Dear Parent/ Carer, Students & Friends of San Clemente

The anticipation of Christmas and the holiday break brings much excitement and anticipation. It is also tinged with some sadness as we say farewell to some beloved colleagues and friends.

As mentioned in a Veritas in Term 2, San Clemente farewells Mr Keiran Williamson at years’ end. Mr Williamson has made a valuable contribution to the life of San Clemente. He has fulfilled the roles and responsibilities of Science Coordinator, Year 10 Student Coordinator, Curriculum Coordinator, Assistant Principal and Acting Principal 2013. His wisdom, support, love of San Clemente and friendship will be sorely missed. We wish him and Margaret every happiness in their ‘new future’.

There are some other significant departures from San Clemente. Departures that are going to leave a big hole in the life of the San Clemente community. Mrs Pat Hanley (Support Staff) is retiring after 27 years service to San Clemente. Pat’s happy smiling face along with her willingness to always serve the needs of both staff and students will be missed. Mrs Leanne White (English Second Language Teacher) has served our community for the past 24 years. Mrs White has been responsible for the transitioning of numerous ESL students to mainstream education. Such a contribution has been life changing for many of her students. We wish both Pat and Leanne every happiness with their new endeavours.

Ms Julie Nach (Science Coordinator) is moving to St Paul’s Booragul to engage in teaching Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12). Julie has served our community for 16 years with dedication, enthusiasm and commitment. Julie has also contributed to SCM as a Year Coordinator and Religious Studies Coordinator. We wish Julie every success at St Pauls.

Mrs Sheridan Pruteanu is taking up a 12 month teaching position at St Mary’s Maitland and Mrs Anne-Marie Kelly is going to St Paul’s Booragul also for 12 months; both are teaching Years 11 and 12.

A number of other staff are moving on and all at San Clemente wish them well in their new appointments.

◊ Mr Matthew Priest (Mathematics) has been with us for 7 years
◊ Mrs Alicia Lang (Mathematics) 3 years
◊ Mrs Lianne Buckley (Science/TAS) 2 years
◊ Ms Geraldine Hook (Music/RE) 1 year
◊ Mrs Wendy Sherman-Bryson (ESL) 1 year
◊ Mr Tobin Finane (Music) Semester 2
◊ Mrs Julie Ware (Mathematics) Semester 2
◊ Mrs Louise Rampling (Mathematics) Semester 2

Families received the ‘2014 School Magazine’ this week. It is a wonderful publication, displaying the myriad of opportunities and activities that have filled a successful and rewarding 2014. On behalf of all, I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Mrs Bonnie Rae for the many hours of work expended on producing our first ‘whole school magazine’ in many years. I also thank the following students who supported Bonnie by being her editorial committee: Aman Akec, Juliana Burke, Lorena Florian, Jade Kidd, Apaulla Lauina-Kolo, Sophie McKewin, Bethany Steele, Bianca Woodley, Paige O’Neill, Chloe Bidner, Taylor Bonwick, Chelsea Logan. Congratulations to Nicholas Lyovic (Yr 7) and Sabrina Willis (Yr 9) for winning the design competition. Enjoy the reading and browsing. What a great keepsake!

This week the school community celebrated Year 10’s graduation from San Clemente. All at San Clemente wish the Year 10 students the best in their endeavours next year—further school study, TAFE and the workplace. A special thank you to Mr Nathan Beckett for his years of dedicated service as Student Coordinator with this cohort from Years 8 to 10. During these years, Mr Beckett has been a constant source of support, guidance and encouragement. Thank you Nathan!!

As this is the last Veritas for 2014, I take this opportunity to thank parents, staff and students for your contributions to making life at San Clemente rewarding, fun-filled and memorable for 2014. I wish all a restful, enjoyable and peace filled Christmas break.

Peace and Best Wishes

Tony Kelly, Principal
Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care, writes......

As the year concludes at San Clemente and we all prepare for Christmas, it is important to stop and take a moment to give thanks to Our Lord for the blessings bestowed on our community. With the season of Advent upon us, coinciding with the consumerism and marketing associated with Christmas, unfortunately the true message of this time of year can be lost. Christmas is a time to engage with our families and our faith and remember those people in our society who do not have peace or hope in their daily lives. As Christians, it is a time to not only look out for those who are more vulnerable and less fortunate than us, but reach out to them through our actions. Simple acts of giving, such as that seen recently through our Vinnie’s Appeal, make a big difference to the lives of some.

