Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

Welcome back to another term full of great learning and teaching. I hope you had a wonderful holiday and that you and your family had time to relax and enjoy each other’s company over the two week break.

Term 3 is a significant time in any secondary school. For 90 St Clare’s students, it marks the beginning of their final 50 days of formal schooling. For many parents and students, 13 years have gone by in a “flash” and the small child parents entrusted to a primary school classroom is an emerging adult capable of great thought and blessed with great opportunities in life. No doubt some students and parents are nervous about what the future may hold, however, we can have great confidence in the calibre of our young people and the education that they have received over the past 13 years. Year 12 students who continue to commit to learning and studying over the next 15 or so weeks will go a long way to gaining the HSC results they desire.

Next week I will be interviewing some Year 7 students regarding their transition and entry into secondary education at St Clare’s. The students will be interviewed in threes and will serve as ‘focus groups’ to help the Studies and Pastoral Teams gain a Year 7 perspective of their first six months in secondary education. I am very much looking forward to speaking with our youngest students and gaining an insight into their experience as learners at our school.

Further on in the newsletter you will find a list of award winners from Years 10 to 12. I congratulate each student on their efforts to make the most of their skills and talents and thank parents and teachers for their excellent efforts in working collaboratively to produce great people.

The NSW government via BOSTES has announced some significant changes to the process of the HSC to commence in four year’s time. These changes will have an impact on the Year 9 cohort of 2017 as these young people will be the HSC cohort of 2020, the year the changes will come into effect. I will publish more information over the coming month as the ramifications of the changes become clearer.
Next week we welcome our Japanese exchange students to the Manning Valley. 25 students and two teachers will spend time immersed in Australian culture at St Clare’s while being billeted in the homes of St Clare’s students. It is an exciting program and I thank Theresa Avery, Richard Petrucci and Callam Howard for their work in organising the exchange program. It is another great way of welcoming the stranger.

A big thank you to all who supported the Year 7 can drive and the blanket drive. From small things big things grow. Your kindness and generosity has helped ‘a stranger’ live their life with a little more dignity and self-respect.

God Bless

Principal

P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 3 AUGUST 2016
6 PM ST JOSEPH’S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WINGHAM

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 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

(On which weekend mass will be celebrated)
### CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

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| Wednesday 3   | 6:00 - 7:30pm     | Cathedral                      | 5:30 Gathering  
6:00 Lecture  
Followed by wine and cheese (Di Offices)  
Registration not required for this event |
| 8 August      | 1:00 - 4:00pm     | Taree                          | Seminar                                                                     |
| Friday 5      | 2:30 - 5:00pm     | Hamilton – Diocesan Offices    | In conversation with leaders  
Open to all in leadership from across the Diocese |
| Saturday 6    | 9:30 - 12:30pm    | Tenison Woods Education Centre, | Seminar                                                                     |
| 8 August      |                   | Lochinvar                      |                                                                             |

Teachers from Catholic Schools may have these presentations credited to their Faith Education and Accreditation currency hours.

For further information, please visit mnnews.today  
To register contact Sharon Murphy on 4979 1134 or email sharon.murphy@mn.catholic.org.au by Monday 25 July 2016.
Year 12 Semester 1 – 2016

Veronia Andrawes

1ST IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Chelsea Becker

EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

Daniel Bell

EQUAL 2ND IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
3RD IN MUSIC

Isabella Blenkin

1ST IN ANCIENT HISTORY
1ST IN DRAMA
EQUAL 2ND IN ENGLISH EXTENSION 2

Jordan Brown

1ST IN MUSIC
2ND IN MODERN HISTORY
3RD IN ENGLISH EXTENSION 1

Courtney Byrne

2ND IN ENGLISH STUDIES

Hannah Cai

EQUAL 3RD IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)
EQUAL 3RD IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT
EQUAL 3RD IN ECONOMICS

Shari Collison

2ND IN ANCIENT HISTORY
3RD IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 2

