Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

Every now and again opportunities arise that help our students gain insight and understanding about the hardships and difficult life choices people from around the world face on a daily basis. Such an opportunity arrived in our area this week in the ‘person’ of the African Children’s Choir.

The choir features approximately 15 young people below the age of 14 who, due to their life circumstances, are cared for by the charity. Presently they are touring the world, raising funds to help educate young Ugandans by performing in schools and towns across the country. The St Clare’s Vocal Group, along with the St Joseph’s, Taree choir, had the privilege of performing with the African children in the Manning Entertainment Centre on Monday evening. Before a large and responsive audience our young people took part in a highly polished and enjoyable concert that was not only fun but supplied our students with the opportunity of meeting and working with people from another country and culture. A wonderful learning opportunity for all.
Following the concert a number of people connected with the tour met with representatives of the St Clare’s Human Rights Group to discuss their life experiences in African refugee camps. Once again our students gained great insight into the difficulties poverty and exclusion place on individuals and their ability to live a happy and productive life. A big thank you to **Carmel Brown** for her dedicated work with the vocal group and to **Phil Chalmers** for his work with the Human Rights Group.

Our debaters and public speakers have enjoyed great success over the past two weeks, winning three out of four finals at the Taree & District Eisteddfod and for the third time winning the Newcastle Diocesan Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations to the students and **Jenny McKendry** who has coached these students to such a high standard. Our musicians have also excelled with several students, including the Cadence Group, being invited to showcase their talents on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 pm in the Grand Concert. Again congratulations to music teachers **Carmel Brown, Wayne McDougall** and Cadence Director, **Jenny McKendry** for their fine teaching of their talented students.

Life on the sporting fields has also been productive for our students with great competition in rugby, hockey, and success in swimming, cross country and rugby on a representative level. Thanks to **Phil Gibney, Dale Clacherty, Jenna Rowsell and Marian Parvin** for their work with our young people.
Earlier this week I spoke to the Year 11 group about their use of cars and the arrangements they should put in place to ensure they conform to school expectations regarding safe travel to and from school. All the students were given copies of the school’s student car policy and left in no doubt as to our expectations of them. If you have any queries regarding the policy please ring the school and speak to either Mrs Davidson Year 11 or Mrs Larbalestier Acting Year 12 Coordinator.

A reminder that our parent uniform survey closes shortly. Your sons and daughters have access to the survey as do our staff. Results will be collated and discussed at our first Parents & Friends meeting in Term 3.

We hope to issue our first round of enrolment offers towards the end of next week. If you know someone who has yet to book in an interview please encourage them to do so to ensure that their son or daughter does not miss out on a first round place at the school.

An Awards Assembly was held on Wednesday to present the Year 12 students with their Semester I Awards. Congratulations to the following award winners:

**Year 12 Semester I – 2015**

**Daniel Argall**  
1<sup>ST</sup> IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 1

**Michelle Arnold**  
1<sup>ST</sup> IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

**Thomas Avery**  
1<sup>ST</sup> IN PHYSICS  
1<sup>ST</sup> IN SOFTWARE DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT  
EQUAL 2<sup>ND</sup> IN ECONOMICS  
3<sup>RD</sup> IN MATHEMATICS  
EQUAL 3<sup>RD</sup> IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1

**Skye Bedforth**  
EQUAL 1<sup>ST</sup> IN SOCIETY & CULTURE

**Olivia Bielby**  
1<sup>ST</sup> IN ANCIENT HISTORY  
EQUAL 1<sup>ST</sup> IN SOCIETY & CULTURE  
2<sup>ND</sup> IN ENGLISH EXTENSION 1  
EQUAL 2<sup>ND</sup> IN ENGLISH (ADVANCED)

**Leam Callaghan**  
1<sup>ST</sup> IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)
Shea Calvin  
EQUAL 1ST IN COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES  
2ND IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 1 UNIT  
3RD IN SOCIETY & CULTURE

Harry Carey  
1ST IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)  
1ST IN MATHEMATICS  
1ST IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 1 UNIT  
2ND IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1  
2ND IN CHEMISTRY

Charisse Carney  
EQUAL 1ST IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
EQUAL 2ND IN CATHOLIC STUDIES

Nathan Chapman  
1ST IN CATHOLIC STUDIES

Tristan Chapman  
3RD IN SOFTWARE DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Shenaye Dawson  
3RD IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)

