Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

On Tuesday 18 students from Year 11 spoke at a Whole School Assembly about why they wanted to be part of the 2016 Senior Leadership group at St Clare’s High School. They spoke with passion, poise and much thought and kept the audience engaged throughout the assembly. Following the speeches students from Years 10 and 11 voted electronically to identify which of the 18 speakers would be invited to speak with the Principal’s panel regarding the positions of School Captains and School Vice-Captains. The recipients of these positions will be announced following the interviews.

It is a great sign for the 2016 HSC cohort that so many of the group wished to pursue a formal leadership role in the school. It suggests that there is already a strong bond within the group and a willingness to support each other while serving the needs of the school community.

A HSC cohort that is unified and caring of each member of the group establishes a culture of inclusion and respect that allows the students to be focused on their learning and teachers to meet their needs on an individual basis.

The calibre of the speeches and the calm way in which they were delivered reflected the excellent teaching and numerous opportunities for public speaking the students have received in their time at St Clare’s. I was very proud to be present on the stage with each of candidates and thank staff members Jamaya Pearse and Catherine Eady for their great work with the school’s SRC and Bruce Bielby, Maureen Busby, Theresa Avery and students, Sacheen Senanayake and Hannah Lewis for their work on the panel which marked each speech.

Jamaya Pearse, Benjamin Relf, Laura Moy, Casey Griffiths, Jordan Brown, Isabella Blenkin, Emily Lee, Veronia Andrawes, Thomas Tsang, Thomas Dormor, Declan Moylan, Luke Polson, Blake Jeffriess, Alexandra Nicholls, Melanie Malakou, Lucy McIntosh, Damien Owen, Emily Fowle, Connor Thorp and Mr Nicholls.
A good crowd gathered on Monday night in the school hall for the annual Year 8 to Year 9 transition meeting. The move of students from stage 4 to stage 5 of the education process offers them the first opportunity to choose subjects based on individual interest and ability. Under such circumstances it is important that students choose subjects that reflect their passions and interests and not on the basis of what their friends are intending.

The opportunity to choose an area of study allows students to “dip their toes” into a subject and experience what it is about. The process is designed to broaden the young person’s experience as a learner and to give them an experience of taking further responsibility for their learning. Students are choosing options to cover a two year period and are urged to choose wisely so as not to find themselves working in areas of study to which they are not committed.

More than 50,000 Australians served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1972. Three thousand were wounded and over 500 killed. The war was controversial. On their return home the troops who fought were treated poorly, often held responsible for our government’s decision to fight alongside the USA and others in the war.

On Thursday we held our annual St Clare’s Vietnam Veterans assembly. It was a moving acknowledgement of the teamwork and commitment our troops showed while fighting in Vietnam. I hope the ceremony supplied due recognition to people who through no fault of their own found themselves being held responsible for government decisions they did not make. My thanks to RSL representatives Norm Webster, Senior Vice President Darcy Elbourne and Secretary Denis Lawrence for attending and Darcy for his speech. Thanks also to our Cadet representatives Zane Scott, Johnathon Black, Declan Moon, Ben Horsburgh and Cadet Seaman Jayden Wisemantel for their contribution, members of the Greenaway family who attended and laid a wreath, students Isabella Blenkin, Zachary Camarda, Thomas Dormor, Jarrah Hudson, Jordan Brown, Kane Dayoub and Isabelle Cook for their fine contribution to the ceremony and to staff member Marian Parvin for her fine preparation work with the students and organization of the assembly.

It is less than one month before our students leave for their much anticipated immersion trip to Japan. An excited group of students and parents gathered Thursday to put the finishing touches to the organization of the trip. Curriculum Coordinator Theresa Avery, Japanese Teacher Richard Petrucci and Drama Teacher Callam Howard, all experienced travellers in Japan, outlined important matters to consider including clothing, what gifts to take and cultural pitfalls to avoid.

The St Clare’s community is very lucky to have a long standing relationship with Kobe Kaisei Joshigaku-in High School which affords our students and staff such a wonderful opportunity to broaden knowledge and understanding between people of vastly different cultures. I emphasised to our young travellers the importance of them being fine ambassadors for Australia, their families and our school community.

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.