Dennis Connolly

1ST IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)

Isabelle Cook

EQUAL 2ND IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Lara Cowan

3RD IN LEGAL STUDIES
EQUAL 3RD IN ANCIENT HISTORY

Abbey Dawson

EQUAL 1ST IN CATHOLIC STUDIES
3RD IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 1

Thomas Dormor

1ST IN ENGLISH EXTENSION 1
1ST IN ENGLISH (ADVANCED)
1ST IN ECONOMICS
1ST IN MODERN HISTORY
EQUAL 1ST IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 1 UNIT
EQUAL 2ND IN ENGLISH EXTENSION 2
3RD IN MATHEMATICS

Harrison Earle-Broadley

EQUAL 2ND IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Bailey Farr

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION PATHWAYS
EXCELLENCE IN SPORT COACHING

Emily Fowle

2ND IN MUSIC

Kohben Grech

3RD IN ENGINEERING STUDIES

Eve Gregory

1ST IN COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES
1ST IN VISUAL ARTS
2ND IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)
2ND IN BUSINESS STUDIES
Casey Griffiths
EQUAL 1ST IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)
2ND IN BIOLOGY
EQUAL 2ND IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Dylan Hardcastle
EQUAL 3RD IN COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES

Samuel Hearn
2ND IN ENGINEERING STUDIES

Olivia Hoban
EQUAL 3RD IN COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES

Veronica Holden
1ST IN ENGLISH STUDIES
1ST IN WORK STUDIES
EQUAL 1ST IN CATHOLIC STUDIES
3RD IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)

Mitchell Irvine
2ND IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 1

Blake Jeffriess
3RD IN BUSINESS STUDIES

Emily Lee
1ST IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)
1ST IN ENGINEERING STUDIES
1ST IN LEGAL STUDIES
3RD IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2
3RD IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1
3RD IN PHYSICS

Jesse Lloyd
1ST IN SOCIETY & CULTURE
EQUAL 2ND IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Abby Lucas
2ND IN COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES

Samantha MacLeod
1ST IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 1
3RD IN ENGLISH STUDIES

Melanie Malakou
1ST IN ENGLISH EXTENSION 2
2ND IN VISUAL ARTS
EQUAL 3RD IN ANCIENT HISTORY

Harrison Martin
1ST IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 2
EQUAL 3RD IN ECONOMICS

Jordan Martyn
2ND IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT
2ND IN LEGAL STUDIES

Luke Mayers
EQUAL 2ND IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Lucy McIntosh
2ND IN ENGLISH EXTENSION 1
2ND IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL 2
2ND IN ECONOMICS
3RD IN CHEMISTRY

Daniel Moscatt
1ST IN SOFTWARE DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT
3RD IN MODERN HISTORY

Laura Moy
EQUAL 1ST IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)
EQUAL 2ND IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Declan Moylan
1ST IN BIOLOGY
3RD IN DRAMA

Alexandra Nicholls
2ND IN DRAMA
3RD IN BIOLOGY
EQUAL 3RD IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT
Patrick O’Dwyer
3RD IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 1 UNIT

Damien Owen
1ST IN MATHEMATICS
1ST IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT
1ST IN PHYSICS
2ND IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2
2ND IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1
2ND IN CHEMISTRY

Rose Pennington
1ST IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
1ST IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY
EQUAL 3RD IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)

Luke Polson
2ND IN PHYSICS
EQUAL 2ND IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Joshua Argall
3RD IN CATHOLIC STUDIES

William Avery
2ND IN ANCIENT HISTORY

Joshua Barry
1ST IN ENGINEERING STUDIES
2ND IN PHYSICS

Kristy Bell
1ST IN COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES

Miranda Bell
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

Jack Ryan
2ND IN SOFTWARE DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

Taneeka Simon
1ST IN BUSINESS STUDIES

Tom Steedman
2ND IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)