These last few weeks at school have been particularly busy. Examinations, marking, report writing, year 6 visits, year 10 Awareness Week activities and Graduation, and Student Leadership selection to name a few. Despite this, it is important we look ahead to 2015 and plan accordingly. From a teaching and learning perspective, you will no doubt be hearing of some exciting new ventures in this area next year. In terms of wellbeing, I have provided some details this term on the introduction of our new wellbeing framework, based on the principles of positive psychology. We are currently completing the Positive Education program for Stage 4, which has included countless hours of research and consideration, in order to make it as engaging and as meaningful as possible for our students. Some key concepts used to underpin this program for Semester 1 include: Optimism, Positive Relationships, Hope, Goal Setting, Meaning and Purpose, Motivation, Resilience, Compassion, Empathy, Emotional intelligence, Mindfulness (The now), Engagement and Flow.

We are really looking forward to the introduction of this framework, not only to our formal pastoral program, but to the whole school setting. Further professional development in this area has also been confirmed for our staff during Term 1. A new Stage 5 pastoral program has also been written for next year and my thanks to Kate Tolfree, Year Coordinator, in working tirelessly in developing it.

Furthermore, we will be revamping our House System in 2015 which will also be used as a platform to improve the quality of care provided by our Peer Support program. New Year 7 students will be carefully assigned to both a House and Peer Support Leader, based on their feeder school and place of residence. We recently met with over 70 Year 9 students who are enthusiastic volunteers to contribute. The spirit of good will expressed by this group is quite remarkable. Our revised House System will involve junior and senior lunchtime competitions, a new points system which accounts for a broad range of activities and contributions such as student merits, assembly and liturgical involvement, co-curricular participation and cultural pursuits. Nicholas Marsh, Religion and Mathematics teacher has been working particularly hard in developing this system and both staff and students are excited about its introduction next year.

Finally, I thank all parents and carers for their support this year. Next year promises to be even bigger and better! I ask that you please read carefully a note which will be communicated shortly in student reports which clearly details our uniform expectations. The way in which our students wear their uniform says a lot about San Clemente; it sets the tone for the school and can instil great pride in our strong community. The school seeks your full support in ensuring all students cooperate with these expectations.

I sincerely wish all families a very happy and peace-filled Christmas and safe holiday break.

Scott Donohoe, Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care

Assistant Principal—Curriculum Report

Well, the end of the year has come! I am sure all students and teachers will be looking forward to a well-earned rest. Congratulations to all students who received awards at the Year 10 Graduation, and at the Year 7, 8 and 9 Semester 2 Academic Awards on Thursday. As Mr Kelly said at the Awards, teaching and learning is really the core business of schools. It is very appropriate that we recognize and celebrate the achievements of students in their learning at every level. There would be students who worked hard during the year and may be disappointed at not receiving an award. The challenge now is to keep up the effort. Knowing you had a good year should be a source of satisfaction (although awards are good to get!). Hopefully your efforts will be recognized in the Semester 2 Reports to be issued during next week.

Student reports provide a broader analysis of how each worked and achieved in 2014. It could be a good source of reflection for action in 2015. If 2014 was a good year keep up the effort, and perhaps even improve. If 2014 wasn’t so good what are the areas you could improve? Is it concentration in class, or organization of your work at home? My experience was that I always enjoyed subjects more when I was working hard at them.

As many would know I am retiring at the end of this year. I would like to thank all for their best wishes. It has been a real privilege and blessing to work with students and parents at San Clemente for these last 14 years. Being a teacher, knowing that every day I am affecting students’ lives, has been a very satisfying career and I have enjoyed (almost!) every moment. It doesn’t seem so long ago that it started, but it was before a large number of my fellow teachers were born. I think it is time, but I leave with much sadness at the colleagues and students I will miss seeing every day, and a bit of jealousy at not being an ongoing part of the exciting times ahead for San Clemente.

God bless you all. Have a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Scott Donohoe, Assistant Principal, Pastoral Care

Mr Keiran Williamson, Assistant Principal, Curriculum
**Year 8 News**

The year 8 academic awards ceremony was held last Thursday, with many parents and families in attendance. Academia is the core business of schooling. It was lovely to congratulate so many students for their efforts for the Semester and for the year. Congratulations to all recipients listed.