Jessica Deudney  
2ND IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Aidan Drenkhahn  
3RD IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)  
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY SPECIALISATION

Samuel Fenech  
1ST IN ENGINEERING STUDIES  
2ND IN BIOLOGY

Ellen Forbes  
1ST IN CHEMISTRY  
1ST IN BIOLOGY  
1ST IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Raymond Formby  
EXCELLENCE IN SPORT COACHING

Jessica Gambrill  
EQUAL 2ND IN BUSINESS STUDIES
Molly Gillis
1ST IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1
1ST IN VISUAL ARTS
2ND IN MATHEMATICS
EQUAL 2ND IN ENGLISH (ADVANCED)
3RD IN LEGAL STUDIES
EQUAL 3RD IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 1 UNIT

Rachel Gore-Lenskyj
3RD IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT

Anthony Hall
1ST IN MODERN HISTORY
2ND IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)

Cody Hancock
2ND IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Kyle Hardes
3RD IN WORK STUDIES
EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION

James Harvey
1ST IN WORK STUDIES
1ST IN CONSTRUCTION
2ND IN ENGLISH STUDIES

Bianca Heiss
3RD IN TEXTILES & DESIGN
3RD IN VISUAL ARTS

Ebony Jennings
EQUAL 1ST IN COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES

Sonia Johnston
1ST IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
3RD IN BIOLOGY

Jasmine Jones
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

Mason Lawrence
3RD IN PHYSICS
3RD IN ENGINEERING STUDIES
EQUAL 3RD IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1
Victoria Lee
EQUAL 1ST IN TEXTILES & DESIGN

Sarah Locker
EQUAL 1ST IN LEGAL STUDIES
2ND IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT
EQUAL 2ND IN ECONOMICS
EQUAL 3RD IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 2

Courtney Longa
2ND IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)
2ND IN VISUAL ARTS

Melinda Lovrak
EQUAL 3RD IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 2

Adam Mayers
1ST IN ENGLISH (ADVANCED)
1ST IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT
1ST IN ECONOMICS
EQUAL 1ST IN LEGAL STUDIES
2ND IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 2

Brodie McCann
2ND IN DRAMA
3RD IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Liam McDonald
EQUAL 2ND IN BUSINESS STUDIES

Emily McKendry
1ST IN ENGLISH EXTENSION 1
1ST IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 2
1ST IN MUSIC
EQUAL 1ST IN TEXTILES & DESIGN

Isabella Rasche
1ST IN DRAMA

Jessica Robinson
3RD IN ENGLISH STUDIES
3RD IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY SPECIALISATION

Jared Roulstone
3RD IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
Anjana Senanayake  
1st in Mathematics Extension 2  
2nd in Physics  
2nd in Software Design & Development  

Maddison Simmons  
Equal 2nd in Catholic Studies  

Ruby Solomon  
3rd in Community & Family Studies  
Excellence in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)  

Luke Spicer  
2nd in Work Studies  

Cooper Talbot  
1st in Business Studies  

Bayley Underwood  
1st in Sport Coaching  
2nd in Music  

Carly Walker  
3rd in Music  

Jeremy Walker  
1st in English Extension 2  
3rd in Drama  
Equal 3rd in 1 Unit Studies of Religion  

Alisha Whitfield  
3rd in Chemistry  
Equal 3rd in Studies of Religion 1 Unit  

James Wilkes  
Equal 1st in Earth & Environmental Science  

Luke Woods  
1st in English Studies  

Aiden Young  
2nd in Engineering Studies  

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.

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

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

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL: Year 12 students have 25 days of lessons before the commencement of the Trial HSC Examinations after which there will only be another 25 days of lessons prior to their Farewell Assembly on Thursday, 17 September, and Graduation Mass, on Friday, 18 September. All Year 12 students need to ensure that course summaries, based on syllabus ‘dots & dashes’, are kept up-to-date in line with new work which is being completed. Students who have a ‘major work’ component of their courses must also ensure that submission deadlines are monitored and followed.

Students also need to be aware of the limited amount of time left to access advice from Careers Adviser, Mrs Healey. In the coming weeks, Mrs Healey will be interviewing students in preparation for post-school life.