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
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 Bernardette’s, Krambach**
Bucketts Way, Krambach
Saturday 22/8 at 5:30 pm
Liturgy of the Word with Communion (S.C.A.E) is held at Krambach Church.
Saturday 29/8 at 6.30 pm
S.C.A.E to be held at Nabiac Church

**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

**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)

**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

**St Patrick's, Cundletown**
River St, Cundletown
Sunday Mass: 6:00 pm

New Web Page for St Clare’s

Have you seen the new web-page for St Clare’s?

Finally we have a new site which better shows us in our true light! This site has been developed in earnest over the past eight months and went live last week

The link below will find us and we suggest you book mark it so that you can get information/Newsletters from us whenever you like.


Let us know what you think!
PRAYER POINT    21 ORDINARY    23 AUGUST

Peter said: “Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life…”
And what do we say? When things aren’t going so well: chocolate? alcohol? ignore everything?
Lord, you have the message of eternal life.
Have a good week
Denise Ryan

Reflection - Pope says Christians should have restless hearts like St Augustine

14.08.2015

Saint Augustine famously said people’s hearts are restless until they rest in God, but too many people, Pope Francis said, have allowed their hearts to be "anesthetized" and no longer search for God and for love.

In his homily, Pope Francis said Saint Augustine’s use of the term "restlessness" was striking and led him to think about three basic areas in which every Christian should be restless: In the spiritual life, In the search for God and In love for others.

Augustine lived a life like that of many young people today, the Pope said: "He was educated by his mother Monica in the Christian faith, although he was not baptised, but as he grew he moved away from it. He didn't find in it the answers to his questions, the desires of his heart and he became attracted to other things."

He studied, he had fun, "he knew intense love" and began a brilliant career as a teacher of rhetoric,"he had arrived in every way."
"But in his heart, there remained the restlessness of the search for the profound meaning of life. His heart was not asleep, it was not anesthetized by success, by things, by power."

Augustine continued to seek God, the Pope said, and "he discovered that God was waiting for him and, in fact, never stopped looking for him."

Pope Francis asks Christians: "Look into your hearts and ask yourself if you have a heart that wants great things or a heart that is asleep? Has your heart maintained that restlessness or has it been suffocated by things?"

"Let yourself be restless for God" and, like Saint Augustine, never tire of sharing the good news of God's love and promise of salvation with others who are as lost as he was.

"The restlessness of love always pushes you forward to go out and encounter the other without waiting for the other to tell us what he needs."

We celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Augustine on August 28

Blessings

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FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL:
Year 12 students have just 4 weeks before school lessons conclude. It is an exciting and daunting period in their lives and, in order to mark this rite of passage, the school is preparing appropriate ways to farewell them. To acquaint parents/carers of the farewelling process, a comprehensive letter has been mailed to parents and is also appended to this newsletter. In brief, the letter indicates:-

- The academic important of the last few weeks;
- Behavioural expectations;
- Signing-out of school procedures;
- Graduation Mass practice;
- Farewell Assembly & Big Buzz;
- Graduation Mass and Morning Tea with parents;
- HSC Examination attendance;
- Graduation Evening;
- HSC and ATAR results.

These points were also explained at the Big Day In early this week
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.
It is critical that students continue to closely monitor their school emails — messages from Mrs Avery, Mr Evans and especially Mrs Healey will be sent at regular intervals. **Year 11 students**, together with all students and staff, listened to the well-prepared and well-presented **2016 School Leaders Election Speeches** at a **Special Events Assembly** last Tuesday. The very high quality and content of these speeches indicates that the student leadership of the school will be passed on to a competent and committed group next year. Following a vote by Year 11 students, Year 10 students and staff, the 12 members of the:- **2016 Student Leadership Team** are: Isabella Blenkin, Thomas Dormor, Casey Griffiths, Blake Jeffriess, Melanie Malakou, Lucy McIntosh, Laura Moy, Declan Moylan, Damien Owen, Luke Polson, Connor Thorp and Thomas Tsang.

From this Senior Leadership Team, some students will be invited to make further application for the positions of **2016 School Captains** and **2016 Vice Captains**.

The Year 11 **Senior Retreat** will be held at the **Uniting Church Conference Centre Elanora Heights** in northern Sydney. It is a **MANDATORY EVENT** which will be held from Wednesday 21st October until Friday 23rd 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 a **$100 deposit** by Friday, 14th August, 2015 (i.e. NOW OVERDUE) 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).

