



# LEARNING UPDATE - 12

Friday, 21st August, 2020

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

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Recent weeks at the school have been very joyful and celebratory. We ran a successful Year 9 Commerce Market Day with students learning how to run a business and make profits. The day resulted in over \$1000 profits which will be donated to St Vincent's Christmas Appeal. Please have a look at our Facebook page to see some great pictures.

House Games have run successfully in breaks, encouraging students to have fun together and be active between lessons. It also helps keep our patrons and Catholic role models in the forefront of our minds. The [Mini-House Games](#) were well received by the students. Thank you to all the teachers who gave up their time to participate. Students were particularly enthusiastic about the Handball competition, with a number of them disappointed they were not involved (this time around). Congratulations to the teachers who represented MacKillop, Mr Chavez and Mr Trotz, who took out their competition to place 1st!

1st - <b>MAC</b> (T)	2nd- <b>KOL</b> (S)	3rd - <b>CHI</b> (S)	4th - <b>MAC</b> (S)	5th - <b>BEN</b> (T)
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T = Teachers

S = Students

Mackillop - 5 points

Kolbe - 4 points

Chisholm - 3 points

Mackillop - 2 points

Benedict - 1 Point



St Clare's Catholic High School - Spelling Bee, 2020



The Spelling Bee was also a hit with the students and teachers. Lots of laughs and lots of nerves! Thanks to Ms Nash and Mrs Wood for their efforts in making this happen.

**Benedict** (Ms Bravo) & **Kolbe** (Mr Callan) tied first place - 5 points each

**Chisholm** (Mr Dela Cruz) 2nd place - 3 points  
**Kolbe** (Jordan V) 3rd place - 2 point



The next instalment of the House Games will occur on **Wednesday, 2nd September 2020**. During **recess** in the **Library** there will be a 'Words in Word' game with the teachers allowing themselves to be cajoled into participating.

Students in Kolbe had the opportunity to engage in a special liturgy to honour Maximilian Kolbe. Thanks to Ms Brown for putting this opportunity together for Kolbe House.

### **Please see other important updates below:**

#### **TTFM**

Students, teachers and parents are invited to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Clare's Catholic High School. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device.

#### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Thank you to all our families who are working with us to improve the attendance rates and punctuality of our students. If students are regularly absent and are regularly late, they miss valuable opportunities to receive feedback on their learning and they make it difficult for themselves to keep on top of their studies. The longer students are away the more overwhelming it becomes to return and face the work that has begun to pile up and it then becomes a vicious cycle. If you have concerns about your child not wanting to come to school we are here to support you in your efforts. Let's break bad habits before they form and give our students the best opportunity for learning success.

#### **Year 12 Trials Update**

Our first ever Year 12 Trial Examination block is going well. Thanks to the parents / carers involved in helping students study at home and come prepared for their exams. Trial Exams continue next week. Year 12 lessons resume Monday 31st August. Our Year 12 teachers are now in the process of marking student exams and ensuring they receive feedback to inform their HSC examination preparation.

#### **Year 11 Preliminary Exams**

Year 11 students sit their yearly exams shortly. These commence on Monday, 7th September. For most Year 11 students this will be their first experience of a two hour examination for each course they are taking. It will be important that Year 11 students use the next two weeks to prepare for these exams. Parents / carers can help by creating a quiet space for students to study regularly, encouraging students to write and memorise study notes for their courses, and by helping them to maintain appropriate study/work/exercise balance. If you have any questions about how to support your children in these important times in their schooling, please don't hesitate to contact the school and speak to any of their teachers.

**We wish you a faith-filled, peaceful, and safe weekend.**

**We look forward to seeing your children back at school on Monday  
for another great week of learning and joy.**

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