Dear Parent/ Carer, Students & Friends of San Clemente

In these weeks of exams, assignments, marking, report writing etc etc both students and staff could well remember that old expression that my mother sometimes let go with, “Oh, for a bit of peace and quiet.” It could very well make a comeback, not as an expression of exasperation because of the noise of too many rowdy students but to indicate the pressures of modern-day life. Alexander Bernardi in his book ‘Never Offer Your Comb to a Bald Man’, has some great insights into life, as it comes to us today, and some suggestions as to how we could cope better. Here is one such insight:

“Our tender senses are assaulted every moment by billions of new and changing sights, sounds, smells and other sensations. More information is hurled at our minds today than at any time in history and we are acting negatively to the overload. The human attention span is shrinking in response to the ever increasing number of demands being placed on it and our nerves are raw from wear. To maintain our sanity and preserve a small scrap of solitude, we learn to block most of the sensations we deem nonessential. In consequence, all that is sensuous and spiritual ricochets off the impenetrable wall we have created.”

Alexander Bernardi seems to be suggesting that we always make room for the organised, productive and often sterile things in life, but we have little or no time for the sensual things, the things that really make life worth living; after all, our senses have been described as the “pores of the soul”. It seems we need to make time for doing nothing at all, so we can once again experience the joy of serenity. We need to slow down a bit so we can regain our contact with nature. We need to feed our souls with sensuality, quietness and reflection so we can better communicate with God.

Sounds like a good idea but how do we fit it into our busy schedules? Gerald Henderson, in one of his articles, relates how he manages to do it and how it all started.

“One of the greatest gifts my mother gave me when I was 12, was to teach me to listen in quiet to that inner voice before the day began. I see it as taking time to seek God’s purpose and plan for my life in my dealings with others. I started out with ten minutes in the morning; now I find I need an hour.”

Quiet time is more than just a daily appointment with God. It’s more like a visit to your closest friend. It’s especially important for those of us who have chosen that our lives are in such a way that God is available only if He makes an appointment.

Good relationships need time; they can’t ‘live’ if they are just another item on the Agenda. A daily quiet time with God helps us to achieve the serenity we all look for. Just as we need nutrients from food for our bodily needs each day, so we need time with God for our emotional and spiritual needs.

“Lord, when my journey seems long and my energy is spent, Lead me to be still and discover anew that You are with me. Amen.”

Peace and Best Wishes

Tony Kelly, Principal.

Year 9 Form Mass
An invitation is extended to
Family and friends of Year 9 Students
to attend
Year 9 Form Mass
Friday 13 June at 9.30am
at St Columban’s Church,
Church Street, Mayfield

While Yr 10 are on Retreat 18-20 June

Due to the onerous insurance and liability regulations, in regards to supervision and duty of care, a large number of teachers is required to staff the retreat. As a result, a repeat of last year’s arrangements is necessary to allow the retreat to proceed. Students on a Home Study Day will be provided with a work program for the day. We intend to continue this arrangement in future years and we are asking students in years 7, 8 and 9 to assist Year 10 this year in the knowledge that they in turn will benefit when they reach Year 10. Year 7 Home Study 18 June, Year 8 Home Study 19 June, Year 9 Home Study 20 June

Your support is much appreciated.

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Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care) writes

Schools are naturally very busy places and San Clemente is certainly no exception! We have just completed formal examinations for Years 9 and 10 and our Stage 4 students have also been engaging in a variety of assessment tasks. Teachers are now busily marking papers and in the process of preparing to write students’ academic reports for Semester One. Understandably, this time of year can be quite an anxious time for students; however, I would like to pay tribute to the genuine care and support of our staff, particularly the Student Coordinators who clearly have a thorough knowledge of those students in their care. A wise man once told me that the best gift you can give young people is your time! Our Student Coordinators prioritise their responsibilities well and spend as much time as possible getting to know their students in order to best care for them and cater for their needs.

The busy nature of our school is particularly evident during break times on the oval. This area is a hive of activity with games such as touch football and soccer becoming more popular than we have witnessed in the past, particularly with boys. Boys, as you would know, have boundless energy which needs to be expended! We support and encourage these games, provided they are played safely and sensibly.

The school has provided additional supervision for the time being to accommodate the current increase in students utilising the oval which has been designated as an active area.

