Last Tuesday represented one of the high points of the year for San Clemente being the day that we celebrated the feast of St Dominic. It made the day even more special to be joined for our liturgy by the students from our neighbouring Dominican schools, St Dominics, St Columbans and Corpus Christi.

It is important that the community celebrates significant days just as we do for birthdays and anniversaries in our personal life. Those special days in the family strengthen our bonds and help us to realise the importance of the family: they confirm aspects of our own identity. In the same way the school community is strengthened by remembering ‘where we come from’.

San Clemente is almost one hundred years old. For that time Dominican sisters have given their lives to educate and support the people of Mayfield and surrounds, first as a boarding and day school for girls, then a co-educational day school and now handed over to the care of the Diocese and lay staff. San Clemente has a tradition which is part of our identity as a community. If we don’t know our background history and values we are all the weaker for it.

On the bigger scale, we have behind us eight hundred years of the Dominican Order. Our local Dominican schools still retain the motto of the Dominicans ‘Veritas – Truth’. Dominic Guzman, in founding the Dominican orders, was determined to preach the Truth. We should be just as determined to do the same by the lives we lead.

The underlying theme for the work of the Dominican Orders is ‘Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare – To Praise, to Bless, to Preach’. What do these mean for us?

⇒ Whenever we are thankful for good things we have, we are praising God;
⇒ when we see good/God in others and recognise their dignity as a human person, we are blessing God;
⇒ when we show by our words and behaviour that we love others, we are preaching the Kingdom of God on earth.

Our celebrations are not just about remembering what has happened in the past and where we come from, but also about reflecting on what those things mean for the present and the future.

San Clemente has a strong and joyful community. With God’s help may it continue into the future.

May God bless you.

Keiran Williamson, Assistant Principal (Curriculum)

Technology Years 7 & 9 2015

San Clemente has recently made decisions about the requirements for digital devices in 2015. Parents of Year 7 and 9 2015 have been informed about these plans by email and via students. Other parents wishing to know about those plans can find a copy of the letter to Parents on the school website. Please note a deadline for payment has been renegotiated to 1st December.

Follow the link for further details on our website:

Years 7 and 9 Laptop Program for 2015

School Email Contact / School Website

With immediate effect we have been directed to change the user address for emails to the school email address. This is changing from ‘admin@sanclemente.mn.catholic.edu.au’ to

admin@mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au

The website address has also had a change to:

http://www.mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au
Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care) writes

Last week, we had Mira Danon-Baird from Australian Communications Media Authority (ACMA) speak to Year 9, staff and parents during the afternoon and evening. Essentially, she addressed those day to day issues we are all faced with regarding internet safety. Like it or not, the internet and the extensive world contained within it are advancing at an implausible rate. Similarly, problems associated with this are also on the rise, and it is for this reason that we need to address the behaviours accompanying its use rather than only the technology itself. Our presenter was a valuable source of information, providing useful and practical strategies and tips to assist young people in using both the internet and social media widely. Although our parent numbers were unfortunately minimal, those in attendance were most appreciative of the presentation and found it quite revealing. Rather than discuss the key pieces of advice given, I refer you to the following website which you will find of particular support when trying to manage your children and the internet: www.cybersmart.gov.au.

You may recall that at the start of April I wrote about the importance of school attendance. In this article, I stated that “Attendance matters for achievement, and every day counts”, referring to research conducted in Western Australia. Last Sunday, the Sun-Herald included a piece on this issue, detailing the concerns with student absenteeism, as on Monday of this week, the Australian Council for Educational Research’s annual conference was due to expose the results of a study into this. As quoted in the Herald by journalist Amy McNeilage, “The study dispels the belief there is a safe level of absence students can get away with before their grades suffer” and she elaborates in stating that “A 10-day period of unauthorised absence in a year is sufficient to drop a child about a band in the NAPLAN testing”. Furthermore, the effects of absence are cumulative.

