Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

Sport can bring out the best and worst in people. One had only to see the exit interview from Australian cyclist Anna Meares to appreciate the passion and great class she bought to the position of Olympic Team Captain. She at least medalled. Spare a thought for the team members who don’t win a place and those who, in media terms, ‘failed’. How hard that must be for a young athlete to handle. Before they leave the country they are championships, they have to be the best in their field to be selected and suddenly they are ‘performing below expectations’, no good, a failure. Yet the athletes know they did the work and performed the best they could under the circumstances in which they found themselves. Resilience is the key, the ability to bounce back, to work diligently to overcome deficiencies and enjoy the next challenge.

Our Year 12 students will experience similar feelings as they receive their HSC Trial results. Some will feel that they have performed at their best, others will feel let down and perhaps a little dispirited at the results they have achieved. However, with ten weeks to go before the HSC exams nothing is lost. A committed student can change their fortunes and gain much in the ‘run’ into the exam period. Students will best fulfil their potential if they view the exams as a challenge to be embraced rather than something which induces fear and anxiety.

This week we had a visit from Mr Michael Healy, member of the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Council and Mr Tony Kelly, Assistant Director Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle. The Catholic Schools Council advises the Bishop on matters of education and school facilities. Mr Kelly and Mr Healy were led on a school tour by school leaders, Thomas Dormor, Casey Griffiths and Melanie Malakou. While touring the leaders spoke about changes they had seen in the school over their years as students and the important values that they had learned as members of the St Clare’s Catholic community.

Last Friday we celebrated St Clare’s Feast Day. Students attended talks by representatives of various charities and Christian organisations from across our region. My thanks to Gary Christensen of Catholic Care who spoke to Years 7, 9 and 10 about homelessness and plans to establish a soup kitchen to help those in need in the Taree area, representatives of the Asylum and Refugee Service (Catholic Care, Mayfield) for their time with Year 11, Melissa Fenech, Diocesan Youth Worker who worked with Year 8 and Reverends Chris and Helen from Taree Anglican Community who spoke about their charity operations and the need in the area.
A feature of the day was the whole school mass, led by Fr Greg Barker from Forster Parish, Father Derek from Gloucester and Deacon Vince (Fr George was an apology). Father Greg spoke on the idea of seizing the day and making the change in yourself or the world you want to see, something that St Clare and Mary MacKillop did on a regular basis. A great message. We are lucky to have the support of these men in our school.

My thanks also to Ministry Coordinator Denise Ryan for organising the mass, Carmel Brown and the Year 10 Music class for the wonderful music, Year 11 leadership candidates and SRC students who led the readings and prayers throughout the mass, Phill Carney, Marianne O’Donnell, Ian Evans and Phil Gibney for their work to ensure the day ran successfully. My thanks also to Pastoral Care teachers who helped students to organise the stalls and fundraising activities.

A special thanks to David Constantine and the hospitality students who supplied a lovely lunch for our visitors and guests. It was wonderful to be able to welcome former staff members and members of the Josephite order, Sisters Ellen, Louise and Kathryn, to share our mass and lunch.

Above left – Ryan Young
Above Right - Haylee Butsworth & Bianca Denning
Left - Jason Koenig, Sr Ellen & Sr Louise

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)

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 the Sea, Forster-Tuncurry Catholic Parish
Holy Name of Jesus Parish Church, Forster
33 Lake Street, Forster
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

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

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

Time to defuse Nauru and Manus Island time bombs

Frank Brennan | 15 August 2016

On the weekend, I joined Robert Manne, Tim Costello and John Menadue in calling for an end to the limbo imposed on proven refugees on Nauru and Manus Island. I think this can be done while keeping the boats stopped. I think it ought be done.

Appearing on the ABC 7.30 program last Thursday after The Guardian's release of 2000 incident reports from Nauru, Peter Dutton, the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, told presenter Leigh Sales, 'I would like to get people off Nauru tomorrow but I have got to do it in such a way that we don't restart boats.'

