



Lighthouse

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

Over the past few weeks the people of the Hunter, and the people of Nepal, have been confronted with the devastation that can be caused by nature. Nature has unleashed its fury and caused destruction in its wake.

Let us especially remember those who live in the shattered country of Nepal. These people, who have little real wealth, have been confronted with an earthquake that has claimed thousands of lives and destroyed countless homes. They are crippled with the absolute destruction that surrounds them. They cannot escape the devastation and are struggling for help to begin rebuilding their homes and their lives.

Catastrophic events such as these remind us bluntly of our own vulnerability in the face of nature. Whether it's bush fires, tempests, earthquakes, avalanches or droughts, nature has the power to destroy lives and destroy property. I guess that it is during times like these that we need each other.

People helping people can also have great power too. In the wake of these events, the efforts of people can be an enormous source for good and restoration. I recall that at the time of the terrible Boston Marathon bombings there was TV footage of people actually running towards the site of the explosions. These people were not confused or gawking at what happened they were actually trying to help. They had no way of knowing whether there would be more explosions. They saw an urgent need, and they responded.

The same generous support and response was also evident from the people of the Hunter and is still evident by the people of Nepal.

Of course there is much to worry about in the way that we can treat each other. People can also cause damage and destruction. But it is during times of great catastrophe that we can also see the best in many. Let us be thankful for the goodness, care and support that have been apparent and use these opportunities to renew our belief in our human nature.

Br Robert Sutton, fms
Principal

Dates for your Diary

Monday, 18 May – Tuesday, 26 May
Year 11 Exams

Monday, 18 May-Wednesday, 20 May
Year 12 Retreats

Thursday, 21 May
Year 12 Home Study Day

Friday, 22 May
Staff Inservice Day
School closed for Year 12 Students



St Francis Xavier's College



Many thanks to all students, staff and families who supported this appeal so generously late last term with a huge number of donations. Thanks also to the students who delivered the eggs on the afternoon of Tuesday, 31 March to about 440 residents at Fronditha Aged Care at Mayfield, Bethel Aged Care Facility at Waratah, St Martin de Porres Hostel at Waratah, Charles O'Neill Hostel at Mayfield West, BUPA Care Services at Waratah, St John's Villa at New Lambton and Mayfield Aged Care. Easter Eggs were also donated to St Joseph's Home at Sandgate, St Pius' school at Windale and the Night Care Van.



The students involved were *Gillian Anderson-Fox, Jacob Askew, Mil Brooks, Nadia D'Andrea, Kayla Deller, Daisy Ekert, Chelsea Gilbert, Desai Gordon-Lane, Ashleigh Green, Ben Hickmott, Matthew Kakkavos, Nicola Kelly, Rachel Macneill, Cara Marks, Olivia March, Kristen McSpadden, Bridie Nesbitt, Sean O'Connor, Catherine Pearce, Rachel Pilkington, Charli Sharman, Hannah Simmons, Patrick Smart, Sarah Smith, Jordan Soans, Madeleine Walliker and Izac Ward.*

A special thanks to *Mrs Houston, Mr Cerniauskas, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Sakoff, Mrs McLoughlin and Mr Wakely* who assisted with transport and supervision.

Br David

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Vinnies Day

Thursday, 14 May will be the College's annual St Vincent De Paul day! On this day we ask all staff and students to raid their local Vinnies store in order to create their best op shop creation with prizes awarded to the best dressed.

Pizza slices for \$1.50, cans of soft drink for \$1 and cups of hot chips for \$2 will also be sold during the lunch break. This money, along with an out of uniform gold coin donation from each student, will be donated to a number of worthy causes, including The La Valla School for disabled children in Cambodia and the Matthew Talbot Centre at Wickham which supports homeless men in our community.

So please, rock your favourite second-hand attire and support Vinnies!

Thank you,
Lara Fuller





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Get your Entertainment™ Membership sales campaign off to a great start!

