Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

St Clare’s celebrated NAIDOC Week at a whole school assembly on Wednesday. NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievement.

The theme of this year’s celebration: we all stand on Sacred Ground; Learn, Respect and Celebrate sends a strong message to all of us about what is important.

Everyone is capable of learning. Learning is a lifelong pursuit and we all have an obligation to support each other in our learning.

Aboriginal culture recognises the importance of learning. It reveres the elder – the teacher. It recognises that learning is lifelong and important to all. Respect for the learner is a key factor in people feeling safe, welcome and able to learn. People who believe they are able to learn and know that they have the support of those around them are able to live happy and productive lives.
We know that the ground on which we live is sacred – a gift from God to cherish. Pope Francis has reiterated the custodial role that we play in our relationship to the land, one which reflects our indigenous peoples care for and deep relationship with the land.

Thanks to:
Michelle Case and the Year 10 Aboriginal Studies Class for their organisation of the event. Uncle Russell Saunders for his words and didgeridoo playing, the St Joseph’s Primary School Aboriginal dance group and St Clare’s dancers who shared their culture admirably. Wayne McDougall and the Year 12 Musicians who played beautifully.

Creative Arts Coordinator, Jason Koenig, for his unveiling of some fine mosaics created under the direction of indigenous artist Auntie Joan McDonald by our Arts students.

Students who cooked the BBQ, Carol Healey and students who setup and presented a wonderful morning tea for staff and guests.

On Monday St Clare’s hosted 130 Year 6 Primary school students to their annual Year 6 leadership day. The theme of the day was ‘Resilience’. Students undertook spiritual, physical and intellectual activities designed to strengthen their decision making and personal resilience. St Clare’s student leaders participated by leading a group discussion about ethical leadership and how a leader leads. Our St Clare’s students received much praise for their input and represented their school and families very well. Aside from the formal agenda the day offered an excellent opportunity for the Year 6 students to experience a working secondary school environment; great preparation for their next year of education. My thanks to Catherine Eady and Jamaya Pearse for their work with St Clare’s leadership group and Year 12 leaders who worked so diligently on behalf of the young students in their care.
Term 3 will see us trial a variation to our sports uniform policy. In doing so, I wish to emphasise the importance of our students recognising the clear boundary lines that have been drawn for the duration of the trial. It is particularly important for students to come to school equipped with the tools which enable them to complete tasks, meet deadlines and be safe in their workplace. I have asked staff to be particularly diligent in their application of the uniform guidelines in the second half of the year.

There is significant research that shows that when students can see the connection between their learning in the classroom and real world applications that their commitment to their own learning deepens. This week we advertised for students from Years 9 and 10 to produce our annual school magazine. Students with an interest in journalism, photographs, graphics and writing applied. No doubt their experience in producing the magazine under the guidance of Jenny Watkins and Jamaya Pearse will enhance their understanding of media production, teamwork and possible career paths in the future.

Our school futsal teams have been competing in local competitions over the course of the week. They have achieved outstanding results under the guidance of Laurent Gonfond and Matthew Collier. Thanks to the students and staff involved, and congratulations to all, more information further into the newsletter.

As this is the last newsletter for the term; I wish the Year 12 students a good holiday studying for their HSC trials which commence on Monday, 27 July and thank parents, students and staff for an excellent term of learning and teaching. We wish you and your families a happy and safe holiday.

A couple of important reminders for parents of students of Year 7 and Year 10 2016: Bring your Own Device parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 July at 7 pm in the School Hall.

The next P & F Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 July at 6 pm in St Clare’s Library.

God Bless

Principal
22 June 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Sports Uniform Amendment for Term 3

At the beginning of Term 3 St Clare’s High School will trial the following amendment to the uniform policy.

The students in Years 7 - 10 who have a PDHPE practical lesson or PASS practical lesson on a Monday or Tuesday will be permitted to wear their sports uniform all day. If the student wears their sports uniform then they are required to bring their school shoes in their bag for other practical subjects such as Science & TAS due to Work Health & Safety regulations.

Reasons for this trial:

- To reduce the amount of equipment that the students are required to bring to school.
- To reduce the number of students required to get changed at school.
- To encourage full participation of students and to enable more time for the students to participate in the practical lesson – being active.

Points for consideration:

- If a student has a science, TAS or Hospitality lesson that day they must bring their school shoes in order for them to participate in the lesson. Failure to bring shoes will result in the student being excluded from the class and parents will be contacted.

- If the student is not able to wear their sports uniform on these designated days, they should wear their full school uniform and change into casual practical clothes for that prac lesson only.