He went on to say, 'We have had discussions with a number of other countries, but what we're not going to do is enter into an arrangement that sends a green light to people smugglers.' Dutton appreciates that Nauru and Manus Island are ticking time bombs.

During the election campaign, Malcolm Turnbull said that we could not be misty eyed about the situation on these islands, a situation of Australia's making and a situation funded recurrently with the Australian cheque book. Now that the election is over, neither our politicians nor their strategic advisers can afford willfully to close their eyes to the situation.

The majority of asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island have now been proved to be refugees. They are not going to accept cheques to go back home and face renewed persecution. That's why they fled in the first place. Most of these people have had their lives on hold, in appalling circumstances, for over three years. It's time to act. Ongoing inaction will send a green light to desperate people to do desperate things.

While respecting those refugee advocates and their supporters who cannot countenance stopping the boats coming from Indonesia, I think it is time to see if we can design a way of getting the asylum seekers off Nauru and Manus Island ‘in such a way that we don't restart boats’, ensuring that we continue to send a red light to people smugglers in Java.
The precedent is the Howard government's successful plan to empty the Nauru and Manus Island processing centres while winding back its original Pacific Solution, ensuring the boats stayed stopped.

To set a new direction, we have first to put aside the undesirable and unworkable aspects of the present policy settings. Are not our military and intelligence services (in cooperation with Indonesian officials) sufficiently on the job that they can stop people smugglers in their tracks, stopping boats from being filled, stopping boats from setting out and turning back any that set out, regardless of whether proven refugees on Nauru and Manus Island are resettled elsewhere (even ultimately in Australia)?

The suggestion that those camps need to remain filled in order to send a message to people smugglers so that the boats will stay stopped is not only morally unacceptable; it is strategically questionable. Those proven to be refugees should be resettled as quickly as practicable, and that includes taking up New Zealand's offer of 150 places a year — just as John Howard did when he accepted New Zealand's offer to take 131 from the Tampa.

In 2012, Angus Houston proposed a resurrected Pacific solution to the Gillard government for two purposes only. He saw it as a temporary circuit breaker until the boats could be stopped and turned back lawfully and safely. His expert panel did not propose it as a permanent precondition for being able to stop boats and turn them back. Secondly, he saw the maintenance of the offshore processing centres once the boats had stopped as a necessary part of the jigsaw in designing a regional solution for the protection, processing and resettlement of refugees in South East Asia. Given that there has been no continuing flow of irregular maritime arrivals (IMAs), Houston saw no warrant for keeping proven refugees on Nauru or Manus Island for years on end, without any end in prospect. The Houston Panel stated:

The Panel's view is that, in the short term, the establishment of processing facilities in Nauru as soon as practical is a necessary circuit breaker to the current surge in irregular migration to Australia. It is also an important measure to diminish the prospect of further loss of life at sea. Over time, further development of such facilities in Nauru would need to take account of the ongoing flow of IMAs to Australia and progress towards the goal of an integrated regional framework for the processing of asylum claims.

Given that there has been no 'ongoing flow of IMAs to Australia', the only case for maintaining processing facilities on Nauru and Manus Island, in line with the Houston recommendations, would be as part of 'an integrated regional framework for the processing of asylum claims'. To date, the Abbott and Turnbull governments have done NOTHING to establish that framework. Nauru and Manus Island no longer perform any credible, morally coherent, or useful task in securing Australia's borders. Even talk of sending signals is misplaced. The main signal is being sent to Australian voters, not to asylum seekers waiting in Java whose attempts to commission people smugglers have been thwarted by Indonesian officials and Australian intelligence, and whose boats would be turned back in any event.

Las Thursday evening Dutton said 'we have had discussions with a number of other countries' but then went on to say, 'I think the situation is that people have paid people smugglers for a migration outcome. They want to come to Australia, they don't want to go to New Zealand, Canada, the United States, Malaysia, anywhere else.' It's time for Turnbull, Shorten and Di Natale to agree on a timetable. If the government is unable to resettle the proven refugees elsewhere in countries like New Zealand and Canada by the end of the year, the refugees should be resettled in Australia. If there are still asylum seekers awaiting determination of their claims by the end of the year, they should be brought to Christmas Island for processing. To keep them any longer on Nauru and Manus Island is to tempt fate adverse to their interests, adverse to the national interest of PNG and Nauru, and adverse to Australia's international standing and sense of ourselves.