This time of year is important for our Year 10 students as they are about to embark on their Retreat during Week 8. This is a particularly special event for Year 10 and past experiences have told us that it is often the highlight of their time at the school. The Retreat is not only well attended by students but also staff, with excess of 20 adults volunteering time away from school and their families to participate. I thank parents in advance for their support in staffing this event with home study days at school for Years 7-9.

Mr Scott Donohoe, Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care

Assistant Principal—Curriculum Report

All students will have finished their Semester 1 Exams and tasks. Congratulations to Year 9 & 10 particularly for the mature way they approached their exams. Some students have shown anxiety during the exams. Unless there is some particular issue the best way to avoid worry about exams is to prepare well. This might be a lesson for some to learn for next time.

Teachers are now working on marking exams and tasks and completion of Semester One reports. This term is only 9 weeks so it has shortened our timeline a bit. It is likely that the reports will be posted out in the first week of Term 3.

On Thursday June 26 the Semester One Academic Awards will be presented. These awards will recognise high achievement but also those students who make a consistent effort in their work. Parents are invited to attend. Notice of any award for your student will be sent out by June 20. Starting times for the awards are: Year 7, 9.10am; Year 8, 10.10am; Year 9, 11.50am; Year 10, 12.50pm. Each presentation session will last about 50 minutes.

San Clemente will participate in Field trials for PISA on June 17. About 50 x 15 year old students have been selected at random to complete the tests which correspond roughly to an international NAPLAN. Students have been informed by mail already.

It is important now, even though tests and tasks are finished, that students finish the term well. Teachers will have new work that they will go on with. The term is not finished. Keep up the effort until the end of term then enjoy your holiday.

Mr Keiran Williamson, Assistant Principal, Curriculum

Year 10 News

This week marks the half way stage for Year 10 students in their last year here at SCM. It is also only 2 weeks now from our Retreat. The placement of this retreat is significant as students now begin to consider their options beyond 2014. Our Retreat is always a highly valued occasion on the calendar. Past students still remember their time at Retreat and staff at SCM are ALWAYS willing to give up their time to assist with retreat. This year we will be taking 24 staff members as well as Father Bill Burston. There are a number of staff, especially Mrs Rose McAlister and many of our Admin staff who are doing much of the work behind the scenes but will not be attending. This represents close to 50% of our teaching group. This is surely an indication of the importance we place on this event. With Retreat preparations in full swing a number of students and parents have asked “What is Retreat all about?”

“Retreat” is a word used in many ways: The dictionary says “act of retiring or withdrawing oneself”; it can also indicate the withdrawal from a battle and is now used in the business world to indicate a meeting designed to problem solve in a different way. All religions have examples of their spiritual leader taking time away to focus. In all examples, the goal of Retreat is the same—to step back, get a different perspective on life and the path that lies ahead. A good analogy can be seen in my recent renovations to my house. Unsure of how my house was going to look, the answers became a lot clearer when I removed all furniture and painted all walls white. With the clutter removed, I was able to see a clearer vision of what my house could look like.

A modern retreat, designed for 15/16 year olds will not ask you to give up ALL possessions; it will not ask you to spend long periods of silence. you won’t have to “paint all your walls white”. It is preferable you don’t bring phones and ipods as these can be the very items that blur our vision and create too much “noise” in our thoughts.

It is interesting to note modern educational theory that looks at the inability of students to organise their thoughts and listen to their true message (girls in particular), or the students so confused by the “noise” in and around their minds that lack the ability to sit still (boys in particular). Each of these tasks above sound easy, but are not. When we can achieve this and reconnect with our inner spirit, our direction can become clearer when looking at life’s path. Like any skill, students need practice, guidance, a positive environment and good feedback from trusted guides. It is hoped that our retreat will provide all of these factors over the three days at Collaroy. This week a list of “What to bring!” went home with students. If you have any questions in regard to this, please do not hesitate to ask.

Shoutout #1: Congratulations to Travis Mc Fadyen who gained AUSTRALIAN selection for water polo. Travis is extremely committed to his sport. An incredible honour and well deserved.

On a slightly less rep level, Jacob Malcolm was a member of the Hunter Wildfires team who won the recent Country U/15s and deserved selection in Country team. (He was also SCM best guided in recent Knights Knockout U/16s!!)

