Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

Today at St Clare’s we celebrate the lives of two remarkable women. St Clare of Assisi and Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Though separated by hundreds of years, Clare and Mary shared a strong faith in God, and serve as a powerful example of how to live a life that helps others find God in the world. In Mary’s case, a strong practical streak led her to establish an educational network that brings Catholic faith, charity and learning to people around the world. The influence of St Clare and St Mary is reflected regularly in the activities our students undertake. Both women had a strong commitment to prayer and contemplation. Both saw that their example could have a positive influence and impact on the lives of others. Both Clare and Mary saw their faith in God as a source of strength and peace.

When our young people engage in good leadership, care for others, work on behalf of one another, share prayer and support each other in their learning, they are following the example set by St Clare and more recently Mary MacKillop.

God Bless

Principal

P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST 2016
6 PM ST CLARE’S LIBRARY

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:   8:30am

St Bernadette’s, Krambach
Bucketts Way, Krambach
Saturday: 6:30 pm
Sunday:  9 am
(Mass is celebrated on alternate weekends – please speak to Deacon Vince or Mrs Denise Ryan at school for information

St Therese's, Lansdowne
Cundle Rd, Lansdowne
Saturday Vigil: 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 Star 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

POEM TO ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

Born beneath the Southern Cross
With poverty abound
St Mary led the Josephites
Cloaked in a dress of brown

Singing our Lord’s most humble tune
A life of sacrifice
Hence toiled to foster charity
They were the face of Christ

Along St Joseph’s way they trode
With such cause not to stray
Rippled a wake of hope and love
For they once led the way

Each welcome to their ministry
Compassion bared to all
For those who fled across the sea
They hailed to our shore

With spirits of benevolence
And wisdom to impart
They’d educate both old and young
Of God’s most Sacred Heart

For those who still stand with us now
We thank them and we pray
To follow their most righteous cause
For they still lead the way

Yet as their service is followed by us
The future is embraced
Their legacy will thus remain
As we will take their place

Today their work is woven in
Our Catholic Schools and pride
For we all walk St Joseph’s path
Building peace with each stride

We are instruments of justice
We’ve all a part to play
Not see a need without reply
For we will lead the way

With thanks to Year 9 Drama class
A healthy spirituality is not a question of choosing between Mary and Martha, but of choosing both – contemplation and action, loving and doing, prayer and service, private morality and social justice.


Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” The Lord said to her in reply,

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.”

Reflection

I was at a parish church one Sunday morning when this particular passage was the Gospel of the day and formed the basis for the priest’s sermon. At the end of Mass a woman stormed out of the church and angrily began to berate Jesus: “Typical male! Sitting there and expecting to be waited on hand and foot by a woman!!” The priest had weighted his talk heavily in favour of Mary sitting at the Lord’s feet listening and then proceeded to denounce the lack of prayer life in the parish and the resultant diminishment of faith and church attendance (wrong audience to say that to!). Martha really didn’t get a look in!

A number of factors seem to be at play in the Gospel: the cultural context, the accepted modes of hospitality of the time (was Martha overdoing it?), perhaps the status of women in the Lucan community, to name a few. But underpinning all of this is the tension in the Christian life between action and contemplation. The story follows on from the parable of The Good Samaritan, the exemplar of the love of neighbour. The action and concern of the Samaritan for a fellow human being, albeit a stranger, attacked and left to die on the side of the road leads to the latter being saved and restored to health.

We know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus took respite from his active ministry many times to go off on his own to a quiet place to pray, commune with his Father and regain the energy necessary for the mission. The Martha and Mary story is not about Jesus elevating one quality of discipleship over another, discounting the practical and exclusively commending the interior life. As author and speaker Fr Ron Rolheiser says...”Christian spirituality forever after has had to struggle with those words – (“Mary has chosen the better part.”) - A healthy spirituality is not a question of choosing between Mary and Martha, but of choosing both – contemplation and action, loving and doing, prayer and service, private morality and social justice.

(Author/Source: Fr Ron Rolheiser)
Prayer

Lord, give me balance.
Between faith in your work and faithfulness in my work,
Between speaking with conviction and hearing with compassion,
Between knowing things and knowing people,
Between speaking truth with winsomeness and saying words of wisdom,
Between working with diligence and resting in providence,
Between leading as a servant and serving as a leader,
Between living in secret for your rewards and letting my light shine for your glory,
Between mourning sin and rejoicing in the cross…Lord, give me balance.