Dutton's status quo can't work much longer, and he must know that. His advisers know that in this realm of human activity, the red and green lights require prior calculation of what people will do to save their own lives and to get on with their lives. It's much more complex than the census, and it's much more complicated than being re-elected. The stakes are very high, and not just for those proven refugees we continue to punish so publicly and so unapologetically pretending that we are treating them decently. Turnbull and Dutton have a mandate to stop the boats. They have no mandate to make these people suffer more, in our name, for no appreciable benefit to anybody.

To keep them on hold any longer in such circumstances will be to send a green light to desperate, trapped people doing desperate things beyond the control of the governments and service providers paid with Australian tax dollars to keep them out of sight and out of mind. It's time for our politicians to agree to defuse the ticking time bombs of Nauru and Manus Island.
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Listen: Frank Brennan joins Fran Kelly on RN Breakfast.

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- The changing face of the law across generations

**CAREERS CORNER:** Although this week’s article commences with reference to Year 12, it has **special significance for Year 10 and 11 students** and their families (see the final two paragraphs).

On return to classes, post Trial HSC Examinations, Year 12 students have commenced applications for further education in 2017 – about ⅓ of the class will be undertaking tertiary education next year which requires registration with UAC (Universities Admission Centre). Accordingly, students have been registering on-line with UAC (applicants **MUST e-pay $41**).

This registration then allows students to make a further application for the **School Recommendation Schemes (SRS)** which are administered by UAC. These schemes are one way institutions make **early offers of undergraduate admission using criteria other than (or in addition to) ATARs**. These criteria may include **school recommendations, senior secondary studies and personal awards and achievements**. Each institution has its own policies on how its individual SRS scheme will work.

Students can apply for SRS-based courses at the 12 tertiary institutions listed below (some offer fewer place than others; some have additional requirements/restrictions):

- Australian Catholic University
- Australian National University
- Charles Sturt University
- Griffith University
- Macquarie University
- National Art School
- SAE Creative Media Institute
- University of Canberra
- University of New England
- University of Newcastle
- University of Technology Sydney
- Western Sydney University
Mr Nicholls, Mrs Avery, Mrs Davidson and Mr Evans will soon be completing applications for those Year 12 who have applied for SRS by rating of applicants – there are **10 areas of study** and **5 areas of aptitude/attitude** to be rated. These rating will be based on:

- Year 11 Semester 1 Examination results AND comments;
- Year 11 Final Examination results AND comments;
- Year 12 Semester 1 Examination results AND comments;
- ability to work within the requirements of an educational institution as evidenced through compliance with our school’s requirements for Senior Students as listed in the Year 11 enrolment interview package (currently being signed by Year 10 students);
- involvement in the extra-curricular life of the school.

The school ratings are then validated by being compared to the RoSA (Record of School Achievement) grades held by BOSTES. So… for current **Year 10 and Year 11 students**, if you intend to apply for SRS next year or the year after, please keep in mind that your forthcoming examinations and assessment task results **WILL** be relevant for SRS applications in the future. **Ian Evans, Careers Adviser**

**HELP SARAH WARD GET TO NSYF:** Following her successful selection for the **2017 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)**, Year 11 student, **Sarah Ward**, has registered with [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) in seeking support.

Currently, the NYSF attendance fee stands at nearly $3,100, covering the entire 12-day journey next year. Closing time for this fee is 30 September. With already $1000 worth of donations from family and the local Rotary club, Sarah is well underway towards reaching this goal.

Sarah is fortunate that current St Clare’s School Vice-Captain, **Declan Moylan** is a **2017 NYSF staff member** for her course. Declan was selected for this staff role following his impressive participation in the 2016 NYSF last January.

