Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

At this week’s assembly we presented trophies and certificates to a significant number of students who have represented St Clare’s in public speaking, inter-school debating, maths challenges and recipients of bronze and silver pins as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards. It is a great pleasure to be able to acknowledge the efforts of our young people as they strive for excellence and to be the best that they can be. A big vote of thanks to the parents and carers who support their sons and daughters by encouraging them to aim high and to our staff for their willingness to go the extra mile to ensure our students are given every chance to develop their talents and skills.

Being prepared to accept the challenges of life and to perform at your best ‘no matter what’ is a wonderful mindset that allows individuals to lift themselves and those around them ‘above the ordinary’ and create an environment where teamwork and collaboration are the norm. When everyone is trying to do their best and leaving room to allow others to do the same, great things happen.

A really good example of this occurred at the Unity and Diversity Mass on Tuesday night in Forster where people from all over the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, including Ray Collins, Director of Schools, Catholic Schools Office, gathered to celebrate the gifts and talents of our special needs students.

Parents, teachers and students from Gloucester, Bulahdelah, Taree, Wingham and Forster gave expression to their singing, music, dance, speaking and artistic skills to create a mass of great joy and reverence. It was a wonderful thrill to see students from St Joseph’s Primary School, Taree singing with the St Clare’s Choir and watching our students show an appreciation for the younger people who danced and filled other roles in the mass.

The mass was led by Bishop Bill, Fr George and Deacon Vince and organised by a group of teachers under the leadership of Genevieve Williamson, Religious Educator at Holy Name School in Forster. My thanks to Carmel Brown, Denise Ryan and Ian Evans for their work on behalf of St Clare’s and to our student choir and musicians who added so much to the celebration.
On Wednesday night staff undertook their second session of twilight Professional Development training for the year. Leonie and Dion from Headspace led us in two sessions, firstly on suicide prevention and identifying students at risk of self-harm and secondly a session on “Finding a Balance: Self Care for School Staff”. During the break between these 80 minute sessions, staff member, Leann Sullivan, led us through a meditation and mindfulness exercise that was very educational and enjoyable. The 3½ hours staff spent together was full of learning and fun. It highlighted the diverse skills that teachers are expected to use when working with your sons and daughters and helped staff continue in their efforts to be life-long learners attuned to the needs of their students and community.

Friday is St Clare’s day. A time of celebration and reflection. Following a whole school liturgy we will be unveiling an honour board that records the names of all staff who in the time of their employment have completed 10, 20 or 30 years of service to the St Clare’s community. People’s names will be added to the honour board as their time of service ends at the school.

In creating the board the school community is acknowledging the extraordinary effort and commitment to excellence that staff have made over many years to ensure that St Clare’s is a wonderful Christian community and an outstanding place of learning. A number of these people listed on the board have accepted an invitation to lunch on Friday and we hope that this is the start of what will become a much anticipated tradition on St Clare’s Feast Day.

Our website has undergone a major facelift and will continue to be expanded and developed over the next few months. You can catch-up on how it looks at: tareesc.catholic.edu.au

Feel free to contact us with suggestions and feedback on how you think the new site could be further developed.
Young people have a key role in building Australian society. A major part of our schools mission is based on the example of Jesus which means we must work for peace and justice in society. These are big themes that are achievable in the local community and in closing I commend the St Clare’s Environmental Group for their excellent work in the school grounds and the Human Rights Group who continue to work to ensure St Clare’s is a bully-free zone. Both groups of young people are putting the Gospel into practice; honouring God’s creation and working for peace and kindness in the world.

