. Join us as we pray together with the Pope in his global prayer network.

South Sudan church leaders condemn man-made famine

6 March 2017 | Emergency Relief | South Sudan



With the recent declaration of a famine across two counties of South Sudan, the South Sudan Council of Churches released a powerful statement on the humanitarian crisis, condemning the civil war and labelling the famine man-made. You can read the statement in its entirety below.

Our Country, the Republic of South Sudan is gripped by a humanitarian crisis, and famine has now been declared. Millions of our people are affected, with large numbers displaced from their homes and many fleeing to neighbouring countries, where they are facing terrible hardships in refugee camps. In a country, which is already suffering due

to insecurity and the collapsed economy, hundreds of thousands of people face starvation if they do not receive food quickly. Our people are struggling simply to survive.

We appeal to the International Community and all Friends of the People of South Sudan to provide immediate and large-scale assistance, but we also appeal to the warring parties to stop the war, to stop harassing our people, to stop the looting of food, and to open credible humanitarian corridors to allow both people and relief commodities to reach the most needy areas.

The Holy Father Pope Francis has made an appeal for “suffering South Sudan”, saying, “At this time, it is more necessary than ever that all commit not to stop at making statements, but also to provide concrete food aid and to allow it to reach suffering populations. May the Lord sustain these our brothers and sisters and all those working to help them.” The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Justin WELBY, called the famine a “dire situation” requiring “an urgent humanitarian and prayerful response”, and reiterated our own appeal for humanitarian corridors. We welcome the solidarity shown by our two elder brothers in faith, which gives us courage.

While there have been poor rains in many parts of the country, there is no doubt that this famine is man-made, due to insecurity, civil conflict and poor economic management. As well as needing food aid, our people also need security, the freedom to plant and harvest their crops, opportunities to move around and seek food. We appeal to the International community, International Ecumenical Church members through the World Council of Churches (WCC) and All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC), friends of the people of South Sudan, and the ACT Alliance and CARITAS Groups, to assist us, but we also recognise in the words of Archbishop Dr Justin WELBY, “We stand prayerfully alongside the South Sudanese people and their leaders,” that a huge responsibility rests on the leaders of this country, both government and opposition, to create the conditions whereby our international friends are able to help us.

We want to echo the Pastoral Message of the Catholic Bishops of South Sudan to the Faithful and people of South Sudan, that says and I quote: “A voice cries in the wilderness – ‘the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.’” (Mark 1:3). The voice of the desperate people of South Sudan in a man-made famine is crying out!

We conclude this appeal by citing the first part of the South Sudanese National Anthem: “Oh God! We Praise and Glorify You for Your Grace on South Sudan, land of Great Abundance, Uphold Us United In Peace and Harmony ... Oh God Bless South Sudan!”

You can download the original copy of the statement [here](#). If you would like to help the people of South Sudan and those across the East Africa region who are affected by the food crisis, [please donate to our Africa Emergency Appeal](#).

**National
Reconciliation
Week 2017**
27 May to 3 June

**Let's
take
the
next
steps**

Each year, National Reconciliation Week (#NRW2017) celebrates achievements in our journey towards reconciliation, with hundreds of events held nationwide.

Held annually from 27 May to 3 June, NRW is bookended by important milestones: the 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision, respectively.

Recognition

Apology 2008

Mabo 1992

Referendum 1967

AMENDED YEAR 7 - 9 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

YEAR 7 & 8 EXAM TIMETABLE

Date	Morning Session - all examinations start at 9:10 am (Period 1)	Afternoon Session - all examinations start at 11:40 am (Period 3)
Monday 29 May	Year 8 English 1.5 hrs	Year 7 Science 1 hr
Tuesday 30 May	Year 8 Mathematics 1.5 hrs	Year 7 History/Geography 1 hr
Wednesday 31 May	Year 7 Mathematics 1.5 hrs	Year 8 Religious Literacy
Thursday 1 June	Year 8 History/Geography 1 hr	Year 8 Science 1 hr
Friday 2 June	Year 7.4 Technology - TTC 2 hrs Year 8 School Diagnostic Testing	
Thursday 8 June		Year 7 Religion
Friday 9 June	Year 7 School Diagnostic Testing	