Nathan Beckett, Year 10 Coordinator

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.min.catholic.edu.au’ to admin@mayfieldieldsanc.catholic.edu.au
Year 9 News

As I sit here to write this article for the newsletter, I cannot believe how quickly the year is passing by. Last week Year 9 experienced their first taste of examinations in a formal structure over consecutive days. I would like to commend Year 9 on the manner in which they conducted themselves during the examination period. My discussions with many Year 9 students during and after their exams resulted in a mixture of comments. Some students enjoyed the examination period; some felt they could have prepared better and of course a common response was “Sir, I hate exams”. I assured Year 9 that nobody enjoys examinations but unfortunately they are a feature of senior schooling. Regular revision and study does however ease tension and anxiety.

Year 9, now is the perfect time to reflect on the year so far. You should be asking yourself questions such as:

- Am I working to my potential?
- Am I challenging myself?
- Can I increase my efforts?
- Am I leaving the impression I want to? 

Only each of you can answer these questions honestly. For many of you I know the answers will be Yes. For some however, yes will not always be the answer. It is not too late Year 9. To use a sporting analogy, “the second half of the year is about to kick off and the game can change and be won if you apply yourself.” For those students who are ahead at half time, don’t sit back and rest on your achievements; continue to push yourself until the final whistle. All I ever ask of you Year 9 is to give your best in everything you do. The challenge is there for us all.

Last Friday Year 9 viewed a drama production titled “Cheap Thrills” by the Brainstorm production company. It was a very entertaining performance conducted by only one male actor. The production focused on relationships and the situations teenagers are faced with today. It highlighted the dangers of drugs and alcohol, to avoid peer group pressure, to make informative and sensible decisions and to talk to people about your problems. Throughout the production Year 9 laughed, smiled and sat in silence to absorb the messages being conveyed. Teenage years are not easy, especially today with the pressures of school and friendship groups. You can also add to the mix media influences and social media. It is vital that San Clemente, myself and parents/carers do all we can to ensure that the young men and women of Year 9 are guided through these difficult years. Communicating, being a presence, providing support, love and care and not being afraid to use the word NO are some ways we can all assist the precious individuals of Year 9.

A reminder to parents and Year 9 students; the school library will be open every Thursday afternoon from 3-4pm for Year 9 and Year 10 students only. Students may use the library to complete homework or work on assessment tasks. It will be staffed by teachers including myself who can assist students with their academic work.

Parents of Year 9, if you have any concerns at all please contact me at school on 4014 7300 or on the following email address; patrick.doyle@mn.catholic.edu.au

A final thought Year 9;

“We find in life exactly what we put into it”.

Mr Patrick Doyle, Year 9 Coordinator

Year 8 News

Year 8 are in the middle of assessments for many Key Learning Areas at present. I have noticed a small but notable increase in student absences, sick bay attendance and also I have received many “visits for a chat” from worried students and also some phone calls from parents regarding their child worrying about assessments.

Heightened anxiety or worry can cause poor concentration and performance, sleep difficulties, memory difficulties and can also alter eating patterns.

I thought I would share how I attempt to address worry when I chat with students. It is by no means an Australian recognised method of addressing assessment worry, however, I encourage the student to focus on the following:

1. Identify the worry
2. Acknowledge that the worry is causing the student negative feelings
3. How likely is the worry to eventuate?
4. Then what would happen if the worry did eventuate?
5. What action can be taken now to solve the worry?
6. Make a commitment to reassess the worry after the situation e.g. examination has occurred

There are lots of reasons why a student may worry or become anxious about exams. Some include:

- student placing pressure upon themselves to achieve a certain score or standard
- parent or family expectations to achieve a certain score or standard
- student preconception of what score or standard parents or family feel s/he should achieve
- poor organisation of notes, equipment, time allocation
- lack of motivation to achieve
- student worry about peer reaction to performance

A disappointing assessment score is best improved on when it is looked at as an opportunity for growth…. not shame or punishment. What can the student do in order to improve the score, and as parents what can you do to encourage and support your child growing?

Year 8, I really encourage you to have a chat with me if you are experiencing any difficulties. I might not always be able to solve the issue, but I certainly listen and I will try to help you or seek support from someone else who may be able to help. Parents, please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage. As I always say “parents, if the thought enters your head, should I call? Pick up the phone and give me a call”.