(Author/Source: julianfreeman.ca)

Denise Ryan, Ministry Coordinator

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMMERSION TRIP TO SYDNEY: On Sunday, 31 July 15 students from Year 11 and three staff left for four days of social justice work, engaging with people from many different backgrounds, life experiences and social conditions. We also worked alongside amazing volunteers who live and work supporting people who are marginalised and often deal with challenging circumstances in life. Our group assisted cleaning and gardening at ‘Harry’s’ place – a man who lives on his own and has needs that the Salvo’s so lovingly offer. Our dear ‘Nina’ whose story saddened all of us but who delights us with her passion for Bon Jovi. She opened her heart declaring our group her own children ‘whom she’ll miss once we leave’.

Sean Page, Jayden Wisemantel, Hannah Lewis & Sophie Robinson
In reality the activities were wonderful, but the most important aspect of our journey was the very special people we met and chatted with. Relationships were made and even though they were for a short time, the people we encountered had a significant impact on our group and in a very generous way our group had a significant impact on them as well. A wonderful four days! The Holy Spirit was very much present in all our experiences.

Some comments from the group:

The immersion trip for me was an absolute eye opening experience. I feel as though I have changed in some way since coming home from this trip and although I don’t know exactly what or how it has changed me, I just know that I see things differently and I act differently.

Having to engage with people I didn’t know was hard. But once I did it, it was very rewarding for myself.

Seeing people who had been through and still are experiencing so much pain and still give a smile opened my mind to there being hope for anyone no matter what they have been through. For this, I am so grateful that I could go on the Immersion Trip.

My overall comment on the trip is that it was a truly life-changing experience and it challenged me to question – how can these people with barely anything really show us as individuals and as a group what life is truly about... and they did just that.
I would like to congratulate the 15 students:

Will Avery, Emily Becker, Mikayla Cartwright, Demi Fox, Ben Horsburgh, Sidhant Joon, Luka King, Hannah Lewis, Willow Mackay, Shayla Mancell, Sean Page, Sophie Robinson, Samuel Thomson, Eliza Williamson and Jayden Wisemantel.

Thank you also to Mrs Ryan and Jeremy Hobbes for their generous support.

Deacon Vince

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL: It is my pleasure to be able to congratulate Sean Page and Peter Geeves-Whitehouse on their selection once again to travel to Sydney for another prestigious Art Workshop. It is quite rare for a student to be chosen a second time to participate and both boys have been asked to return in the September holidays. Well done, gentlemen.

Congratulations also to Sarah Ward who has been chosen to travel to Canberra for the NYSF (National Youth Science Forum). Very few students make it to this level. Great work, Sarah!

On Wednesday this week, 18 Year 11 students were notified of their progression to the next level of Senior Leader elections. Twenty six very worthy applicants supplied their details and a photograph and were subject to teacher vote at this stage. The teachers considered the following when placing their votes:

1. Does the student provide a good example for the rest of the students to follow with regard to school rules (including being clean shaven for the males and having hair longer than collar length tied back) and do they wear the correct uniform?
2. Does the student apply themselves to all aspects of school life?
3. Does the student work for the good of others?
4. Is the student able to stand aside from his/her peers to deal with issues when necessary?
5. Has the student or does the student display leadership potential?
Congratulations to the following students who have made it through to the next round:

William Avery, Emily Becker, Chantelle Bell, Kristy Bell, Hannah Burley, Lachlan Cross, Demi Fox, Abbi Greenaway, Ruby Jones, Hannah Lewis, Willow Mackay, Shayla Mancell, Kylie Neilson, Michael O’Dwyer, Sean Page, Andrew Taylor, Sarah Ward and Gabrielle Wyse.

These students will now have to prepare a speech which will be submitted to Mrs Harvard in the office by the end of school on Monday, 22 August. This speech will be delivered at the end of the Assembly on Tuesday, 23 August to the whole school. All students in Years 10 and 11, and teachers will be asked to vote. From these 18 students, 12 Senior Leaders will be chosen. The first eight of these twelve students will then have the opportunity to apply for School Captain if they wish to do so. Those students who have applied will have an interview with a panel over the coming weeks and the two captains and vice-captains will be chosen.

Good luck to everyone. It has been wonderful to have so many capable applicants for this process.

I would like to remind everyone about the importance of helping each other and providing support as we head towards our Yearly Examinations. Be prepared and don’t leave study until the last moment. If you don’t understand something, then ask!!! Please don’t leave this until the night before an exam.

Stay positive, work with a friend and help each other when needed. You have the ability to be organised.

I am happy to help anyone with a study timetable if necessary. Effective study is the aim.

“Let him who would enjoy a good future waste none of his present.”

