Dear Parents and Friends of St Clare’s

Today the school gathered to farewell our Year 12 students who will sit their HSC exams immediately after the holidays.

For some families the exam period marks the end of a long relationship between family and school as a 2nd, 3rd or 4th child achieves their HSC. Other families are involved in the HSC exam process for the first time. No matter your experience as a family, you can be sure that no two students will react in exactly the same way when confronted by the HSC exams or the realisation that school days have passed. Some will be excited by the challenges post-secondary life will bring. Others maybe a little more reserved in their celebrations as they contemplate a life full of less certainties than those they experience at St Clare’s High School. Though they may be a little sad to be leaving school and are not sure what the future holds, we know they will be fine. We know that our young people are equipped to do well in the world. They have good values and have been given every opportunity and assistance academically to ‘get where they want to go’.

A good two weeks of study and revision will help ensure that your sons and daughters continue to gain in knowledge and skills.

Our Year 11s transition to HSC students at the commencement of Term 4. As part of this transition they will attend a retreat at Bonny Hills shortly after the holidays. This is a very important event for the Year cohort. The three retreat days allows time for spiritual reflection and group bonding, a very important aspect of a successful preparation for the HSC year. All HSC students are expected to attend.

Last weekend four staff members and 16 students undertook a Duke of Edinburgh camp. Students and staff rode their bikes for 36 kms, camped out and walked for two days as part of a program that teaches teamwork and resilience. Our Dukes organiser, Mr Bernie Holland, does an excellent job and, on this trip he was ably supported by Mr Simon Little, Mr Phil Chalmers, Mrs Karen McCann, Mr Laurent Gonfond and Ms Emily Whyman. Keep an ‘eye out’ for a full report in future newsletters.
Our 2017 Year 7 cohort arrive just as the 2016 HSC classes move fully into their exams. On Friday, 14 October the 144 Year 7 2017 enrolees will attend the school for an orientation day. 2017 Year 7 Student Coordinator, Bronwen Davidson, will be on hand to meet students and parents and our teaching staff will give the youngest of our students a taste of what it is like to be a student at St Clare’s High School, Taree.

Thanks to SRC Coordinator, Jane Polson, and the student leaders who helped organise the most recent school social. Students had a great time as shown by the photos below.

More excellent cakes from our Year 10 Hospitality students. These cupcakes are courtesy of Mr David Constantine’s class.
The last few weeks of Term 3 are always highly pressurised for students, parents and staff. Exams, change of season and winter/spring illness can cause a lot of angst. Luckily we are nearing a holiday break. I take this opportunity to thank parents, students and staff for a fine terms work and hope you and your family have a wonderful break. 4th Term commences for students and staff on Monday, 10 October.

God Bless

Principal

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**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)

**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
FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL: Wow! We have made it to the last week of Term 3, the final week of the Preliminary Course. This week has been a very quiet week with all of the Hospitality and Construction students out of school on work placement. From most reports all is going well with this.

Students have been receiving their final exam marks this week and for some it has been a wakeup call, while for others it has been an affirmation of the hard work they have put in so far this year.

Last Friday several of our students represented the school at CCC Athletics at Homebush. An outstanding performance by Joshua Argall. He gained a Bronze in the Javelin, a Bronze in the Shot Put and came fourth in the Discus. Great work Josh!

Please don’t forget to bring in your notes for the Senior Retreat in Week 2 next term. I also need all students to let me know if they have any special dietary requirements and to give me their list of names for rooms.

Have a very restful break and enjoy the holidays everyone and I am looking forward to the beginning of Year 12 next term.

Please take the time to remember our Year Group motto:

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team”

Karen McCann, Year 11 Student Coordinator

CAREERS CORNER: For the St Clare’s High School Class of ’16, school lessons are over. Today saw Year 12 students, their parents and teachers, and their whole school community, what is for most, 13 years of Catholic School education with a Mass in the School Hall led by Fr Greg Barker… a truly appropriate way to acknowledge this rite of passage.

The end of lessons does not mean the end of school academic work NOR the end of careers work.