An opportunity to sample university possibilities will be available through the University of Newcastle Schools Visit on Thursday, 25 June, which is the second last day of Term 2. There are limited seats on the bus and places will be allocated on a ‘first in, first served’ basis. The cost is $25 per student.
Year 11 students have received results of their recent Preliminary HSC Mid-Course Examinations. Reports are being prepared and will be handed to students on Friday, 26 June, which is the last day of Term 2.

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 Year 11 Senior Retreat planning continues although confirming dates with the favoured venue, which is currently in the process of being sold, is delayed. This function, a MANDATORY EVENT, will be held early in Term 4.

As with the Senior Retreat, attendance at the upcoming RYDA (Rotary Young Driver Awareness) Program is also mandatory.

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

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.

CAREERS CORNER: Year 12 students are busy equating their Semester I exam results with their career pathway options. There has been a bus organised for Newcastle University Open Day on Thursday, 25 June. Students have a note for this day. In order for the bus to run 45 students must attend. Students are not to drive themselves as a bus has been organised. Students are encouraged to attend as the day will give them information on courses, costs, scholarships and university life.

Information on early entry is starting to arrive and students will be given directions on how to apply and closing dates. Early organisation prevents stress.

Year 10s are involved in subject selection for senior school and many have discussed their choices with the careers adviser. All Year 10s that have questions are urged to see Mrs Healey.

Carol Healey, Careers Adviser
TAREE EISTEDDFOD: Congratulations to Mrs McKendry and Cadence winning the Secondary Schools Vocal Ensemble section at the Taree Eisteddfod on Tuesday. The group performed The Good Housewife, an A Capella song and The Lord is my Shepherd, accompanied by Thomas Tsang. As a result of this wonderful achievement Cadence has been invited to perform at the Grand Concert this Saturday, 6 June, at 1:30 pm at the MEC. Tickets are available through the Manning Entertainment Centre and Video Ezy, Taree.
ST CLARE’S VOCAL GROUP: The Manning Entertainment Centre was energised by the fabulous singing, dancing and music making of the touring African Children’s Choir on Monday night. What a wonderful evening of music, cooperation, collaboration and culture it was. The St Clare’s Vocal Group, combined with the St Joseph’s Choir, presented a number of items to open the concert. We then joined the ACC on stage for a fantastic finale, *Movin’ On*. Congratulations to our students for their commitment. They were exceptional role models for the infants and primary children.

**Year 7**
- Gabrielle Pasolini
- Phoebe Soper
- Jessie Jones
- Tahlara Donovan
- Angelica Hammond

**Year 8**
- Belicia Watson
- Alyssa Morley

**Year 9**
- Hannah Ward
- Clare Sephton
- Hamish Ross
- Harrison Doble
- Zoe Elliot

**Year 10**
- Kylie Neilson

DIOsounds: DioSounds, the annual event that captures the amazing musical talent of our secondary students in the diocese, was held last night at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle. 31 of our talented musicians took part, accompanied by Mr McDougall, Mr Koenig and Mrs Brown. Details will be in next week’s Newsletter.

Viva la Musica,
Mrs Brown
DIOCESAN TENNIS – TUESDAY, 19 MAY: The St Clare’s contingent left early on Tuesday morning for Diocesan tennis in Newcastle, hoping that the weather would hold and that the tennis would go ahead. Despite the threat of rain, the weather did hold and it was quite a good day for tennis. The students played well and should be proud of their achievements as there was quite a bit of competition from various schools in the Diocese.

Reagan Bramble came 2nd in his pool round.  
Brodie McCann narrowly missed winning the Senior Girls.  
Blue Evans won his pool round and despite playing brilliantly, lost the quarter finals.  
Michaela Bailey came 2nd in her pool, won the quarter and the semi-finals, then narrowly lost the grand final.

Congratulations to all the students involved who, in their usual manner, represented St Clare’s beautifully.

Karen McCann
**Rugby 7s:** On 19 May two St Clare’s Rugby teams travelled up to Coffs Harbour to play in the Coffs SS 7s Finals. The Open’s Boys team played well with only a few of the boys having Rugby playing experience. They showed some great skill on the day winning their first game and losing their second game only narrowly. The boys put in the effort for the last game; however, with a reduced number of players due to injury, they were eventually defeated.