Relative to other nations, Australia ranks quite poorly in terms of absenteeism with students skipping school more than any other developed country except Turkey and Italy. For instance, the study reveals that 32% of Australian 15-year-olds reported skipping at least one day of school over the past two weeks. Comparatively, for example, the United Kingdom was at 18% but the high-performing countries of Japan and Korea were less than 2%.

While we pride ourselves on being a relaxed and laidback nation, this research does encourage us to reflect on and question our overall approach and philosophy towards education. The data undeniably demonstrates there is no threshold of safety when it comes to absenteeism and it is directly linked to academic performance.

**Source:** Sun Herald 3rd August, 2014

Mr Scott Donohoe, Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care

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**Year 7 News**

It has been an exciting and busy couple of weeks at San Clemente with lots happening in various areas of the school.

The Athletics Carnival and Walkathon earlier this week demonstrated the wonderful community spirit alive in Year 7, with colourful costumes and enthusiastic participation. I must commend all students on their behaviour and willingness to involve themselves in both days.

On the 14th of August the Walkathon Raffle and prizes for the most money raised will be drawn. Students still have time to sell their tickets and win the honour of the highest raising Year Group, Pastoral Care Group or individual. I know Year 7 have already done a wonderful job. Keep up the good work as we approach the finish line!

Yesterday, Year 7 attended a Brainstorm Production that focussed on cyber issues. It was a brilliant show and reinforced to students the importance of being careful when using the internet and social media. It is important that as parents and caregivers you are also aware of the sites and apps your child is using and monitor these regularly.

I had the pleasure of handing out countless Bronze and Silver Awards this week. Year 7 should be extremely proud of their efforts and continue trying their best. I know we can be the first Year group to secure the Gold Award!

This term in our Pastoral Lessons we will be focussing on building self-esteem and resilience. Both are extremely important for enjoying school and life in general. It is also important to note that self-esteem and resilience are very closely linked. There are many various ways we can develop these in our children and we all have our own tips that help. It would be great to open up the conversation at home and reinforce the material from school.

**Year 7 Quiz:** What special day did we celebrate in conjunction with the Walkathon?

The first person to find Miss Cram on the playground will receive a prize.

If you have any questions or queries please email on meredith.cram@mn.catholic.edu.au or call on 40147300.

Meredith Cram, Year 7 Coordinator

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**Year 8 News**

Wow! What a busy fortnight. Many Year 8 students have had an extremely active 2 weeks here at San Clemente. We are very lucky to be able to offer a plethora of activities for our students and I love to see the students take up these opportunities.

We were fortunate this week to have lovely weather for both the Athletics Carnival and the Walkathon. Well done to all those who participated in these activities. Both days had high participation rates by our Year 8s and I encourage any of those who did not attend to make the effort next year.

The more you put into it the more you get out!

Next Wednesday the 13th of August is our **Year 8 Elective Subject Selection** information evening. It is to be held at school in D1 and D2 starting at 7pm. There will be important information for both parents and students and all are en-
encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to listen to presentations from the core subjects and elective teachers and we even have some new electives on offer next year! Mr Steve Newman will also discuss the devices for next year and important information surrounding these. Students will be given an elective choices booklet. I hope that all students and parents will read this booklet carefully, equipping them to make an informed choice based on subjects they enjoy, not necessarily what their friends are doing.

I would like to finish by reinforcing to both parents and students to please contact me at school with any concerns and/or queries. My email address is bronwyn.denham@mn.catholic.edu.au

Shout out to all our Year 8 Diocesan rugby and netballers and/or queries. My email address is

Mrs Denham, Year 8 Coordinator

Year 9 News

It is hard to believe that the half way mark of this term is soon approaching. Year 9 will be busy in the upcoming weeks receiving and completing numerous assessment tasks. It is important to note that these tasks contribute significantly to their end of year grades; therefore, they need to be treated in a serious manner. Students are encouraged to organise themselves and prioritise tasks that are to be completed first. Completing tasks the night before their due date always results in a substandard effort. Students are reminded that if they require assistance with any assessment task all they need to do is ask their teacher, appropriate Studies Coordinator, the Feldt Learning Centre or myself and help is available.