Year 12ers, you should have achieved the following relevant submissions by NOW:

- UAC application completed
- Interstate applications completed e.g. QTAC/VTAC/SATAC
- Early Direct Entry to UNE completed
- STAR application completed
- SRS completed
- Other early entries finalised
Having completed these, you can **NOW** enjoy the first days of your post-school life

- Be safe and look after your class mates

**What to do **NOW**

- Prepare for HSC Examinations - *Study, Study, Study*
- Some early entry offers come out before your HSC results, so beware
- If you receive a **STAR early offer from Southern Cross University**, you will be informed that, if you want the offer, put it as your first preference by a set date; you will then receive a firm offer and you should accept offer but do not enrol unless the course is really what you want and you are happy to go to Southern Cross University.
- **UNE Direct Early Entry** – you may receive up to three offers and then you choose which one you want; do not enrol unless it is the course you really want and UNE is where you want to go.
- **SRS offers** – the **SRS booklet** found on UAC website has a table for each university that participates in the program. The table shows the selection criteria used, the process that they follow e.g. date of offers, if they are conditional on receiving a specified ATAR, date it must be first preference in order to receive an offer. **It is very important that you read this booklet and follow directions.**
- Once you have a **firm early entry offer** and you have carried out instruction supplied by the university, you can change your preferences for the main round.
- Some programs e.g. **E12 Sydney University** must always be number one preference to be considered
- **HSC results** issued Thursday, 15 December
- **ATARS** released Friday, 16 December
- **Final date for changing preferences** for main round offers is Friday, 6 January
- **Main Round Offers** – Wednesday, 18 January
- If you **do not receive your first preference in the Main Round**, you can accept what is offered but do not enrol what you are offered and then resubmit for Round 2 and then again Round 3
- **ALL THESE DATES FOR VARIOUS ROUNDS AND CHANGING PREFERENCES CAN BE FOUND ON THE INSIDE COVER OF UAC BOOK**
- It is possible to receive **multiple offers** – UNE, STAR, other university early entry programs, SRS and Main Round and then it is decision time as you can only enrol in one course.
- It becomes a busy time so after the HSC write yourself a **time line of dates** so you do not miss out as ‘I forgot!’ does not mean anything to the institutions.
Deferring your university/college offer

- The directions for this will be on your offer or contact the university.
- In general, courses can be deferred but scholarships cannot be deferred.

Once offers are made, the Universities and TAFE are your best source of information

TAFE

- Information on TAFE courses available on TAFE NSW website, or individual TAFE websites e.g. North Coast Institute of TAFE - Taree Campus website, or visit relevant TAFE Colleges in person.
- Application processes vary for courses but, for most, you can register an expression of interest and the institution will send you information re application process.
- Ask TAFE about scholarships as they do exist or, at least, google TAFE scholarships

Finding a Job

- As soon as your last examination is over, you are eligible to register with an employment agency, e.g. ETC or TURSA - the sooner you register the more chance you have of gaining employment before the rush of other students. Be the first to apply - don’t wait till after schoolies!!!

Year 12, all within our community wish you well in your forthcoming examinations and future.

Ian Evans, Careers Adviser

ST CLARE’S STUDENTS EXCEL IN AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION:
This year over 65,000 students from 670 schools from all around Australia tested their geographical skills and knowledge in the 2016 Australian Geography Competition. While St Clare’s entered only a small contingent of ten students, the results were most impressive.

Outstanding results were gained by:

Year 8: Kade Lewis-Fisher – High Distinction – Top 9%
Year 9: Zebulen Everingham – High Distinction – Top 8%
           Isabella Reid – Distinction – Top 22%
Year 10: Luke Strong – High Distinction – Top 5%
           Claudia Kukas – Distinction – Top 17%
Year 11: Sidhant Joon – Distinction – Top 13%
           Thomas Dayoub – Distinction – Top 23%
The overall tally of achievement being, three High Distinctions, four Distinctions and two Credits from our ten entrants. An outstanding set of results!

I congratulate all students who entered the competition for their positive attitude and willingness to be involved. I look forward to continued improvement and success next year.

Bruce Bielby, HSIE Coordinator

AUSTRALIAN U16 ALL SCHOOLS HOCKEY TEAM: Wade Harry was recently selected in the Australian Under 16's All Schools team in hockey. It is a phenomenal achievement. He will leave towards the end of May next year and will visit Germany, Luxembourg and France. The team will visit the battle fields in France and some of the concentration camps while they train and learn how to play together. Jane Polson, Science Teacher

NSW CCC: Year 7 student Jett Bowen, hurdling in the final of the NSWCCC 13 year old boys race. The final was in Sydney, held on the 16th September, 2016. Jett achieved 4th place. Congratulations Jett! Tim Masters, Year 7 Student 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 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**

Week 2  Monday 30/1 ♦ Years 7, 11 & 12 Students Commence
       Tuesday 31/1 ♦ Years 8, 9 & 10 Students Return

Week 5  Wednesday 22/2 ♦ School Photographs
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Girls Skirt = 4cm above knee.
Biripi ACMC Holiday Activities September-October 2016

Monday 26th September - Swimming day Taree YMCA 5-12 years
10AM-3PM

Tuesday 27th September - Movie day at Bushland Hub 0-12 Years
10:30AM-1:30PM

Wednesday 28th September - Movie day at Bushland Hub 13-17 Years
10:30AM-1:30PM

Thursday 6th October - Youth Disco 0-12/13-17 Years –
U12yrs 5PM-7PM  13-17yrs 7:30PM-9:30PM