Thomas Tsang
1ST IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2
1ST IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1
1ST IN CHEMISTRY
EQUAL 1ST IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 1 UNIT
2ND IN ENGLISH (ADVANCED)
2ND IN MATHEMATICS

Chloe Walker
EQUAL 1ST IN CATHOLIC STUDIES

Natalie Webster
3RD IN VISUAL ARTS

Year 11 Semester I – 2016

Johnathon Black
EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION PATHWAYS

Nirian Boelling-McDougall
1ST IN MUSIC

Ruby Brown
1ST IN ECONOMICS
EQUAL 1ST IN MATHEMATICS
2ND IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION

Mikayla Cartwright
2ND IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)
Sarah Chalmers
1ST IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT
1ST IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (TIMBER)
3RD IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
3RD IN SOCIETY & CULTURE

Rebekah Cooper
1ST IN DRAMA
2ND IN JAPANESE

Jane Cross
1ST IN TEXTILES & DESIGN
3RD IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Lachlan Cross
2ND IN ENGINEERING STUDIES

Thomas Dayoub
EQUAL 1ST IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 1 UNIT
2ND IN CHEMISTRY
2ND IN ECONOMICS
3RD IN LEGAL STUDIES

Sarah Earley
3RD IN BUSINESS STUDIES
3RD IN DRAMA

Paul Elliott
EXCELLENCE IN SPORT COACHING

Demi Fox
3RD IN TEXTILES & DESIGN

Brady Griffiths
EQUAL 2ND IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (TIMBER)
EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION PATHWAYS

Sophie Hague
3RD IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)

Thomas Hallot
1ST IN CHEMISTRY
1ST IN BIOLOGY
EQUAL 1ST IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 1 UNIT

Maddison Hayes
1ST IN JAPANESE
2ND IN ENGLISH EXTENSION
2ND IN ENGLISH (ADVANCED)
2ND IN MUSIC

Matthew Heiss
EQUAL 2ND IN COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES
EQUAL 3RD IN BIOLOGY

Abbey Henry
3RD IN VISUAL ARTS
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

Joseph Hinton
1ST IN CATHOLIC STUDIES

Jacob Hutton
EQUAL 2ND IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Noah Jones
3RD IN ECONOMICS
EQUAL 3RD IN BIOLOGY

Sidhant Joon
1ST IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION
EQUAL 1ST IN MATHEMATICS
EQUAL 2ND IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
3RD IN PHYSICS
EQUAL 3RD IN CHEMISTRY

Timothy Keen
1ST IN EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Luka King
2ND IN SOCIETY & CULTURE
Thomas Lee  
3RD IN MUSIC

Hannah Lewis  
EQUAL 2ND IN COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES

Shayla Mancell  
1ST IN BUSINESS STUDIES  
EQUAL 1ST IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)  
2ND IN LEGAL STUDIES  
2ND IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Luciana Maurer  
2ND IN TEXTILES & DESIGN

Emma McFadden  
EQUAL 2ND IN ENGLISH STUDIES

Tayla Mullen  
1ST IN ENGLISH (STANDARD)

Rodney Neal  
2ND IN CATHOLIC STUDIES

Kylie Neilson  
1ST IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
3RD IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT  
3RD IN JAPANESE

Michael O’Dwyer  
1ST IN ENGLISH (ADVANCED)  
1ST IN LEGAL STUDIES  
EQUAL 1ST IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 1 UNIT  
3RD IN ENGLISH EXTENSION  
EQUAL 3RD IN CHEMISTRY

Stephanie Poole  
EQUAL 2ND IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (TIMBER)

Lenae Simon  
EXCELLENCE IN SPORT COACHING

David Smith  
1ST IN ANCIENT HISTORY  
EQUAL 1ST IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL  
2ND IN DRAMA

Jacob Stapleton  
1ST IN ENGLISH STUDIES

Ashley Tiedeman  
EQUAL 2ND IN ENGLISH STUDIES  
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

Luke Walton  
EQUAL 2ND IN ENGLISH STUDIES  
EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION PATHWAYS

