Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

Welcome to Term 3!

It’s great to be back working with your sons and daughters. Term 3 offers many opportunities for great learning and personal growth for all our students. It is especially significant for our Year 7 and Year 12 students.

For Year 7 the commencement of Term 3 marks the end of the beginning of their secondary education. By now they have a good grasp of “what we do around here” and, I hope, are feeling like they belong and that St Clare’s is their “place”.

Year 12 is at the other end of the secondary school process. For them the exams are in sharp focus and many are coming to realise that they have only a few full school days left before the HSC exams and celebrations, to mark the end of their secondary schooling, are held.

It is entirely understandable some of our senior students are nervous about the transition to post-secondary school life. This is especially true for students who have yet to find a place to go following the HSC exams and the Christmas break. Students in this position should be consulting with Careers Adviser, Mrs Carol Healey, and checking university, TAFE and employment websites to help them find their way. Parents and students can be certain that all our staff members are committed to seeing all our young people get to where they want to go and that we will support them in any way we can to see them make the most of their God given skills and talents.

It is a long time since the school has been able to hold an Athletics Carnival. This week’s Athletics Carnival was a great success. It was wonderful to see students competing and enjoying the company of friends and team mates. My thanks to all the parents, students and staff who contributed to making the day such a successful community event. Special thanks to Dale Clacherty and the PE team who organised the day and to Cheryl Kingsford, Sue Maurer, Brigitte Anderson and Sue Lythgoe who kept us well fed.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Margaret O’Connor to the staff of St Clare’s. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our Learning Hub.
Best wishes to the students involved in the Horse Sports carnival held today in Taree.

I would like to remind those students who are not attending the Year 9 snowy trip that they are expected at school each day of the Year 9 camp week.

A reminder that we are holding a parent meeting next **Tuesday, 21 July at 7 pm** in the school hall to launch our new Bring Your Own Device Policy. The meeting is specifically aimed at Parents of Year 9 students (Year 10 2016) and our Year 7 cohort of 2016, however, parents of students in other year levels are welcome to attend.

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.

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**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)

**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 commenced the final school term of their HSC studies. At the moment, the focus is on preparation for the coming Trial HSC Examinations which will be held from Monday, 27 July until Monday, 10 August inclusive. Students have access to the Trial HSC Examination timetable and a copy of this should be placed in a position at home where family members can help monitor relevant dates and times.

Parents/carers are reminded that, in order for Year 12 students to study at home during normal school hours in this examination block, a ‘Permission Note’ signed by a parent/carer must be returned to the school. By signing and returning this note, it is acknowledged that duty of care for students who will be studying at home rests with the family.

This week, Year 12 students had their second and final Careers Day with Careers Adviser, Mrs Carol Healy. The amazing depth and breadth of her instructions meant that all post-school alternatives received ample information for possible life choices in 2016. The extent to which Mrs Healey can assist students will be determined by their willingness to meet timelines she has set with regard to submission of documentation.

Students have also been issued their free copy of the 2015-2016 UAC Guide. Although there is a temptation to become preoccupied with this guide, students focus should still, at this time, be on the upcoming examinations.

In next week’s edition of this Weekly Newsletter, there will be a timeline of events for Year 12 through to the end of the year.

Year 11 students have also commenced the final school term of their Preliminary HSC studies. This week, they have had a Parent/Student/Teacher Evening where the results of their recent Preliminary HSC Mid-Course Examinations were discussed with a view to planning for the remainder of Term 3 and commencing HSC Course studies in Term 4.

The Year 11 Senior Retreat will be held at the Uniting Church Conference Centre at Elanora Heights in northern Sydney. It is a MANDATORY EVENT which will be held from Wednesday, 21 October until Friday, 23 October. Detailed information regarding the organisation and importance of this event has been sent home with students. The cost is $250 per student. If there are any concerns with your ability to meet this cost, please contact Principal, Peter Nicholls, at school (6552 3300).

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
### 2015 Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations

Trial HSC Examinations commence on Monday 27\textsuperscript{th} July and continue for 11 school days with the final examination being on Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} August. On Tuesday, 11\textsuperscript{th} August, classes resume.

