



LEARNING UPDATE - 7

Friday, 11 March, 2022

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

Almighty and ever loving God,

You invite us to repentance at Lent by engaging more honestly, genuinely and deeply in prayer.

Teach us, through the example of St Clare's spirit of contemplation, to develop authentic prayerfulness - so that "we may desire to imitate him who is perfect".

May this Lent be an opportunity to follow in your teaching to "ask...seek.. and knock..."

Intercede, we pray, in the many hardships in our world - seen and unseen - so that we may bring your Kingdom closer.

We ask this in Your Holy Name,

Amen



Dear Parents / Carers,

Come and see our amazing school
and meet our Principal as he conducts

SCHOOL TOURS

9AM MONDAY – FRIDAY



Bring a friend

No need to book - call the School Office
on 9830 2400 if you have any questions.

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School Tours - Daily at 9.00am

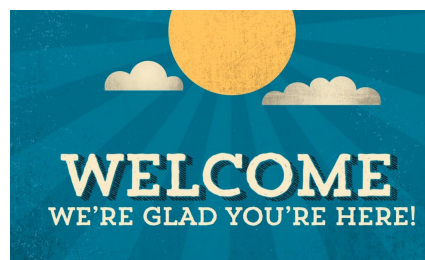
We were delighted with how many families came to tour the school last Wednesday afternoon. If you are interested in seeing our school in action we are conducting school tours every day at 9.00am. Bring a friend.

Mr Jones, our Principal, or one of our Leadership Team, will take you around the school and into the learning spaces so you can see how our teachers and students really work together. It will offer you a wonderful insight into the approach taken at St Clare's and the learning that is happening. This invite is of particular importance to any families new to our community and/or those considering 2022 or 2023 enrolment

No need to book - just come along.

Confirming your child's enrolment at our meeting

In busy times, we know that time is precious. We want you to be confident about your plans for your child's future. Once you complete an enrolment form and provide all the necessary information we will arrange a meeting **within a week. These are not interviews but quick meetings to introduce ourselves and confirm your enrolment.** Please don't be nervous or concerned. We want you to feel welcome.



These meetings will be very quick but they present an important opportunity to collect any additional information from you to support your child's learning, wellbeing and development and to answer any questions you may have. We have already confirmed the enrolment of some Year 7 students for 2023.

Prayer in LENT

Lent is an opportunity to reconnect with God and our faith through prayer.

Harmony Week Coming Soon

This coming week, we will be celebrating Harmony Week. We will have a formal liturgy on Tuesday and cultural performances on Friday afternoon. Unfortunately, parents/carers will not be able to attend either of these events this year as a Covid safety precaution, but we are looking forward to marking these important events and celebrating diversity with the students. Please encourage your child to wear orange or cultural dress on Friday as a symbol of their commitment to harmony.



For more information on Harmony Day visit <https://www.harmony.gov.au/>

Vaping

Over the past few weeks we have been raising concerns about the number of our students who are involved in vaping at school, but also traveling to and from school. This continues to be a problem. Most recently we have had groups of students congregating at Hassall Grove shops.

We will continue to apply three day suspensions to students who are caught vaping at school or while in school uniform. Recently, we have had two or three students discovered coming out of a single use toilet at the same time. These students are clearly involved in unacceptable behaviour. The nature of this may not be clear but their actions are designed to hide what they are doing. From Monday, any students caught congregating in a group in a single use toilet will be placed in our in-school suspension and will be required to provide a written explanation of their actions. Their parents / carers will be contacted.





National Day of Action **against** Bullying and Violence

Friday 18 March 2022

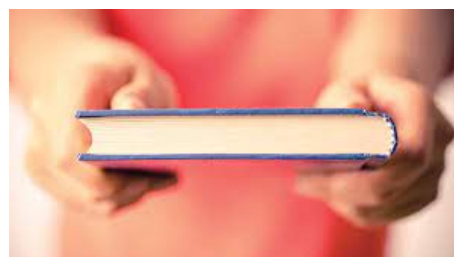
Year 7 Activity Day



Mr Trotz and the Year 7 team ran a great day of fun for our Year 7 cohort this week. It was a great day of team building activities where a number of students demonstrated their leadership skills and where house spirit was clearly evident. Students used their creative skills to make outfits out of newspaper that reflected their Patron House Saints and engaged in activities such as Lava Flow, Marshmallow and toothpick building challenge, Magic Carpet and Hula Hoop Pass. It was a great day for all!

Book Drive for Lismore Flood Appeal

We are collecting **Primary School Books** to support *St Joseph's Catholic Primary School* in Woodburn, Lismore Diocese which was significantly affected in the Lismore floods. The students in this school will be relocating to the local Church while their school is repaired. If you wish to donate any Primary school age appropriate books, please give them to our School Office in the coming weeks. We would love to send as many books as possible to help the students and families who are in need. Along with prayer, Lent is a time to give to others, to help us prepare for Easter and the opportunity to renew that presents itself at this time of year.



CoVid Safety

Although some Covid restrictions have eased, it is important that we all remain responsible in exercising personal care and responsibility. **Most importantly, please ensure that your child does not attend school if they have any cold/flu or Covid symptoms.** *Regular testing using the Rapid Antigen Tests provided by the school are highly recommended.* Please do not send your child to school if anyone in their household tests positive. They will need to remain in isolation for 7 days as per the public health order. Please call us if you have any concerns or questions.

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