Support our fundraiser for the La Valla School, Cambodia by purchasing an Entertainment Book through the College. You can purchase a hard copy of the book through the College Finance Office or you may prefer to try the new digital book! Books can be bought on line at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3484k6> or contact the Finance Office 4961 2863 or Cassie Mowbray cassie.mowbray@mn.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your support!

Year 11 students who will be participating in the 2015 Cambodia Immersion are



Tovah Agresti



Desai Gordon-Lane



Matthew Kakkavos



Rachel Macneill



Kristen McSpadden



Hannah Simmons

St Francis Xavier's College commemorates ANZAC Day





Nobby's Dawn Service

ANZAC Dawn Service Participants



Jarod Clarkson from St Francis Xavier's College and **Sandra Callaghan** from Callaghan College Jesmond Campus

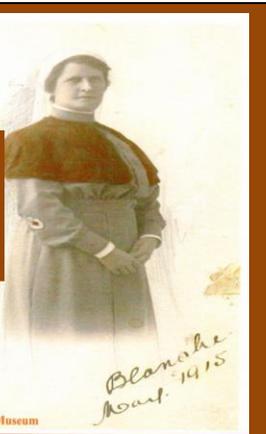


60th Annual Newcastle Combined Schools ANZAC Service
Civic Theatre, Newcastle

Australian Army
Nursing Sister
Blanche Cresswick
From Mayfield

Photo courtesy Newcastle Museum

60th Annual Newcastle Combined Schools ANZAC Service



"They served" – WW1 Australian Army Nurses from the Hunter

Selected experiences of Newcastle and the Hunter Army nurses' service during WW1 in the hospitals and casualty clearing stations, which were hastily erected, to support the wounded and sick soldiers.

Based on "Sisters of the Valley – First World War Nurses from Newcastle and the Valley" by Christine Bramble.



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Chelsea Gilbert and Jarod Clarkson



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Charles Sturt University representatives will be at the College on Thursday, 7 May. In the Theatre at lunch time! If you're interested in Paramedics, Nursing, Communications, Criminal Justice, Animal Sciences, Vet Sciences or Agriculture then come along and ask questions!

Cadetships in Business, Engineering and Technology

Applications for the Business Cadetships Program opened on 9 March and close next Wednesday, 13 May: www.businesscadetships.com.au Applications for the Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program opened on 28 April. The 2015 Program provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to apply for an Engineering Cadetship at Rolls-Royce or a Technology Cadetship at Westpac: www.etcad.com.au



Engineering "Girl's Talk" ... just for the girl's ...

Engineers Australia is hosting a *free* information evening of "**Girl's Talk... just for the Girls**" on **Thursday, 21 May 2015** in the Auditorium of Engineers Australia, 122 Parry Street, Newcastle West from 5:30-7:30pm.

Guest speakers will give informative power point presentations on what it is like to be an engineer, what they do and how they got started.

Representatives from the University of Newcastle and Hunter Institute of TAFE will be available to provide course information. Registration is *essential* for catering purposes as light refreshments will be served; [Registration site](#) or call 02 4911 7310 Helen Wilson.

College Library

There is reading material available in the school library on the carousel "Careers" which has been updated. It contains information on UAC, Defence Forces and different Universities.

RSA / RCG

A reminder of dates:
*Monday and Tuesday 4 & 5 May
AND 11 & 12 May
OR Saturday 9 & 16 May*



All sessions are in the Theatre. On the weekdays it will start as soon as school is dismissed and finish at 6:15pm- for both days.

Weekend sessions start at 9am **promptly**. The trainers have every right to refuse you entry if you are late, as you must complete the required hours to qualify.



Careers Expo Newcastle 2015

Year 12 students are invited to the Careers Expo on Thursday, 21 May at the Broadmeadow Jockey Club. The cost will be \$5 and you will need to have paid this before the day and receive an arm band from Mrs Mac to be allowed entry. This is a pupil free day therefore it will be your responsibility to make transport arrangements.