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: 8:30 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 of the Rosary, 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 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
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM AT KRAMBACH/NABIAC PARISH: Krambach Catholic Parish will commence a program soon for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. If you live in the area of Nabiac and Krambach and your child has been baptised and would like to enrol your child in this program, you are welcome to contact Deacon Vince Ryan at school or on 6559 1848 after hours. **Deacon Vince Ryan**

YEAR 9 2016 ELECTIVE INFORMATION EVENING: The process of choosing electives for Years 9, 2016 and 10, 2017 has commenced with the distribution of Elective Handbooks to Year 8 last Friday. Students were guided through the booklet and have been spoken to by the Studies Coordinators who outlined the course material for each elective subject. It is hoped you have had the opportunity to discuss the information with your child.

Further in this process, parents have been invited to an Information Evening to be held on **Monday, 17 August** commencing at 7 pm. The purpose of this evening is to outline the process of choosing electives and to enable discussion with Coordinators and Subject Teachers.

Please contact me if you have any queries about the evening.
**Mrs Theresa Avery, Curriculum Coordinator**

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL: **Year 12 students** will have a **BIG DAY IN** on Tuesday, 18 August, where staff members will work with students regarding functions, formalities and expectations through to the end of the year and guidance for 2016. Presenters include:

- Principal, Peter Nicholls - behavioural expectations through to Graduation,
- Curriculum Coordinator, Theresa Avery – ensuring compliance with BOSTES regulations,
- IT Coordinator, Phill Carney - keeping laptops functioning after school,
- Careers Adviser, Carol Healey – careers update and Graduation,
- Year Coordinator, Ian Evans – practicalities of signing out of school,
- Liturgy Coordinator, Denise Ryan – Farewell Mass, Farewell Assembly and life after school.

As mentioned before, Year 12 students were not meant to be ‘HSC ready’ before the recent Trial HSC Examinations. These examinations served as a major tool in the process of preparing students for the ‘real thing’. The last weeks of school plus stuvac offer ample opportunities for students to address areas for attention which trial examinations identified.

It is critical that students closely **monitor their school emails** – messages from Mrs Avery, Mr Evans and especially Mrs Healey will be sent at regular intervals.

Students have received Graduation packages so that a maximum of 4 tickets (1 for the student, 2 for parents/carers, 1 for another guest) can be ordered and table groups arranged. The school recognises that there can be some special circumstances regarding a request for extra tickets – contact Mrs Healey or Mr Evans.
Year 11 students continue the process to determine 2016 School Leaders. From the 21 applicants, screening by staff members has produced a short list of 18 students who have been invited to present Election Speeches to the entire school community at a Special Events Assembly commencing at 10 am on Tuesday, 18 August. A draft of the speech is to be submitted for scrutiny by Monday, 17 August, at 3 pm. These speeches, and further voting by students, will determine the 12 members of the 2016 Senior Leadership Team from which the captains and vice captains will emerge. If a student has any questions regarding this process, they are to contact the SRC Coordinators (Mrs Eady or Miss Pearse).

The alphabetical list of 18 candidates is: Veronia Andrawes, Isabella Blenkin, Jordan Brown, Thomas Dormor, Emily Fowle, Casey Griffiths, Blake Jeffriess, Emily Lee, Melanie Malakou, Lucy McIntosh, Laura Moy, Declan Moylan, Alexandra Nicholls, Damien Owen, Luke Polson, Benjamin Relf, Connor Thorp and Thomas Tsang.

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. Families are asked to either:

- Pay this $250 by Friday, 14 August, 2015, (i.e. NOW DUE) OR
- Pay a $100 deposit by Friday, 14 August, 2015, with the $150 balance to be paid by the last day of Term 3, Friday, 18th September, 2015.

If there are any concerns with your ability to meet this cost, please contact Principal, Peter Nicholls, at school (6552 3300).

Ian Evans, Year 12 Student Coordinator and Bronwen Davidson, Year 11 Student Coordinator

CAREERS CORNER:

Year 12: Each week for the rest of the term I will endeavour to clarify a few areas that may be of concern. The closing date for university applications in NSW – UAC is 30 September. This week’s topic is alternative entry including Early Entry.

