Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

Over the past few weeks I have attended two significant conferences. The Association of Catholic School Principals State Conference brought together hundreds of Principals from across the state to hear world renowned speakers dissect data and describe the attributes young people need to thrive in the emerging technological world.

Valerie Hammond from the UK is a world authority on innovation and education. She has held positions with the British Government and the OECD. Valerie’s key note session addressed the topics:

What is learning for?
What does great learning work like now and how should it be planned for?
And learning a living

Two of the key findings she presented were that individual experiences of being engaged in learning contribute to growing motivation over time. In other words, being an engaged learner is addictive: with every deep learning experience, you are more likely to become a learner for life (Leim & Martin 2010, Munn & Martin 2005).

It is not surprising that students’ interest and engagement in school influences their prospects of educational and occupational success 20 years later, over and above their academic attainment and scio-economic background. (Joan Abbott-Chapman 2013).

Dr Yong Zhao is an expert on the implications that globalisation and technology have for education. As well-known researcher and writer he holds a number of leadership positions at Educational Institutions around the world. He challenged us Principals to engage our students in the decision-making process of our schools and to ensure that we were supplying learning environments that stimulated and challenged each person. Dr Zhao reported on the discontent between students, the current educational paradigm and the needs of the citizens of the twenty first century economy. His thoughts, while provocative, were delivered in a very entertaining manner.
Last week’s Association of Josephite Affiliated Secondary Schools brought together Principals of over 25,000 students in Australia and New Zealand. Key note speakers included Josephite Congregational Leader Sr Monica Cavanagh and Director of Sydney Archdiocese Dr Dan White. Both speakers addressed the role of the Catholic School as an evangelising arm of the Church. Dr Dan White asked Principals to reflect on the ways in which their school welcomed and lived the Gospel values with staff, parents, students and the wider community.

Sr Monica noted Mary MacKillop’s commitment of bringing the gospel to life – St Mary of the Cross went in search of the lost, the lonely and despairing, often living in the same destitute conditions of those she sought to help. In company of Catholic Priest, Julian Tennison Woods, Mary MacKillop worked tirelessly for the deprived, degraded and disadvantaged. Sr Monica reminded us that now is not the time to act small and that all of us should be ‘soiled by the mud in the street’ as we continue Mary’s mission of inclusion and meeting the real needs of people at the local level.

The St Clare’s Vinnies Group, Human Rights Group, Immersion Trips and efforts at reconciliation and various efforts of the Student Representative Council demonstrate that the Josephite charism is alive and well in our school.

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Staff are putting considerable effort into the subject selection process in Year 10. Twenty eight staff are mentoring small groups of Year 10 students and yesterday’s subject roadshow was an innovation designed to further promote discussion around the kitchen table about what the best choices are for your sons and daughters. Please keep in mind that the best results are achieved when people are interested and committed to their studies. Consideration of the ATARS should not be a strong influence on young peoples’ subject choices.

My thanks to Studies Leaders, Staff, Curriculum Coordinator, Theresa Avery and Assistant Principal, Phillip Gibney for their role in this area of school life.

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The survey into the St Clare’s uniform has closed. Results and thoughts about ‘where to from here’… will be published over the next few weeks.

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Changing expectations by governments and in the workplace have led us to review our work experience in Year 10. From 2015 St Clare’s Year 10 work experience program will be optional. If you wish your son or daughter to be involved in work experience, from 27 July to 31 July, please complete the appropriate form which is available from Year 10 Student Coordinator, Karen McCann.
Congratulations to our girl’s Rugby Union Team that won its way to 3rd in the State this week. A wonderful effort thanks to the coaches Jenna Rowsell, Mark Coble and Jason Koenig and those who supported the girls in their endeavours.

The last few weeks of Term 2 are a busy time in schools. Task completion, corrections, exams and the stress that goes with studying, learning and teaching can take a toll on all the learning team – students, parents and staff. Rest assured it is for a good cause and that your sons and daughters are in good and caring hands.

God Bless

Principal

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS: Unfortunately there was a glitch in the system when emailing accounts. If you pay via direct debit, please disregard the email dated 11 June 2015. Our Head Office has been notified and are currently working on the problem. Thank you
**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: SUNDAY, 14 JUNE**

The unifying image in the 1st Reading, the Psalm and the Gospel is that of a tree. But this is not just any tree - it springs from a shoot that God takes from the very top of a cedar and plants it on the highest mountain. “Every kind of bird will live beneath it… rest in the shade of its branches” (Ezekiel 17: 23).