Friday 7th October - Swimming day Taree YMCA 13-17 Years
10AM-3PM

TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE
To PICK UP & DROP OFF YOUTH TO AND FROM EVENTS.
Additional information for Pick up points on Flyers.
Permission notes will need to be completed by Parent/Carer prior
to kids being picked up for some events.
For more information or transport request call
Aunty Leapy (Leonie Morcome) 0455 856 885 or
Bianca Clark: 0497 420 844
Biripi ACMC YOUTH DISCO

KINDERS - PRIMARY
Time Start: 5.00pm
Finish: 7.00pm
First Disco

HIGH SCHOOL
Time:
7.30pm - 9.30pm
Second Disco

FOOD
DRINKS

DANCE
PRIZES

Best Break Dancers Prizes

CD'S
PRIZES

GIVEAWAY'S

DJ Ngarralinyi 10.33FM

Where:
BUSHLAND HUB

When:
Thursday 6th October

TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE
To PICK UP & DROP OFF Youth at disco
, until later Return to Pick up
the youth after the disco is over!
RING MOBILE PH: 0455856885
Leonie Morcome (Aunty Leapy)

Strictly supervised by Biripi ACMC staff & Volunteers
2016 Registration Form

Students Only

Theme: Sisterhood is Sacred

At the Saltwater Reconciliation Women's Camp we will work with you to provide an environment that is safe and a camp that is about shared respect, knowledge and experiences, about learning, living and working together in dignity, truth and with a willingness to listen and learn from each other.

To ensure this environment and the success of the camp we require you to agree to:

- act ethically and with integrity at all times during the camp;
- treat other participants at the camp with respect, courtesy, honesty and fairness, and have proper regard for their interests rights, safety and welfare.
- Strictly NO Drugs or Alcohol permitted at the camp
- NO shouting, swearing, insulting or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated;
- NOT to harass, bully or discriminate against any camp participants or facilitators;
- contribute to a harmonious, safe and productive environment at the camp
- Will have a link to the Biripi community or an invitation to the camp
- Acknowledge that you will be responsible for the supervision of all the children named on this registration form and this includes the supervision of said children during any water associated activities
- Provide your own snacks or special dietary requirements

I give permission for photographic images of myself and/or my child to be taken and used by, HNE Health, Biripi Aboriginal Services, National Parks and Wildlife Service, NSW Police, Family Referral Service, Interrelate, Greater Taree City Council, Manning Support Service, Mission Australia - Communities for Children and Uniting Care Burnside-Jaanimili.

The Saltwater Reconciliation Women's Camp to be held on 23rd, 24th & 25th November 2016.

I understand that the services listed above will retain copyright of the images for promotional purposes and aims to maintain the integrity of these images at all times and not allow their use in a derogatory treatment or context.

I have read and agree to the terms of the Saltwater Reconciliation Women's Camp,

Print full name _______________________________ Signature _______________________________ Date _______________________________

* If you are under 18 years of age please have a parent or carer sign on your behalf

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Mission Australia...to inspire people, strengthen communities and confront injustice

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Uniting

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MidCoast Council
Biripi Dental Clinic

How long has it been since your child teeth, ears and eyes have been checked? ______________________

Would you like your child’s teeth ears and eyes checked? Yes/ No

NAME_________________________ DOB____________________

ADDRESS______________________________

CONTACT PHONE Home: _________________ Mob: _________________

SCHOOL_________________________ Year ______________________

- Is your child Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander/ Both? (please circle)
- Male / Female (please circle)

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If yes?________________________________________

Has your child been to hospital in the last 12 months?
If yes?________________________________________

Does your child take any medications/medicines?
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By signing this form you are consenting to your child having the dental check and Medicare being billed.

*Parent/ Carer Name:_____________________________________

*Parent/ Carer Signature:_________________________________

Date: _____/_____/____
**Matinee Concert**

Thursday 27th October 2016 - 11.00am

Manning Entertainment Centre

Starring Mr Don Spencer (ACMF)
Ms Rachel Scott (ACMF)
and amazing young
performers of the Manning Valley

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**Mozart & McCartney**

Thursday 27th October 2016 - 7.00pm

Manning Entertainment Centre

Starring Mr Don Spencer (ACMF)
Mr George Ellis (Composer & Conductor)
Ms Rachel Scott (ACMF)
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Is your child at school or starting school next year? Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact John Edwards, Saver Plus Coordinator
(02) 6882 3329
John.edwards@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered by The Smith Family in Dubbo. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.