



Lighthouse

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

In recent days we have been saddened by the terrible event that occurred in the skies over the Ukraine. Together, we mourn those who have lost their lives in this senseless act of violence.

Unfortunately we are confronted by violent atrocities around the world on a regular basis. Perhaps we may even become indifferent and think to ourselves, 'what has this got to do with me' or 'what can I do about it?' Of course these questions are valid and in reality there isn't too much that we can do on an individual level.

However, when we think about the causes of this violence, then maybe there are reasons for each of us to pause and think.

One of the causes of violence stems from an intolerance of the differences between people. Some people are reluctant to accept that other people are different and therefore will not allow them to be different. We can see this in the various tensions between different cultures around the world. It is also evident in the tensions between religions and even within religions. Sadly it was present in our own society when in December 2005 several factional groups decided to resort to violence in order to 'settle' ongoing tensions in the streets of Cronulla.

No doubt the reasons for this intolerance will vary, but perhaps at the root of it all is an element of fear. Unfortunately some people seem to be afraid to allow people to be different. This, of course, leads to a deeper question. Why would anyone be afraid of differences between people?

Perhaps the real answer to this question lies within. When we fear the differences in others then perhaps we are challenged about our own insecurities. Those who are able to accept themselves, as they are, warts and all, are in a much better position to accept other people. Conversely, those who have difficulty in really accepting and embracing themselves will have problems in acknowledging and understanding the differences in others.

I find it worthwhile to consider the lives of inspirational people in providing some guidance in this difficult matter. People like Nelson Mandela provide hope for us all. As we know he was imprisoned for 27 years for opposing apartheid in his country. So if anyone had a reason to resort to violence to extract revenge and assert dominance, then Mandela could easily have justified such behavior. However, he chose peace and reconciliation.

Let us remember all those who suffer from violence and in particular, those who perished on flight MH17.

Br Robert Sutton, fms
Principal

Mid Preliminary Awards

AWARDS

Firstly, we would like to thank Professor Waring for attending the Awards Ceremony. He is a Clinical Psychologist with 40 years of experience working in the field of mental health. Professor Waring is a Conjoint Professor of Psychology at the University of Newcastle where he has just retired as Chancellor after eight years in office. He is currently the Chair of the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council and a member of the Hunter-New England District Health Board. He was President of the NSW Psychologists Registration Board and Chair of the National Council of Psychologists Registration Boards for 14 years.

Congratulations to the following music students who performed:

Christian Shilling (on Piano)

'Six Variations on a Swiss Song by Beethoven'

Joanna Gorton (Voice & Guitar)

'Born to Try – by Lady Gaga'

Congratulations to the following College students who received three or more awards.

Three Award Recipients

Jasmin Blanch

- Equal Second Place – Business Studies
- First Place - Economics
- Second Place – Legal Studies

Jack Cornish

- Academic Achievement – Industrial Technology Multimedia
- Academic Achievement – English Standard
- Equal First Place – Information Processes & Technology

Hannah Dunn

- Academic Achievement- English Advanced
- Equal Second Place – Studies of Religion 1U
- Academic Achievement- Ancient History

Callan Guest

- Equal First Place – Construction
- Equal Second Place – Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
- Equal First Place – Industrial Technology Timber Products & Furniture

Eden Klitgaard

- Third Place – Community & Family Studies
- Academic Achievement – Biology
- Equal Second Place – General Mathematics

Grace Lancaster

- Equal First Place – English Extension 1
- Second Place – English Advanced
- Equal Third Place – Studies of Religion 2U

Sophie Mamic

- Academic Achievement- Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
- Academic Achievement – Community & Family Studies
- Equal Second Place – English Standard

Ella Mayo

- Equal Second Place – Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
- Academic Achievement- Community & Family Studies
- Academic Achievement – Studies of Religion 2U

Jake McCall

- First Place – Software Design & Development
- Second Place – Mathematics Extension 1
- Academic Achievement – Mathematics 2U