Roger Babson

Karen McCann, Year 11 Student Coordinator

CAREERS CORNER: Last week’s article referred to the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) 2016 booklet to assist parents and carers understand how UAC operates. This online booklet can be access by searching for All About UAC for Parents

Although on-time UAC registrations do not close until Friday, 30 September, some other applications require a UAC number. On-time registration must be accompanied by an electronic payment of $41.

Before attempting to log-in and register with UAC, each student MUST have selected 9 preferences. These preferences should include:

- Institution - University or Other Tertiary Provider (OTP) using UAC entry
- Course Title
- Campus
- UAC Course code
Making these selections is time consuming. Failure to have these preferences at hand will result in the UAC site timing-out, thus the process will need to recommence. One way in which selections can be prepared is to use the EXCEL document distributed as part of Careers Day 2 (13 May). Part of this document has been reproduced below and the whole document has been re-sent to all Year 12 students.

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**WARNINGS:**

- Any early entry, other than UNE Direct Early Entry, **MUST** be among the 9 preferences.
- Those students wishing to apply for University of Sydney E12 Entry, it **MUST** be the first preference.
- Those applying for UTS (University of Technology, Sydney) in order to access the 10 BONUS POINTS, **MUST** also place the relevant UTS course as first preference.

In order to assist you with UAC applications, please contact me to organise a mutually suitable time. **Ian Evans, Careers Adviser**

**SARAH WARD CONTINUES NYSF SUCCESS FOR ST CLARE’S:**

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is an Australian program dedicated to exposing Year 11 students who are heading into Year 12 and are thinking about a career in **science**, **engineering** and related disciplines to major scientific institutions and researchers, so that they may make more informed choices for their future endeavours. They are also given training in time management, interview skills and public speaking.

With limited places, and national selection, St Clare’s has been over-represented at the NYSF in the past decade – in some years, we have been awarded three places due to the thorough preparation of applicants and their commitment to academic and community excellence in their junior high school years.

Sarah Ward
We congratulate **Sarah Ward** for her 2017 selection. Below is a précis of Sarah’s selection process:

Around the beginning of Term 2 this year, after being encouraged by numerous students and staff members of my school, I submitted my “Expression of Interest” for the 2017 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). After receiving knowledge that I had been selected by my local Rotary club of Great Lakes (who have agreed to sponsor me on my journey), I began the exciting process of preparing for District selections. This involved many weekly meetings with members of the club, which helped me to prepare for the interview situations I would face at Walcha. On the 30th of July, I attended the District selections at Walcha Central School, where I represented St Clare’s and competed for a spot at NYSF, against almost 40 other candidates from the North Coast, North West and New England Regions. Anxiously, I waited for a letter of confirmation, which I received yesterday, (8th August) congratulating me on my success of being selected to attend the forum. So, for 12 days in January, 2017, I will be attending the National Youth Science Forum at the Australian National University in Canberra. I will soon be beginning to fundraise, both in and out of the school community, to gather some funding for the experience – words cannot express how excited I am!

*It just goes to show that hard work really does pays off!* **Sarah Ward, Year 11**

Planning of the opportunities for the school to assist Sarah in her fund-raising ventures will now commence. **Bronwyn Wesley, Science Studies Coordinator**

**CREATIVE ARTS NEWS:** Congratulations, to all Year 11 Visual Arts students on their brilliant Australian Identity artworks on display in the school foyer. These works are diverse in materials and techniques and all inspired by well-known Australian artists of influence. Make sure you have a look next time you visit the school.

**Jason Koenig, Creative Arts Coordinator**
7/8 TOUCH REPORT: On Thursday, 28 July two touch teams from St Clare’s competed in the 7/8 touch tournament held at Taree. The girl’s team improved throughout the day and put in a big effort as they only had two substitutes throughout the entire tournament. They had two losses against Great Lakes and Tomaree, one draw against St Joseph’s Regional and finished with a great win against MacKillop.

![Back (from left): Maddy Aiken, Cassie Crittenden, Tilley Hunter, Mollyrose Simmons
Front (from left): Dani Altham, Jenna Rodgers, Molly Reid, Chloe Webber](image)

The boy’s team played some excellent Touch in every game throughout the day. They played really well together considering they did not have a training run. They had two wins against Wingham and St Joseph’s Regional. They lost to Taree High, MacKillop and only narrowly lost to Chatham High in an excellent game.

