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Dear Parents & Friends of St Clare's

The building continues. Much banging and crashing. However, we know that the short term pain will give us a long term gain that will serve your sons, daughters and the School Community for a long time to come.

On Monday the Canteen will be relocated to the TTC. The Canteen will operate with a reduced menu for a few weeks while the heavy work continues on the student amenities.

We have pushed back the closing of the Library for a short period of time to allow classes to be relocated if the building works distract students from assessment tasks.



Last week we welcomed Bishop Varghese to St Clare's. The Bishop was visiting from India and Fr George of the Taree Parish was keen to show him around the Parish and Catholic Schools in the area.

Our staff shared morning tea with the Bishop which was followed by a school tour. The Bishop made a point of inviting a number of students to India!



You may have read previously of the Catholic Schools Office commitment to the development of a Gifted Student program. Along with Holy Name School Forster, St Clare's has been lucky to be a pilot school in the project which will eventually be rolled out across the Diocese.

I have attached a link for the people who may be interested in reading more about the scheme. The linked article is written by Sally Brock, CSO Evaluation Officer in Gifted Education and gives a full overview of the program that will continue to develop over the next few years.

<http://mnnews.today/aurora-magazine/november-2017/24370-the-rise-of-gifted-education-in-diocesan-schools/>



Our Futsal students returned tired but happy after their involvement in the Australian Championships. They learnt a lot about the joys and rigours of playing sport at an elite level and no doubt will be much improved players as a result of their experiences.

My thanks to the staff members Matt Collier and Laurent Gonfond for their work on behalf of our young men.



Tonight we celebrate with our Year 12 Cohort of 2017 as they graduate from St Clare's. For many families this will be their High School "Graduation" as their youngest child passes into the next phase of their life. Watching people grow and develop is a large part of parenting and teaching.

We hope our young people will make thoughtful decisions and work hard to make the most of the opportunities offered to them. As Principal I receive letters, emails and have conversations around the progress of young people and the Christian values the school teaches as part of its ethos and curriculum.

I thought I would share a little of a letter I received recently;

"All my 5 children have attended St Clare's and therefore a 19 year association will come to an end...."

I believe that St Clare's Christian ethos has been instrumental in all my 5 children developing into the kind, happy and well-grounded adults they are today – all pursuing different and varying careers...."

The writer goes on to thank all staff of St Clare's for their help – in the office and other ancillary staff who are always welcoming and helpful.

With the HSC results around the corner, we do well to reflect on what characteristics and personal attributes we value in our young people – and to remember that as parents and a community we have planted some excellent seeds, integrity, justice, valuing others, respect for self, faith, hope and that these we know, will bear 'great fruit' and serve our country well in the years to come.



God Bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Nicholas". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Principal

**P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2017 6 PM
ST CLARE'S SCHOOL 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

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St Therese's, Lansdowne

Cundle Rd, Lansdowne

Sunday Vigil: 5:00 pm

(2nd and 4th Sunday of each month)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wingham

8 Farquhar Street, Wingham

Sunday: 8:30am

Our Lady of Fatima, Old Bar

20 Hall St, Old Bar, Sunday Mass: 7:30 am

St Bernadette's, Krumbach

Bucketts Way, Krumbach

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evenings at 6 pm at Krumbach with the exception of the third Sunday of the month where Mass is celebrated at Nabiac – again on the Saturday evening at 6 pm

St Patrick's, Cundletown

River St, Cundletown

Sunday Mass: 5:00 pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Harrington

Pilot St, Harrington

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:

Even though Year 12 Graduation beckons this evening, and a very large number of university early entry offers have been received, this week Careers Corner focuses on:

Students seeking employment (permanent/casual) or a traineeship/apprenticeship

These students need to consider the following:

- **The field of employment** you are seeking e.g. building construction/hair-dressing
- The need for a **driver's licence**: if you need one, but do not have one, what other method of transport is available?
- **How far** are you prepared to travel?
- Will you need a current **Construction White Induction Card**?
- Establish a **list of possible employers** by using phone book Yellow Pages
 - by using phone book Yellow Pages
 - noting building site signs
 - newspaper advertisements in the Taree Times/Great Lakes or Gloucester Advocate/Wingham Chronicle
 - local online employment sites e.g. <https://www.seek.com.au/jobs/in-Taree-NSW-2430>
- Write a **covering letter** introducing yourself – a good site for preparing a covering letter and resumé is <http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-careers/apprenticeships-traineeships/applying-for-an-apprenticeship-or-traineeship>