As with the Year 12 students, the Year 11 students are also drawing close to the end of their Preliminary HSC studies. The **Final Preliminary Courses Examinations** commence on **Wednesday, 2nd September**, and run until Friday, 11th September, inclusive. Students have been issued with the examination timetable and the associated list of regulations which govern those examinations. These are also appended to this newsletter.

Ian Evans (Year 11 Student Coordinator) and Bronwen Davidson (Year 11 Student Coordinator)

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 12

Here we are at the end of thirteen years of letters from school. Not only is your child graduating from high school but, in a very real sense, this is also a graduation for you - the parents and guardians. First of all, however, we have to get to the end, and that is the reason for this letter.

There are a number of matters to bring to your attention, and I ask you to read them thoroughly so that everything finishes on a satisfying note. It is important that the students finish their schooling successfully and appropriately. Information pertaining to end of school activities is given below and overleaf.
How important are these last couple of weeks?

In a word, vital. Continuing the program of work and study is the best preparation for the HSC Examinations. Students should make use of their teachers. They have helped students through this period of preparation many times. I would encourage students to ask questions, develop checklists, and know the key areas of content. Including the forthcoming Spring Vacation, there are still a number of weeks to go and much can be achieved in that time. Each year, students have surprised themselves with the improvement they are able to accomplish between the Trials HSC and the actual HSC Examinations.

Behaviour
We anticipate that student behaviour will meet school expectations. I totally reject any notion that, somehow, we should condone anything different. Normally, students do meet these expectations and the final days are a happy and memorable time for everyone – students, teachers and families. I don’t need to spell out the kind of activities and antics that can occur at this time. These will be mentioned in more detail to students along the following lines:

- following normal school rules.
- behaviour in the schoolyard/wider community that could possibly interfere with the comfort, property and safety of self/others.
- arriving at school affected by alcohol or any other banned substance.
- wearing of full school uniform each day until the end of Term 3 and during HSC examinations.
- participating in private celebrations in a way that would not adversely reflect on the name and reputation of the school.
- due consideration for the school’s neighbours.
- students who become involved in illegal activities should not expect school support.

With common sense and goodwill, we can all enjoy the time we have left. Let us part on a high note.

Sign-Out Procedure

Just as there was a set procedure to enrol at St. Clare’s, so is there a procedure to graduate. Students will receive, from their Pastoral Care Teacher, a ‘Sign Out Form’ and students need to follow the instructions carefully. This means that textbooks/protective clothing/hospitality uniforms are returned, library loans are cleared, and all applicable tuition fees and subject fees are paid.

Students are to immediately return any books no longer required, as Year 11 students need them for the commencement of HSC courses in Term 4 - only texts particularly required by students should still be in use. Students must return remaining books and equipment as each exam concludes eg. return the English texts to the Book Room on the day of the English examination.

Official student documents which are issued by the school will be withheld until signing out is complete. On completion of this process, there will be a $100 book-hire scheme re-fund (a separate note will refer to this).
TIMELINE

Below is information regarding the ONLY farewell activities sanctioned by the school:

**Wednesday, 16th September, 2015**

Graduation Mass Practice

Normal classes for Year 12 will conclude at the end of Period 4. All Year 12 students will go to the School Hall at 1.30 pm for a Graduation Mass practice.

**Thursday, 17th September, 2015**

(Last school day for Year 12)

The St. Clare’s Farewell Assembly takes place on Thursday, 17th September. Up until then, students are following the normal program of classes and the regular routine of attendance, punctuality, correct uniform and work in preparation for the HSC. As a result of the Trial HSC Examinations, students will have identified areas of each subject which need attention. There is still much to be done and it can make the difference.

*The Farewell Assembly will commence in the School Hall at 9.10 am and should be finished by 11:00 am.*

At the conclusion of the Farewell Assembly, students will be offered a BBQ lunch and activities at ‘The Big Buzz’ on The Lakes Way. The school will meet the bus transportation and BBQ costs while students will be required to pay the $20 entry fee – we will be the sole users of the venue. Students will be returned to school in time for buses. Those students not wishing to attend the Big Buzz/BBQ will be dismissed at the conclusion of the Farewell Assembly.