All students were great on the day and played well. I would like to thank Carlin Pettet and Jack Wood for assisting as referees on the day. Jenna Rowsell, Rep Sports Coordinator

![Back (from left): Daniel Summers, Declan Pettet, Jett Bowen, Drey Mercy, Dane Hinton
Front (from left): Connor Debono, Morgan Gao, Ryan Young, Jack Montague, Rainer Fagerstrom, Fraser Crossingham](image)
HORSE SPORTS: On Friday, 29 July 2016, St Clare’s hosted its 3rd Annual Horse Sports Day at Taree Showground. A great day was had by all and with the sun shining and no ‘blizzard like winds’ like last year. The day was a huge success with 32 Primary and Secondary Catholic, State and Independent Schools and over 140 horses and riders attending from the Diocese and surrounding areas. Who says you shouldn’t work with children and animals!!!

St Clare’s students who participated in the day were Kirra Forsayth, Maddie Aiken, Dani Altham, Emma Johnston, Mya Grech, Kya Cheers, Molly Aiken, Jessica Cheers and Monique O’Leary. There were some great results on the day and congratulations to all the girls. The winner of the St Clare’s perpetual trophy for the ‘Highest pointscore’ for the day was Year 11 student Jessica Cheers. Congratulations to Jessica. The Overall Primary and Secondary School winners this year were Gloucester Public School and St Joseph’s Regional College Port Macquarie.

The day would not have been a success without the many helpers that tirelessly put in 110%. Thank you to the St Clare’s staff members Melissa Northam, Karen Grant and David Constantine without your help the day would not have run as smoothly, thank you again. To the St Clare’s student helpers Haylee Buttsworth, Demi Fox and Kirrily Smith you all did an amazing job thank you. To St Clare’s parent helpers on the day Karen Wooding who ran the rings very professionally and Kim Cheers who was St Clare’s Team Manager for the day, thank you both you did an amazing job. Also a huge thank you to the judges on the day, Amy Bonsor, Nicole Stubbs, Shelly Chaundy, Marina Bain and Josie Smith. There were many other parent and friend helpers on the day far too many to name but you know who you are and I thank you very much.

Also a big, big thank you to the sponsors for supporting our school and such a great event which is only getting bigger and better each year. Misties New and Used Saddlery, Taree Veterinary Hospital, Manning Valley Saddlery, Pacific Blue Metal, Great Lakes Aggregates, The Shed Company Taree and Menn-Inn Trailers Taree.
Tammy Woods, Horse Sports Coordinator
TOP END 2016 - FIRST INSTALMENT (NEWCASTLE TO KAKADU): As promised, here is the first instalment in a number of articles to tell you about the recent Dukes trip to the Top End.

As many would know, Week 10 of last term saw 17 intrepid travellers from the St Clare’s Duke of Ed team head north to the promise of adventure and warmer weather. As usual, the Top End didn’t let us down… 30+ degree days and 20 degree nights where the order for our 13 days of fun in the sun.

Wednesday morning saw the group meet for a chilly early morning (not as early as usual thanks to Qantas) start… all students and staff present, we set off for Newcastle airport and the beginning of our adventure. The trip up went off with only a few minor hiccups and we arrived in Darwin on time at 3:30 pm, ready to start the run around getting gear organised in time for a famous Top End sunset over the Arafura Sea. It’s something that really must be seen, as words just don’t do it justice.
The next morning, with the group assembled, it was time to see some of the less pleasant Top End residents at Crocodylus Park. Here some of the guys got to feed and hold a croc as well as taking in the sights of the zoo. After a brief shopping trip in the city, we headed for the Mindil Beach Markets for some great food and entertainment. Our bellies full, we headed back to Kormilda College to get ready for the real adventure... and what an adventure we had, crocs, buffs, wild pigs. You name it, the NT really put on a show for us this year.

Day 3 in the Top End began with an early rise and a 1 hour drive east to Corroboree Billabong, where we were treated to a 2 hour croc cruise. Here we saw both salt and fresh water crocodiles as well as a huge range of birdlife. Following our first adventure, we were off to Kakadu via the Bark Hut Inn and the Old Jim Jim Road. As a first this year, I decided to take the students in to see the rock art at Nourangie Rock. This is some amazing and very detailed art and well worth the stop. Friday night saw us set up at Merl Campground, in the far north of the park. Here we watched another sunset, this time looking over the Magella Wetlands from Ubir, and saw the crocs by torch light at Cahills Crossing. Amazingly there where very few mosquitoes this year (if you have been here before, you would know what I mean).

Upon returning to camp, the students made their final preparations for the first of two three day walks.
Stay tuned in over the next few weeks and we will share our stories and photos with you. Thanks for reading.

Bernie Holland, Dukes Coordinator
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.

**WHERE?**  **Room 10**

Bring your lunch!

We hope to see you there!