The psalm tells us that the cedar “will flourish… still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green” (Psalm 91: 15).

Jesus describes the Kingdom of God as a mustard seed: “at the time of its sowing… is the smallest seed of all the seeds on earth… yet… it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade…” (Mark 4: 32). This is where I want to live - in a kingdom where I can rest in the shade and shelter in the branches. And I want to tell others about this ‘tree’… the one that God has planted.

Have a great week
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: 8:30 am

**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)
Saturday Liturgy of the Word and Communion: 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
YEAR 12 BUSINESS STUDIES EXCURSION: Year 12 Business Studies students enjoyed an educational and relaxing day visiting Bago Winery, Ricardos and Billabong Wildlife Zoo.

We toured the businesses and learnt how they market their businesses and products. Alan, the Marketing Manager for Bago Winery, explained to us how the monthly jazz sessions are a good drawcard to get customers to the Winery. We enjoyed the Bago Maze which is ideal for entertaining the kids.

At Ricardos we learnt how hydroponic tomatoes can be successfully grown and we picked our own strawberries.

After lunch we experienced laser tagging at the Centre of Gravity.

Back Row: Left to Right – Liam McDonald, Rebecca Rosen, Jacob Bramble, Liam Chubukova and Jessica Gambrill
Front Row: Patrick Clarke and Cooper Talbot

Back: Jessica Gambrill, Cooper Talbot, Jacob Bramble, Liam McDonald, Liam Chubukova
Front: Patrick Clarke, Mrs Lyn Tilbrook & Rebecca Rosen
Feeding the wallabies and their joey’s at Billabong Zoo was special and the talking cockatiels were entertaining. Thanks to our speakers for their time and marketing expertise. We all learnt a great deal about marketing on the day. Mrs Tilbrook, Business Studies Teacher

YEAR 11 BUSINESS STUDIES: Year 11 Business Studies enjoyed a day out visiting Edstein’s Creative Stone where we saw a large slab of stone being cut for kitchen benches and saw a few headstones. Alan was wonderful in telling us about the company and showing us around the business. He also gives us good advice on not being silly on Facebook as employers check social media when employing staff.

We went to Croker Oars for a tour and talk with John about making the Olympic Oars and now rowing seats especially for the female American rowers.
In the afternoon we spent a relaxing time walking with Neville around Green Patch looking at many organic plants. Neville showed us how he easily extracts the seeds. He sells his seeds online via mail orders and he really loves his business and passed this message onto the students to love what you do in life.  Mrs Tilbrook, Business Studies Teacher

DIOSOUNDS 2015: Last Wednesday Mr McDougall, Ms Boelling, Mr Koenig, Mrs Brown and the cast of the Elective Music students set off on their annual “Diosounds” adventure. The bus was ‘alive with the sound of music!’ loaded with an array of musical equipment, students and staff.

Year 9
Ethan Bosmans            Teisha Farr            Hamish Ross
Samuel Brown            Charlotte Higgins       Clare Sephton
Daniel Davis            Samuel Holliday        Tegan Tripp
Harrison Doble          Saksham Lama
Hannah Dormor

Year 10
Kristy Bell             Nirian Boelling-McDougall  Amanda Jones
Johnathon Black         Maddison Hayes       Thomas Lee

Year 11
Daniel Bell             Veronica Holden         Clayton Wisemantel
Jordan Brown            Jarrah Hudson          Thomas Tsang
Thomas Dormor           Lucy McIntosh
Emily Fowle

Year 12
Emily McKendry           Bayley Underwood
Arriving at the Civic Theatre early afternoon we had our sound check and a brief rehearsal. We then made our way to Glenrock Scout Camp. Once settled in our cabins we had a little bit of time to unwind and prepare for the evening concert.

Year 9 embarked on a tour of the venue.

Year 10 & 12 set up the instruments whilst Year 11 & 12 relaxed with a game of cards!
Undoubtedly one of the highlights was our evening concert organised by Mr McDougall. All the students had the opportunity to perform. The talent was outstanding.

On Thursday we returned to the Civic Theatre for the Matinee performance in front of 200 enthusiastic primary school students. This also provided us with the opportunity to watch the other school items, an invaluable component of the excursion.

The evening performance was fantastic with both our groups displaying exceptional talent and stage presence.