It was great to see so many Year 9 students actively involved in the school’s Walkathon and Athletics Carnival. We were blessed with beautiful weather and smiling happy faces for both days. It was however disappointing that a number of students were absent from both of these school community events. I understand that some students were genuinely sick however others view these days as an opportunity to stay at home. This needs to be discouraged by parents.

Whilst on the topic of the school walkathon I would like to remind students/parents that walkathon raffle books are due back to school by next Thursday. It would be a great opportunity to stay at home. This needs to be discouraged by parents.

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Shout out to all our Year 8 Diocesan rugby and netballers from last Thursday, excellent behaviour and sportsmanship. Well done! Mrs Denham, Year 8 Coordinator

Year 10 News

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Mr Patrick Doyle, Year 9 Coordinator

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(Nathan Beckett, Year 10 Coordinator)
2014 Game Training ROADSHOW

An incursion has been arranged offering a wonderful opportunity for students to learn to create their own commercial quality video games at school. The incursion is not compulsory, but is offered to students who have an interest in this field. **2014 NSW Game Training Roadshow @ San Clemente High School will take place on Thursday 14 August from 9am to 11am.**

To book a place at the Roadshow students must return the permission note (available from the front desk) including payment to the Finance Office by Tuesday 12 August so their place is confirmed. The cost is $45 (includes over $3,500 worth of resources).

By the time students arrive home after the event, they will be able to create their own commercial grade 3D World with hills, ocean, sky and trees which blow in the wind. They will also learn how to import vehicles and create winding roads to make fun driving games, write simple artificial intelligence code, character animation code as well as learn the 12 most important coding concepts needed to create games for all major platforms, mobile devices and games consoles.

**Every Student Receives:**

⇒ Links To The Free Commercial Game Development Software (Mac/Windows)
⇒ Access To A Library Of Game Development Resources **Valued At Over $3500** - these include vehicle packs, 3D models, scripts, terrain tools, an amazing weather simulator and complete game scenes.
⇒ Video tutorials to use at home.
⇒ A fully coded 10 level game with source code and full resale rights.
⇒ Ongoing Support beyond the event for help with coding and questions.

The session will be run by the team from GameTraining ([www.gametraining.com.au](http://www.gametraining.com.au)) and there will be teacher supervision at all times.

**Edward Leonard, Information and Software Technology Teacher**
Diocesan Netball

Over forty girls attended the Diocesan netball competition at National Park on the Thursday 31st July. San Clemente entered four teams into the competition. The junior team gained confidence and momentum throughout the day and are to be congratulated on a fantastic effort. The intermediate teams comprising Year 9 girls also put in a great effort and performance throughout the day.

The senior girls faced fierce competition playing against older and more experienced teams. The girls put in every effort in each of their matches and maintained a great level of sportsmanship.

It was a pleasure to take a group of committed and enthusiastic girls whose behaviour was outstanding.

Thank you to the many parents who supported the girls especially Renee Haynes who managed the Year 9 team. Also, thank you to Jessica Paige for umpiring and an outstanding umpiring effort by Jean Simpson who volunteered to stay and umpire the finals.

G Rutherford, Coach

Athletics Carnival

This is always an outstanding event & the students did not let us down. So much colour, fantastic outfits, enthusiasm and participation by many. Thank you to all who participated and helped. It’s you who make the day such a success. As I said in the information letter, such events build school and house spirit. It helps to make San Clemente the great school that it is. It is a very easy-going carnival, where we hope that all students compete as much as they can – but we do not chase and hassle, nor do we force you. So we wonder why many students choose to not attend?

At the moment, I have been extremely busy checking results and organising the Diocesan Team for Thursday, so the results have not been finalised – lots of points for houses to be counted for the field events. IT IS VERY, VERY CLOSE - PERHAPS AQUINAS?! Students will have results on Friday, as well as AGE CHAMPIONS and records which were broken.

As Mr Beckett has said, one moment brought a tear to many eyes: a red Spiderman and his offsider (Alex Gunn and Daniel Kendrick) accompanied our James Fraser, who wanted to do the 100m in his wheelchair – best event ever. Thanks boys!