Sarah Ward  
1ST IN PHYSICS  
2ND IN STUDIES OF RELIGION 2 UNIT  
2ND IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
3RD IN ENGLISH (ADVANCED)

Eliza Williamson  
1ST IN ENGLISH EXTENSION  
1ST IN SOCIETY & CULTURE  
EQUAL 1ST IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL  
2ND IN VISUAL ARTS

Sophie Wood  
1ST IN VISUAL ARTS  
2ND IN BIOLOGY  
3RD IN MATHEMATICS EXTENSION  
3RD IN MATHEMATICS

Abbey Workman  
1ST IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY  
EQUAL 1ST IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)  
3RD IN MATHEMATICS GENERAL

Gabrielle Wyse  
3RD IN ANCIENT HISTORY
Martin Zeng

2ND IN BUSINESS STUDIES
3RD IN ENGINEERING STUDIES

Year 10 Semester I Awards – 2016

Haley Abbott
2ND IN PHOTOGRAPHIC AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Saxon Anderson
3RD IN JAPANESE
MERIT IN VISUAL ARTS

Jessica Bennett
3RD IN TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY TECHNOLOGY
MERIT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Kaitlyn Black
MERIT IN PHOTOGRAPHIC AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Reagan Bramble
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Lachlan Brown
2ND IN LEVEL 2 MATHEMATICS

Samuel Brown
3RD IN MUSIC
MERIT IN ENGLISH

Jackson Bryan
1ST IN LEVEL 1 MATHEMATICS
MERIT IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

Hugh Carney
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Abby Collison
1ST IN PHOTOGRAPHIC AND DIGITAL MEDIA
2ND IN LEVEL 3 MATHEMATICS
MERIT IN ENGLISH
MERIT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
MERIT IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Benjamin Cross
3RD IN GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGY

Darcey Crowe
3RD IN 10-1 HISTORY
EQUAL 3RD IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Joel Dark
1ST IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)
2ND IN GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGY

Madison Darlington
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Leah Deudney
MERIT IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

Maddison Dillon
1ST IN INFORMATION & SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY
2ND IN 10-1 HISTORY

Hannah Dormor
2ND IN SCIENCE
2ND IN MUSIC
Claudia Duncum
MERIT IN SCIENCE
MERIT IN PHOTOGRAPHIC AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Renee Elliott
EQUAL 3RD IN COMMERCE
MERIT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Blue Evans
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Finn Fagerstrom
3RD IN 10-2 GEOGRAPHY
MERIT IN ENGLISH
MERIT IN DRAMA

Teisha Farr
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Shaun Formby
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Kody Garland
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Macabe Grass
EQUAL 1ST IN PHOTOGRAPHIC AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Poppy Gray
MERIT IN ENGLISH

Angus Gregory
3RD IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)

James Gregory
EQUAL 1ST IN PHYSICAL Activity & Sport Studies

Wade Harry
3RD IN PHYSICAL Activity & Sport Studies

Jamie-Elaine Hartmann-Chisholm
3RD IN PHOTOGRAPHIC AND DIGITAL MEDIA

Isabel Henry
MERIT IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Charlotte Higgins
MERIT IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

Rhys Hood
EQUAL 3RD IN COMMERCE
MERIT IN ENGLISH
MERIT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
MERIT IN SCIENCE
MERIT IN PHYSICAL Activity & Sport Studies

Sayla Hudson
2ND IN 10-2 GEOGRAPHY
EQUAL 3RD IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
EQUAL 3RD IN VISUAL ARTS

Matilda Jones
2ND IN 10-3 HISTORY
EQUAL 2ND IN DRAMA
MERIT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
MERIT IN SCIENCE
MERIT IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Claudia Kukas
EQUAL 3RD IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
MERIT IN ENGLISH
MERIT IN MATHEMATICS
MERIT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
MERIT IN SCIENCE
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)
Saksham Lama
EQUAL 1ST IN 10-4 GEOGRAPHY
MERIT IN ENGLISH
MERIT IN MATHEMATICS
MERIT IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Harold Last
MERIT IN MATHEMATICS