YEAR 9 EXAM TIMETABLE

Date	Morning Session - all examinations start at 9:10 am (Period 1)	Afternoon Session - all examinations start at 11:40 am (Period 3)
Friday 2 June		Religion
Monday 5 June	English 1hr	Pass A (MCK) Period 3 & 4 Practical Food Tech - 1.5 hrs Hall
Tuesday 6 June	Mathematics 1.5 hrs	
Wednesday 7 June	History Geography 1 hr	Pass B (CL1) Period 3 & 4 Practical Commerce 1 hr 10 mins Japanese 2 hr Room 2 (Mr Petrucci)
Thursday 8 June	Science 1hr	
Friday 9 June	Catch Up Exams	

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL: We are approaching the half-way point of Term 2. Mid-Course reports have been issued and Meningococcal Vaccination forms have been handed out.

The Year 11 and Year 12 students have access to NSW government funded vaccinations for Meningococcal Disease and this will occur in June if you wish to make use of this free service. Please send in the completed form as soon as possible. I am collecting them each morning.

I have to remind students and parents/guardians about a few matters.

1. **The correct procedure for leaving the school grounds during the day.** As per our schools rules and our Work Health and Safety Policy, all students must have permission to leave the grounds at any time during the day. This includes any student who wishes to access their car during the day. If a student wishes to retrieve something from their car, they must have a teacher's permission to do so. If a student has to leave the school for an appointment etc. they must have a permission note from their parent or guardian and must see the ladies in the front office to have this recorded and receive a leave pass. All school personnel (teachers and students alike) have to have any leave recorded. As you would appreciate if there is an emergency of some kind we need to be aware of where everyone is.
2. **The correct procedure for absences at assessment time.** As per the NESAs (formerly BOSTES) guidelines, any student who is **absent on the day of a task** must have their parent or guardian ring in on the day of the task (either in-class or hand-in) **before 9 am** to inform the school of the absence. If they are unwell, they must **provide a medical certificate**, which should be attached to a green form which is to be collected from Mrs Avery at the soonest available opportunity.

If the student is away on the school day prior to the task, the same procedure must be followed. The school must be notified by 9 am on that day, and in the case of sickness, a medical certificate provided. A green form should be collected from Mrs Avery as soon as possible.

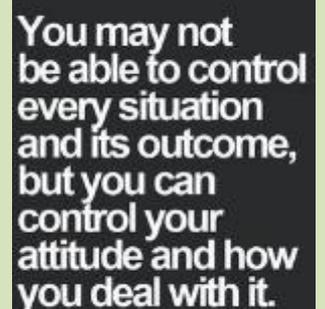
The students have been made aware of this information on numerous occasions since the beginning of Year 11. I thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

I am aware of many students who are struggling with various aspects of school at the moment. Please see someone and get some help, no matter how insignificant you think the problem is. There is always someone that you can talk to. Don't leave the issue unresolved.

Once again, I would like to stress the importance of looking out for and looking after each other. I would like to thank all those students who have come to see me because they have been concerned about a fellow student. We have been able to do something positive in all of these circumstances.

Smile and say hello to as many people as possible each day. Do your best in your classes and be kind to each other.

Karen McCann, Year 12 Student Coordinator



You may not
be able to control
every situation
and its outcome,
but you can
control your
attitude and how
you deal with it.

CAREERS CORNER: Year 12 Mid-Course Examinations are over; Years 10-11 started Mid-Course Examinations this week; Years 7-9 start soon... all these examinations are part of a process to prepare students for their own HSC Examinations, regardless of how far in the future this might be. Current Year 6 students are now undertaking enrolment for 2018 at our school... so; their HSC might seem VERY distant. It is, however, timely to look at how St Clare's students do perform at the HSC Examinations. This week, *Careers Corner* looks back on the 2016 HSC results.

ST CLARE'S HIGH SCHOOL – 2016 HSC RESULTS – a review

The **2016 HSC Examination results** were very rewarding for St Clare's High School students. In the HSC grading system, Band 6 is the highest level which can be attained in a subject. The 84 members of the cohort were rewarded with 39 Band 6 results across 18 subjects with outstanding results in **Mathematics, Studies of Religion, Drama and English**.

Multiple Band 6 results were recorded in all four levels of **Mathematics** while the two levels of **Studies of Religion** saw 10 Band 6s.