- You need to prepare a **resumé** showing skills gained from:
 - previous/current casual employment,
 - workplace experience organised through school,
 - volunteer work with school groups (e.g. Storm Village visitation or Taree Community Kitchen)
 - school subjects
- **Deliver a copy** of the a covering letter and resumé – each should be personalised to cover the type of work being conducted at the site
- **Follow up** with a phone call/visit in about 1 week
- Where a permanent job (or traineeship/apprenticeship) is being considered, **arrange an interview between you, your family and the school Careers' Adviser** to ascertain if this is an appropriate

Ian Evans, Careers Adviser

NSW POLICE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: On Thursday, 9 November 2017, former St Clare's High School students, **Sam Rowsell, Zack Lucas and Jake Berrick**, were each awarded a New South Wales Police Certificate of Appreciation for their courageous effort in attempting to save an elderly man who had been pulled out to sea in a strong current at Old Bar Beach. These young men were exemplary in their community spirit by helping others in need.



Left to right: Sam Rowsell, Zack Lucas and Jake Berrick

2017 YEAR 7 & 8 YEARLY EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Please Note:

1. Catch-ups will be done on the first day of your return in order of exam roster; you may also be requested to complete two exams in one day if you have missed more than one exam.
2. You must contact the school if you are sick on any day you have an exam prior to 9 am
3. You may receive a zero mark if you do not follow these guidelines.
4. All exams are conducted in the rooms allocated.
5. You must be present at exam room prior to exam starting.
6. If you do not have an exam you will attend your normal classes

	Morning Session (P1 and 2) Unless stated otherwise	Afternoon Session (P3 and 4) Unless stated otherwise
Tuesday 21 November Rm, 23, 24, 25	Year 8 English– 1 ½ hours	Year 8 HSIE – 1 hour Rm 23, 24, 25 Year 7 RE Task In class Period 3
Wednesday 22 November Rm, 23, 24, 25	Year 8 Maths – 2 hours	Year 8 Science – 1 ½ hours
Thursday 23 November	Year 7 HSIE - 1 hours Rm, 7,10,11,12,13,14	Year 7 Science – 1 ½ hours Rm, 10,11,12,13,14
Friday 24 November	Year 7 Maths – 2 hr Rm, 7,10,11,12,13,14	



Canteen News

**Due to the building works from Monday 20th November the canteen will trade from the TTC. Cheryl will contact volunteers when they are needed.
The meet and greet morning tea on Tuesday 21st November has been cancelled.**

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.

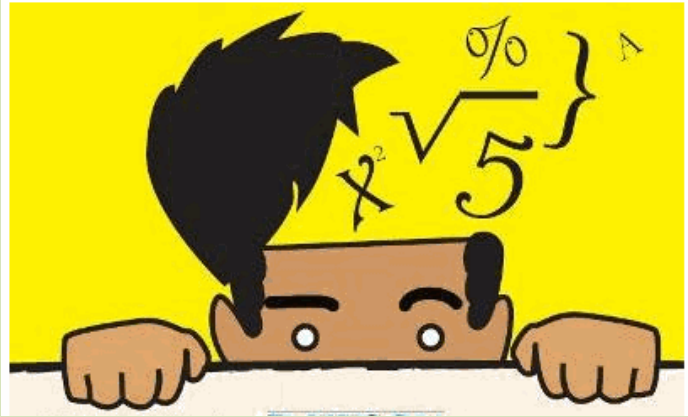
WHEN IS IT ON? Wednesday lunchtime - every week.

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
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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 4

Week 7 Monday 20/11 ♦ Year 7 & 8 Examinations Commence
Wednesday 22/11 ♦ P & F Meeting

Week 8 Monday 27/11 ♦ Year 7 DigiEd

Week 10 Wednesday 13/12 ♦ Year 10 Awards Ceremony
♦ Year 10 Social
Thursday 14/12 ♦ HSC results released
Friday 15/12 ♦ Annual Awards Ceremony
♦ **Final Day for Students**
♦ ATARs released

Week 11 Monday 18/12 ♦ **Pupil Free Day**
Tuesday 19/12 ♦ **Pupil Free Day**
♦ Final Day for Teachers

COMING EVENTS - 2018

Term 1

Week 1 Monday 29/1 ♦ Term 1 Commences for Staff
Tuesday 30/1 ♦ **Term 1 Commences for Years 7, 11 & 12 Students**
Wednesday 31/1 ♦ **Term 1 Commences for Years 8, 9 & 10 Students**

SCHOOL UNIFORMS: Workwise Clothing will be closing on
Friday, 22 December at 5 pm and reopening on Monday, 8 January 2018 at 8 am