The girls were very impressive and won both their games on the day. They displayed some great talent and have improved enormously since their first competition at the Taree gala day. They were the overall winners on the day and the girls now have the opportunity to go down to Sydney later this term to compete against a range of schools from all over NSW in the State Championships. Congratulations to both teams on a successful day and good luck to the girls at State Champs! **Jenna Rowsell, Representative Sports Coordinator**

**Rugby League:** Kurtis Dark, Year 11, Luke Polson, Year 11 and Joel Dark, Year 9 recently competed in the Rugby League Championship in Sydney which was used as a selection for further representative teams. Kurtis and Joel Dark played in the Northern Country side and Luke Polson was a part of the Presidents team. They all played well over the tournament, showing their talent in this sport. Congratulations to Kurtis Dark who received Player of the Tournament and has made the NSWCCC Under 18’s side which will play at the Australian Rugby League Championships in Wollongong. Also, Joel Dark is to be commended on his selection in the NSW Country Under 15’s team which will play at St Gregory’s in Campbelltown. **Jenna Rowsell, Representative Sports Coordinator**

**GETTING OUR HANDS DIRTY! - ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP:** The Environmental Group has been working tirelessly this week getting their hands dirty, digging holes and planting plants.

During lunchtime on Tuesday and Wednesday, students planted two more rows of plants, with not enough time or hands to plant the remainder. The small group of students who make up the Environmental Group should be applauded for their efforts thus far; however we would like to encourage those students who can’t donate to come lend a hand.
The Environmental Group would also like to thank **Melanie Malakou** from Year 11 as well as the **Evans Family** for their generous donations over the past week. If you would like to sponsor a plant, 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 to find out when our next tree planting session will be.

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
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 CANTEN: 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.
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.

COMING EVENTS

Term 2

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

Have you considered becoming a foster carer? There are children and young people needing care in the Manning, Great Lakes and Gloucester regions. Being a foster carer is both challenging and rewarding but our carers don’t have to do it alone. CatholicCare Hunter-Manning provides ongoing support to our carers to assist them in meeting the needs of children in their care.
An information evening on becoming a foster carer is being held on the 24 June 2015, if you are interested in attending please call 65935900 to book.
Dr. John Irvine is one of Australia’s most prominent child psychologists. If you enjoyed listening to Dr. John last year, come back for

“More: anxiety, what to look for & what parents can do to support their children”

Light refreshments served from 6.30pm

Entry - Gold coin donation with all proceeds to benefit charity

June 23
Tuesday 23 June, 2015
6.30pm for a 7pm start
St James’ Primary School
Skellatar Stock Route, Muswellbrook

June 24
Wednesday 24 June, 2015
6.30pm for a 7pm start
St Brigid’s Primary School
52 Irrawong Street, Raymond Terrace

July 28
Tuesday 28 July, 2015
6.30pm for a 7pm start
St Joseph’s Primary School
4 St Joseph’s Drive, Taree

July 29
Wednesday 29 July, 2015
6.30pm for a 7pm start
The Factory - St Peter X High School
Park Avenue, Adamstown

All welcome - registration essential
Visit www.mn.catholic.edu.au/drjohn to register today

Some venues have limited parking, please bring a torch.

For further info, contact
Cath Garrett-Jones
Parent Liaison and Resource Officer
P 4979 1303
E cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au
From the President...

Dear Parents,

Term 2 is well underway and the end is in sight. For many families its beginning would have been a very stressful and difficult start as a result of the severe storms that lashed the Hunter Region. Many families would have lost power for a number of days, some families have damaged homes and others would have been cut off from outside world because of flood waters. Many schools were also affected. It is during these times that supporting those around us, in our school and parish communities becomes so important.

I am aware that many families are still “on the road to recovery”. You have been in the thoughts and prayers of parish and school communities across the Diocese. I would also like to particularly thank the Catholic Schools Office and school Principals for keeping parents well informed under very difficult circumstances. For those who still had power the regular updates on school closures were much appreciated and it was clear that our children’s safety was of prime importance. I would also like us all to remember that teachers have families and homes that were also impacted by the storms, and many teachers who so generously drive long distances each day to teach our children suddenly found themselves having to decide if it was safe for them to travel on roads under the threat of flooding. So on behalf of all parents I would like to thank all families, teachers and leaders in our Diocese for all you have done for our families during this hectic time. Please take the time to read our Parent News and I look forward to meeting you at one of our networking opportunities very soon.