**Friday, 18th September, 2015**

Year 12 Graduation Mass

**Monday, 12th October, 2012**

Written HSC Examinations

Written examinations for the 2015 HSC commence on Monday, 12th October, at 10.20 am with English Paper 1 for both Advanced and Standard Courses. The official full timetable is available on-line to students and, as you are aware, the misreading of the timetable is not accepted as a reason for special consideration by the Board of Studies. Students can also access their own personalised HSC timetable on the BOSTES website. It is strongly suggested that BOTH the whole timetable AND personalised timetable are placed in prominent place at home (eg. refrigerator, kitchen wall) for all family members to monitor.
Students need to be sure of the Rules that apply to the HSC as a whole and to each of the subjects. It is the student’s responsibility to be at the right location and on time and in uniform. Students attempting HSC examinations do so as students of the school and they should prepare themselves and dress accordingly.

Students have been informed of the procedure involved in producing their final mark in a subject. They know that the group result is almost as important as the individual result. Students are NOT leave examinations early. To do so is personally foolish, group-wise selfish and in contravention of BOSTES regulations.

**Friday, 13th November, 2015**

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**2015 Graduation Evening**

**Friday 13th November**

**At**

**The Winning Post Function Centre**

**Taree Racecourse**

**6pm - Midnight**

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**Please Note:**

*The Presentation of Students, the Awards, the Dinner, the Evening. Admission is by ticket only and you must present the ticket on the night (separate letter with details has been handed to students – in brief; 4 tickets/student [incl. student] at $35/head).*

**Year 12 HSC results and ATAR**

**Wednesday 16 Dec 2015**

**NSW HSC results released**

**Thursday 17 Dec 2015**

**NSW ATARs released**

**Friday 18 December 2015**

**NSW HSC result letter and ATAR notice**

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**Prayer Support**

The St. Clare’s community and respective parishes are invited to assist our Year 12 students towards a successful completion of the HSC by participating in prayerful support. We must never underestimate the power of prayer.

**In Conclusion**

Some of this letter could appear to be heavy handed - it is not meant to be and, for most of our students, these statements are unnecessary. I feel that, at this stage of the year, however, I need to clearly state the school’s position. Our hope is that nothing in this letter needs to be referred to again and that our memories of the Class of 2015 are that they exited the school having successfully completed their studies and in a manner that did them proud.

With every best wish and blessing, I look forward to our meeting as the Graduation Evening unfolds.
Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 12

As mentioned in the accompanying letter, Year 12 students will be guests of the school at a Farewell Assembly to be held in the School Hall on Thursday, 17th September, 2015. The letter reiterates plans for this day:

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At the conclusion of the Farewell Assembly, students will be offered a BBQ lunch and activities at The Big Buzz on The Lakes Way. The school will meet the bus transportation and BBQ costs while students will be required to pay the $20 entry fee – we will be the sole users of the venue. Students will be returned to school in time for buses. Those students not wishing to attend the Big Buzz/BBQ will be dismissed at the conclusion of the assembly.

**In order that the school can ensure duty of care in the supervision of Year 12 students on this day, please complete the ‘Leave Note’ below and return to the School Bursar by Tuesday, 1st September, 2015. Note that, for students who do not return this ‘Leave Note’, supervision will be provided at school until the normal end of the school day at 3.25 pm.**

Peter Nicholls

Principal……………… return to the School Bursar by Tuesday, 1st September, 2015

ST. CLARE’S HIGH SCHOOL, TAREE

Leave Note - Last Day at School for 2015 Year 12

Following the 2015 Year 12 Farewell Assembly on Thursday, 18th September 2015,

my son/daughter………………………………………………………. of PC 12-□, will:-

(i) travel by bus to The Big Buzz for end-of-school celebrations ($20 is included)

(ii) leave school on completion of this Farewell Assembly

I acknowledge that, on leaving the school, the duty of care for the student named above passes from the school to me.

Name of parent/carer (please print)………………………… Signature……………………...
Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, the Year 11 Final Preliminary Course Examinations will be held shortly. In order for the school to exercise due duty of care in the supervision of students during school hours, we wish to inform you of the following:

- Students will not be required to be at school unless they have an examination scheduled – duty of care resides with the parent/carer when student is not at school [attendance at school for study purposes when a student is not sitting an examination is permitted but normal expectations of students will still exist with respect to uniform, behaviour and obtaining leave];
- If a student has a morning AND an afternoon examination, that student is to remain at school in the time between these two examinations where supervised study will be provided;
- **STUDENT USE OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES POLICY** (attached) applies at all times;
- Normal classes will resume on Monday, 14th September 2015 (missed examinations are to be done in the order in which missed and be completed in the first available time within the examination period and in the first two days following the examination period.)

