Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

Last week I attended the Association of Catholic Principal’s conference in Dubbo New South Wales. The list of international presenters was impressive and their message was consistent and thought provoking. Technology and automation has unleashed an unstoppable wave of change that is more significant than the industrial revolution of two centuries ago. Schools, businesses and people have been slow to react to the new world reality leading to large numbers of unemployed and unemployable people while large numbers of jobs remained unfilled due to a lack of suitably skilled people in the workforce. According to the OECD there were an estimated 90 million unemployed people in the world in 2014, while 40 million jobs remained unfilled due to institutionalised skills shortages.

A key message from the conference was that students should be actively engaged in the education process; not simply as “receivers” of others wisdom, but active in course and unit design, engaged in the evaluation of assessment tasks and courses of study and active in the evaluation of the learning and teaching process. Many of the speakers endorsed the use of technology in the classroom, noting that it is a great tool which encourages student engagement and allows students to participate in learning as citizens of the world.

Congratulations to our debating students who excelled at the Taree and District Eisteddfod. Our junior, intermediate and senior teams have debated their way to the district finals. Special thanks to Mrs Jenny McKendry who works diligently to support our debaters in their learning.

Below you will find a link to a parent’s questionnaire regarding the St Clare’s student uniform. The form is designed to show trends and identify items that parents wish the school executive to review. The parent survey will close on Monday, 8 June at 3 pm.

Students and staff will be given the opportunity to complete the survey in the coming days.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BVP3G9K

God Bless

Principal
**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.

**PRAYER POINT - TRINITY SUNDAY, 31 MAY**

In the First Reading Moses reminds us that the God who created the cosmos and all it contains is our God. And this God has not spoken to any other people as to them: “Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive?”

In the Gospel we have a Jesus who reminds us: “…know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.”

So it is a mighty God, the Creator of the cosmos, who remains with us until the end of time. With this reassurance we can hardly fail.

All the best

Denise Ryan, Ministry Coordinator

**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 (On the weekend of a 5th Sunday, a Liturgy of the Word with Communion is held at Nabiac Church)

**Our Lady Star of the Sea, Harrington**
Pilot St, Harrington  
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm  
(1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays in 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
FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL:

Year 12 students are reminded about the Australian Defence Force ‘Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award.’ This award offers **$550 for a Year 12 student** and **$250 for a Year 10 student** in every high school in Australia. The school selects one recipient for each award. Details of the nomination and selection process have been emailed to students.

Year 11 students have returned to normal lessons following the Preliminary HSC Mid-Course Examinations. Marking is still in progress but, where results have been determined, some students are pleased but others now are coming to recognise the depth and quality of answers which Stage 6 examinations require. With an experienced staff, many of whom are HSC markers, student answers are marked in Year 11 the same as they would be in Year 12 so that students come to learn just what is required to achieve Band 5 and Band 6 marks – this learning process is the *raison d’être* for Preliminary HSC Courses.

Already, students are considering changes to the subjects and/or levels. Any changes **MUST** be within the regulations set by BOSTES and, therefore, must be made in consultation with Curriculum Coordinator, Theresa Avery, Careers Adviser, Carol Healey, Year Coordinator, Bronwen Davidson, classroom teachers and Studies Coordinator.

The ‘Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews’ for Years 10 and 11 will be held in **Week 1 of Term 3** on **Thursday, 16 July, in the Hall**. Bookings for these interviews will be on-line with ‘How to book’ instructions available later in Term 2.

The meeting planned for this week between Year 11 students, Principal, Mr Nicholls, Liturgy Coordinator, Mrs Denise Ryan and Year Coordinator, Mrs Bronwen Davidson has been postponed until next Monday due to the sale of our favoured Senior Retreat site. Issues to be addressed will include the commencement of planning for this Senior Retreat, a **MANDATORY EVENT**, which will be held early in Term 4 and the school’s policy on Student Use of Motor Vehicles. The upcoming **RYDA (Rotary Young Driver Awareness) Program** will also be addressed. Some RYDA Program information is included below:

**Date:** Thursday, 25 June 2015  
**Venue:** Taree-Wingham Race Course  
Students come to school first and return to school at 3 pm  
**Cost:** $10 which includes the program, a ‘sausage sizzle’ and a drink for lunch and bus fares to and from the venue.

Attendance at this course fulfils the **mandatory government requirement** for all Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) students to undertake road safety education during their final two years of high school.

We remind all senior students, especially those who did not purchase the seniors jacket, that the ONLY outer or visible garment to be worn at St Clare’s is the **SCHOOL SENIOR JACKET, SCHOOL JUMPER OR SCHOOL TRACKSUIT TOP**.

