Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

The Principal’s Panel met and interviewed eight students for the School Captains and Vice-Captains positions for 2017. The eight candidates: William Avery, Ruby Jones, Sean Page, Gabrielle Wyse, Michael O’Dwyer, Hannah Lewis, Sarah Ward and Lachlan Cross were interviewed following voting across Year 11, the school staff and student population and a set piece candidate’s speech to a full school assembly. I would like to thank all the students who nominated to be part of the leadership process. All the candidates showed a strong sense of pride in their school and a willingness to work diligently on behalf of the school community.

The Principal’s Panel is pleased to announce that Michael O’Dwyer and Sarah Ward will serve as School Captains for 2017 and Sean Page and Hannah Lewis will serve as School Vice-Captains.

I would like to thank the members of the Principal’s panel Peter Nicholls, Jane Polson, SRC Coordinator, Phillip Chalmers, TAS Studies Coordinator, Karen McCann, Year 11 Student Coordinator and Thomas Dormor, School Captain for their guidance and wisdom. Special thanks to Jane Polson, Student Representative Council Coordinator and Assistant Principal, Phillip Gibney for their work in organising the process, the candidates and the community throughout the election process.
In the past few school days the school has hosted Higher School Certificate markers who have assessed St Clare’s HSC Drama and HSC Industrial Technology (Timber) students. Students and staff have invested a great deal of passion and effort into their work as evidenced by the fine drama and musical performances showcased on performance nights and the excellent examples of timber construction on display in the library. Well done to our students and staff members, Callam Howard, Carmel Brown, Wayne McDougall and John Chapman for their commitment to the students in their care.

Today I had the pleasure of listening to the HSC music students perform their exam pieces for Grade 6 students from St Joseph’s, Taree. They were in fine fettle. The young students were attentive and gave the elder students great support as they played and sang their way through an impressive playlist of contemporary music. The HSC students benefitted greatly from having an audience and I hope the younger folk will be inspired by the elder students’ talents to pursue some learning in the Arts. It is a great way to learn to be creative in a team environment.

I was unable to attend the Parents & Friends meeting on Wednesday. Assistant Principal Phillip Gibney represented the school along with School Counsellor Cristen Challacombe who spoke about her role in the school. Parents discussed the school’s report and parent interview process, subject selection nights and made some recommendations about publicising the role of school counsellor.

Year 11 examinations start on Monday, 5 September. They mark the last major assessment period the Year 11 students will experience before they become Higher School Certificate students. It is a ‘milestone moment’ for many students as they approach their final year of secondary education.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse reconvened in Newcastle this week. At some time in the future you may hear reference to Father Vincent Ryan, a convicted paedophile and former Parish Priest in Taree. This person should not be confused with our own Deacon Vince Ryan who serves the school communities of St Joseph’s, Taree and St Clare’s High School. They are very different people.

God Bless

Principal

P & F – NEXT MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 2016
VENUE - TBA

PRAYERS: Please pray for those who are currently experiencing health difficulties and continue to pray for community members experiencing challenges, pain, sickness and grief in their lives at this time.
CHAPLAINCY/PASTORAL CARE: A reminder to all that the school has a Chaplain. Please feel free to contact our Chaplain, Deacon Vince Ryan, through the school office if he can be of assistance to you or any member of our whole school community.

Mass Times

Our Lady of the Rosary, Taree
75 Albert St, Taree
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 9:30 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wingham
8 Farquhar Street, Wingham
Sunday: 8:30 am

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

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Harrington
Pilot St, Harrington
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
(1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays in each month)
Saturday Liturgy of the Word and Communion: 6:00 pm
(2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month)

Our Lady of Fatima, Old Bar
20 Hall St, Old Bar,
Sunday Mass: 7:30 am

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

Forster-Tuncurry Catholic Parish

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Church, Forster
33 Lake Street, Forster
Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

St Therese’s, Lansdowne
Cundle Rd, Lansdowne
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
(2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month)

St Mary, Star of the Sea Church, Tuncurry
15 Peel Street, Tuncurry
Saturday Vigil: 6:00 pm
Sunday Mass: 7:00 am

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL: It is difficult to believe that we are almost at the end of the Preliminary Course. End of Course Exams start next week and all students should have their exam timetable put up in a place of easy visual access.

The note to allow students to leave school when not completing an exam should have been handed in by now. If this note is not handed in, the students have to be at school for the whole school day. There will be a room or the library provided for them to study.

This week we saw the start of our Christmas Shoebox Appeal (this is the Year 11 major project for the year). Each student is encouraged to bring in something for these special shoeboxes. More information will have been emailed to the students during the week.
We are aiming to fill 25 shoeboxes. Each one should have six items in it for either a boy or girl (2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 years). The lists are in PC classes and the students will have chosen what they might be able to bring in. Mr Nicholls has kindly offered to pay the postage for each box that we fill. We are going to pack up the boxes on the last night of our retreat next term, and then they will be delivered to Linda Norris (Catholic Church, Old Bar) who will send them to Sydney to be delivered to various countries around the world. The boxes are delivered to children to be opened on Christmas Day.

Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile project.

On Thursday I had the very great pleasure of being on the interview panel for the School Captains and Vice Captains. All of the students who have applied for these positions are very worthy young people and it will be a difficult decision to determine the successful candidates.

Congratulations to the newly elected Senior Leadership Team for 2017. The team consists of: Sean Page, Willow Mackay, William Avery, Sarah Ward, Lachlan Cross, Chantelle Bell, Ruby Jones, Abbi Greenaway, Hannah Lewis, Gabrielle Wyse, Michael O’Dwyer and Shayla Mancell.

I am confident that they will do an excellent job and be fine role models for the rest of the school student body.

I would like to remind everyone to bring in their notes for the Senior Retreat and that it is a compulsory activity. If there are issues with the cost or anything else, please contact myself or Mr Nicholls.

Please remember, Year 11 to get plenty of sleep, eat well and ask your teachers if you have concerns about the upcoming exams. Have your timetable in a clearly visible place.

Good luck!

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.”

Harriet Tubman

Karen McCann, Year 11 Student Coordinator
### Please Note:
1. Catch-ups will be done on the first day of your return in order of exam roster, you may also be requested to complete two exams in one day if you have missed more than one exam. 
2. You may receive a zero mark if you do not follow this guideline. 
3. All exams are conducted in the school hall unless otherwise stated. 
4. You must be present at exam hall 15 mins prior to exam starting. 
5. Hospitality students you will be allocated a time slot by your teacher.

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Thursday, 15 September – Year11 normal classes
Music Prac Rm 37 Lunch Onwards
CAREERS CORNER:

Year 12
Most Year 12 students will enter some type of formal educational training in the next year or two. In order to assist current Year 12 students in gaining part-time/casual employment during such training, an opportunity to enrol in RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol), RCG (Responsible Conduct of Gambling) or both RSA/RCG courses will be available during school time.

Although the school does not endorse consumption of alcohol nor gambling, holding these qualifications means that students will possess the mandated qualifications to work in any licenced hotel/bar/club/restaurant/kiosk/function where alcohol is served and/or gambling facilities are available. Such work has assisted many students and their families in funding education/training in post-school years.

COURSE DETAILS

RSA Only $135.00 14 September 2016       RCG Only $95.00 15 September 2016
Note: enrolling in both RSA AND RCG courses has a discounted fee of $220

Time: 9:10 am – 3:25 pm each day

To enrol – use the following:

Please Note: All Bookings to be Paid and Confirmed by Friday, 9 September 2016
Any issues with enrolments, please call CTCTS ASAP

Please Call: 1800 706 306                  www.ctcts.com.au    E-mail: admin@ctcts.com.au

Year 11
Final Preliminary Course Examinations for Year 11 students commence next week. All are reminded that the results of these examinations WILL be used by the school and accessed by universities in evaluation early entry applications next year.

Year 10
Interviews and subject selections for 2017 Year 11 enrolment are concluding. Students and families are again reminded that the best choices are made based on a student’s interest and ability NOT as some perceived preparation for a future career – choose subjects FIRST then find a career that fits these choices.

Ian Evans, Careers Adviser
BUSINESS TRADE SHOW: Year 11 Business Studies students enjoyed their annual Business Trade Show day by selling yummy produce this year. It was good that the boy’s team stayed true to a virtual business and they still did very well on the day with their throw the bottle game to attract customers to their stand.

The students made lots of virtual cash and credit sales on the day. Students this year could invest shares in the businesses and also voted for the most favourite business which was SSS Girl Scouts Ltd. All the Business Students achieved good results from their hard work and learnt more about Business Studies from the day. Just to make the day more interesting, Pancake Mania Ltd served little pancakes but forgot to add a utensil for eating so we had to resort to fingers, but the pancakes were yummy. There were lots of cakes, biscuits, fairy floss and fun selling to the rest of Year 11 and Year 10 students. Every year it is different and this was the first year they tried real products to tempt the customers.

I look forward to next year’s students to see how creative they can be with their Trade Show. Thanks to all the Business Students in Year 11 for their hard work and the support of all Staff in making this a wonderful event. Mrs Tilbrook, Business Studies Teacher
It was a busy day and Year 10 students and Ms Poision were keen to buy goods from the Sticky Fingers Ltd Business. Hannah Burley, Timothy Daczko and Thomas Debenham were getting the fairy floss machine ready for action.
MUSIC INCURSION: On 11 August, during regular sport time, a collection of music students from both St Clare’s High School and St Joseph’s Primary School attended a music incursion featuring a group of five musicians from the Conservatorium of Music, Sydney: The group was comprised of two trumpets, a French horn, tuba and trombone. Several other instruments were also displayed for students to learn about (and even try!)

The compositions played ranged from Wagner’s awe-inspiring “Ring Cycle” to Mancini’s iconic “Pink Panther”.