N.B. these requirements are to read in conjunction with the FULL list of examination expectations/timetable (attached)

Please complete the form below and return it to the School Bursar by Friday, 28th August, 2015.

Theresa Avery Peter Nicholls
Curriculum Co-ordinator Assistant Principal

N.B. This and other relevant information is available online on the St. Clare’s High School Portal

St. Clare’s High School – 2015 Year 11 Final Examinations
Acknowledgment of Examination-time Supervision

I acknowledge that my Year 11 child/ward,..............................................................of PC 11-□ will be undertaking Final Preliminary Courses Examinations from **Wednesday, 2nd September until Friday, 11th September inclusive.**

I also acknowledge the following arrangements:-

- Students will NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE AT SCHOOL unless they have an examination; scheduled – duty of care resides with the parent/carer when a student is not at school [attendance at school for study purposes when a student is not sitting an examination is permitted but normal expectations of students will still exist with respect to uniform, behaviour and obtaining leave];
- If a student has a morning AND an afternoon examination, that student is to REMAIN AT SCHOOL between the examinations where supervised study will be provided;
- **STUDENT USE OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES POLICY** (attached) applies at all times;
- Normal classes will resume on Monday, 14SEP15 (missed examinations are to be done in the order in which missed and be completed in the first available time within the examination period and in the first two days following the examination period.)

Name of parent/carer:........................................ Signature:................................ Date:....../08/2015
ST. CLARE’S HIGH SCHOOL POLICY:

STUDENT USE OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES

TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Students who are licensed drivers are free to drive to/from school. This is a matter for them, their parents and the owner of the vehicle. The school and the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools’ Office are not responsible for drivers or passengers travelling in private vehicles to/from school. Parking for student-driven vehicles is not available on school grounds. The school and the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools’ Office are not responsible for the security of such vehicles during school hours nor when used for school-related events.

STUDENT USE OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Students who are licensed drivers MAY be given permission to transport themselves/siblings to/from appointments or other urgent needs during school hours. This is a matter for them, their parents and the owner of the vehicle. The school and the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools’ Office are not responsible for drivers or sibling passengers travelling in private vehicles under these conditions.

Before any student of St. Clare’s is given permission by the school to use a private motor vehicle to transport other student(s) during school hours or to/from a school arranged excursion out of normal school hours, the principal (or his/her representative) must ensure the following conditions are met:

- There must be an urgent need (as determined by the school) for such transportation and, as such, this permission will be the exception not the rule.
- The student driver is licensed.
- The motor vehicle is registered.
- The motor vehicle is comprehensively insured.
- Current driver’s licence and car registration details must be sighted prior to giving permission for students to be transported in the vehicle.
- Written permission to use the vehicle must be obtained from the parent(s) of the student driver.
- Written permission to transport other students must be obtained from the parent(s) of the student driver.
- Written permission must be obtained from the parent(s) of students being transported as passengers.
- The number of passengers in the vehicle must not exceed the number of seat belts or, in the case of larger vehicles, the number of passengers that the vehicle is licensed to carry.
- The driver must conform to NSW road rules at all times.
- The driver is responsible for all passengers being properly restrained in a seatbelt or approved child restraint.
- The driver of the vehicle and passengers are sensible and responsible enough to justify the concession made to them.

These conditions also apply where students may be attending TAFE or other school-linked courses which are conducted at locations other than the school.
Expectations:-

- Students will NOT BE REQUIRED TO BE AT SCHOOL unless they have an examination scheduled – duty of care resides with the parent/carer when student is not at school.
  