Southern Cross University STAR program is an early entry program for students in our region. The application is made directly to Southern Cross University website www.scu.edu.au/star. Students then apply online and they have the option of selecting one or two preferences. These preferences must then be part of the student’s UAC choices.

UNE direct Early Entry program is also an early entry scheme for students in this region. Students apply directly to the university and have three preferences. These preferences do not need to be part of student’s UAC application.
SRS program is an early entry program for students. Universities participating in this program are ANU, Charles Sturt University, Griffith University, National Art School, Macquarie University, University of Canberra, University of Newcastle, University of Technology Sydney, and University of Western Sydney. Students apply via the UAC website after they have completed their UAC application.

E12 Sydney University program assists students to gain entry in a wide range of courses at a reduced ATAR. Students are advised to check application requirements and courses available. This course must be the students 1st preference on UAC.

Extra Regional Points Students in this area will receive:
5 extra points when applying to UNE
4 extra points when applying to Newcastle University
10 extra points when applying to the University of Technology if they gain an ATAR of 70 or more
5 extra points when applying to Southern Cross University
5 extra points when applying to Charles Sturt University

Students will be given assistance with all applications and lunchtime workshops have already commenced.

Parents wishing to organise an interview can do so by contacting Mrs Healey.

Next week TAFE applications.

Year 10 parents scheduling interviews for students going into senior school. If your son/daughter is interested in undertaking a TAFE course, a school-based traineeship or apprenticeship or selecting Work Studies as part of their senior curriculum, please make your interview with Mrs Healey. Any parent who has questions regarding VET courses will also need to schedule an appointment with Mrs Healey. Carol Healey, Careers Adviser
YEARS 10 GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGY: Below are Year 10 student, Joshua Barry’s design sketches, CAD drawings and 3D printed prototype of his wheel design. The UP Mini 3D printer may be small but it works well to demonstrate how designers can produce products directly from idea to product. With industry producing everything from tools to artificial hips directly on 3D printers, it is important for our students to embrace the technology that is running the world they will be working in.
**Year 10 Technical Graphics** students have been busy putting their design skills into practice with a task to design and produce a skate wheel. Initial ideas were recorded as pencil sketches where the students could experiment with shape and form and work from prescribed dimensions of axles and bearings. From the sketches they produced 3D models using the CAD drawing software (Autodesk Inventor Pro). The software can generate the working drawings as well as the pictorial, rendered models. From the CAD software the 3D printer can produce a scaled prototype of the design. The students can use this workflow to replicate the work of designers in industry to follow the design process from initial idea to working model.

**STEM.** This acronym has been widely broadcast in recent times over the media by a variety of educationalists. Coming out of the United States, the STEM programme is Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Our changing world is in need of people who are well educated in these four disciplines, either singularly or collectively. With a projected shortfall of technically trained workers, engineers, computer programmers and scientists, the Australian government, following the American model, is encouraging young people to become more interested in pursuing studies and careers in STEM.

The Australian Chief Scientist, Professor Ian Chubb, recently launched his directions paper Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics: Australia’s Future in which he outlines his vision for the development of an Australian STEM strategy. The entire paper can be accessed from the following link.


There is a considerable push for STEM in schools and many schools have already engaged in offering a Stage 5, (Year 9 & Year 10) iSTEM course. STEM in schools is being well supported by Tertiary Institutions, Industry and the Federal Government. In 2016, St Clare’s will be offering iSTEM as an elective subject; the current Year 8 students will have received information about this. Below is an overview of the STEM initiative.
YEY 9 FOOD TECH CLASSES GO BUSH:

Year 9 had their first experience in testing Australian native food, including kangaroo, crocodile and fresh native fruits and spices.

This is part of the Food in Australia Unit for Year 9 Food Technology. All students tasted the food and were surprised at the variety of flavours.

It was very pleasant to see that they were adventurous and happy to try something they never experienced before and really loved it.