Grace Moses

- Equal First Place – Community & Family Studies
- Academic Achievement – Legal Studies
- Academic Achievement – General Mathematics

Michelle Tolosa-Castor

- First Place – Modern History
- Equal First Place – Society & Culture
- Academic Achievement – General Mathematics

Four Award Recipients

Ashleigh Moylan

- Academic Achievement – Studies of Religion 2U
- Academic Achievement – Business Studies
- Academic Achievement – Legal Studies
- Third Place – Society & Culture

Five Award Recipients

Lauren Freemantle

- Equal First Place – Photography
- Academic Achievement – English Advanced
- First Place – Studies of Religion 1U
- First Place – Legal Studies
- Equal First Place – Drama

Nikola Groves

- Equal First Place – Community & Family Studies
- Second Place – Biology
- Third Place – Chemistry
- Third Place – Mathematics Extension 1
- Equal Second Place – Mathematics 2U

James Seldon

- First Place – Biology
- Second Place – Chemistry
- Equal Second Place - Physics
- Academic Achievement – Studies of Religion 2U
- Equal Second Place – Mathematics 2U

Claudia Wallis

- First Place – French Beginners
- Academic Achievement – Studies of Religion 2U
- Equal First Place – Ancient History
- First Place – Mathematics Extension 1
- First Place – Mathematics 2U

Six Award Recipient

Dominique de Gail

- Equal First Place – Visual Arts
- Equal First Place – English Extension 1
- First Place – English Advanced
- Equal Third Place – Biology
- Academic Achievement – Studies of Religion 2U
- Equal First Place – Society & Culture

The College also acknowledges all those students who have applied themselves fully during the past six months, but who were not award recipients.



AWARDS



La Valla Barefoot Bowls

Thank you for the support of so many

from our SFX Community for our La Valla Barefoot Bowls Day held at Lowlands Bowling Club on Saturday, 21 June.

It was a day of great fun and competition.

We also ran special Individual Lawn Bowling Competitions, sold cakes and slices and held a raffle throughout the day. The Moody family were the winners of our La Valla Raffle. We thank the Frazer family for donating such a great raffle hamper.

With the support of local businesses such as Lowlands Bowling Club, 111 Bean Espresso and The Harvest Market, and with the support of so many in our St Francis Xavier's community, our La Valla Barefoot Bowls Day raised over \$1087.

We thank all who were there on the day to support our College efforts to help the students of La Valla School in Cambodia.

Mikala Fulmer, Paul Kelly, Lara Fuller, Lydia Frazer, Tom Newman and Phoebe Cousins



Round 4

St Paul's High School Booragul

On Wednesday, 25 June we appeared at Newcastle Local Court and represented Miss Lauren Freemantle who was defending a civil claim for damages arising out of a motor vehicle accident. Miss Freemantle had been the driver of a stolen car.

Our team was:

Barristers: **Corin Ayliffe, Jessie Smith**
Solicitor: **Lauren Townsend**
Defendant: **Lauren Freemantle**
Witness: **Madeline Best**
Court Officer: **Brooke Varnum**



Our witnesses provided compelling evidence, and our barristers made clear persuasive argument, which allowed us to win the case by 231 points to 216.



Annual Student Leadership

Breakfast

2014



Shown above are the students who represented the College at the Student Leadership Breakfast. Picture shows students with Tim Owen, State Member for Newcastle.

L to R: **Olivia Carroll** (College Captain)
Joel Webber (College Captain)
Tim Owen, AM PM
Katie Macneill (Vice Captain)
William Tribe (Vice Captain)

Advanced Study Skills

FREE HSC Study

Workshop

Monday, 4 August
7.30pm – 9.00pm (doors open 7pm)

*Charlestown Community Centre
Cnr Frederick & Pearson Streets,
Charlestown (entry via Frederick Street)*

For Year 11 & 12 students
their parents and guardians

RSVP is essential
as workshops are limited to
70 participants.