Ruby McIntosh
EQUAL 1ST IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION
2ND IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
2ND IN 10-5 HISTORY
MERIT IN ENGLISH

Breeannah Morris
3RD IN 10-3 HISTORY
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Danielle Murray
2ND IN TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY
MERIT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Lisa Nicholson
EQUAL 3RD IN 10-4 GEOGRAPHY

Chloe Norman
EQUAL 3RD IN 10-4 GEOGRAPHY
EQUAL 3RD IN VISUAL ARTS
MERIT IN ENGLISH

Nicholas Parsons
1ST IN 10-3 HISTORY
1ST IN MUSIC
2ND IN INFORMATION & SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY

Matthew Parvin
EQUAL 1ST IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY & SPORT STUDIES
3RD IN 10-5 HISTORY
EQUAL 3RD IN SCIENCE
MERIT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Jack Piscopo
1ST IN GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGY
2ND IN INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY (WOOD)

Zac Reid
EQUAL 2ND IN DRAMA
EQUAL 3RD IN LEVEL 2 MATHEMATICS
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Zanthus Reid
MERIT IN SCIENCE

Samuel Richardson
1ST IN DRAMA

Hamish Ross
EQUAL 3RD IN LEVEL 2 MATHEMATICS

Sean Scicluna
3RD IN INFORMATION & SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY

Clare Sephton
1ST IN 10-1 HISTORY
EQUAL 1ST IN VISUAL ARTS
MERIT IN ENGLISH
MERIT IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Jessica Smithers-Dunn
EQUAL 1ST IN COMMERCE
EQUAL 3RD IN 10-4 GEOGRAPHY
MERIT IN PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Layla Solomon
EQUAL 1ST IN VISUAL ARTS
EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)
Welcome back for Term 3 – the final academic term in the school career for our current Year 12 Class of 2016.

Much still remains to be done for Year 12ers during Term 3 in regard to learning new work, revising old, preparing for and sitting the Trial HSC Examinations and preparing for post school life.

The first Term 3 careers event for Year 12 has already occurred with the distribution of the UAC Guide 2016-17 today. The arrival of this book is probably not an example of great timing as students can be easily distracted from the preparation for the forthcoming Trial HSC Examinations (commencing 1 August 2016) but, as all 75,000 HSC students in NSW/ACT will receive their ONE FREE COPY this week, we will be doing likewise. Other copies can be purchased from newsagencies for $19.95.
Although UAC applications open on the 3rd day of the Trial Exams (Wednesday, 3 August), applications close on Friday, 30 September - note that there is NO advantage in making an early UAC application. Students are advised NOT to register with UAC until after the Trial Exams when meetings will be held to assist in this process. There will be MANY more references on the UAC Guide throughout Terms 3 and 4.

The next event is the Taree Future Options Expo 2016: Years 10-12

This careers expo will be held:

- at Chatham High School MPH
- on Friday, 29 July from 9 am – 12 noon (Term 3 Week 2).

St Clare’s has been allocated the 11 am - noon timeslot. Even though the event is targeted at all Year 12 students, our school will also send all Year 11 students. Year 10 students are also welcome to attend at any time during the morning but ONLY if accompanied by a parent/carer who signs out a student in the normal manner for taking partial leave from school.

Details of this event have been previously mentioned in Careers Corner. With over 60 exhibitors, there is something there to interest each student, regardless of their future career aspiration. Ian Evans, Careers Adviser

YEAR 7 TINNED FOOD DRIVE: Prior to the end of last term Year 7 conducted a wonderful fundraising venture gathering tinned food, mostly soups. An incredible 280 tins was amassed over a few weeks making it a very worthwhile effort.