Year 8 High Fives:

Read the amazing story about our Ellyse Nichols on the web site.

The year 8 young ladies who took up my invitation to participate in an identity and photography course on Friday evenings. The young man who had a near miss with a suspected broken arm!

Nicholas Johnson the lucky young man and his family who are traveling through the mid and top end of Australia, enjoy!

If you have succeeded out of school in sport or the arts, please let me know.

To finish, a very wise woman said to me :" A worry is something you can work on, a worry is NOT something you have no control over”

Until next fortnight.

Mrs Tolfree, Year 8 Coordinator
Year 7 News

Year 7 have continued to impress me this term with the way they have handled themselves in a variety of situations. I am truly proud of the genuine care and concern they have displayed to each other and our school environment.

Uniform is continuing to be worn to a high standard and it is great to see students without the correct uniform bringing a note to explain their situation. Our ‘Uniform Challenge’ is back in full swing and it is a close competition. Girls are reminded to take their nail polish and jewellery off before they return to school on Mondays.

If your child is absent from school, please ensure when they return to school they have a note explaining their situation. If you have a substantial amount of days off without explanation either the Pastoral Care Teacher or myself will make contact home. It is also important to address this to avoid unexplained absences on report cards.

Semester One School Reports will be mailed home at the beginning of next term. This is a great opportunity to assess with your son/daughter how they feel they have commenced High School. It is vital that key skills such as organisation, study, coping with subjects and time management are addressed now. If you or your child feels they require assistance with any of these things, please feel free to contact me.

I attended the Mental Health and Well-Being Conference in Sydney on Friday 31st May. It was a brilliant day with many valuable speakers. The highlight for me on the day was a guided ‘stillness’ session. It really reinforced the frenetic pace at which we live our lives these days and the importance to take some time out from information overload. This can be as little as 1-2 minutes of silence where you repeat to yourself the words, ‘I am calm’ or could be as simple as counting your breath. It really works!

Year 7 Quiz: When is the Dio Sounds excursion?
The first person to find Miss Cram on the playground with the answer will receive a prize.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me on meredith.cram@mn.catholic.edu.au or call on 40147300.

Meredith Cram, Year 7 Coordinator

DIO Sounds 2014 - 11 June

The time has come again for DIOSONGS! Diosounds is a diocesan event that displays the many talents of our students and takes place at the beautiful Civic Theatre. This year our school will be performing two pieces: “Riptide” by Vance Joy and a self-devised composition by some of our very talented percussionists! We will also be enlisting the talents of our drama/dance students, who will be performing a movement piece to accompany one of our songs, as well as our art students, who will be using their photography skills to create a backdrop for our performance. If any students are still interested in being a part of this amazing event – either performing or assisting backstage – they need only come to the lunchtime rehearsals or talk to Mrs Marsh or Miss Hook. Tickets for this event are available through any Ticketek office or by calling Ticketek on 49291977. Cost for the tickets are $30 per adult and $15 for students and concession card holders. Please come along and support our very hard working and talented students. If you have any questions about this event please feel free to contact Elizabeth Marsh (music teacher), Geraldine Hook (Music Teacher) or Emma South (CAPA/LOTE coordinator).

DIOSOUNDS TEAM

MATHS NEWS

If any student is interested in competing in the Maths Competition, they should see their Maths teacher.

Examinations are coming up! Years 7, 8 and 9 will sit their half-yearly exam next week in Week 5 and Year 10 the following week in Week 6. Notifications have been brought home by students, so there’s no excuse not to study! Teachers are also informing students of exam topics. These will be everything that has been taught this year. Good revision for exams is: Examples given in class, Topic tests, Chapter Reviews

Don’t forget that calculators may be purchased from the school for $25. These will be engraved by the student’s Maths teacher and will be needed for Years 8, 9 and 10 for their exams.

Mrs Patricia Murray, Maths Coordinator

CHEERLEADING 2014

We are all cheering for our Cheerleaders at the Winterfest competition at the Sydney Sports Centre, Homebush, on Sunday the 15th June.

We have one Level 2 Team, the Panthers, which are currently creating a complex mix of tumbling, stunts and pyramid in what will be a showcase routine. The 19 students from years 8, 9 and 10 should be congratulated on their consistent hard work during sport times and lunch time practices. We wish them all the best for Winterfest.