Those in a position to help Sarah can do so by accessing [https://www.gofundme.com/2b2bucyc](https://www.gofundme.com/2b2bucyc)

**Bronwyn Wesley, Acting Science Studies Coordinator**
GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE:  Year 9 Students from St Clare’s High have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. Phillip Carney, Year 9 Excursion Coordinator

ST CLARE’S DAY LUNCHEON:  As part of the St Clare’s Feast Day festivities last Friday, some students from the Year 11 Hospitality class prepared and served a delicious lunch for the invited guests as well as a number of staff.

The four students involved were Luciana Maurer, Demi Fox, Sophie Robinson and Chantelle Bell, with the assistance of Hospitality teacher David Constantine and Gabrielle McFarlane.

Among the guests were a number of retired staff, the sisters of St Joseph’s and clergy from the local parish.

Gabrielle McFarlane, Hospitality Assistant
YEAR 10 HISTORY EXCURSION TO PORT MACQUARIE: On Monday, 15 August, the Semester 2 Year 10 History classes travelled to Port Macquarie to investigate some of the history of the local area. Students were split into groups with each group rotating through three venues/activities. At the Heritage Museum, students examined artefacts from the early settlement of Port Macquarie as Australia’s third penal settlement. From washing machines to toys and games to items of everyday life, students gained a valuable insight into life in the 1800s. Then to the Historic Courthouse, students were given some history as to the application of law and order of the early settlement, and an opportunity to re-create a court case and consider a verdict. Our students were most enthusiastic in their role playing.

Finally, led by local heritage officer, Mitch McKay, we had a short walking tour of some sites of interest including visits to: the archaeological remains under the Glasshouse; the Barton Sculpture; an aboriginal burial site. Aspects of restoration, conservation and heritage were key themes in discussions throughout the day. Thanks to Mr Solomon, Mr Hobbes, Mrs Woods and Mr Bielby who attended on the day. All venues commented on the excellent conduct of our students, and a good day was enjoyed by all. Bruce Bielby, HSIE/LOTE Coordinator

Mitch McKay sharing his knowledge of heritage and conservation
YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO OLD BAR BEACH: Three Year 10 classes attended our Semester 2 Old Bar Beach excursion on Monday, 15 August. All students were very well behaved and represented the school exceptionally. The students completed a number of activities from a beach study, to a cross section. Thanks to Mrs Parvin for climbing the sand hills, to Ms Robison for showing us longshore drift with fishing lines and to Mrs Davidson for showing us erosion with sandcastles. Mrs Grant and Brain Hughes, our local Marine and Estuarine Officer, showed us how much rubbish is on what seemed like a clean beach, but when the students started looking a number of items were found and they helped clean up the beach and surrounding areas. Well done to the five students who carried the plastic pipe off the beach.

Thanks also to Elaine from the Old Bar replenishment group who was a guest speaker at our lunch at Club Old Bar.

Well done Year 10, what environmental citizens you are becoming!

Karen Grant, Geography Teacher
ST CLARE’S HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS THE
MUSIC1 CLASS OF 2016

Saturday, 27 August 2016
5 pm
St Clare’s Music Room
All are welcome to be entertained by the students HSC performances
A light supper will be provided

MUSIC HSC PERFORMANCES: On Saturday, 27 August 2016 the Music1 class of 2016 will present their HSC performances. The students; Jordan Brown (Saxophone), Emily Fowle (Vocals & Piano) & Clayton Wisemantel (Clarinet) will perform their chosen music pieces.

The students are very fortunate to be supported by talented students from Years 11, 10 & 9:

Johnathon Black
Nirian Boelling-McDougall
Maddison Hayes
Amanda Jones
Thomas Lee
Luke Strong
Miguel Guthridge
and the outstanding accompaniment of Mr McDougall.
The program will be varied, designed to demonstrate each individuals’ musical ability, sensitivity and understanding of their chosen topics studied throughout Year 12. A light supper will be provided.

This is an invaluable opportunity for the students, their families and friends. All are welcome to come along.

On 1 September the students will perform their programs for Year 6 students from St Joseph’s, Taree.

