

LEARNING UPDATE - 16

Friday, 18th September, 2020

Working so that our students feel they are known, understood, valued and learning.

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Term 3 Academic Term Finish Date -

This term concludes on **Friday, 25th September**. Students will have lessons up until 2.30pm this day. The last week of each term is as important as every other week and provides students with another 25 hours of learning time. We look forward to seeing students at school next week, ready to make the most of their lesson time.

School resumes on Tuesday, 13th October.

Our Last Week of Lessons with Year 12

This week will be the last week of lessons for our Year 12 class of 2020. This is the school's first graduating HSC cohort and as we prepare for their final week of lessons, we are saddened to have such little time left with a group of young people who bear many gifts and who are such an integral part of our school community. It is important that they make the most of their classroom learning time this coming week. Our prayers are with them in coming weeks, and always. There will be graduation ceremonies and opportunities to say our goodbyes next term.

Year 12 HSC CoVid Safe Exams

We have met all guidelines for CoVid-safe Trial Exams, with separate exam rooms and regular exam room cleaning. This will continue for the HSC. In the event that we have a CoVid case and we need to close the school for deep cleaning during the HSC period, *CathWest Innovation College* (formerly Loyola) will host our HSC exams so that our Year 12 students can still complete their exams. We thank our Year 12 students for their cooperation with meeting requirements during a difficult period in their education.

Year 11 Update

Year 11 students return to classes after their Exam Block on **Monday, 21st September**. Year 11 students will be encouraged to consider their Year 11 Yearly exam performance and overall course results to set goals for their Year 12 HSC courses that start early next term. Some Year 11 students may choose to drop a course so that their study package includes only the mandatory requirements of 10 units. Students should be aware of their HSC eligibility and ATAR eligibility as part of this consideration.

It is not how you start... but how you finish. *Finish strong!* Parents/carers may find these sites (below) helpful in supporting their children with these decisions.

- UAC ATAR Eligibility
- HSC Rules and Procedures

Please contact the school should you like to clarify anything so that you may support your children in Year 11 making these choices and preparing to start Year 12.

Online Safety Parent/Carer Advice

We encourage parents/carers to monitor their children's screen time, as well as the people and content that they are engaging with online. We recommend the Esafety Commissioner site (<u>https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents</u>) for parents/carers wishing to find more information and tools to help in managing children and young people's online safety and wellbeing. We can also recommend this simple <u>guide</u>.

St Francis' Feast Day, 4th October.

Our school patron, Saint Clare, was inspired by St Francis upon hearing him speak of God and our mission in Italy over 500 years ago. As he was important to Saint Clare's calling and faith, we too like to honour Saint Francis' contribution and guidance. His inspiration is also noted by our current Pope Francis, who took his name. *The Saint Francis Peace Prayer* (see below) is particularly powerful in urging us to be the instruments of peace and light that we wish to see in our world. We encourage our community to prepare for *St Francis' Feast Day* in coming weeks by reflecting on the words in his prayer.



Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi For Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, let me sow pardon. Where there is friction, let me sow union. Where there is doubt, let me sow truth. Where there is doubt, let me sow faith. Where there is despair, let me sow hope. Where there is darkness, let me sow light. Where there is sadness, let me sow joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek, to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is pardoning that we are pardoned.

It is dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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Social Media Updates



Parents / carers are encouraged to follow *Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta* and *St Clare's Catholic High School* Facebook pages for access to the latest pictures, videos and social media updates.

House Games

Please see some photos below from some of our House Games fun recently had in Recess and Lunch breaks.





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