Ms Julia Nolan, Cheer Group Leader

Nine San Clemente students generously gave their time on Sunday 25 May to door the local area for donations. This was a wonderful opportunity for the students to contribute to the community on behalf of the Salvation Army Annual Door Knock Appeal. Thanks kids!

Mr D Coupland

Red Shield Appeal Door Knock 2014

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Mrs Patricia Murray, Maths Coordinator
The Year 10 French class enjoyed a wonderful film at the Towers Cinema as part of the Newcastle French Film Festival. ‘Belle and Sebastien’ was a beautiful story about a young boy and a wild dog he called Belle and was set against breathtaking scenery of the snowy French Alps. The students represented the school proudly and are now looking forward to the next French excursion, a study tour of the French speaking island, New Caledonia.

Mrs Churchward, LOTE

SRC NEWS!

The SRC continue to meet every second Tuesday. This week discussion incorporated a recycling initiative. Students who consciously recycle into the correct garbage bins will receive a raffle ticket, these will be drawn weekly and the lucky winner will be announced in morning notices and receive a canteen voucher.

During the last week of term, a movie will be shown during lunch over two days. More detail will follow in the next newsletter.

SRC TEAM

ASPIRE—Music Dance Drama

‘A Night in the Forest’

The 2014 production is based around Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Our talented students from across the Diocese will be sure to entertain you in music, dance and drama as they bring this much loved story to life. There are some wonderful surprises in store for audience members of all ages as our Artistic Director, through the work of the Ensemble Directors, has produced spectacular performance work that has allowed students to really shine.

Again the performances are at the Civic Theatre. Don’t miss out on this opportunity to enjoy the contemporary performance work and to actively support the development of the creative and performing arts in Catholic Schools.

We look forward to seeing you at either Matinee performances or at one of the evening performances of “A Night in the Forest”

Craig Wattam, Aspire Chairman

SPORT STAR INTERVIEW by R. DALY Sport Coordinator

NAME: Isabella Hawke

Yr 8 Swimming

Q: At what level do you play?
A: State level and have come close to National.
Q: How often and where do you train?
A: 3 to 4 times a week. I train at West Wallsend under a Japanese coach.
Q: Who are your most important supporters?
A: My parents, especially mum, who stresses the importance of having fun. My coach inspires me to do better.
Q: How do you relax?
A: I like to read.
Q: How do you balance sport and school?
A: It’s difficult. You have to get into a rhythm, but I make sure that schoolwork comes first.
Q: What was your best moment in sport?
A: Best is competing in NSW Country and winning a medal, which I won again in the following year. At a comp in Muswellbrook, I swam in 13 events, so I never left the marshalling area – the marshalls laughed.
Q: Favourite music and movie?
A: Dance music - I liked “The Book Thief”.
Q: Highest level of achievement?
A: Making 9th at State level
Q: What is your dream?
A: To always enjoy swimming – to reach the 2020 Olympic trials. I have academic goals too.
Year 10 had a great morning at the Newcastle Careers Expo on Thursday 22 May. Universities, Employers, TAFE and many other organisations attended the Expo and all commented on how polite and well prepared San Clemente students were. Students were able to ask questions about courses, subjects for 11/12, entry requirements, interview tips and much more. Thank you to the students for the polite way you conducted yourselves. I was very proud that you represented your school in such a wonderful way. As expected, students returned to school with an abundance of information, brochures and contact details. I advise students to look at, cull and store everything away in the next holiday period - you will need it again when you are in Year 12 and making serious plans for life post HSC. Thank you to the staff that helped the students that day - Mr Beckett, Mrs Sharman, Mr Marsh, Mrs Van Zeeland, Mr Burns, Mrs South, Mrs Harte, Ms Stoddart and Mrs Nolan. It was also great to hear that so many parents went back to the Expo in the afternoon with their children - always good to hear the answers for yourselves as sometimes our children forget what they were told! This event happens every year so Year 9 students and parents can attend next year.

On Tuesday 20 May 5 students from the University of Newcastle delivered the Friends on Campus program to interested Year 10 students. The Friends on Campus program is a relatively new initiative that aims to guide students through the School to Uni transition by establishing links with schools early on and continuing through into Year 12. The students who came to San Clemente are all current students studying at the University. Their courses ranged from Environmental /Science degree to Biomedical Science. They spoke to the Clemente students about Study Skills and talked about what study tips work best for them. The program was particularly relevant to students due to the proximity to their Half-Yearly exams. They are coming back out in Term 3 to talk more about what subjects they studied in the HSC and how they related to the degrees they are studying.