Ian Evans, Year 12 Student Coordinator and Bronwen Davidson, Year 11 Student Coordinator
DEBATING NEWS: During Week 5, our debating teams competed in the heats and semi-finals in the Taree & District Eisteddfod. We entered every section and are very happy that St Clare’s will be represented in the Sub-Junior Final, the Junior Final, the Intermediate Final and the Senior Final.

Our teams debated with enthusiasm, clarity and occasional wit and deserved the right to go through to the Finals.
Next week we hope that we will have won at least one of the Finals. However it must be said that all members of the teams were excellent ambassadors for our school! Mrs McKendry

CREATIVE ARTS NEWS

PHOTOGRAPY: The Year 9 Photography class have been working on their Gallipoli Collage. The students are excelling in their creativity.
CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST: On Sunday, members of Cadence, accompanied by Mrs McKendry, sung *The Lord is My Shepherd* for the reflection as part of the parishes Pentecost celebrations. The ensemble was superb and was very well received by the congregation. Thank you to all involved.

TAREE EISTEDDFOD: *Cadence* will compete in the Taree Eisteddfod on Tuesday, 2 June. The vocal ensemble will present two contrasting songs. Best of luck to Mrs McKendry and the students.

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. As part of the celebration members of *Cadence* will be singing at the 9:30 am Mass.

ST CLARE’S VOCAL GROUP: The Vocal Group is preparing for the African Children’s Choir tour and concert to be held next Monday, 1 June, at the Manning Entertainment Centre. This is a very exciting collaboration and is guaranteed to be an excellent concert. The combined St Clare’s and St Joseph’s choir will open the show with a variety of songs. The group will come together with the ACC for a fabulous Finale. Tickets are $25.00 for an adult and $15.00 for a child/concession. Tickets are available at the MEC or Video Ezy, Taree or online [http://themec.com.au/bookonline/african-childrens-choir/](http://themec.com.au/bookonline/african-childrens-choir/).
DIOSOUNDS: It is not too late to purchase your ticket for DioSounds. DioSounds is an annual event that captures the amazing musical talent of our secondary students in the diocese. Many of our outstanding St Clare’s musicians are diligently preparing the school item. The concert is on Thursday, 4 June at 6:30 pm at the Civic Theatre, Newcastle. All are invited to attend. Tickets are available from the Civic Theatre box office or Ticketek.

Viva la Musica,
Mrs Brown

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY: LAKE GLENBAWN, THURSDAY, 7 MAY 2015: Nineteen students and three teachers left St Clare’s at 5:30 am on Thursday morning to head to Aberdeen for the Diocesan Cross Country. Mrs McCann and Mr Holland shared the driving of the 23 seater minibus and Mr Clacherty very ably supervised the students (at that time of morning most of the students were still half asleep).

We arrived on time for the start of the carnival and the students were keen to get going. Our students performed very well on the day, especially considering the four hours it takes to get there. It is not easy to perform at your best straight after such a long drive. The students were a credit to St Clare’s as usual.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for CCC Cross Country:

Jordan Moscatt
Jessica Relf
Madeline Owen
Sam Mudford
Daniel Sewell
Ben Relf

A big thank you to Mr Holland and Mr Clacherty for accompanying the students. Well done to everyone for such an excellent effort!

Mrs McCann
SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS: Thalia Kladis from Year 9 competed in the All Schools Swimming Championship in Sydney on 18 May after progressing from the CCC Championships. She achieved some exceptional results gaining 6th place in 50m backstroke and 7th in 100m backstroke. She narrowly missed gaining a place in the All Schools swimming team. Thalia is to be congratulated on her achievements.

Jesse Wilkes from Year 10 also progressed from the CCC Championships to the All Schools Championships but was unable to attend. She is to be commended on her success in this sport as well.

Jenna Rowsell, Representative Sport Coordinator

SPREADING OUR ROOTS - ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP: The Environmental Group has been keeping up the care of our new garden that is looking absolutely spectacular, with the plants beginning to flourish and spread their roots.

So far we have completed about one third of our journey to finishing our garden, but there is still much more to be done. We would like to extend a thank you to Mr Murray who made a donation through the week that will see the purchase of more beautiful plants. The Environmental Group would also like to extend a special thank you to the Augey family who have made a considerable contribution to our cause. As a thank you, the Environmental Group will be using this donation to purchase a special tree and a plaque in memory of their son Adam, a former student of St Clare’s High School.