To book and for further details email
study@theplacecharlestown.org.au

TANTRUM
TANTRUM THEATRE

the
chosen
BY LACHLAN PHILPOTT

Congratulations to three Year 11 Entertainment students for being elected by Tantrum Theatre to be Production Team staff members for a touring production of a play entitled "The Chosen". This opportunity will enable **Emilia Flaherty** (*Assistant Stage Manager*), **David Lobb** (*Audio and Lighting Technician*) and **Conagh Punch** (*Audio and Lighting Technician*) a week of residency at Australian Theatre for Young People in Sydney, where they will work with industry professionals of very high calibre. This is a praiseworthy achievement for these students, as they have been selected for their capabilities in their specialty areas.



Emilia Flaherty
*Assistant
Stage Manager*



David Lobb
*Audio &
Lighting Technician*



Conagh Punch
*Audio &
Lighting Technician*

Finance Office Hours

8:30 am to 3:00 pm – Monday to Friday

Finance Officers: **Mrs Debra Maynard**
(Monday to Friday)
: **Mrs Lorraine Webster**
(Monday, Tuesday and Friday)

Email: hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au

Term 1, 2 & 3 Statements

Thank you to those families who have finalised their school fees or made payment arrangements with the Finance Office. Updated statements were emailed and mailed on Monday, 21 July. Unless otherwise arranged or paying by direct debit or BPay all outstanding fees for prior terms are due immediately. Please finalise your accounts by Monday, 28 July 2014. After that date outstanding fees for prior terms will be subject to the College Debt Recovery Policy.

If you are paying your school fees by instalments via BPay or Direct Debit, you need to check your school fees are reducing as you would expect them too. It is your responsibility to ensure your school fees are up to date. Unless otherwise arranged, fees must be finalised by the end of October 2014 for Year 12 and mid December 2014 for Year 11.

To locate the emailed statement, the sender details are hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au

SPORTS

ATHLETE PROFILES

Meg's in Melbourne for Australian All Schools Swimming Champs!

Meg Bailey has been given the honour of captaining the NSW All Schools Swimming Team in Melbourne this week as part of the SSSA swimming championships. Meg will compete in a range of events and is looking to improve her amazing results from last year where she 'scooped' an amazing five Gold Medals and was named 'swimmer of the meet'. Good luck Meg!



Braden gets set for November Tour of United Kingdom

Braden Robson has been selected in the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League team that will tour the United Kingdom for six weeks in November. This is a huge honour for Braden as he is our first Australian Representative in Schoolboy Rugby League since Jarrod Mullen in 2004. As a result of his selection Braden has joined the likes of other SFX students to pull on the green and gold at this level including Danny Buderus, Michael Hodgson, Anthony Quinn, Anthony Tupou to name a few... We wish Braden all the best with the upcoming tour and his race to the finals with the high flying Newcastle Knights U20s NYC team.

Congratulations Braden 😊



Braden seen here warming up for a match with fellow SFX Rugby League player Sam Stone.

State Equestrian Titles

Gabrielle Irwin-Cragg competed in the 'Eventing' section of the State Interschool Equestrian Championships held late last term. She competed in the 95cm class and placed 18th of 22. Gabrielle was happy with this result as it signified the first chance to place her one year old horse into a 'competitive' environment. Like most first timers there were a significant amount of nerves for both rider and horse and from all accounts the 'little fellow' will be better for the experience. Well done Gabrielle!



SFX College St Vincent de Paul Group



Winter Appeal

Late last term the College St Vincent de Paul Society Group conducted an appeal for non perishable food items, warm clothes and blankets for people less fortunate than us.

We would like to thank everyone who supported the appeal. It was very successful and we were able to donate 12 large cartons of food to the needy.

The clothes and blankets were donated to the St Vincent de Paul Centre at Islington and the food items were divided amongst the St Vincent de Paul Society Conferences at Merewether Beach and Waratah, and the House of Hospitality which is located at Broadmeadow.