During the last week of term Deacon Vince and four Year 7 students - Jacob Drury, Jack Montague, WenYuan LimSchneider and Jade Irvine delivered all the tins to three charitable groups – the Anglican Community Support Network, Vinnies Conferences at Taree and Wingham. The three organisations were very grateful for what they received. Many families will benefit from the Year 7s generosity.

Left to right - Jack Montague, Jacob Drury, WenYuan LimSchneider & Jade Irvine

A big thank you to all Year 7 students and families, it was a wonderful effort and also a thank you to Mr Masters for coordinating it. What a great bunch! Deacon Vince

BUCKET HATS: Bucket hats are available from WorkWise Clothing, 49 Whitbread Street, Taree at a cost of $19.50 each. Karina Hogan, PDHPE Studies Coordinator
YEAR 10 FUNDRAISER FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL: This Sunday, 24 July, at Bunnings Taree Year 10 will be running the fundraising BBQ. This project was identified by the year group as a focus for 2016. It will provide much needed funds to assist St Vincent de Paul with supporting the marginalised in our community. Please feel free to come along and support us by buying a sausage. Marian Parvin, Year 10 Student Coordinator

SPORTING SUCCESS AT THE END OF TERM 2

CCC Cross Country: Katarina Kladis (Year 9) represented the Diocese in the NSC CCC Cross Country Championships held at Eastern Creek. She placed 13th and received a medal for being a member of the U15’s Girls Cross Country team at CCC who won the overall event. Daniel Sewell (Year 11), Reece Minett (Year 11) and Samuel Mudford (Year 11) also attended this event as recognised previously. All four students are to be commended on their efforts as it is a huge achievement to progress to this level.

All Schools Hockey: At the end of term 2 Wade Harry (Year 10) trialled and was successfully selected in the NSW All U16’s Schools Hockey team. He will now compete in a tournament in August, held in Melbourne. In this tournament Wade will compete against the representative teams from all of the states and territories around Australia. From this tournament Wade will have the opportunity to possibly be selected in the Australian side. This is an exceptional achievement and I wish Wade the best of luck in the upcoming tournament!! Jenna Rowsell, Rep Sport Coordinator

REPRESENTATIVE SPORT SELECTION PROCESS

Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) Sport Selection process REMINDER: Any student who wishes to trial for CCC selection must follow a specific registration process. CCC trials are for students who excel in their chosen sport and who wish to trial for a position to represent the Combined Catholic Colleges. Students should inform the Rep Sport Coordinator of their interest in trialling and students must be approved by the school to attend these selections.

The following sports require individual online registration which takes you straight to NSWCCC selections: AFL, Baseball, Basketball, Cricket, Diving, Golf, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby, Softball, Tennis, Triathlon, Volleyball.

Selections for these sports occur at different times throughout the year, some of the sports mentioned have already occurred in Term 1 and Term 2. The details and deadlines for each sport are outlined on the following website https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au.

To be eligible to trial for CCC selection in Athletics, Cross Country, Swimming, Football and Touch the process begins from being selected in the school representative team, then trialling for the diocesan team before proceeding to CCC selections if successful.
Any queries about the process should be directed to Miss Rowsell or you can access the website listed above.

**Sport representation at Diocesan Level**

A reminder to all students and parents/caregivers of students who are selected to represent the Diocese at the next level:

It is a great achievement to be selected in a Diocesan team whether it be representing in a team sport or as an individual. A lot of people put in a lot of effort and are eager to progress through the selections to represent the Diocese. I have noticed, however, recently many students have been selected but have later decided that they are not willing to go and not informed anyone.

The following things need to be considered when students are thinking about representing the Diocese in any sport:

- If you get selected and do not wish to progress through to the next level let them know immediately.
- If you find out for whatever reason you can no longer attend the event, you need to contact the person in charge straight away. (The information of the contact person will be on the documents you have received).
- If you cannot find the contact details you need to see me (Miss Rowsell) and let me know so I can pass the information on.