- The students need to be in full sports uniform – white sports shirt, green school sports shorts (not black or other colours), school jumper or sports jacket and during winter sports track pants.

- If the student does not abide by this amendment (wearing the full sports uniform and bringing their school shoes) the parent/guardian will be phoned by the PE teacher and the student's name will be recorded. If this occurs a second time then the parent will be asked to come and collect their child to get changed into the appropriate attire. If a parent/guardian cannot be contacted then the student remains in the incorrect attire and instead of participating in their PE practical lesson they will complete theory work by themselves.

- A designated PE teacher will be assigned to a year group and they will visit the PC’s on Mondays and Tuesdays to check and follow through with the appropriate consequences.

- After Term 3 the students, staff and parents will be surveyed to effectively evaluate this amendment if it is approved.

Yours sincerely

Karina Hogan
PDHPE Coordinator

Phillip Gibney
Assistant Principal

Peter Nicholls
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.

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## 2015 Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations

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CAREERS CORNER: This information was given to Year 12 students and parents may wish to discuss these issues with them.

YEAR 12 WHAT YOU NEED TO DO OVER THE HOLIDAYS TO AVOID STRESS:

Use the holidays to organise yourself so that Term 3 is productive, not stressful. The following are suggestions for the holidays:

- Revise your plan A, B, C.
- If planning to go to University visit the University websites and research alternate entry schemes, scholarships, accommodation.
- If planning to go to TAFE start with TAFE NSW website and then go to the campus you wish to attend and research courses
- If planning to enter the workforce research vacancies available via the internet and write a draft cover letter and update your resume
- Register on the careers website www.stclarescareers.com and explore the information on all post school opportunities.
- Surf the web for private providers and scholarships associated with your interests.
- Complete the suggested questions for early entry, scholarship and SRS applications and email to Careers Adviser to check.

Year 10 Work Experience is happening soon and some students will need to visit their employers and have their papers signed ready to be returned to school day one next term. Students who require a white card must obtain this by the end of the holidays via online directions supplied to them. Carol Healey, Careers Adviser

HOSPITALITY HAPPENINGS: Year 12 students completed their latest assessment task, creating a sandwich for a selected target market. Creativity was the focus and I am sure you will agree that they were successful.
Hospitality specialisation student Jessica Robinson created a dessert to die for.
Year 10 Hospitality students are broadening their skills by learning the techniques of coffee making. These skills will be used in the St Clare’s coffee shop. Parents are invited to purchase a cup of coffee, the hours being 8 till 9 am each day.

Jaidyn Vella

Carol Healey
Hospitality Teacher

NAIDOC ASSEMBLY:
Congratulations and thank you to Mr McDougall and the musicians who performed for our NAIDOC Assembly. The students presented three items; The Dead Heart, Revolution and The Wheels Are Turning. Each song enhanced the spirit of the assembly.
The following students are to be commended:

**Year 9:**
Teisha Farr

**Year 10:**
Nirian Boelling-McDougall, Amanda Jones, Maddison Hayes, Thomas Lee

**Year 12:**
Emily McKendry, Sarah Murphy

**ASPIRE JULY 23, 24 & 25:** Aspire is in its final weeks of rehearsal. ASPIRE is an initiative of the Maitland Newcastle Diocese. It is an audition-based drama, dance, music and creative and performing arts program. Of the 55 schools in the diocese approximately 120 students are selected to participate. Since February the cast have met every Tuesday at St Pius X School in Adamstown to rehearse from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm in their respective Dance, Drama, Vocal or Instrumental ensembles. This year’s production is entitled “*Stranger Than Fiction*” and moves between reality versus imagination.

ASPIRE, ‘*Stranger Than Fiction*’ is on Thursday, 23 July and Friday, 24 July at 11 am at the Civic Theatre in Newcastle and Friday, 24 July at 7 pm (Opening Night) and Saturday, 25 July at 7 pm.

Tickets are available through Ticketek or 49291977.
Ticket prices are as follows:

- $25.00 for a group booking of 10 or more
- $30.00 for adults
- $25.00 for pensioner/concession

**IGNITE:** On Sunday, 28 June, Ignite will be held at the Holy Name of Jesus, Catholic Church at Forster. This is an initiative of the parish aimed at our youth (Year 4 – Year 12). The Liturgy will begin at 5:30 pm. There will be a guest speaker followed by a pizza. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young people to come together, sharing common interests and ideas. Students from St Clare’s will be leading the music.