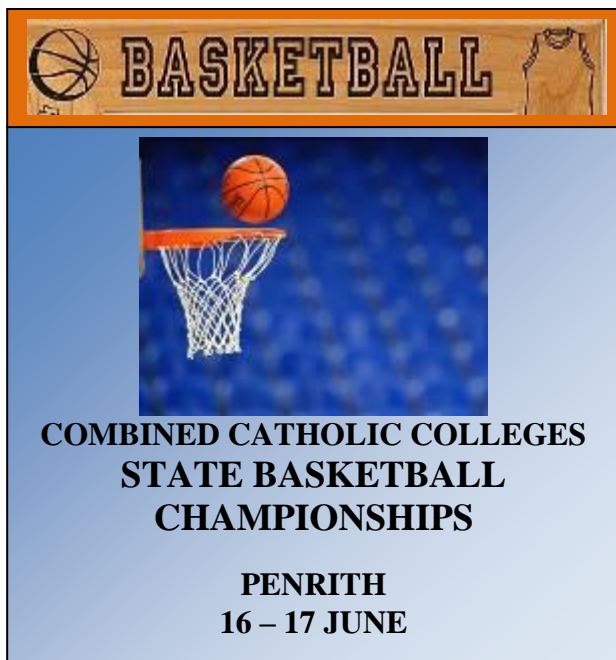
RECOGNITION AWARDS

At the end of last term, recognition awards for "Outstanding and Sustained Commitment to SVDP Activities, 2013-2014" were presented to the following members:

Meg Bailey, Grace Clegg, Ethan Dominish, Thomas Fletcher, Olivia Kelly, Bronte Linich, Chloe McKinnon, Joel Oliver, Katherine Pendlebury and Marija Tadic-Vulin.

Many thanks to these students for their generosity.

Br David



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOYS TEAM!



Wise man once said *“To the conqueror come the spoils”* and this situation is nothing different - what a fantastic week for the St Francis Xavier’s College Boys’ basketball team. After a mixed preparation and players pulling out and injury clouds, the victorious SFX boys’ basketball team **won its first CCC State Title in over a decade**, defeating an extremely strong (two Hawks ABA players) and defending champions **Holy Spirit Bellambi** in a nail biting **final 70-64**.

“The BIG 3”, “Mr Fundamental” **Myles Cherry**, “Baby Lebron” **Kouat Noi** and “Drop Zone” **Dhiu Noi** leading the way with outstanding performances over the two days making sure the title would be returning to Newcastle. The team are one step away from attaining a possible birth in Championship division at Australian All Schools in Canberra in December.

Other outstanding performances from court leader **John Brokenshire**, who has returned to basketball after some time away playing rugby league showed true leadership and dead eye shooting, nailing three huge 3 pointers in the championship game. **Ben Kingham** (BK junior) was “our rock” playing the final with a torn groin muscle making many huge defensive plays and showing great court awareness to complement his team mates. **Kaman Bol** was our sixth man bringing energy and desire off the bench; a great, all round team mate with a fantastic

attitude who constantly works hard. **Michael Sheridan’s** hardnosed defence was inspiring throughout the tournament and in the double overtime quarter final against the always efficient St Dominic’s Penrith, Michael was outstanding making huge defensive plays helping steady the ship and get the win. **Reece Browning** for being a great voice on the bench and always ready to play having a great game in the win over Saint Greg’s Campbelltown. **Viko Puliueva** our power in the KEY and enforcer, who showed opposition players willing to bring a physical game were matched tenfold. He produced a fine performance in the semi-final against Blacktown looked after all players on and off the court. And last but not least **Makoi Makuer** the rapping, 3 point shooting total team mate who just complemented every member of the team and coaching staff. I am sure that all the boys will remember this tournament and the historic win for the rest of their lives.

The win at the CCC State Titles allows the boys to participate in the **NSW All Schools Championships** to be held in September. This tournament comprises the first placed team at each of the school tournaments across all school sectors in NSW. A win here will see the team qualify for the championship division at the Australian All Schools Championships to be held in Canberra in December.