Special thanks to Mr Koenig and Ms Boelling for their support, involvement and assistance and to Warren our very patient bus driver.

It was a privilege to accompany these budding musicians. Their conduct and enthusiasm was admirable.

This year we farewell Emily McKendry and Bayley Underwood from DioSounds. These students are to be congratulated for their invaluable contribution to the annual event over the past six years and we wish them all the best as they prepare for their Higher School Certificate music.

Below is a report by Emily McKendry:

On Wednesday, 3 June, students from Elective Music in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 travelled down to Newcastle accompanied by Mr Koenig, Mrs Brown, Mr McDougall and Ms Boelling. Once we arrived at the Civic Theatre for our sound-check we watched some amazing performances from other schools in the Diocese and then it was our turn. The Year 11 Music class performed and sang ‘Fly On’, followed by collaborations of Year 10 and Year 12 Music students for a blues mash-up and ‘Feeling Good’. The feedback from the students and fellow performers in the audience was extremely positive and encouraging.
We then travelled to Glenrock Scout Camp where we were entertained by a Rescue Helicopter landing not once, but TWICE right next to us. After a fantastic feast of pizza it was time for a DioSounds tradition; the student concert. All of the students and teachers were entertained by a variety of performances from students across all music classes both as solos, duets and group acts. After a night of fantastic entertainment it was time for lights out and bed.

![Photo of the student concert](image1.jpg)

After a hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs cooked by student volunteers we all travelled back to the Civic Theatre ready to perform for the Matinee Showcase. St Clare’s performed amazingly well and we were extremely well received, with many audience members commenting that we were the standout of the concert.

We then travelled to Charlestown Square and spent a whopping 4 hours shopping and finding the best deals, before returning once again to the Civic Theatre. Again, St Clare’s brought the house down with our stellar performances. Then it was time for a quick McDonald’s stop and the late bus trip home.

Bayley Underwood & Thomas Tsang cooking breakfast
DioSounds 2015 was an extremely enjoyable experience and this was only possible because of the efforts of our amazing teachers; **Mr Koenig, Mrs Brown, Mr McDougall and Ms Boelling.** A big thank you and well done to all involved, and bring on DioSounds 2016! **Emily McKendry, Year 12**

Follow the link to watch the full Matinee Performance. Scroll across to 40.18 min to view St Clare’s performances:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hjpw5LqPur8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hjpw5LqPur8)

The following link will allow students to view all Diosounds images:  

**Viva la Musica,**  
**Mrs Brown**
Above – Emily Fowle and Lucy McIntosh
Left – Thomas Lee
The Girls were nominated B division this year that meant they were competing against teams from Port Macquarie, Adamstown, Westmead, Engadine and Murwillumbah. There was a mix up with the draw and Murwillumbah were placed in the wrong division meaning that they went through the whole championships undefeated and became the overall winners. The girls won 2 and lost 2 round games and demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship. This placed the girls equal third overall in their division.

The girls were well lead by Chelsea Becker, Stephanie Poole and Hannah Lewis. Jennifer Wesley was extremely strong in defence and she was supported by Teisha Farr, Zoe Elliott, Samanther Annetts, Hannah Brown, and Abby Collison. Maggie Croker and Gabby Wyse showed everyone that netballers can definitely play hockey! Our baby of the team Jordan Moscatt, Year 7, demonstrated outstanding strength and skill and she will lead this team in years to come. Hannah Lewis was our top goal scorer throughout the championships demonstrating that, when she combines her speed with her stick work, she is unbeatable. We also acknowledged the best player/entertainer award after each game and this was won by – Maggie Croker, Stephanie Poole, Jordan Moscatt, Hannah Lewis & Jennifer Wesley.
A very special thank you to Tony Farr for umpiring and coaching the Open Boys team. Many of these boys had never played hockey before and Tony did a great job in creating a comradery amongst the non-hockey and hockey players to enable them to perform brilliantly throughout the championships.

A very big thank you also to Steven Parvin for umpiring and coaching the U/16 Boys team. Steve displayed his fantastic hockey knowledge by working with the boys every Thursday afternoon and finally enabling the boys to perform well at the championships.
I would also like to thank Marian Parvin and Morag Aitchison for dedicating their time and support in so many areas. Our accommodation was organised and booked, as well as places to eat, the students were kept very safe and entertained (Miss A)!