Warm regards

Giovanna Angelii

Cath Garrett-Jones
Parent Liaison and Resource Officer
P 4979 1303   E cath Garrett-Jones@mn.catholic.edu.au
Federation General Meeting

All Federation Delegates and parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the Federation of P & F Associations General Meeting to be held on:

Sunday, 14th June
10.30am - 1.30pm
St Pius X – Adamstown in “The Factory”
(Enter off Park Avenue at the bottom of the hill)

Come along and learn a little about mathematics course selection and your secondary child from CSO and Newcastle University staff as well as hearing the latest news from a representative of the CSO Directors Unit.

A lovely lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to Cath Garrett-Jones for catering

P: 4979 1303 E: cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au
What’s happening........

Term 2 and beyond is shaping up to be a busy and exciting time for parents and carers across the Diocese with the Federation of P & F Associations planning many opportunities for gathering together to learn and reflect on parenting issues.

.........Cut and Keep...dates for your diary......

14 June: GENERAL MEETING – Federation of P & F Associations

23 June: Dr John Irvine – St James Muswellbrook
           (See attached flyer)

24 June: Dr John Irvine – St Brigid’s Raymond Terrace.
           (See attached flyer)

28 July: Dr John Irvine – St Joseph’s Taree
           (See attached flyer)

29 July: Dr John Irvine – St Pius X Adamstown
           (See attached flyer)

11 August: SPECIAL NEEDS MASS – Holy Name, Forster
18th Annual Special Needs Mass

2015 theme ‘Sing to the Rainbow’

Holy Name Primary School, together with Catholic schools of the Manning region and Special Needs Working Party of the Federation of P & F Associations, warmly welcome all to join with teachers, principals, school staff and parishioners to celebrate our Annual Special Needs Mass!

Tuesday 11 August, 7pm
Holy Name Catholic Church
Lake Street Farster

No RSVP required, however for further details, please contact:
Cath. Garrett-Jones, Parent Liaison and Resource Officer
P 4979 1303 Email: catherine.jones@mn.catholic.edu.au
Useful links and websites....

My Big Tomorrow
My Big Tomorrow is a resource designed to help young Australians realise bigger life choices. Here you can discover your dream career, experience a day in the life of someone doing that job and find out how they got there.

Catholic Schools Office – Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
http://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/

Partners4Learning
http://www.partners4learning.edu.au/

Better Together
http://www.btadvisorybodies.catholic.edu.au/

School A to Z

Do yourself a favour...

MUST SEE...

Go to the Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) website for excellent links and support

Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP)
http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/
From the Parent Liaison and Resource Officer...

I have had the great pleasure of travelling to a number of schools this year and meeting many parents who so tirelessly support our schools in the diocese. Your support and encouragement of each other and the Catholic education you passionately seek for your children is appreciated.

I hope you have an opportunity to read information in the newsletter and take the time to view some of the websites listed.

I would particularly encourage you to look at the CSO website. A new resource has been added supporting Volunteers in our school. You will find this by simply searching Volunteers in the search bar.

I hope also you are able to attend one of the many parent education opportunities that are planned for your area. Please make sure you register for the Dr John Irvine talks – he was enormously popular last year and, because you asked, we have asked him to return!

STOP PRESS.......If your P & F Association is yet to return the P & F CONTACTS sheet, please forward it, ASAP to Cath Garrett-Jones. Thank you!!

ADVANCE NOTICE.....Stay tuned for details of a Spring Conference to be held in Term 4 with well-known guest speakers!

Snippets from around the Diocese...

★ Warm Congratulations to Rosary Park Primary School Branxton – School Community of the Year award.

★ Check this out... follow this link to the CCSP Review
“Parenting and Wellbeing” news too!

★ Don’t forget to check out the CSO website for updates and regular contributions about parenting and wellbeing.

This page contains information about Special Needs, Child Protection and information about Child Wellbeing also.

Local Sporting Champions

The Local Sporting Champions grants program is designed to provide financial assistance for junior sportsmen and women towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing at an official NSC or NSOD endorsed state or national sporting competition, a School Sport Australia endorsed state or national championship or an international competition where the applicant is representing an official Australian team.

More information on eligibility can be found at: http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/local_sporting_champions

The online application form is at: https://online.ausport.gov.au/lsc/apply/individual.aspx