*Viva la Musica,*
Mrs Brown
**VISUAL ARTS:** This has been huge week for all of our young Artists at St Clare’s. Congratulations to all of the Visual Arts students who assisted in the Aboriginal Mosaic art work for NAIDOC. At the end of last year our current Year 11 students participated in an Aboriginal Art workshop at the Gangamarrang Gallery with Aboriginal Artist Aunty Joan McDonald. To get the works completed by NAIDOC day dozens of students from Year 7 through to Year 11 worked collaboratively on these works. The ‘Sun’ is to represent Femininity and the ‘Moon’ masculinity both of which play an important role in the sea and river live that is important for our area. The ‘Turtle’, ‘Crab’, ‘Jellyfish’ and ‘Dolphin’ are all important Totems for Aboriginal people from our NSW coastal communities. These works will be installed in the Hall Foyer over the holidays.

Thank you to **Lyndall Laurie** for tirelessly finishing off the artworks, **Geoff Stitt** for framing and installing, **Aunty Michelle Case** for liaising with the Bairiki community and **Aunty Joan McDonald** for designing the Aboriginal artworks.

Good luck to our HSC students who are working hard to complete their Bodies of Work. All HSC art works will be due 24 August. We look forward to seeing all of the completed artworks.  **Jason Koenig, Creative Arts Coordinator**
RUGBY 7’S FULL REPORT:  3RD IN THE STATE!!!!

The girls in the St Clare’s Rugby team have had a very successful campaign within this sport. It began with expressions of interest to make a girls’ team that would compete in a local Rugby tournament at Taree Christian College earlier on in the year. They had minimal knowledge about the sport and most students in the team had never played a contact sport before but were really excited to take on the challenge. The girls came 2nd at this tournament. From this they progressed to the finals at Coffs Harbour in which their skill and confidence grew resulting in them coming 1st overall. The girls then completed a number of training sessions and trial games in the lead up to the State Championships to be held in Sydney. They travelled to the Academy of Sport on Tuesday, 9 June, with the Championships being held on Wednesday the 10th.

Back from left – Jenna Rowsell, Dominique Wyse, Thalia Simon, Chloe Coble, Olivia Stewart, Maddison Hancock and Corinna Mundine
Front – Thalia Kladis, Makayla Foster, Nicole Griffis, Lenae Simon and Chelsea Green
The girls played two pool games, losing the first and winning the second. The first game was a bit overwhelming for the girls and it took them a bit to get into their structure. However, the second game was completely different and the girls gained their confidence showing their excellent talent and ability. They went on to be 1st in their pool, moving onto the quarter finals which they won. Lenae Simon was a dominant player and led the girls around the field well. Chloe Coble, Dominique Wyse, Corinna Mundine and Maddison Hancock were strong in making ground up the field. Chelsea Green was a dominant defensive player making numerous tackles along with Nicole Griffis and Thalia Kladis. Our speed on the field was demonstrated by Makayla Foster, Thalia Simon and Olivia Stewart. Olivia’s dedication should also be mentioned as she received an injury in the first game and continued to play throughout the day, only missing one game.

Unfortunately the girls lost the semi-final defeated by a well drilled side. The team then played off for 3rd and 4th position and eventually won this entertaining game to be placed 3rd overall. The girls are to be congratulated on how far they have come and the outstanding talent they have shown in all areas of the game. They should be extremely proud of themselves as they have achieved so much in a sport that some have only been playing for a very short amount of time. Their natural talent, dedication and teamwork have allowed them to be so successful.

Congratulations girls!!!!

Many thanks goes to all those involved in training the girls including Jason Koenig, Graham Sonter, Mark Coble, Wayne Gahn, and Year 11 students Lachlan Daczko, Tom Castles and Taneeka Simon. Jenna Rowsell, Representative Sport Coordinator

**DIOCESAN TOUCH FOOTBALL REPRESENTATION:** On 16 June four students from our school represented the Diocese at the NSW CCC Touch Football Championships and selections. Makayla Foster (Year 9) was in the U16 Girl’s side, Brodie McCann (Year 12) was in the Open Girl’s side, Kyle Yarnold (Year 12) and Jakob Webber (Year 12) were in the Open Boys’ team. They played the tournament in not so favourable conditions with the recent weather making the fields very muddy and hard to play on. All of our students played well in their corresponding teams.