GOOD LUCK TO OUR DIOCESAN TEAM.

Renate Daly, Sport Coordinator

Wetlands Science Visit—Year 9

During the first week of Term 3, Year 9 enjoyed an excursion to the Hunter Wetlands which supplemented science work in Term 2 on The Living World. Students explored biotic and abiotic components of the wetlands environment through various organised activities. These activities included Dip Netting in the BHP Pond, Weather Measurements, Aboriginal Use of the Wetlands, Pond Comparisons and Field Sketches, and Compass and GPS Skills. Although the rain was intermittent throughout the day, students demonstrated their resilience and took up the challenges brought to them. Congratulations to Year 9 students!

Mrs Buckley, Science

Some comments from students about the excursion: “Activities were interesting”; “Fun”; “I liked the water testing and collecting animal samples”; “It was actually really fun”; “It was funny when someone fell in the water!”; “The microscopic view of Gamel’s face was off the chain”; “I wish it had a water slide”.

Renate Daly, Sport Coordinator
Maths News

Luna Park is coming up for Year 8 on Monday, September 8th. Payment needs to be in ASAP as buses and final numbers have to be finalised very soon. It is always a great experience for students!

In a few weeks’ time we will welcome a practicum student to our maths faculty. It is an important part of a university student’s course to gain invaluable experience in a school environment.

Elective night is next Wednesday where I will give a talk on Maths in Years 9 and 10. Even though Maths is not an elective, the classes are taught differently to Maths in Year 8, as there are different pathways offered.

Many students still do not bring their calculators to each lesson. They are an important piece of equipment for the maths lesson. These are available for $25 from the Bursar.

Mrs. Patricia Murray (Maths Co-ordinator)

English News

Our students are working extremely hard this semester. Assessment notifications have been given to all 7-9 students, with assessment happening in Week 6. Students have received a hard copy of their notification. We have also placed the notifications on the school portal.

Year 10 Assessment Notifications go out next week, with tasks timetabled in Week 7.

It is extremely important for all students to prepare for their tasks. Students will be given some time to prepare in class, however there is the expectation that all students spend time at home working on their assessments.

If a student or parent/caregiver has any questions or concerns regarding assessment, please contact me on the email below.

Karen Brennan, English Coordinator
karen.brennan@mn.catholic.edu.au

Travis Representing Australia

During the school holidays Travis McFadyen spent 2 weeks in Auckland competing in the Pan Pacific Youth Water Polo Festival.

In the first week he was a member of the NSW Country team who competed in the U16 division and were very successful in achieving a Silver medal being narrowly defeated by NSW City.

It was very exciting to see an all NSW gold medal match.

In the second week he was a member of the Australian born 98 team which competed in the under 18's division. They finished 7th but considering they had only met each other for the first time a few days earlier they did very well.

They also had defeated the eventual winners of the tournament but lost a crucial game by 1 point which put them out of the medals. They then played a 3 match Test Series against the New Zealand born 98 team and won all 3 games. Well done Travis!

Forensic Science

On Tuesday, July 4th, seven fearless Year 8 Science students travelled from the comfort of their homes to the cold climate of Armidale to spend five days of their holidays solving ‘crimes’!

The amateur sleuths- Emma Constable, Carmen Chapman, Kara Harden, Isabella Hawke, Aimee Murphy, Lauren Proctor and Jasmine Sullivan –travelled to The Armidale School to undertake five most exciting, agonising, stimulating, frustrating and intellectually invigorating days of their lives. Murder, fraud, break and enter......

The amateur detectives were given a case to solve where they sifted through evidence, interviewed witnesses, ordered forensic tests and pieced together a case against an accused. The week climaxed in a 'courtroom' where the girls had to present their case to a 'judge' along with other participating schools.

The Forensic Science School is held at the Armidale School every year and is open to high achieving year 8 students country wide. What a fantastic opportunity for our students!