Pool Games (2nd in Pool)

vs Patrician Brothers, Fairfield 65 - 35
 vs St Gregory’s College, Campbelltown 51 - 47
 vs McCarthy College, Tamworth 70 - 64
 vs St Patrick’s College, Sutherland 58 - 38
 vs Holy Spirit College, Bellambi lost 50 - 69

Quarter-Final (Won in double extra time)

vs St Dominic’s College, Kingswood 54 - 50

Semi-Final (Won)

vs Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown 62 - 60

Final (State Champions)

vs Holy Spirit College, Bellambi 70 - 64

The Girls’ basketball report will be printed in the next Lighthouse.

Many thanks to the girls and boys coaches, Suzi Walmsley, Rohan Stevenson and Bennie Murray and to our managers Mr Robert Sheridan, Mrs Sue Paton, Brother David and Brother Pat.

Mrs Rosemary Sheridan
 Basketball Coordinator



Julie McLoughlin

Careers Coordinator

julie.mcloughlin@mn.catholic.edu.au

**DON'T
FORGET**

UAC PIN Numbers

During the Trial period you will receive a Pin Number from UAC. KEEP IT SAFE!!

When Trial exams are over there will be sessions on how to apply to university and the UAC Guides will be handed out on your first week back.

Newcastle University Central Coast Campus

If you are interested in any of the Degrees that run out of the Central Coast Campus this should be a date for your calendar - **Saturday, 16 August** - (Exercise & Sports Science/Podiatry/Oral Health).

Engineering Night

Engineers Australia is presenting a night of 'Discover Engineering' directed at students who are interested in Engineering. Students are invited to come along and hear some of the many ways engineers influence our everyday lives and hear how to achieve a rewarding career in engineering. Areas to be addressed include:

* *Why be an Engineer?*

* *What do Engineers do?*

* *How do you become an Engineer?*

Students will also have the chance to ask questions and obtain course information from the University of Newcastle and Hunter Institute of TAFE.

Date: Tuesday, 5 August 2014

Time: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Venue: Engineers Australia Auditorium
122 Parry Street, Newcastle West

RSVP: [Registration essential](#) by Friday, 1 August or call 4911 7310 for more information.

The School of Mining Engineering at UNSW

Is hosting an Information Dinner in Newcastle on Friday, 15 August at Wests New Lambton for high school students & parents interested in learning more about studying Mining Engineering.

The dinner is a rare opportunity for students to meet with current UNSW students and staff to increase their awareness of Australia's minerals industry and its rewarding career opportunities. A promotional flyer with all the necessary information is on the School Portal. Space is limited and the RSVP date is Friday, 1 August.

Open Days - Reminder

These are around the corner for most universities. If you are considering attending another University these are a MUST! The school Careers Portal has a list of all these and their dates.

UNSW Women in Engineering Camp

Applications open on Tuesday, 5 August 2014. The camp will run 12-16 January 2015. Girls who will be in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2015 and who excel in Science and Maths are encouraged to attend. For more information refer to engineering.unsw.edu.au/wiec, or contact the UNSW Women in Engineering Manager, Alex Bannigan on (02) 9385 7458 or a.bannigan@unsw.edu.au.

Cadetships

BlueScope Cadetships

BlueScope is a global steel solutions business that offers Engineering and Science Degree Cadetships. Cadetships combine part-time study at University of Wollongong and full-time work in Port Kembla. Cadets start on a salary of approximately \$30,617 and if relocating an allowance of \$6,100 is offered for the first year. Additionally they receive an education allowance of \$4,600 each year to assist them at university.

Go to www.bluescopesteel.com/cadets -

Applications are open from 1st July - 31st August.

Scholarships

1. UTS Science Schools

Recommendation Scholarship (SSRS)

Must have an aptitude for Science and Maths.

Students are recommended by the schools. Visit

www.science.uts.edu.au/future

Mrs Mac also has a Scholarship booklet with all the available scholarships if you are keen on going to UTS.

2. Avondale College has a Presidents Scholarship

\$8,000 in total. Applications close Friday, 8 August. Must achieve an ATAR of 80 +.