This Thursday interested students attended a presentation by the Australian Defence Force. The team from the ADF went through the different levels, jobs, entry and training for the Army, Navy and Airforce. The ADF has jobs for people at all levels - whether it be leaving school at the end of Year 10 as a General Entry soldier through to Graduate positions for Medicine and Dentistry. The students again were great representatives for their school. All students received information but more can be found at www.defencejobs.gov.au

St Francis Xavier’s College enrolment process is now well under way with Year 10 students submitting their enrolment forms last week. If you have forgotten and let the date slip, please contact SFX immediately. SFX Principal and Deputies will visit San Clemente in Week 6 to talk to the students about the HSC and outline the process for the rest of the year. Please make sure the following dates are in your diary:

SFX Subject Information Evening- Wednesday 23 July. Students choose what subject lectures they attend according to what they are interested in studying. Parents are also required to book the term 4 Interview time on this evening. Attendance at this evening is compulsory

Subject Choice Forms are due to SFX by Monday 4 August.

Interview for Finalisation if Subjects etc. Week 20 October - 24 October.

SFX Orientation 3 December

San Clemente will also host a HSC Information Evening on Wednesday 25 June - last Wednesday of Term 2. The focus of this evening will be the HSC rules in general with reference to what future pathway students hope to follow. Representatives from The University of Newcastle, Hunter TAFE and a Group Training Company will attend that evening to provide specific information to parents and students on Post HSC options. Whilst this evening is not compulsory - the SFX Information is - it is highly beneficial especially for those parents experiencing the transition to the HSC for the first time.

Work Experience will again run this term, so any student who is interested in participating please contact me to collect permission notes etc. Again the focus is on students who prefer to leave school and gain employment. Work Experience is offered to ALL YEAR 10 in Term 4.

Any student interested in completing the Workplace Health and Safety Course please contact me for details of payment etc. The course will run on Tuesday 17 June - the Tuesday before Retreat – and there are spare spots. Students will be out of class for the day but don’t have to travel as the course is run at school.

The School Leavers Program has commenced for Year 10 students interested in knowing the details of how to get an Apprenticeship. It covers Resumes, Cover Letters, Criteria, Interviews, Apprenticeship Testing etc. It is open to ANY student and has no cost. E-mail me if you would like to be involved in the program.

I am getting a lot of enquiries from Year 8/9 students regarding casual work. If you are thinking about getting a position, please pop in to see me – the Careers Office is in the Main Office area. I will be able to provide you with some information regarding Tax File Numbers, Resumes and Interviews that may be of assistance to you.

Helen Wilks, Careers Adviser
5 June 2014

Internet Safety Presentation - Helping Children Stay Safe

Dear Parents & Carers,

Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks.

To help your children stay safe online, San Clemente is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation. Designed for parents, teachers and students, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of Cybersmart initiatives.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

San Clemente is committed to helping students develop appropriate behaviours when using digital technologies, both at school and at home. Our program of internet safety includes ongoing education within the school’s Pastoral Care program.

The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation will be held on:

**Wednesday 30th July from 5.30pm – 7.00pm (San Clemente)**

Please e-mail the school on admin@mayfieldsanc.catholic.edu.au by the end of Term 2 to register your attendance, or return the slip below to the office. Registration is important in order to finalise numbers and an appropriate venue for this event.

Yours sincerely

Scott Donohoe
Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care)

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Internet Safety Presentation - Helping Children Stay Safe Online

Please reserve _______ seat/s at the Internet Safety Presentation on 30 July at 5.30pm.