The event was both extremely enjoyable and informative, sparking the interest of many young musicians. It can be safely assumed that the day has left its mark on our own musical
community - certainly an experience not easily forgotten.
YEAR 12 MUSIC HSC CONCERT: On Saturday, 27 August the Music 1 Class of 2016 presented their performance pieces to their families and friends in preparation for their HSC Exam on Monday, 12 September. The concert demonstrated the diverse nature of the subject and the talents of our wonderful Year 12 Students and indeed their peers, who very generously and aptly accompanied them.

Clayton Wisemantel opened the concert with Moondance, followed by a touching presentation of Cry Me a River, accompanied beautifully by Mr McDougall. He was then joined by Luke Strong (Year 10) and Miguel Guthridge (Year 9) to present an arrangement by Iain Pole for 3 clarinets of Rumpole of the Bailey. Finally, Clayton was accompanied by the amazing Year 11 band for Mas Que Nada.

Emily Fowle inspired the audience with her exquisite performance of the Dylan classic, Make Me Feel Your Love, accompanied by Miguel Guthridge (Year 9) and Mrs Brown. She followed this with a cute version of Blue Moon. Where I Stood by Missy Higgins was just as captivating. Emily’s final performance was Sway, made popular by Michael Buble, accompanied by the band, a great way to conclude her program.

Jordan Brown performed Mercy, Mercy, Mercy composed by Joe Zawinul, demonstrating his skills in this style including improvised sections. He was accompanied by the Year 11 band and Mr McDougall. This was followed by an impressive presentation of Bossa Antiqua. His final performance was Watermelon Man where he was joined by Nirian Boelling-McDougall on the trumpet. It was a terrific performance and a fitting way to conclude the evening. Well done to all our performers.

Special thanks to Mr McDougall for his invaluable input and generosity of time. Extra special thanks to members of the Year 11 Music class, Johnathon Black, Nirian Boelling-McDougall, Amanda Jones, Maddison Hayes and Thomas Lee and Luke Strong from Year 10 and Miguel Guthridge from Year 9 who supported the students by playing for them. These students, along with Mr McDougall, have given up several weekends and many Monday and Tuesday afternoons. We are very grateful.
We wish Jordan, Emily and Clayton all the best for the Performance HSC Examination.
MUSIC 2

Thomas Tsang and Patrick O'Dwyer will present their Music 2 performances on Thursday, 14 September.

Thomas is an outstanding musician who is majoring in piano. His program ranges from Brahms to Elena Kats-Chernin.

Patrick is an excellent trumpeter who also has prepared a varied and diverse practical program.

These students have completed the Music 2 course through the CSO video-conference program under the wonderful direction of Mrs Wattus from St Francis Xavier.

We wish Thomas and Patrick all the best for their performance exam.

Viva la Musica
Mrs Brown

JOHN WALKER MUDLARK POTTERY CERAMIC STUDIO VISIT: Year 9 Visual Arts enjoyed an excursion to the home of John Walker’s ceramic studio. John was in our TAS Department before his retirement after 30 years dedicated to the St Clare’s community.

John has developed his ceramic skills post university all his adult life. John’s handcrafted stoneware pieces are exquisite in construction and design aesthetic. The studio experience was invaluable to the study of the conceptual framework in our syllabus. That being the how’s and why’s of the life of a practicing artist. Not only did the students have access to the design, glazing, firing and making spaces, they even had a turn at throwing some clay on the pottery wheel, after some wonderful demonstrations.

Many thanks to John for giving his time and sharing his wisdom, expertise and love of art!

‘Pots, like all other forms of art, are human expressions: pleasure, pain or indifference before them depends upon their natures, and their natures are inevitably projections of the minds of their creators.’ - Bernard Leach

Lyndall Laurie Art Teacher
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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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 8 Monday 5/9 ♦ Year 11 Yearly Examinations commence

Week 9 Thursday 15/9 ♦ Year 11 Yearly Examinations conclude
Friday 16/9 ♦ Staff Spirituality Day – PUPIL FREE DAY
♦ CCC Athletics Championships

Week 10 Tuesday 20/9 ♦ School Social – 6:45 pm to 9:45 pm School Hall
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
Wingham Junior Cricket Club will be holding their registration day on Saturday, 10 September at Cedar Party Reserve 10 am to 2 pm. Sausage sizzle will be provided. Registrations are now available online at www.playcricket.com.au. For enquiries, phone 0438 530 955 (AH)
Taree Girl Guides is offering "Free" September to any young girls aged 5 up to 17, who would like to give guiding a go, we always try to have fun. It’s a girl run program which makes it more tailored to girls who enjoy getting out and having a go at new things. We don't just clean and cook, we get messy and love to create. Girl Guides runs on Tuesdays between 4:15 pm – 5:45 pm for 5-10 year age group, and 6:15 – 8 pm for the 10-17 year age group. Please don't hesitate to pop by if you have anyone interested. We are located in Douglas street in the Big Blue Hall. "You can see us behind the Taree Tennis Courts"