If students/parents and caregivers are able to inform the organiser promptly that they cannot attend other deserving students that may have just missed out can be given the opportunity to represent. I would ask for your cooperation in this area as you may find yourself in this scenario in the future. Thank you. **Jenna Rowsell, Rep Sport 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**
**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.
'Mr Kerry, I am so tired of all this.' 'Mustafa' (not his real name) was expressing his frustration and despair at his situation — not an uncommon experience I find.

He is an asylum seeker and we are working on his case together. I think his case is a good one. He is a middle class Iraqi from Baghdad who fled because of the extreme violence there a few years ago. He was in Dubai for a few years before coming to Australia to do his postgraduate study.

He is too afraid to return to Iraq after what he experienced there. He could not stay in Dubai as the UAE is not a signatory to the refugee convention, so he needed to find somewhere else to go. He applied for visas and was able to get a student visa for Australia to improve his skills with postgraduate study.

Mustafa speaks very good English, and his professional skills are going to help him get work in Australia. He is not going to take an 'Australian's job' — he will work and contribute to the economy, as we all try to do. His education and work experiences will be valuable to pass on to new workers in his profession.

He is only at the start of the process here, but his story of fleeing sectarian militias and gangs in Baghdad goes back several years. He can recall the kidnapping he endured, his fears he would be killed, and the need for his family to raise thousands in cash to free him.

Many Baghdadi people paid ransoms for the release of their relatives only to have to see their relative at the morgue. Mustafa was lucky — he was released.

Mustafa is also 'lucky' because he has a good case as a refugee, and his skills and English mean he will find work and settle in fairly quickly. The best thing is he gets a permanent visa, not a temporary protection visa, because he did not come on a boat, but by air on a student visa with his wife and son.

The situation for 'Ali' is far less certain. He came on a boat three to four years ago after being registered and approved as a refugee by the UNHCR in Indonesia. He saw no movement in resettlement from Indonesia so he came to Australia. He is now one of the thousands who, if they can prove their refugee case, only get a temporary visa, not a permanent one.

"His wife thinks he has abandoned her because she cannot believe a developed country like Australia with a good human rights record is not letting her husband sponsor his wife to come."

His case is harder legally than Mustafa's because the law changes in December 2014 mean that boat arrivals in the 'Fast Track' group have much fewer rights on review than those arriving with a visa. The system makes it easier to refuse cases and it is likely it will be harder to win court appeals, as the review grounds have narrowed — a further example of how we punish boat refugees.

Ali is also very tired and recently sought permission to visit his wife and child, who he has not seen for nearly five years. Although he cannot sponsor his wife and child to Australia on a temporary protection visa, he can visit them in a safe third country; some Iraqis and Afghans are meeting family in Iran for example. However getting the permission just to see his family was a major exercise — he needs to prove this visit is warranted and then, if the case officer agrees, he will get a short period of time (maybe two months) to spend with his wife.

What is worse for him is that she thinks he has abandoned her because she cannot believe that a developed country like Australia with a good human rights record is not letting her husband sponsor his wife to come. She does not realise that allowing Ali to sponsor his wife would be seen as 'letting the people smugglers back in with their business model, and people would die at sea'. Therefore, better to prevent a couple from being together, and not give a refugee hope of security here, as a punishment of that refugee for coming on a boat and a deterrent to others.

What is not considered in this policy is the stress on their relationship. Their relationship has been tried by their forced separation, but now her family have put pressure on her to divorce him, they believe he has a new wife here, which is why he
has not sponsored her. He does not. He simply is only on a TPV and with no prospects of a permanent visa or being able to sponsor his wife here whilst he tries and settles in to life in Australia. All he can get now is another temporary visa and he needs to fit into the skilled visa categories to get anything more permanent.

Ali’s English is not as good as Mustafa’s, and although he has some skills, he will need retraining in order to work here. He knows that his situation is temporary – even though he has been accepted as a refugee in Australia. No wonder he is stressed and tired. We have heard of several asylum seekers who have given up because of the stress, and uncertainty they face. Some returned to their home country to take a chance, others have taken their own life in despair.