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Parent/Carer

Student at School: __________________________

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Calendar Dates to note

School Year 2014
9 June Queens Birthday Holiday
10 June DIO Sounds Reherasal
11 June Football Knockout Gala Day
11 June DIO Sounds Performance
13 June Year 9 Form Mass
17 June WHS 15 x Yr 10s
17 June PIZA Testing
18-20 June Retreat Yr 10s
19 June History Excursion
23-27 June Work Experience Yr 10
25 June Year 10 Information Meeting
26 June Semester 1 Awards
27 June Last Day Term 2
14 July Day 1 Term 3 Staff & Students
16 July Yr 9 Excursion Wetlands
23 July Yr 7 Debating
24 July Aspire—Elective Drama Class
28 July Staff Spirituality Day –PUPIL FREE
30 July Cyber Safety Awareness
31 July DIO Netball
31 July DIO Rugby 7s
4 Aug Athletics Carnival
6 Aug Lion King—CAPA

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Dear Uniform Shop Customers,
We understand the financial pressures that many families face and as a result Alinta Apparel are constantly balancing our operating costs to achieve the highest quality of garments in line with the expectations our schools and their families have come to expect.

We are continually looking at ways to operate and manufacture uniforms more efficiently without negatively impacting on the product, rights of our employees and personalised service and expectations of our schools and customers.

Despite this, we are continually experiencing price adjustments from our manufacturers and unfortunately are unable to wear the full impact of this anymore.

Please be aware that from 1st August 2014, Uniforms will incur a price adjustment.

We will be holding prices until this time so you have the opportunity to make purchases at the current price.

We thank you for understanding and hope you continue to enjoy your experience with Alinta Apparel.

Alinta Apparel Pty Ltd Uniform price list & online shopping available at: www.alintaapparel.com.au

NOTE: Jackets arrived … cardigan backorders—2 weeks ...

Year 9 Commerce Class Initiatives to Market our School Canteen

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers

On behalf of the student body at San Clemente we write to you in regards of the new healthier school canteen options. This new menu has provided the students and staff a healthy variety of food. Students are enjoying the new options and would hate for it to disappear. Unfortunately this may happen if we do not get canteen volunteers to assist with the making of the new menu.

We are seeking your assistance for a few hours in the morning or for a full day. We think that you would enjoy this experience as you can get to see your child’s school environment, make some new friends and know that you are assisting with making the San Clemente community a HEALTHY one. If you can help out in the canteen could you please contact the school office with the days you may be able to assist.

Thank you in advance.

Year 9 Commerce Class

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Size 10, 12 and 14. Some nearly new and the rest in great condition.
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The history of St Brigid’s School

Excerpt from The Freeman’s Journal, 22nd August 1850.

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Today, St Brigid’s Parish School Raymond Terrace remains a vibrant community, committed to providing quality teaching and learning in an authentic Catholic environment.

2015 will see our school celebrate 165 years of Catholic Education in Raymond Terrace. We are planning to celebrate this achievement in a number of ways, initially by preparing a book of photos and stories from over the years. This book will be a celebration of the families and staff who have come through our doors and a living testimony of their memories and education here at St Brigid’s. Do you have a photo or a story to share?

We are looking to build a collection of photos and stories that will be used in the book and in a presentation to be viewed in our celebrations. We invite you and your family to record your favourite memories, and either email them directly or write them down and drop them in at our school office. We are also keen to extend our library of photos from over the years. Again we invite you to pull out the old photo albums and if possible, scan and email these directly, or contact the school office, where we may be able to make arrangements for these to be collected and scanned for you.

Please remember to include your name on any communication, and if possible, the years of reference, and any names of students in the photos. All items can be emailed to kristen_jones@bigpond.com

Please turn the page to look at the timeline of events currently under construction!

Photos from the collections.ncc.nsw.gov.au
1850 – First Catholic School operating. Small building on hall side

1854 – William Bryan, Master of School

1862 – Church built and used as schoolhouse

1866 – Raymond Terrace Catholic School given a Certificate of Registration

1876 – Slab building erected on current school site. Used as school room and later called Cusa House

1880 – Removal of state aid from denominational schools.

1881 – Sisters of Mercy arrive from Singleton

1911 – Double story convent built

1920 – New school (now called “Old Hall”) built

1953 – School extended (hall side classrooms now demolished)

1959 – Cusa House demolished to make way for new classrooms

1960 – First block of classrooms on current site (closest to church)

1968 – Pre-fab classrooms erected on school side. Long row of classrooms in front of current school stage

1984 – New classroom block (now called canteen block)

1990 – Extensions to current buildings

Sr Frances Gannon last of Mercy Principals. Sister Monica McLeod last Mercy teacher to retire

1995 – Convent becomes School Admin Block

Pre-fab classrooms removed

2011 – Infants block and new hall built