The Championships are used as a selection into the NSW CCC team and we were fortunate enough to get one of our students in the Open Boys’ team. Kyle Yarnold was selected in the CCC team along with two other players from his Diocesan team. The four students should be congratulated on their achievements and I wish Kyle the best of luck representing in the CCC team at the National Touch League Championships at Sunshine Coast in September. Jenna Rowsell, Rep Sport Coordinator
HOCKEY: Hockey achievements: Sam Mudford (Year 10) and Wade Harry (Year 9) have recently travelled down to Homebush to represent in the NSW CCC Boys hockey team at the All Schools Hockey Tri series tournament. They began the day with various types of training and fitness testing. The boys were lucky enough to be trained by experienced Olympic coaches who shared their knowledge of the game. In the afternoon the boys participated in some games. Sam and Wade both played exceptionally well and proved to the selectors that they are extremely talented in their chosen sport. Both boys gained selection in the U16 All Schools team that will go to Perth in August which is a huge achievement. Congratulations Wade and Sam!
9/10 TOUCH: On 11 June students in the Girls and Boys 9/10 touch teams travelled down to Penrith to compete in the All Schools Touch Tournament that was played on 12 June. The tournament was made up of schools from all over NSW. There were a large number of teams that participated with 36 teams in the boys division and in the girls division there were 44 teams. Both teams had 5 pool games.

The Boys results were:
1st game: Won 3-1
2nd game: Lost 3-0
3rd game: Won 4-2
4th game: Won 5-1
5th game: Lost 5-3

The boys made it through to the finals and played Patrician Brothers in the Round of 16 where they lost to the team that were crowned eventual winners of the tournament. The boys are to be congratulated on their success in the carnival and the high level of skill they displayed.

The Girls results were:
1st game: Won 4-0
2nd game: Won 3-1
3rd game: Lost 3-0
4th game: Draw 1-1
5th game: Won 8-0
The girls also made it through to the finals playing in the Round of 16 against Helensvale State High School. They also unfortunately lost this game against a team that were eventual runners up in the Girls division. The girls put in a great effort especially considering they were lacking in substitutes.

Back row (from left) Miss Rowsell, Ruby McIntosh, Sarah Chalmers, Chelsea Green, Tayla Mullen, Olivia Stewart, Sophie Wood.
Front row (from left) Renee Pettet, Brooke Berg, Andrea Goss, Lenae Simon, Makayla Foster

Thanks to Mr Collier for supporting the teams and Mr Basile for driving the bus. Tom Steedman from Year 11 also needs to be recognised for his support during the day. His main role on the day was to referee, however, he assisted in organising paperwork and helping coach the boy’s team. It was much appreciated. Jenna Rowsell, Representative Sport Coordinator

MANNING REGIONAL FUTSAL TOURNAMENT: Once again, our students at St Clare’s have excelled in the school 2015 Manning Futsal Regional Tournament.

We entered six teams and four have qualified for the State Championship in Port Macquarie in August.
Our Under 19 boys went through the tournament without a loss, scoring 46 goals and letting in only 6. So once again, they are the champion of the Manning region, defeating Great Lakes, Taree High, Wingham High and Chatham High. The skill levels that the players displayed were amazing, the team spirit even more impressive. Congratulation to all the boys for a fantastic effort.

Noah Jones, Declan Moylan, James Harvey, Alex White, Bayden Schumann, Jesse Lloyd, Kohben Grech, Dennis Connolly, Luke Mayers, Max Lynch, Daniel Bell, Under 19’s champion

Our Under 14 girls competed in the two age groups above them and won enough games to finish 1st and get the gold medal in their categories (age group). The highlight was the victory 3-1 against Taree High, the best Under 16 team of the tournament, and the only loss they suffered.

Jessika Jobson, Kiara Haeata, Mya Grech, Maddie Hancock, Dominique Wyse, Abbey Last, Madeline Owen, Molly Aiken, Bianca Debono, Ebony Woodfield, Ruby Grass
Under 14’s girls champion
Our Under 19 girls finished 2nd and under 16 girls 3rd. The competition was fierce and all teams, even the Boys Under 14 and 16 teams, who did not make it to the next level, played excellent games.

Finally I would like to thank all the teachers at school for their support, encouragement and help during the three days of the tournament.

Laurent Gonfond, Futsal Coach

SURFING: Three students from our school attended the Regional School Surfing Titles on Thursday, 28 May. Ned Gillis, Jacob Dunn and Chelsea Green travelled to Boomerang Beach to compete in the surfing titles in some challenging conditions. Ned Gillis competed in the U16’s event and Jacob Dunn competed in the U19’s event, both students were competitive in their respective events. Chelsea Green performed exceptionally well on the day. She received 1st place in both the U16’s event and also the U19’s event. She has been placed in the North Coast team that will compete at State in mid-July at Port Macquarie. I wish Chelsea the best of luck at this competition. Jenna Rowsell, Representative Sport Coordinator

NETBALL SEASON: Due to the extremely high number of students interested in representing St Clare’s at Diocesan level, we have had to make the process more transparent for everyone concerned.