Mrs Julie Rowsell- Mathematics Coordinator

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**MONDAY**  15/8  **Help Urgently Required**

**TUESDAY**  16/8  **Ros Hia**

**WEDNESDAY**  17/8  **Help Urgently Required**

**THURSDAY**  18/8  **Help Urgently Required**

**FRIDAY**  19/8  **Jane Murray**

**CANTEEN WEEK**

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENT/GUARDIAN & STUDENT VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR HELP
NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

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

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**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 - 2016

Term 3

Week 5  Monday  15/8  ◆ Year 9 2017 Elective Information Evening
        ◆ Trial HSC Examinations conclude
        ◆ Year 10 HSIE Excursion
      Tuesday 16/8  ◆ CCC Netball Championships - Penrith
      Thursday 18/8  ◆ Years 7 – 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews
                        ◆ Dio Athletics

Week 6  Thursday  25/8  ◆ Year 7 Vaccination – 3rd dose

Week 7  Wednesday  31/8  ◆ P & F Meeting – 6 pm St Clare’s Library
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

Week 6  Friday  18/11  ◆ Year 9 & 10 Yearly Examinations conclude

Week 7  Monday  21/11  ◆ Year 7 & 8 Yearly Examinations commence
       Wednesday 23/11  ◆ P & F Meeting – 6 pm
       Friday 25/11  ◆ Year 7 & 8 Yearly Examinations conclude
Week 10
Thursday 15/12 ♦ HSC Results released
Friday 16/12 ♦ ATAR Results released
♦ Annual Awards Ceremony
♦ Final Day for Students

Week 11
Monday 19/12 ♦ Pupil Free Day
♦ Parent/Teacher Interviews (by request)
Tuesday 20/12 ♦ Final Day for Teachers

2017

Term 1

Week 1
Friday 27/1 ♦ Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day
Monday 30/1 ♦ Years 7, 11 & 12 Students Commence
Tuesday 31/1 ♦ Years 8, 9 & 10 Students Return

FEDERATION OF P & F ASSOCIATIONS GENERAL MEETING

Want to learn more about what is happening in your school as well as our Diocese? Why not come along to the next Federation of P & F Associations General Meeting.

DATE: Wednesday, 24th August
WHERE: Victor Peters Suite
       (Adjacent to the Catholic Schools Office)
       841 Hunter Street Newcastle West
TIME: 6.30pm – 8.30pm
RSVP: 19.8.16 (for catering purposes).

Guest speakers include:

The Director of Catholic Schools – Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Mr. Ray Collins who will share with us information about current issues in our Diocese as well as the latest information on funding.

The Coordinator of the CSO Student Wellbeing Unit, Dr Steve Zolezzi will share some great tips and advice to assist you to develop resilience, both in yourself and your child!

We look forward to welcoming you!

RSVP and further information: Cath Garrett-Jones
E: cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au
P: 4979 1303
Have you ever wondered about becoming a Catholic or what this would involve

Then this information night on the Catholic faith is for you

**WHEN:** 7pm WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 2016

**WHERE:** Parish Hall, 33 Lake Street, FORSTER

↑ Perhaps you are engaged to a Catholic or married to a Catholic and have Catholic children; or
↑ Looking for a Christian community to which you feel you could really belong; or
↑ Maybe you are just interested.

THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

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**COME & SEE**

"... When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' He said to them, 'Come and See.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day..."

*John 1:35-42*

To become a Catholic is to decide, in the light of prayer and reflection, that it is this faith community with which one identifies, feels at home and can live out the call to be a follower of Jesus.

In inviting people to join us, the Catholic community is not offering a product. We are asking people to participate in something... the mission of Jesus, which at heart is about making the world a better place in which human beings can grow and flourish.

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For those who decide they wish to continue the journey, there will be weekly meetings on Wednesday evening (except during school hols).

These gatherings will involve: Prayer, Reflection & Looking at the values & teachings of the Catholic community.

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For more information please contact

Anne Moloney 6555 8918

"Every experience in your life is being orchestrated to teach you something you need to know to move forwards."
2016
19th Annual
Special Needs Mass

Come to the Table

St James’ Primary School Muswellbrook
Together with Catholic schools of the Upper Hunter region and
the Federation of P & F Associations, Special Needs Working Party
Warmly welcome all to join with
principals, teachers, school staff and families and parishioners to
celebrate our Annual Special Needs Mass.

Tuesday 30 August, 2016 at 7pm
St James’ Catholic Church
65 Brook Street
MUSWELLBROOK

No RSVP required, however for further details, please contact:
Cath Garrett-Jones, Parent Liaison and Resource Officer
P 4978 1303 E cath.garrett-jones@mn.catholic.edu.au