2014 is the International Year of Family. Have you welcomed a new edition to your family this year? Are you expecting a new edition to your family? Did your family experience loss? What are the challenges your family has faced during 2014? How has your family changed this year? Christmas is a joyful time for most people, however, it can also be a time of sadness for some as they reflect on and deal with changes and challenges that 2014 has delivered.

A family is the main unit with society where children learn social norms, love, patience, kindness, resilience, courage, strength and so many more characteristics.

San Clemente is a also a family unit in which much more learning other than academia takes place. We have welcomed new year 8 students this year, farewelled some year 8 students, celebrated and offered support to those who have experienced loss.

Year 8 have worked diligently this year and have contributed to the San Clemente community positively on a daily basis. It has been a pleasure to watch and also be part of the lives of your sons and daughters as they grow and develop through adolescence. I would like to thank you, year 8, for your efforts this year and the way you have engaged in your studies. The care, respect and compassion in which you have conducted yourselves with during 2014 has been outstanding. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their engagement and support during the year. Education is a partnership between staff, students and families. Many, many studies have shown that positive parent engagement assists teenagers during adolescence.

I wish you all a happy, relaxing and safe Christmas break. Enjoy taking the time to recharge the batteries so we can do it all again in 2015!

With best wishes

**Patrick Doyle, Year 9 Coordinator**

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**Year 7 News**

We have made it! A big congratulations to every single Year 7 student on completing their first year of High School in such a fine manner. I could not be prouder of them as a group.

As I reflected over the weekend it dawned on me just how much Year 7 have achieved together and been involved in this year. Just to name a few...

- School Camp
- Peer Support
- Musical performances
- Numerous Excursions
- Brainstorm Plays
- Exams and Assessments
- Sporting Success
- Debating
- Countless Bronze and Silver Awards
- Sight and Sound Exhibition
- Student Representative Council
- St Vincent De Paul.

This busy year was definitely evident at our Year 7 Academic Awards last Thursday by the sheer number of students receiving accolades for their effort and success. It was lovely to see so many parents attend and join in the celebration.

I would encourage Year 7 students to take time before returning next year to set some goals and dreams to make 2015 even better than this year. I am always open to suggestions and ideas to make your time at school a happy and enjoyable one.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy the break with your families. Take time to relax and recoup ready for Year 8, 2015!

**Year 7 Quiz: What day do Year 8 start in 2015?**

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**
### Semester II Awards 2014

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### Academic Awards—First in Course

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Newcastle Premiers Swimming Club

After receiving many enquiries from parents regarding our swimming club and learn to swim lessons, I would like to encourage schools to promote the Newcastle Premiers Swimming Club. We are lucky that Mayfield has a family orientated swimming club that supports its young members in a fun and safe environment. Club membership is very cheap compared to other clubs and they hold free stroke correction/training from 5pm once a week. Attached is a flyer to help promote our club.

Lane 4 Aquatics have started “Learn To Swim” programs currently at Lambton and Stockton, these spots are filling up fast. Mayfield pool will begin in January 2015.

For bookings please contact
bookings.newcastle@lane4aquatics.com.au
Simon Watt, Venue Manager, Lane 4 Aquatics, Mayfield

Mrs Rutherford & Mrs Pruteanu (Textiles & Commerce)

Year 9 Sydney Excursion—Textiles & Commerce

On the 2nd and 3rd of December Year 9 Commerce and Textiles students participated in an excursion to Sydney. The textile students attended a student fashion parade at the “Whitehouse Institute of Design”. The quality of the work seen in the parade was outstanding with students gaining inspiration for their projects next year. The parade also gave students an opportunity to receive information about future careers and further study in textiles and fashion from people involved in the industry. The textile students also attended a workshop at the “Belvoir St Theatre”. The workshop was an excellent introduction to costume design which students will study in year 10. The instructor was especially impressed by Jessica Lindstedt and Amelia Mitchell’s costume designs for a rock star!
All students participated in a shopping challenge on the second day in Paddy’s markets in which they were required to photograph items to the value of $50 for their favourite teacher. Students came back with some very interesting and funny ideas!
Thankyou to all the students who attended the excursion. Besides being evacuated from the YHA at midnight, it was a pleasure to spend two days with such a lovely groups of students.