"At the camp we had many resources to test the evidence. In the lab we were able to test dirt, fibre, blood and oil samples as well as fingerprint. There was so much we could learn about the work that goes into crime solving forensically. I had fun working through the different tests and looking at all the differences and similarities between samples found at different crime scenes. There were many connections that could be made and many ways to cancel out evidence".

Isabella Hawke
San Clemente Walkathon 2014

San Clemente held its annual walkathon around Stockton Peninsula on Tuesday 5th August. This year San Clemente will be again having a Walkathon Raffle. For every dollar donated to the walkathon the sponsor will receive a ticket in the Walkathon Raffle. The sponsor’s name and phone number is to be clearly written on the raffle ticket. Note – Sold Raffle books with sponsorship money is to be returned to the school library by Thursday 14th August. Additional raffle books can be obtained from the school’s library.

Please support the school’s major fundraiser for 2014 by purchasing tickets in the Walkathon Raffle.

Below is a list of the prizes available in the 2014 San Clemente Walkathon Raffle. The school sincerely appreciates the generosity of the organisations who donated the below prizes.

1st Prize – A Scenic flight for 4 people in a Helicopter along the Newcastle Coastline. A special thank you to HeliServices Newcastle & Hunter for kindly donating this wonderful prize.

2nd Prize – A $200 gift voucher at Westfield Kotara

3rd Prize - A Lavazza Coffee Machine (Donated by Domayne Kotara)

Other prizes include

- 1 Newcastle Knights and NSW Origin Retro Jersey- drawn separately (Donated by Classic Sportswear)
- 18x24inch Canvas Print Vouchers – drawn separately (Donated by Domayne Kotara)
- 1 Six Month Planet Fitness Platinum Membership (Donated by Plant Fitness Broadmeadow)
- 1 Family Pass at Superstrike Mayfield (Donated by Superstrike Mayfield)
- 100 6x4 Digital photo prints (Donated by Domayne Kotara)

Newcastle High Performing Students

Salem has completed his University of Newcastle High Performing Students course in 2D Art and exhibited his works at the University Gallery on 31 July.

Salem’s work features on the advertising flyer for the exhibition and the course gives him 10 Credit points toward a Fine Art degree at Newcastle Uni if he chooses to pursue that in the future. These High Performing Students courses are NOT EASY to get into or to complete. This is the first year Clemente has had a student accepted into the program (6 applied). Some schools have a tradition of advertising it as part of their program- so I have had great pleasure conversing with them about our successful student. Salem has given up every Friday from 1-5pm at Merewether High School for Semester One and only 10 students from the Hunter were accepted into the course. I really wanted him to apply for the Software Design course but he told me that he would be bored as he had done all the content of that course already- so he applied for the Art course- I was certainly told and shown.

Salem’s exhibition was wonderful. I had the privilege of meeting his family and he (and his fellow art colleagues) presented to the audience what their inspiration for their pieces was... and other artistic information. He spoke clearly and confidently. His lecturer then got up and spoke very warmly about him mentioning specifically his single-mindedness that is beyond his years and how he can see so much that others do not!

All students now have one University course under their belt. The Vice Chancellor who ran the evening told us that no students had received under a Credit and that the students work was marked alongside first year Fine Art students. It was a very impressive evening.

Helen Wilks, Careers
Dear Parents

Re: Religious Literacy Assessment

The 2007 Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of New South Wales and the ACT, Catholic Schools at a Crossroads states that the “systematic external assessment of religious literacy” is a critical indicator of progress for Catholic Schools. This intention was incorporated in the system Action Plan.

The aim of Religious Literacy testing and assessment is to gauge the level of knowledge and understanding students have about the Catholic tradition and to use the results of the testing to assist schools in further developing and enhancing the quality of the classroom teaching of Religion. It also acknowledges the importance of Religion as a subject in our Catholic schools.

Two different forms of testing have been developed to facilitate this. These are being implemented across both Primary and Secondary schools in the diocese and will be conducted annually in Years 4, 6, 8 and 10. They are not designed to test students’ faith commitment. The data will focus on knowledge and understanding as per the requirements of our diocesan syllabus.