Go to www.avondale.edu.au/scholarships

3. UNSW – Co Op Scholarship Program

For high achieving students in Business, Engineering, Science and the Built Environment - \$16,750 per year. Also available a complete guide on the other Scholarships offered at UNSW if you are interested.

Chiropractic Careers Night

Charlestown Bowling Club

5 Lincoln St; Charlestown

Wednesday, 6 August at 7pm

Call **4967 3388** to register your attendance

A Hospital Play Specialist or Therapist

Utilises their knowledge and skills to work with children in the hospital setting to:

- Normalise the hospital environment as much as possible
- Reduce anxiety
- Promote self esteem
- Provide education and support around specific procedures
- Provide training and support to other healthcare professionals around child development and best practice to support children's wellbeing

It is estimated that there are around 70 positions Australia wide, mostly in public hospitals in larger cities and towns. Many positions are part time, or contracted on a temporary basis. Most practitioners will stay in their role for a long time.

There is no single qualification you need. Generally, in NSW, the Allied Health Professionals Award states the employment criteria for a Play Therapist as, "must hold a bachelor of early childhood, primary teaching or a related field that includes two years study in child development, or other qualification deemed equivalent by the employer." Some tips to help you be an attractive candidate for an advertised position:

- Volunteer at your local Children's Hospital or Paediatric Ward/Unit.
- If you are completing an education degree, there may be the possibility of completing a practicum/placement in a larger Hospital Play Department. Usually these students will need to be completing their studies with a high grade average, and be in the final year of their degree.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer with International Student Volunteers

Make a difference this summer, join ISV for 18 days on one of their educational volunteer and adventure programs in Thailand, Costa Rica, South Africa and Vietnam. Take part in conservation or community development projects where you can contribute to habitat restoration, community building, research and more. For more information contact au-highschools@isvolunteers.org, call 02-9369 5556 or visit ISV's website at www.isvolunteers.org.

AIE Open Day

Sunday, 17 August. Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Open Day. The day will include hands-on workshops and presentations on different areas of the industry. Student work will be on display and teachers will be available to speak with you one on one about courses. For more information head to www.aie.edu.au/openday or call 1300 719 019

A list of current Jobs that the ADF is currently recruiting

NAVY

Trades:

Electronics Technician, Marine Technician

General Entry:

Communication & Information's Systems, Combat Systems Operator, Maritime Logistics Supply Chain



ARMY

Trades:

Electronics Technician, Electrical Technician, Avionics Technician

General Entry:

Rifleman, Cavalryman Artilleryman, Artillery Command Systems Operator, Artillery Air Defender, Cook, Analyst Intelligence Operations, Information Systems Technician, Supply Chain Specialists



AIR FORCE

Trades:

Avionics Technician, Aircraft Technician, Motor Mechanic, Communications Electronic Technician

General Entry:

Communications and Information Systems Controller, Airborne Intelligence Analyst Signals Operator



Up-Coming Information Sessions

- Navy – Tuesday, 29 July at 6pm
- Army Combat Roles – Thursday, 31 July at 6pm

All Information Sessions will be held at:

Defence Force Recruiting,

528 Hunter St Newcastle. For Bookings: email cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au or call (02) 4974 5427

Teach NSW

For high achieving HSC students commencing teacher education program in 2015. Successful applicants will be paid to work as an operational paraprofessional during their initial year of teacher training, and will be guaranteed a permanent teaching position on completion of their studies. For more information or to apply, visit www.teach.NSW.edu.au.

First Aid Courses



These are being run on the following Friday's this term by Life Saving Australia:

- 22 August
- 29 August
- 5 September

This could be a requirement for future employment or you just feel you should have this qualification before you leave school? See Mrs Mac for a note. The cost is \$70 for the day.

ATTENTION Year 11's

If you are interested in taking up a TAFE course as part of your program in 2015 you will need to see Mrs Mac over the next two weeks as applications have already opened for TVET positions next year.