This year, we have received an unprecedented amount of students interested in representing our school in Newcastle at this year’s Diocesan Netball competition in Term 3. As a result of this, we have put into place a process that would be fair to all participants.

Trials will take place during Sport time at the end of Term 2 (Years 7 and 8) and the beginning of term 3 (Years 9 and 10 and seniors). Due to the high volumes of students, the school have put together a selection panel consisting of three teachers. **If a student cannot make the trials for any reason, she will be invited to trial with another year group.** We have to make the process of selection fair and to enable this, we cannot therefore take into consideration students who cannot make the trials for whatever reason, students who cannot make Thursday afternoon Sport (this will be used as our training sessions) or students who cannot commit to the final date of competition.

Total number of students selected from each subsequent categories:

**Years 7 and 8 combined:** 10 maximum
**Years 9 and 10 combined:** 10 maximum
**Years 11 and 12 combined:** 10 maximum

**Student contact arrangements during trials:**

Catherine Eady, Jenna Rowsell, Karen Grant, Jennifer Watkins
All participants:
- will be placed under the immediate supervision of an allocated teacher. Other teachers will be present as selectors and supervisors.
- will be required to remain on site for the duration of the trials.

Special clothing or other items required:
- Appropriate footwear
- Sports uniform
- Drink bottle

Catherine Eady
Netball Coordinator

HORSE SPORTS: Dani Altham, Year 7, recently competed in the NSW State Equestrian Interschool Championships held at Horsley Park in Sydney where over 600 students from Primary and Secondary Schools from across NSW came together for this huge competition.

Dani competed in three classes on two horses over three days.

Dani rode her grey horse Shea Park Small Change (aka Sparky) to compete in the 60cm CT (Combined Training). This includes a dressage test and a show jumping phase. Dani completed the dressage for a result on equal 2nd placing, then had a clear show jumping round, for that Championship Dani was place 5th, with 27 competitors in the class.

The next day saw Dani again riding Sparky in the Secondary Working Hunter. This class involved a led phase which Dani placed 4th, a rider section, where again Dani placed 4th., a ridden, then show jumping section. In this competition, Dani once again achieved a 5th placing over all. There were 37 secondary students ranging from Year 7 through to Year 12.

Dani then rode her new horse Kolbeach Tuscany (aka Kalvin), they competed in three sections, led, rider and ridden. This class had in excess of 40 secondary students riding.

Well done Dani on achieving such great results and representing St Clare’s High School and a big thank you to Karen, Dani’s very proud Mum for giving us this report.

Tammy Woods, Horse Sports Coordinator
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

Thank you to all our volunteers and a special thank you to student helpers for your assistance and support during Term 2.

Volunteers still needed for Term 3. Thank you, Cheryl Kingsford, Canteen Coordinator

**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 3

Week 1  Monday  13/7  ♦  First Day of Term 3  
Tuesday  14/7  ♦  Athletics Carnival  
Thursday  16/7  ♦  Year 10 & 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – Hall

Week 2  Tuesday  21/7  ♦  BYOD – Year 10 and Year 7 (2016) – 7 pm Hall  
Friday  24/7  ♦  Year 12 Careers Expo

Week 3  Monday  27/7  ♦  Trial HSC Examinations Commence  
♦  Year 9 Snowy Trip  
♦  Year 10 Work Experience  
Wednesday  29/7  ♦  P & F Meeting – 6 pm St Clare’s Library

Week 4  Thursday  6/8  ♦  Years 7 to 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews  
Friday  7/8  ♦  Year 9 Reflection Day  
Sunday  9/8  ♦  Vinnies Immersion Trip

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  16/12  ♦  HSC results released
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.

Dear Parents

Did you know that the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle - CSO offers an extension program in the Creative & Performing Arts called ASPIRE, open to any student in our Diocese from year 5 to year 12.

Did you know that every year a showcase performance is held at the Civic Theatre that features over 120 students who have auditioned to participate in this program?

Is your child gifted and talented in the Performing Arts?

The 2015 ASPIRE showcase performance "Stranger than Fiction" is on at the Civic Theatre from 23-25th July. If your child is interested in the Performing Arts why not come along and see what ASPIRE is all about?

More details on the program, auditions and the show can be found on the CSO website www.mn.catholic.edu.au/students/performingarts or by calling Anna Kemgari (Artistic Director) on 4979 1220 or Anne Atkins on 4979 1331