The process of resettlement for refugees is not easy, and they have to face the hostile politics in this country, on top of whatever trauma they experienced before fleeing their home country. The area is a complex one and warrants careful and humane systems, not simplistic slogans and harsh punitive laws or subcontracting our international obligations to poor former colonies in the Pacific.

As we celebrate the great achievements of refugees in our community in Refugee Week, we should also remember that our policies are slowly wearing people down and in some cases destroying them. We can do, and have done better than this.

Kerry Murphy is a partner with the specialist immigration law firm D’Ambra Murphy Lawyers and member of the boards of the IARC and JRS.
COMING EVENTS - 2016

Term 3

Week 2  Monday  25/7 ♦ Students from Kobe Kaisei arrive
         Friday  29/7 ♦ Taree Careers Expo – Chatham High School
              ♦ Horsesports - Taree

Week 3  Sunday  31/7 ♦ Year 9 Snowy Excursion Departs
        Monday  1/8 ♦ Trial HSC Examinations commence
        Wednesday  3/8 ♦ P & F Meeting – 6 pm (St Joseph’s Primary School, Wingham)
        Thursday  4/8 ♦ Kobe Kaisei students depart St Clare’s
         Friday  5/8 ♦ Year 9 Snowy Excursion Returns

Week 4  Friday  12/8 ♦ St Clares’s Feast Day Celebrations

Week 5  Monday  15/8 ♦ Year 9 2017 Elective Information Evening
              ♦ Trial HSC Examinations conclude
        Tuesday  16/8 ♦ CCC Netball Championships - Penrith
              18/8 ♦ Years 7 – 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews
              ♦ Dio Athletics

Week 6  Thursday  26/8 ♦ Year 7 Vaccination – 3rd dose

Week 7  Wednesday  31/8 ♦ P & F Meeting – 6 pm

Week 8  Monday  5/9 ♦ Year 11 Yearly Examinations commence

Week 9  Thursday  15/9 ♦ Year 11 Yearly Examinations conclude
         Friday  16/9 ♦ CCC Athletics Championships

Week 10 Thursday  22/9 ♦ Year 12 Farewell Assembly
              ♦ Year 12 Big Buzz
         Friday  23/9 ♦ Year 12 Graduation Mass
              ♦ Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Week 1  Monday  10/10 ♦ First Day of Term 4
       Wednesday  12/10 ♦ Year 11 PDHPE Camp
       Thursday  13/10 ♦ HSC Written Examinations commence
       Friday  14/10 ♦ Year 7 2017 Orientation Day

Week 3  Wednesday  26/10 ♦ P & F Meeting – 6 pm

Week 4  Friday  4/11 ♦ HSC Written Examinations conclude

Week 5  Monday  7/11 ♦ Year 9 & 10 Yearly Examinations commence
         Friday  11/11 ♦ Graduation Evening
**Fulfilling International Mission for Skilled Volunteers**

Communities in **East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere** are asking for teachers, health and community development workers, administrators, agricultural workers and others. You can **assist to mentor local workers in your field of expertise**. This will provide opportunities for those who have not had the advantage of an Australian education; improve the operations of organisations in vital sectors of local communities and so **assist poverty reduction**.

For 55 years Palms Australia has assisted such communities to recruit, prepare and support Australian Catholics who volunteer to share their lives and skills. We have increasing numbers of requests from communities who believe **this approach, more than anything else, assists their self-reliance and sustainable development**.

**Want to know more?** Information Session will be held on Sunday 24 July, 10:30 am at Aquinas Academy (141 Harrington St, The Rocks) RSVP to joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9518 9551. If you cannot make it, we would still love to hear from you.
There’s something strange about Marvin McRae

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APPARITION HILL

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WHEN: Sunday 24th July, 2016
WHERE: Fays Twin Cinema, Taree

START TIME: 11:15am
COST: $10 w/proceeds to cancer research

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