  [attendance at school for study purposes when a student is not sitting an examination is permitted but normal expectations of students will still exist with respect to uniform, behaviour & obtaining leave];

- If a student has a morning AND an afternoon examination, that student is to REMAIN AT SCHOOL where supervised study will be provided;

- **STUDENT USE OF PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES POLICY** (attached) applies at all times;

- arrive at the examination centre at least 15 minutes before each examination (20 minutes for big examinations such as RE/Eng/Maths);

- depart from examination only on dismissal at END OF SCHEDULED TIME;

- wear FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM and wear it PROPERLY in all examinations;

- only bring water in CLEAR COLOURLESS plastic bottles;

- leave PENCIL CASES/BAGS outside the examination room;

- leave MOBILE ‘PHONES switched off and outside the examination room;

- remove WRIST WATCHES in examination room *(may be placed on desk)*;

- no paper to be brought in to the examination room – paper will be provided;

- have all required equipment for examination as there will be no borrowing from other students or supervisors – this equipment is to be in a clear plastic sleeve;

- only students’ personal belongings to be removed from the examination room *(all question, stimulus, answer and unused papers to be left on the examination desk)*;

- see the EXAMINATION SUPERVISOR regarding medication prior to examination commencing;

- be aware that offensive comments may lead to an award of ZERO marks;

- RING the school (6552 3300) regarding illness or misadventure by 9:00 a.m. on examination day then obtain and submit an ILLNESS & MISADVENTURE FORM available from Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs Avery;

- Normal classes for Year 11 students will resume on Monday, 14SEP15;

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English Standard – 2 hrs  
English Advanced – 2hrs | PDHPE - 2 hrs |
| **Thursday 3\(^{rd}\) Sept**   | Paper 2  
English Standard – 2hrs  
English Advanced – 2hrs | Biology – 2hrs |
| **Friday 4\(^{th}\) Sept**   | Studies of Religion 1 – 1.5 hrs  
Studies of Religion 2 – 2.5 hrs | Food Technology – 2hrs |
| **Monday 7\(^{th}\) Sept**   | Mathematics – 2 hrs  
Mathematics General – 2hrs | Ancient History – 2hrs  
Engineeering Studies – 2hrs  
Music Aural – 1.5hrs Rm 37 |
| **Tuesday 8\(^{th}\) Sept**   | Physics – 2hrs  
Economics – 2hrs  
Business Studies – 2hrs | Hospitality - 2 hrs  
Construction – 1 hr  
Drama Theory – 1hr |
| **Wednesday 9\(^{th}\) Sept**   | Legal Studies – 2hrs  
Visual Arts – 1.5hrs  
Modern History – 2hrs | Earth and Environmental Science – 2hrs  
Chemistry - 2 hrs |
| **Thursday 10\(^{th}\) Sept**   | Community & Family Studies – 2 hrs  
Software Design & Development – 2hrs  
Mathematics Extension 1 – 2hrs | English Extension 1 – 2hrs  
Society and Culture – 2hrs  
Industrial Technology – 1.5hrs |
| **Friday 11\(^{th}\) Sept**   | Drama Practical – 3 hrs | Music Practical – Room 37-2hrs |
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](http://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.

**Tafe 2016** applications are different due to Smart and Skills. The costs for main stream full time students will be determined on an individual basis. Students once they have completed application forms are to attend admin office at Tafe and have their application processed and costed. If students are on any form of benefit or are indigenous you must provide proof to the admin office in order for them to calculate the cost of the course. Workshops for year 12 continue each lunchtime with such topics as UAC application – How to apply, SRS applications, Scholarships and there has been guest speakers from Southern Cross University and Charles Sturt University.

Students in year 12 are encouraged to book meetings with the Careers Adviser if they need assistance in working out future career paths.
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

Congratulations to the students who generously shared their time and musical talents with us at the Diocesan Unity in Diversity Mass Tuesday evening, August 11, at Holy Name Catholic Church, Forster.

Our talented Year 11 Music1 and Music2 students were joined by members of the Year 9 Elective Music Class and the St Clare’s Vocal Group.

The students’ performance was commendable. They lead the music with conviction and enjoyment. Their contribution encapsulated the essence of the mass.

Our instrumentalists:
Year 11: Daniel Bell (drums and guitar), Jordan Brown (saxophone), Thomas Dormor (drums and guitar), Patrick O’Dwyer (Trumpet), Thomas Tsang (piano) and Clayton Wiseman (clarinet).
Year 9: Nicholas Parsons (Trumpet) and Jack Piscopo (guitar)

Our vocalists:
Year 11: Emily Fowle, Lucy McIntosh and Jarrah Hudson.
Year 10: Kylie Neilson and Zachary Walton
Year 9: Harrison Doble, Hannah Dormor, Teisha Farr, Sam Holliday, Nicholas Parsons, Hamish Ross, Clare Sephton and Harrison Walton.
Year 8: Alyssa Morley and Belicia Watson
Year 7: Jessie Jones and Gabrielle Pasolini

The St Clare’s Vocal Group combined with St Joseph’s, Taree School Choir to present an uplifting performance of Andrew Chinn’s, African Blessing. It was a fitting conclusion to a wonderful celebration and truly captured the spirit of the mass.