In **Drama**, all 9 students, through their various group presentations, were nominated for *OnSTAGE*, the performance extravaganza of the best HSC practical presentations from across the state. Further to this, two students were also nominated for their individual act. Nicholas Smith was subsequently selected as one of 10 individuals from all NSW to perform at *OnSTAGE*.

In **English**, School Captain, Thomas Dormor, topped the state in English Extension 2. This highest level of English is for students who are the best-of-the-best and for Thomas to achieve this feat is extraordinary. Thomas received further accolades from the NSW Premier's Department as an All-round Achiever for recording Band 6 results in 10 or more units of his HSC courses. This significant achievement was also attained by his classmate, Thomas Tsang, who is our **2016 Dux having achieved 99.05** as his Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

On an associated 2016 HSC honours list, 17 students were affirmed by being listed as a **Distinguished Achiever** through gaining at least one Band 6 result.

Students topped 9 subjects in high schools administered by the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Office. These were shared across the Key Learning Areas English, Mathematics, Creative Arts, Human Society & its Environment, Science and in the Vocation Education & Training courses, *Human Services* as well as *Network and Hardware*.

Through the various university early entry programs, there were more than 140 offers of placements with many students receiving multiple notifications. Every university applicant received at least one offer. Subsequently, 63% of the Class of 2016 have taken up university education this year.

HSC gender performances at St Clare's have been evenly distributed throughout the school's history. The 2016 cohort represented the 30th class to sit the NSW HSC at our school. During this time, 17 girls and 13 boys have been awarded the title of Dux of St Clare's High School. A notable performance for the Class of 2016 was accredited to Emily Lee who, during her senior years, won the University of New South Wales (UNSW) Women in Engineering Competition, a

Rural Scholarship for UNSW Women in Engineering, and the Ray Wallis Education Scholarship for her academic levels of achievement, her record of involvement and leadership in school affairs and the community through volunteer work.

Ian Evans, Careers Adviser

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY CLASS REVIEW COMPETITION: WINNER LUKE EARLEY

How many people can live on planet Earth?

The population of the world once was 1 billion people for a good 10 million years until the 1800s when the population discovered better medicine to cure sickness which stopped a lot of death and the world population shot up to 7.5 billion in the current day. United Nations have stated that by the year 2050 their prediction is the world will grow by another few billion.

One of the UNs representatives proposes that in order to ensure our food security for the continuing growth of population, the amount of food that is on hand needs to double.

Luke Earley, Year 9



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News from the department of Technology and Applied Studies

7.2 Technology class are working hard at the moment on producing a drawstring bag. They have tie-dyed their fabric and are now using patters to cut out their bag. Some students are making pockets to go on the inside of their bags. They are working well, and hope to have their bags finished in the next few weeks. Keep watching this space for their finished products. **Emma Gale, TAS Teacher**



Above left – James Drury, Blaise Elzey & Hayley Cartwright
Left – William Hovermann
Right – Orion Hillenberg



DISCOVER ENGINEERING: Discover Engineering. Any students who are interested in Engineering as a career option may like to attend this special evening presented by Engineers Australia. Students will need to register on line by following or using the link on the flyer for the Port Macquarie evening.

Students wishing to attend must let Mr McGrath or Mr O'Neill know once they have registered so transport arrangements can be made. The most likely scenario is for students to make their own way to the venue with parents. **Mark O'Neill, Engineering Studies and iSTEM**



ENGINEERS
AUSTRALIA

Discover Engineering Port Macquarie

A free forum for all high school students
interested in learning about
engineering as a career choice

- Why be an engineer?
- What do engineers do?
- What is it like to Study Engineering?
- How do you become an engineer?

Discover Engineering provides the opportunity for high school students interested in an exciting career in Engineering to hear real life experiences from young engineers across the various engineering disciplines who will share their career path and practical first hand knowledge. Representatives from the TAFE and University will also be available to advise on course information.

Monday 5 June 2017, 6.30pm - 8.30pm

St Columba Anglican School Chapel

3 Iona Ave (off Major Innes Rd), Port Macquarie

Enquiries: 02 4911 7310

This is a free event. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is essential for catering purposes

[Register online](#)

Other locations for Discover Engineering 2017
[Coffs Harbour](#) | [South Grafton](#) | [Ballina](#) | [Newcastle](#)



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FUTSAL: Congratulations to all students who participated in futsal this week.

