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Hassall Grove

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The fortnight in review - Weeks 7 and 8



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Principals Message

Parent Forum

Last Wednesday evening we held our first Parent Forum. The purpose of this focus group is to enable me to connect and gain a deeper insights, understandings and feedback around the current and future direction you would like to our school take over the next few years. There areas of focus that guided our discussion are listed below.

1. Religious and faith formation
2. Student Learning
3. Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing
4. Parent and Community Engagement
5. Cybersafety

I would like to thank the eight parents who attended the meeting and provided us with their insights, feedback and suggestions in how we can improve our partnership in responding and working together to inform these key focus areas. As a result of this positive experience and to keep our momentum I will be scheduling another forum mid-way through term 4. I would also like to acknowledge Mr Hulme (Assistant Principal) and Miss Stephanie Cassar (Religious Education Coordinator) who supported this session.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
12th September 2017



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Tuesday 12th September,

the staff will be involved in a Professional Learning Day.

There will be no formal classes.

We would ask that all children be under the care and supervision of a parent/carer on this day.



Year 10 COMMERCE MARKET

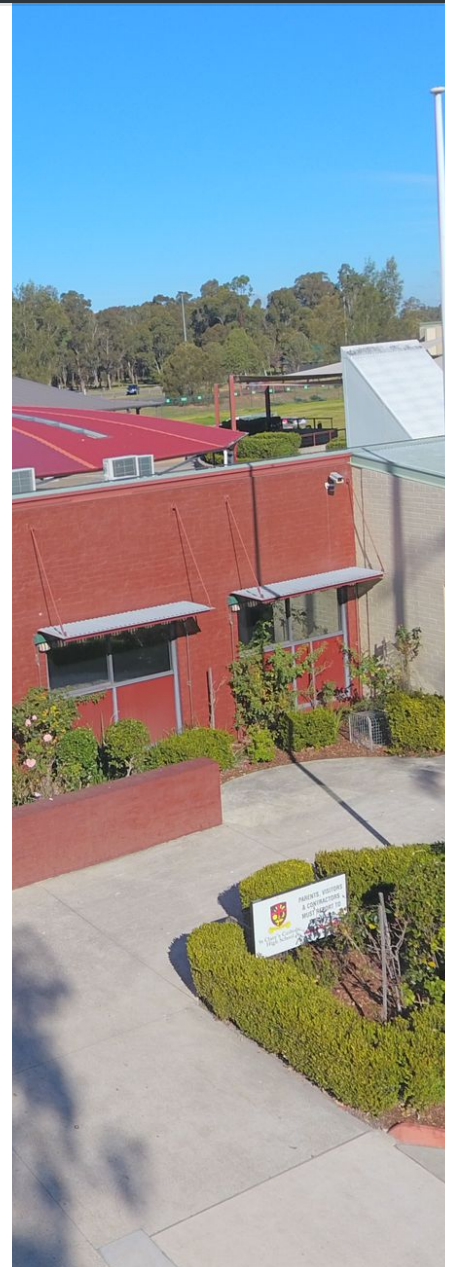
Market Day was the third assessment task for us, year 9 Commerce Students. In the assessment task, we had to work together in small groups, and as a group, start, run and manage our own business. We were given the freedom to decide what type of business we wanted to create, and were permitted to run it in whatever way we wished. With this freedom, we began brainstorming, joining ideas, assessing our work until eventually we arrived at a final product.

Prior to the event (Market Day), which took place on the 30th of August (Wednesday), we were given time to plan and prepare our businesses. In order to plan for the assessment task, we were provided a group of activities and questions to answer, which would help us form a rough idea of how our business would run. This task was given to us, to test our entrepreneur skills, and our abilities to work as both a group and individually, to produce the best business possible. Overall, despite the great deal of stress brought upon by the task, it was a great experience for us students, and allowed us to live a day in the life of a business owner. This assessment task was a creative way to help develop our skills as young individuals, and gave us some insight on our lives in the future.