**Viva la Musica**  
**Mrs Brown**

**NSW STATE FUTSAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:** On Monday 8 August, Tuesday 10 August and Friday 12 August, three teams from St Clare’s, U14 and 16 Boys team and U16 Girls team, travelled to Port Macquarie to participate in the NSW State Championships.

U14 boys were competing against teams from Coffs Harbour, Great Lakes, Northern Rivers and Hastings. The boys defeated every single one of these teams in the round games.

After a closely contested 1st half, they proved too strong in the final, emerging victorious with the final score 9-1 over last year’s National Champion, therefore winning the trophy for St Clare’s to become NSW State Champion for 2016, following in the footsteps of the teams of 2014 and 2015 and qualifying for the Australian National Title in Queensland later this year.

Five or six of the boys have been selected to trial for the U14’s Australian team. The trials will be held in Brisbane during the September school holidays.

Under 14’s State Champions: Harry Loretan, Zenyn Proctor, Max Lynch, Sam Moddero, Evan Martin, Sam Miller, Noah Manson, Elijah Simpson and Lewis Bramble. Coach/Teacher: Laurent Gonfond
The U16 boys and girls played well winning five of their six games, but unfortunately the boys lost in the final 3-1 and the girls in the final on a penalty shoot-out.

Both teams played a very fast and entertaining game winning against last year’s State winners and finishing second in their group.

I would like to thank Rebecca Huet for her valuable help with the 16 girls and all the parents who drove to support the teams during the tournament. Mr Laurent, Futsal Coach
TOP END 2016 - SECOND INSTALMENT (UBIRR TO GUNLOM FALLS): Hello again folks. As promised, here is the second instalment for this year’s tour of the Top End. In this instalment, students complete the first of their three day walks and travel to the southern end of Kakadu National Park.

Saturday morning saw students rising early and heading to Gubara Pools (the start of our first three day walk). The walk at Gubara is an introductory level walk, where students begin working together and practicing the skills required for a bushwalk in this rugged part of Australia. Here students viewed ancient rock art and amazing scenery while climbing house sized boulders. Oh and they did loads of swimming. I have included some pictures for you all. I hope you enjoy them.
After a very early start on Monday morning, we walked out of Gubara climbed into the Troopies and headed for Gunlom falls for, you guessed it, more swimming…

We stayed Monday evening at a little known spot called Ferny Gully then headed for Gunlom Falls via Plum Tree falls (a very secret little spot on the way into Gunlom) and Motorcar Falls (again an area seldom visited by tourists.)
Thanks for taking the time to read about our adventures. I hope you enjoyed the photos… we certainly had fun taking them. Stay tuned for Part 3 of our Top End 2016 Tour next week. In the meantime, if you are interested in being part of the Dukes program here at St Clare’s, come along to our meetings on Wednesdays in Room 21. But don’t wait too long as training has already begun on our second Bronze trip to be held at the end of Week 9.

Bernie Holland, Dukes 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

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VACANCIES STILL EXIST
MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS 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

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 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
The Hunter Institute of Mental Health presents:

Living Well through the
Higher School Certificate
with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

FREE EVENT
Monday 22 August, 6:30pm—9:00pm
Newcastle City Hall, Concert Hall

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists. He is passionate about delivering national and international evidence-based workshops and seminars that make a difference to the health and wellbeing of young people.
This event will be relevant for:

- Year 11 and 12 students;
- Teachers;
- Parents and carers; and
- Others who are supporting young people.

Hear about:

- Studying smarter;
- Dealing with stress and anxiety;
- Keeping things in perspective; and
- Living well during Year 12 and the Higher School Certificate.

Ways to help promote this event:

- Print an A4 flyer and place on noticeboards;
- Make an announcement at assembly;
- Place an item in the school newsletter;
- Send an email or text to families;
- Make an announcement at a staff meeting; or
- Forward this email to staff and parents.

Information and tickets:


For event enquiries, contact us on:

p: 02 4924 6900   e: himh@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

This community event is proudly supported by nib foundation.