U12s/13s: Played well throughout the day and made it to the semi-final match. This was the most exciting game of the day and had the whole stadium watching as our students came back from 6-1 down to take the game into extra time and then penalties. Unfortunately, they were beaten in this tense decider, but displayed the potential to be a very talented group in future competitions.

TEAM:

**Orion Hillenberg
Hugh Cameron
Paruldeep Dhillon
Lachlan Gregory**

**Flynn Holman
Matthew Matuszny
Charles Pitt
Ky Porst**

U14s: The Under 14s went the whole day undefeated and progressed straight to the final with ease. They illustrated exceptional communication on the field and their skills were unmatched by the opposition. They took the final game to extra time but conceded in the last minute to a team they had easily defeated earlier. Fatigue and injuries played a role in the final game but our boys were clearly the best team of the day.

TEAM:

**Silas Barberie
Jacob Drury
Rory Kennewell
Sam Miller
Isaac Modderno**

**Matt Ryan
Matthew Spencer
Riley Van Haren
Mitchell Walet**



U14 Team: Left to Right – Riley Van Haren, Silas Barberie, Isaac Modderno, Rory Kennewell, Sam Miller, Matt Ryan and Jacob Drury

U15s: This group had mixed results throughout the day, as they were defeated 7-1 but then followed that up with a 17-0 victory. This saw them progress to the final in which they won 2-0. This victory was against the team that had previously defeated them, but our students learnt from their previous loss and worked hard to control the game. **Callam Howard**

TEAM:

Lewis Bramble
Noah Manson
Evan Martin
Flynn Parker
Zenyn Proctor
Elijah Simpson
Daniel Summers
Lachlan Wright



Above (clockwise from front) – Callam Howard, Lewis Bramble, Daniel Summers, Evan Martin, Zenyn Proctor and Lachlan Wright



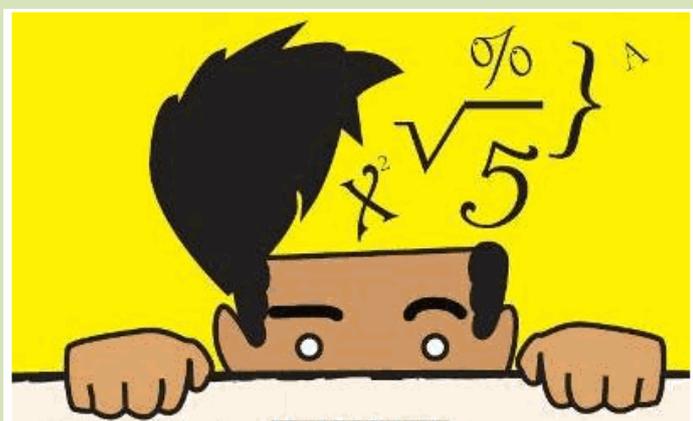
U15 Team: Back Row Left to Right - Daniel Summers, Evan Martin, Lachlan Wright, Zenyn Proctor & Lewis Bramble
Front Row Left to Right – Elijah Simpson, Noah Manson & Flynn Parker

MONDAY	22/5	Jocelyn De La Cruz
TUESDAY	23/5	Vanessa Byma
WEDNESDAY	24/5	Lyn Simpson
THURSDAY	25/5	Wendy Moon – ½ Day
FRIDAY	26/5	Katheryn Smith



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

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

- Week 5** Wednesday 24/5 ♦ Steve Angrisano Concert – Years 7, 8 & 9
- Week 6** Monday 29/5 ♦ Year 7 and Year 8 Mid-course Assessment Period
Thursday 1/6 ♦ Year 11 and 12 Immunisation
Friday 2/6 ♦ Year 9 Mid-course Assessment Period
- Week 7** Wednesday 7/6 ♦ P & F Meeting
Thursday 8/6 ♦ DioSounds
- Week 8** Monday 12/6 ♦ Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
- Week 9** Thursday 22/6 ♦ Athletics Carnival
- Week 10** Thursday 29/6 ♦ Newcastle University Visit – Year 12
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
- Week 10** Thursday 14/12 ♦ HSC results released
 Friday 15/12 ♦ ATARs released