Written by: Jed Garcia

The Commerce Market Day felt more like a learning experience than an assessment task. After days and weeks of preparation, the day had come and it approached us fast. The whole idea of the market day was to gain knowledge and business skills which we could utilise in our futures. It gave us a snippet of the workplace experience, and the many problems we encounter and how to adapt to those situations. This day gave us the opportunity to express our creativity, ideas and knowledge. Although to get to that point required preparation, which was done in class through several tasks. The SDC walkways were filled with a unique variety of stalls, all of which had something to offer to the St Clare's Community. Running the business was definitely much more difficult than anticipated. You didn't know what to expect as many different situations could arise, and those situations could have significant impacts on the flow of your business. Personally, our stall had stumbled upon a few dilemmas which disrupted the desired flow of our business, however we bounced back and continued to serve customers in an according manner. Despite the fact that our business had encounter some problems, the whole experience was definitely something that all of us will remember. For many of us, it was the first time we ever experienced working in the workspace without adult supervision and making our own choices. The experience tested our marketing skills and business knowledge. The outcome of the market day was a success. The 2017 market day had raised around \$1700-1800 which was the most any market day had raised. This was definitely an achievement we're all proud of. This money will go towards assisting those in need, through initiatives such as our Christmas hampers.

Written by: Melgene Sugpatan



involves designing and managing a business. This task required a large amount of responsibility, dedication and commitment as we all had to fairly contribute in the means of money and time, during and outside of school hours, in order to run the business smoothly.

We were split into small groups and had to come up with a unique business idea, then create a name, logo, conduct market research and start planning for our market stall. We also had to create an advertisement poster which we put up around the school to advertise our product. This opportunity allowed year 9 commerce students to gain knowledge and experience in running a business.

In our opinion, the market day was a great success as we all had to work as a team in a social environment and connect with our school community. Also the money that was raised from Market Day will be put towards our Caritas Christmas hampers, to help those in our community who are less fortunate. This made the extra hours, large commitment all worth while. This assessment task was a great opportunity and rewarding experience which allowed us to practice and express our creativity, teamwork skills, business knowledge and intuition as young, growing entrepreneurs.

Written by: **Clare Wilkes and Chloe Appleby**



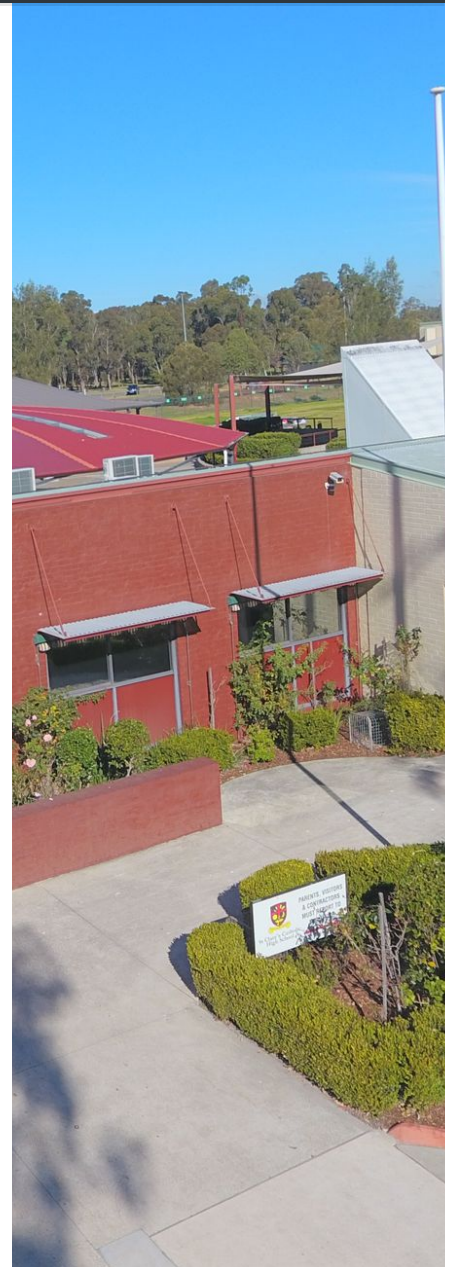
Jersey Day


Jersey Day was a successful and joyful day to commemorate the passing of Nathan Gremmo who lost his life due to an accident and gave the gift of life to others. The students of St Clare's were very supportive and generous in donating to charity. Many students wore their favourite sporting team's jersey to raise awareness and to show support for the cause. The aim of the day was in raising awareness for Organ Donation and supporting the DONATE LIFE network.




St CLARE'S DISCO


On the 1st of September, St Clare's had their first 2017 superhero themed disco. The night was a raging success with students jamming with the DJ in P1 and buying many food and drinks to cool off. Students also had the opportunity to take goofy photos with their friends, giving them a night they would never forget. Prizes for best dressed were given out to the students and teachers; congratulations to Andrea Sadsad, Jacob Botros, Ms Alfafara and Mr. Adams. We can't wait for our next one!





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