In 2014 all Year 8 students will complete the diocesan Religious Literacy Assessment task. This will take place during Week 6 as part of the unit of work ‘Called to Act Justly’ that has been studied from Weeks 1 to 6 of this term. This task will be based on outcomes and content from this unit of work and will be done as part of the usual assessment program in each school. It will be set and marked externally and the results collated and distributed to students and schools.

Religious Literacy assessment and testing is already in place in a number of dioceses across NSW. It is an important part of the work our schools are doing in providing students with a Catholic education in the diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Yours sincerely,

Michael O’Brien
Head of Religious Education & Spirituality Services
Calendar Dates to note
School Year 2014
12 Aug  Big Day University of Newcastle
13 Aug Year 8 Elective Night
13 Aug CCC Netball, Penrith
14 Aug Game Training Roadshow
22 Aug DIO Golf
25-29 Aug Year 9 Ski Trip
26 Aug New Caledonia Parent meeting
28 Aug Body Confident Pres: Lib @ 6pm
29 Aug Year 8 Mass
1 Sept World of Maths Yr 7
3 Sept Year 7 2015 Info Evening
8 Sept Luna Park Maths Excursion Yr 8
9 Sept Year 9 Science Research Talk
12 Sept ‘Try a Skill’
14 Sept Japan Trip
17 Sept New Caledonia Trip
18 Sept Drama Civic Theatre Yr 9&10
19 Sept End Term 3
7 Oct Staff Inservice Day
8 Oct Parent Teacher Interviews
10 Oct Immunisation Yr 7s & 9 boys
10 Oct Year 10 Exam Week
17 Oct Year 9 Exam Week
9 Dec Year 10 Graduation
11 Dec Annual Academic Awards
17 Dec Community Day

San Clemente High School Canteen

Term 3—Week 5  Weekly Specials
Sandwich Turkey & Cranberry $4
Bacon & Egg Sandwiches & Curried Sausages $3
Soup of the Week: Chicken & Veg $3.50

Canteen
Thank you to all our helpers, new and old, for the great support you have shown us as we provide choice and encourage healthy eating habits for the students and staff.

New volunteers are always needed (particularly on Wednesdays). If you have any spare time we would love to hear from you.

Gillian and Toni

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St Francis Xavier’s College HSC Subjects

Hopefully Year 10 students transitioning to Year 11 at St Francis Xavier’s College have submitted their subject choices on-line. Please remember that students have to print out the confirmation and hand it to Ms Wilks at school. Please do not be late with submission as some subjects do fill up and it will be first in to get into the courses. If there are any last minute questions please contact me on 0407 304322.

Year 9 Try-A-Skill

Year 9 students have been invited to participate in the Try-A-Skill event on Friday 12 September. There are 40 positions for the event as numbers have been allocated per school. The Try-A-Skill is for students considering a trade career after school. Employers and trainers from TAFE attend the Try-A-Skill and are on hand to ‘show’ students what different trades do on a daily basis. So students can try Carpentry, Plumbing or Electrical and then head over to Hairdressing, Childcare and Animal Attending. It is a fantastic event that gives students a basic idea of the different trade options available to them when they leave school and rather than just being spoken to about the trades, the students get to ‘TRY’ the various trades. The event does cost $15 and students can collect a permission note from the Main office.

Jobjump Website

The school has subscribed to a new Careers website called ‘jobjump’. The site is open for all students and parents to look at and has some valuable information about Careers, University, TAFE and Apprenticeships. You will have to register to use the program. Please follow the steps below and enjoy!

www.jobjump.com.au

Type in school name: San Clemente- the program will recognise the school immediately
Type in your e-mail address- this allows the program to send you up-to-date information on careers that interest you
The next page will ask for a password- roosters (all lower case)
The following pages will ask for details and once you have registered you will be able to access the full site.

Defence Information Sessions

The Defence Force are holding the following information sessions for any students interested:

Thursday 14th August 6pm – Communication and IT Roles
Wednesday 20th August 6pm – Royal Military College (Army Officer)
Thursday 28th August 6pm – Pilot

If any students wish to attend an information session, please email cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au or call 02 4974 5427.

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