These donations have assisted with the purchasing of more plants that will not only fill out our garden but also reduce our carbon footprint. The Environmental Group still needs your help however, and you can assist in the following way:

**SPONSOR A PLANT TODAY**

$5, $10, $15 OR $20
The Environmental Group is planning on beautifying the road side of the hall with various plants. We are calling upon the St Clare’s community to help us by sponsoring a plant. Anyone who wishes to participate can bring money to the bursar or see either Mr Bielby Jnr or Mrs Healey.

We will be acknowledging the sponsors through a plaque and a time capsule. HELP US TO REDUCE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT & MAKE ST CLARE’S EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL!

-Environmental Group

SRC UPDATE: May is Cystic Fibrosis Month around Australia and the aim of the campaign is to raise awareness of this genetic disease and its effect on young people. What is Cystic fibrosis? (CF) is the most common, genetically acquired, life-shortening chronic illness affecting young Australians today. It primarily affects the lungs and the digestive system; however, it also affects a number of other organs and systems by clogging them with thick, sticky mucus. Repeated infections and blockages can cause irreversible lung damage and death. Mucus can also cause problems in the pancreas preventing the release of enzymes needed for the digestion of food. Complications increase with age, requiring ever increasing levels of care and support. At present there is no cure for CF.

The St Clare’s SRC wants to get on board and raise awareness about Cystic Fibrosis as it affects students in our own school community. On Friday, 5 June, the SRC will be handing out red ribbons (the colour associated with Cystic Fibrosis) and selling red themed cakes and cupcakes at lunchtime to raise some donations for Cystic Fibrosis Australia which will go towards vital research in helping find a cure to this disease. Come on down and show your support! Hannah Lewis and Gabby Wyse, Year 10 SRC members
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St Clare’s High School SRC want to raise awareness of Cystic Fibrosis as it affects...

On the 5th of June, St Clare’s will be selling red cupcakes and giving out ribbons. Come and show your support for people with cystic fibrosis and help raise awareness!

All proceeds will be given to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.
GIRLS WINTER TIGHTS: The only tights to be worn are those purchased from Workwise (to ensure consistency of colour and denier). If they develop holes, the tights must be replaced.

Purchase price:

- Heavy Cotton Tights $18
- Microfibre Tights $11

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come and...
DISCOVER ENGINEERING

**TOPICS**

Areas to be addressed include:
- Why be an Engineer?
- What do Engineers Do?
- How do you Become an Engineer?
- What is it Like to Study Engineering?

**DATE**

Monday 22nd June 2015
from 5.30pm, at the Chapel
St Columba Anglican School
3 Iona Ave (off Major Innes Road)
PORT MACQUARIE

This **free** forum is for all high school students who are interested in Engineering as a career choice.

`Light refreshments will be served`

**REGISTER**

Registration essential by:
Friday 19th June 2015

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to register your attendance

Further information available at: 02 4911 7310
www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division/events

**SPONSORED BY:**

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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

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VACANCIES STILL EXIST
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL KINGSFORD
ST CLARE’S CANTEEN: 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

### Term 2

**Week 7**  
Wednesday 3/6 ♦ P & F Meeting, 6 pm, Library

**Week 9**  
Thursday 18/6 ♦ Athletics Carnival

**Week 10**  
Thursday 25/6 ♦ RYDA Program – Year 11  
Friday 26/6 ♦ Last Day of Term 2

### Term 3

**Week 1**  
Monday 13/7 ♦ First Day of Term 3  
Thursday 16/7 ♦ Year 10 & 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - Hall

**Week 3**  
Monday 27/7 ♦ Trial HSC Examinations Commence  
♦ Year 9 Snowy Trip  
♦ Year 10 Work Experience

**Week 5**  
Monday 10/8 ♦ Trial HSC Examinations Conclude  
Friday 14/8 ♦ St Clare’s Feast Day

**Week 9**  
Friday 11/9 ♦ Year 7 Vaccinations – 3rd Dose

**Week 10**  
Thursday 17/9 ♦ Year 12 Assembly and Big Buzz  
Friday 18/9 ♦ Year 12 Graduation Mass

### Term 4

**Week 1**  
Friday 9/10 ♦ Year 7 2016 Orientation Day

**Week 2**  
Monday 12/10 ♦ HSC Written Examinations Commence

**Week 5**  
Friday 6/11 ♦ HSC Written Examinations Conclude

**Week 6**  
Friday 13/11 ♦ Year 12 Graduation

**Week 11**  
Wednesday 16/11 ♦ HSC results released
St Vincent de Paul Blanket Drive

As winter feels like it arriving and the nights and days are getting colder we are asking for donations of new or good condition blankets to be brought to school. Deacon Vince will work with St Vincent de Paul to distribute these to those who require them.

Please drop your donations into the baskets at the school office. Thank you for your compassion and kind donations.