Police Recruitment 2015

The NSW Police Force is highly competitive and the process has changed from January 2014. The NSW Police Force recruits, selects and trains future police officers through a collaborative arrangement with Charles Sturt University. Potential applicants need to meet a multitude of academic and personal criteria to be placed in the eligibility pool to be selected for a place in the recruit training program. There are generally three intakes per year in January, May and September.



If you are considering a career as a police officer with the NSW Police Force you must be:

- a minimum of 18 years and 4 months of age
- have a clear driving behaviour record and received no driving offences for 12 months prior to submitting your professional suitability application with the NSW Police Force
- as a minimum, hold a current NSW **Green** Provisional license
- an Australian citizen/permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen with Special Category Visa
- Meet the requirements of the Body Art and Body Modification Policy.

If you intend applying for a future career with the NSW Police Force the process/requirements include (but are not limited to) the following:

Stage 1 - Academic eligibility assessment with Charles Sturt University

Stage 2 - Lodge an on-line Police Application (professional suitability)

Stage 3 - Literacy / Reasoning Assessment

Stage 4 - Detailed Background Checks

Stage 5 - Physical Capacity Assessments

Stage 6 - Medical Assessment

Stage 7 - Face to Face Interview

Stage 8 - Eligibility Pool

Additional mandatory certificates you must provide?

1. Keyboarding Skills Certificate - evidence of achieving the minimum typing standard of 25 words per minute with 98% accuracy
2. Apply First Aid + Pocket Mask Certificate
3. Aquatic Rescue Sequence Certificate

What is the eligibility pool?

Applicants are ranked and placed on the eligibility pool list. The eligibility pool list is dynamic; meaning an applicant's position in the pool will fluctuate as additional applicants are scored for inclusion into the eligibility pool AND as other applicants are selected from the eligibility pool list for an offer into the Associate Degree in Policing Practice. As a result, an applicant's position is not fixed and may move up or down during the year.

Go to: <http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment> for full details and links to application resources, videos, instructions and other relevant information.

My advice has remained consistent on this application process. You will increase your chances if you are OLDER; MORE MATURE; HAVE SOME LIFE EXPERIENCES; and have achieved some SKILL BASE.

*****All University & College Open Days dates for 2015 can be found on the School Portal*****

A Day @ UNSW

A Day @ UNSW is on **Thursday, 25 June**. Students can spend the day attending lectures, meeting new friends and experiencing all that university life has to offer. Spots are filling up fast. Call (02) 9385 1844 to reserve a place.

Podiatry, Medical Imaging and Medical Sonography at CQUniversity in Sydney

CQUniversity Sydney is located on Kent Street in the heart of the city. Students can study a range of programs at CQUniversity Australia, Sydney campus including **Podiatry Practice, Medical Sonography or Chiropractic**. For more information c.bewick@cqu.edu.au

Information Session Sydney Design School Thursday 28 May at 6pm

Find out more about career opportunities to become an Interior Designer or Decorator. Learn more about our courses, walk around our state of the art campus and see our amazing students work. Register now or call us for more information (02) 9437 1902 or <http://sydneydesignschool.com.au/info-sessions/>

Academy of Interactive Entertainment Open Day

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Saturday, 16 May. The day will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. www.aie.edu.au/OpenDay



A reminder to leave enough distance from neighbours' driveways when parking.

We would also like to remind students of the importance of being considerate of neighbours, especially on garbage collection day ensuring **you don't move the residents' bins or block access to the bins**. *This is an ongoing issue with neighbouring residents of which the Council and the Police are working together to rectify.*

Parents please do not park across neighbours' driveways whilst waiting for your child of an afternoon or of a morning when you are dropping them at school.

Thank You!

COLLEGE GATES

CLOSED

**ENTRANCE TO THE COLLEGE VIA
PARKWAY AVENUE**

**Parkway Avenue entrance gates will
be closed from
9:30 am until 2:30 pm each day.**

**Hebburn Street will be the College
entrance available
during these times.**