Well done Year 9! Laurent Gonfond, Food Technology Teacher
DIO ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: After finally being able to hold a school Athletics Carnival, the first in five years, St Clare’s took 43 athletes down to Glendale Sports Centre in Newcastle on Tuesday, 11 August for the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

A 6am start outside St Clare’s with everyone ready on time and pickups at Nabiac and Bulahdelah saw some very enthusiastic young competitors ready to try their best on a beautiful sunny day.

The students were a credit to St Clare’s both in their ability and sportsmanship on the day.

For most of the events only the 1st placed continue on to CCC. 100m and 200m events have the 1st and 2nd placed competitors go on to the next level. All students who qualified should have received an envelope with details for online registration.

There were many personal bests on the day and congratulations to the following athletes who just missed out on selection for CCC:

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We have several athletes who have qualified for CCC and they are as follows:

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Congratulations to all of these students.

A very big thank you to Mr Clacherty and Mr Carney who, along with Mrs McCann, accompanied the students to Newcastle for the day.

It was a pleasure to be with the students and they are all to be congratulated on an excellent effort! Karen McCann
IT’S SOCIAL TIME AGAIN! The next St Clare’s Social will be held at the St Clare’s School Hall on Wednesday, 19 August. It will be Year 12’s final social and they have been busy organising the event! The theme as chosen by Year 12 will be “Famous Duo’s, Trio’s and Groups” so get your costume ideas ready. Tickets will go on sale Monday, 17 August from Room 2 and cost the tickets will be $7. The social will be from 6:45 pm until 9:30 pm. The event will be fully supervised by St Clare’s staff and an external security organisation.

St Clare’s SRC
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

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.
COMING EVENTS

Term 3

Week 6  Monday  17/8 ♦ Year 9 2016 Elective Information Evening - 7 pm
          Wednesday  19/8 ♦ School Social
          Thursday   20/8 ♦ Vietnam Veterans Day Service
                 ♦ Japanese Exchange Parent Information Evening

Week 7  Wednesday  26/8 ♦ P & F Meeting – 6 pm St Joseph’s, Wingham
          Thursday   27/8 ♦ Semester I Awards – School Hall
                 Year 7   Period 1   9:10 am
                 Year 8   Period 2   9:55 am
                 Year 9   Period 3   11 am
                 Year 10  Period 4   11:45 am
                 Year 11  Period 5   12:30 pm

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
                 ♦ Japanese Exchange students depart (Return 2 October)

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 10 Sunday  6/12 ♦ Carols by Candlelight, Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
                      Activities commence 3:30 pm – Carols from 6 pm

Week 11 Wednesday  16/12 ♦ HSC results released
Old Bar Little Athletics Centre welcomes returning and new members to our season 2015/2016 registration days. Registration will be held at Club Old Bar on Saturday August 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 29\textsuperscript{th} from 2-4pm.

It is very important that PRIOR to attending a registration day you visit our Old Bar Little Athletics Facebook page for specific information to assist you. If you have any questions please email us on oldbarlittleathleticscentre@gmail.com or for more information about Little Athletics visit www.lansw.com.au.
The Spring Fair aims to capture the school spirit and embrace the wider community - all are welcome!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5
10AM-2PM

St Joseph’s Primary School Taree
SPRING FAIR

SKYDIVING DISPLAY
JAKE DAVEY & CAMEL RIDES
CLASSIC CARS
JUMPING CASTLE
TRACKLESS TRAIN
FOOD & MUSIC
MARTIAL ARTS DEMO
REPTILE DISPLAY
MARKET STALLS
STATIONARY ENGINES
SHOWBAGS
PHOTO BOOTH
CHOCOLATE WHEEL
PLANT STALL
BOOK STALL
FACE PAINTING

LOTs OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS

St Joseph’s Primary School, 1 St Joseph’s Drive (off Kanangra Drive)
Follow us on facebook.com/joeysspringfair or call 0423 911 913