It is a privilege to work with such talented students.

Thanks to the parents who travelled great distances to ensure their student could be there. Special thanks to Mr Ian Evans who transported the large amount of musical equipment required, to and from the church.
ST CLARE’S FEAST DAY
Undoubtedly it was a ‘big’ week for these musicians. On Friday the Year 11 Music1 and Music2 class along with members of the Year 9 Elective Music Class and the St Clare’s Vocal Group lead the music for our St Clare’s Feast Day Liturgy. The Year 11 Music Class presented *Precious Again* and *The Power of Your Love*, where we welcomed Miguel Guthridge who played the cello with us.

Thank you to those students who added enormously to the spirit of the liturgy.

The **St Clare’s Vocal Group** rehearses each Monday at lunch. You do not have to be the best singer, just be able to enjoy singing. It is a great way to meet other students whilst having fun. New members are still very welcome to join us.

**WHAT:** St Clare’s Vocal Group  
**WHERE:** Room 36  
**WHEN:** Monday Lunch 1.

Viva la Musica,  
Mrs Brown.
Reminder - Year 10 HSIE Excursion to Old Bar and Port Macquarie

Just a reminder that the Semester Two excursion for Year 10 HSIE is taking place next week, Tuesday 25\textsuperscript{th} August. Semester Two History classes will be travelling to Port Macquarie while the Geography classes will be conducting fieldwork at Old Bar Beach. Casual dress may be worn. Except for a few students, all notes and moneys have already been collected, so students are right to go. Those students yet to provide permission and or money will have a new letter issued, with returns needed by Tuesday.

Bruce Bielby
HSIE/LOTE Coordinator

Surfing: Chelsea Green from Year 9 has had a busy start to Term 3 competing in both School State Surfing Titles and out of school State Surfing Titles. The school championships were held at Bonny Hills and Chelsea placed in the top 8 in the U16’s and made the semi-finals in the U19’s. This is a huge achievement considering she is only 15. In the out of school titles that were held at Middle Rock in Lake Cathie Chelsea came 4\textsuperscript{th} in the State in U16’s and narrowly missed out on going to the Australian Titles by 2.3 points. Chelsea is to be congratulated on her outstanding success in surfing!

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.

\textbf{WHEN IS IT ON?}  \textbf{Wednesday lunchtime} - every week.
Bring your lunch!

\textbf{WHERE?}  \textbf{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
## COMING EVENTS

### Term 3

#### 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
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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Old Bar Little Athletics Centre
P.O. Box 12
OLD BAR   NSW   2430

oldbarlittleathleticscentre@gmail.com

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 22nd and 29th 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.

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**Wingham District Junior Cricket Club** will be holding their registration day for the upcoming season on Saturday, 5th September at Wingham Central Park, near the Log.

10:00am to 2pm. Sausage sizzle will be provided. For enquiries, phone 0438 530 955 (AH)
CELEBRATING YOUR TEAMS’ WIN

SUMMER IN AUSTRALIA MEANS CRICKET!
Cricket is a perfect way for boys and girls to socialise, have some fun, learn about teamwork and keep active in a competitive environment.

**ACTIVITY:** 10s, 12s, 14s and 16s Junior Cricket Rego

**CLUB/CENTRE:** Old Bar Cricket Club

**ADDRESS:** Chris Dempsey Nets Old Bar
Near the Old Bar Tennis Courts

**DATE:** 12th September 2015  **TIME:** 09:00-13:00

**CONTACT:** Chris Dempsey 0407532789

Find out how you can create your own cricket moment at **PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU**
Valley Industries

SPRING 2015 SPECTACULAR
2nd – 5th September

Come and see all the great things that Valley Industries are able to make and grow!

Open Day
4th September

Friday 4th September
Take a tour of Valley Industries and see our diverse businesses.
Free BBQ 10am – 1pm

Saturday 5th September
Sale continues in the nursery.
• Bee Keeping Supplies
• Free BBQ 10am – 1pm
• Free Jumping Castle

70 Whitbread Street, Taree
Phone - 6552 8888
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