Mrs Daly, Sports Coordinator

From the Sports Desk…. MULTI CLASS SWIMMING CLASSIFICATIONS

A new notice has been posted on http://www.cssnsw.edu.au/ in category Sport - Swimming (Secondary). If the message below does not display properly, click here to view it in your browser MULTI CLASS SWIMMING CLASSIFICATIONS Swimming Australia
Swimming Australia in cooperation with Swimming NSW and the Australian Paralympic Committee are offering an additional opportunity to access swimming classification in NSW for swimmers with physical impairment. Click here for more details
Classification Opportunity
Dates: 14th February; 21st March; 23rd May; 17th Oct
Location: Guildford Swimming Centre, Corner of Guildford Road and Tamplin Street, Guildford
Bookings essential contact Margaret Gregson 0417 960 202
If you don't want to receive notifications like this in future, please login to your account at http://www.cssnsw.edu.au/edit-my-details.aspx and untick the box titled 'Receive email/SMS notifications'.

Mrs Daly, Sports Coordinator
Calendar Dates to note
School Year 2014
16 Dec Community Day
17 Last Day Students
2015
28 Jan Year 7 Commence
29 Jan Years 8, 9, 10 Commence
3 Feb Photo Day Yr 10s
10 Feb Photo Day Year 7, 8, 9
25-27 Feb Year 7 Camp
10 Mar Dio Swimming Carnival
18 Mar Dio U15 Rugby League Trials
19 Mar Dio Football Trials
20 Mar Dio Girls Football Trials
2 Apr End Term 1
20 Apr Commence Term 2

San Clemente High School
UNIFORM SHOP
Opening Hours Beginning 2015
- Tuesday 21 January (8 –12pm + further if necessary)
- Wednesday 22 January (1pm-4pm)
- Tuesday 27 Jan (Staff only: From 8am as necessary)
- Wednesday 28 Jan (Year 7 First Day : From 8am as necessary)
- Thursday 29 Jan (Whole School: From 8am as necessary)

Students requiring extra small or larger sizes should book a fitting appointment this year to ensure items are available for commencement of 2015. Bookings available 24-29 November (including Saturday) from 8am—4pm and on 2nd–4 December from 8am-12pm. Warm winter jackets will be available and on display (not compulsory)
Please note these times to avoid queues and long waits for service next year.
Fitting appointments are available online for new students. Orders can be placed and goods posted home if required.

NORMALE HOURS—SCHOOL TERM
TUE 8.00-11.00am & WED 8.00-10.00am
Uniform Shop Phone 49689987 shop hours
0424015192 mob
e-mail san.clemente@bigpond.com
web www.alintaapparel.com.au

UNIFORMS FOR SALE- VERY GOOD CONDITION
2 pair of near new size 14 formal boys shorts $20 each. 2 size 10 formal shirts great condition $15.00 each. 1 pair sports track pants size 12 $15.00. Mobile: 0421630008

SFX UNIFORM: Purchased beginning of term 2 worn for this term only. Jacket size 3XL, Pants size XL, 2 Shirts size 26 and tie. All has been professionally dry cleaned. $150 for the lot. Please contact Nicole on 0404 182 656

SFX UNIFORM: Girls Size 16/18 Skirt, Blazer Shirts x 2, jumper, socks and accessories $100 the lot: Phone 0412 895003

Don’t leave your Uniform reordering to the last minute. Book a fitting appointment now or reorder over the phone/online for delivery during the holidays, or pick up at the beginning of 2015.

Easts Junior Rugby Wants You!
Interested In Rugby?
Want to play with a family based club?
A club that values players!
Players needed from u7s – u18s
Major Premiers in u10s & U13s in the 2014 season!
Contact 0413 665 233/0402 280 714 for further info
or inbox Easts Junior-Rugby Club on Facebook
Registration dates:
Wed 4/2/15 @ Dangar Park 5pm – 6pm
Sun 8/2/14 @ Dangar Park 4pm – 5pm
Wed 18/2/14 @ Dangar Park 5pm – 6pm

Canteen — Volunteers Short — Need Help Urgently

Our heartfelt thanks for all your help this year.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR.
HELP NEEDED ONLY FROM 9.30—12.30 (MOST DAYS) LUNCH PROVIDED. CALL GILLIAN ON 0437176118 (even during the holidays) TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.

Thank You