It is fair to say that this has been another very successful hockey trip. The students represented St Clare’s with pride not only on the sporting field but also within the Grafton community. The Ex-Services Club commended all of our students for their outstanding manners and believed that we were one of the best school groups that they have served. I am sure that many of our players are looking forward to next year – the championships might possibly be held in Newcastle. Karina Hogan, Hockey Coordinator
A CALL TO ALL GREENIES! ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP: This week the Environmental Group has been continuing their work in reducing the carbon footprint of St Clare’s and making it an even more beautiful place to be.

Support from all corners of the school has been wonderful with more donors to thank. The Environmental Group would like to extend thanks to the McKendry family who now has a new green member to add to their family. There is still plenty to be done and there are a number of ways you can help. If sponsoring a plant isn't your thing, getting your hands dirty might. The Environmental Group is always after new members to help with planting or to come up with ideas for our next project. Students from all year groups are welcome and if interested should see Mr Bielby (Jnr). Alternatively, you could help 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
CUPCAKES TO SUPPORT CYSTIC FIBROSIS: On Friday, 5 June, the St Clare’s Student Representative Council handed out red ribbons to raise awareness about Cystic Fibrosis. During lunchtime the SRC students sold cupcakes to raise donations to go towards research into finding a cure for the disease, which affects students in our own St Clare’s Community. The cake stall was a huge success, selling out within 20 minutes! **A total of $371.85 was raised in cupcake sales and donations.** The SRC would like to thank all students and staff who supported the campaign. A special thank you to Mrs Healey for her generous donation, Ruby Jones and Lillie Oirbans of Year 10 for their yummy cupcakes and to Pyper and Emmerson Hollis who also donated some absolutely beautiful and scrumptious cupcakes! Mrs Eady and Miss Pearse on behalf of the St Clare’s SRC

Students: Timothy Keen, Hannah Lewis (Yr 10) Keely Muscio (Yr 12) Brooke Berg, Tayla Mullen, Sarah Chalmers, Chloe Crossingham (Yr 10), Ellen Forbes (Yr 12), Brodie McCann, Charisse Carney and Sonia Johnston (Yr 12)

Mrs Eady with Year 10 SRC and Year 12 Leaders with all the yummy treats! Tylah Clark – Orr (Yr 10) and Sonia Johnston (Yr 12) wearing their red ribbons with pride
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.
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.
10 June 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL INFORMATION NOTE

Date: Thursday, 18 June 2015
Venue: Taree rec. ground

Attendance: Is compulsory for Years 7 – 11. Year 12 either attend the carnival or attend school for supervised study.

Travel: Students are required to attend school for PC. Following this, students and staff will walk to the Rec. ground.

Roll Call: Rolls will be marked by 9:05 am in accordance with the normal Thursday timetable.

Participation: This carnival caters for both the competitive and non-competitive students.

  Competitive
  ▪ Events at the carnival are similar to those at the Diocesan Carnival
  ▪ Competitive students will continue competing after all students in their age group have attempted the event
  ▪ Track events will run concurrently. Students will need to listen for and compete in their events as they are called.

  Non-Competitive
  ▪ Students are encouraged to compete in as many events as possible.
  ▪ Every time a student competes they are awarded house points. Students will receive a ticket for each event in which they compete.

Lunch: The canteen will be operating from the rec. ground kiosk during the day or students may choose to bring their own lunch.

Students will not be permitted to go to McDonalds even with a note.

Dress: Appropriate casual clothing in your house colours

Paterson – Red; Lawson – Yellow; Gordon – Green; Kendall – Blue

Appropriate footwear must be worn. Thongs and the like will not be accepted

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR BEST DRESSED

Organisation: Once the event is underway, all students will be required to move around in age groups with their supervising teacher. The only exception to this will be when the relays run at the end of the day. During this event, students will sit in house groups to support the event.

Rules: All school rules apply as well as specific rules designated by the venue.

Equipment: SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK, SLIDE

Make sure you bring plenty of water.

1500m: All students who nominate for the 1500m are asked to be at the rec. ground no later than 8:20. This event will start at 8:30 sharp and any student who is late will not be allowed to compete. A roll for competitors in this event will be marked at the rec. ground prior to the commencement of the race.

REMEMBER: The Spirit Cup is up for new ownership. So make sure that you get involved and make it a fantastic day of FUN

If there are any questions or problems please feel free to contact Mr. Clacherty at school.

Regards

Dale Clacherty
Event Coordinator

Peter Nicholls
Principal