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                                English ESL Paper 1 (1.5hrs) | Music 1 (1hr approx. length)  
                                VET Retail (2hrs) |
| **Tuesday 28\textsuperscript{th} July** | English Standard Paper 2 Modules (2hrs)  
                                English Advanced paper 2 Modules (2hrs) | VET Automotive  
                                VET Human Services |
| **Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th} July** | Visual Arts (1.5hs)  
                                Legal Studies (3 hrs) | Industrial Technology –Timber products and Furniture Technologies (1.5hrs)  
                                Textiles and Design (1.5hrs) |
| **Thursday 30\textsuperscript{th} July** | Mathematics General 1 (2hrs)  
                                Mathematics General 2 (2.5hrs)  
                                Mathematics (3 hrs)  
                                Mathematics Extension 2 (3hrs) | Business Studies (3hrs) |
| **Friday 31\textsuperscript{st} July** | Chemistry (3hrs) | Ancient History (3hrs)  
                                Software Design and Development (3hrs) |
| **Monday 3\textsuperscript{rd} August** | Studies of Religion 1 (1.5hrs)  
                                Studies of Religion 2 (3hrs) | Earth and Environmental Science (3hrs)  
                                Community and Family Studies (3hrs) |
| **Tuesday 4\textsuperscript{th} August** | Physics (3hrs)  
                                Society and Culture (3hrs) | Modern History (3hrs)  
                                VET Hospitality (2hrs) |
| **Wednesday 5\textsuperscript{th} August** | Economics (3hrs) | Personal Development/Health/ Physical Education (3 hrs) |
| **Thursday 6\textsuperscript{th} August** | Biology (3hrs) | VET Construction (2hrs) |
| **Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} August** | Mathematics Extension 1 (2hrs)  
                                Drama (1.5hrs) | English Extension 1 (2hrs) |
| **Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} August** | Engineering Studies (3hrs)  
                                Food Technology (3hrs) | History Extension (2hrs) TBC |
CAREERS CORNER: Year 12 students have received their copy of the 2015/16 UAC book that has course information for universities and private providers. The careers day held on Tuesday for Year 12 enabled them to fine-tune resumes and have a detailed look at scholarships and alternative entry programs.

Both Years 11 and 12 students will be attending the Careers Expo at Chatham High School on Friday, 24 July from 11 am to 12 noon. Presenters will include Universities, TAFE, Defence Forces and other tertiary providers. The cost will be $3. Parents are invited to attend.

Emily Thomson & Charisse Carney

Year 10 work experience is currently being organised and all paper work must be returned before students can commence placement. Students who have elected not to go to work experience must attend school.

Congratulations to Abbey Dawson on gaining a School Based Traineeship in the area of Allied Health.

Carol Healey, Careers Adviser

Creative Arts News: Printmaking is certainly not a dying art form at St Clare’s. In addition to the screen and lino printing our Year 8 and 10 students have just completed some exceptional etchings that would impress even the likes of Albrecht Durer and Rembrandt. Year 10 have been focusing on surreal city scapes by combining linear perspective with tonal dreamlike forms. Year 8 have also incorporated linear perspective with super hero street scenes. All Year 8 and 10 etchings will be on display in the library and the office foyer. Congratulations to all junior Visual Arts students on your Semester 1 masterpieces. Jason Koenig, Creative Arts Coordinator
Year 8 Etchings
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 & 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 – 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 4929 1977.
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 took place 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). Congratulations and thank you to the following students who generously gave of their holiday time to play at Ignite. Their wonderful efforts are appreciated.

Year 9
Hannah Dormor, Clare Sephton, Nicholas Parsons

Year 11
Jordan Brown, Thomas Dormor, Emily Fowle, Jarrah Hudson and Clayton Wisemantel

Viva la Musica,
Mrs Brown

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
PARENT & STUDENT REMINDERS:

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.

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VACANCIES STILL EXIST
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IF YOU CAN ASSIST PLEASE CONTACT CHERYL KINGSFORD
ST CLARE’S CANTENEEN: 6591 2104, HOME: 6552 1857 OR
VIA EMAIL:  cheryl.kingsford@mn.catholic.edu.au
COMING EVENTS

Term 3

Week 2  Tuesday 21/7 ♦ BYOD – Year 10 and Year 7 (2016) – 7 pm Hall
       Friday 24/7 ♦ Year 12 Careers Expo – Chatham High (cost $3)

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 3  Wednesday 21/10 ♦ Senior Retreat – Year 11

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
DIOCESAN LAUNCH OF WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016: All parishioners are invited to attend the Diocesan Launch of World Youth Day 2016, to be held in Krakow, Poland, on Sunday 26 July commencing with Praise and Worship featuring the diocesan Spirit and Truth Band at 4.00pm followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Bill at 5.00pm in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. You are then welcome to attend supper with Bishop Bill and members of the Polish community at the Victor Peters Suite after mass. It is hoped that we will have representatives from each parish community at the Diocesan Launch next week.

The pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2016 will be an intergenerational pilgrimage where we will follow “In the Footsteps of Saints” commencing in Venice and travelling to Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rome then on to Krakow, Poland and finishing in Vienna. Further information on our pilgrimage to WYD in Krakow will be available at the Diocesan launch. For more information please contact the Diocesan World Youth Day Coordinators, Sue Lacey at susan.lacey@mn.catholic.edu.au or Brian Lacey at brian.lacey@mn.catholic.edu.au
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