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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

The new ANZAC Walk that straddles the top of Strzelecki Lookout is certainly worth the climb. Perhaps its one of the few spots where you can get breathtaking views in all directions. You can marvel at the ocean, look up and down the coast and out towards the Hunter Valley.

It is at places like these that you can get a different perspective on your surroundings. The commanding views take you out of your own small world and challenge you to view things differently. You can see a whole lot further and you can see things from a different angle.

A new way of viewing our physical world can be relatively easy. It's simply a matter of moving to a new vantage point. But we don't only operate in the physical world. As humans we are complex, and there are many and varied aspects to our lives.

Perhaps we also need to look for opportunities to find ways of viewing these other aspects of our lives from different perspectives. Some of this is possible if we can immerse ourselves in another culture. Cultural immersions, as distinct from tourist trips, challenge people to see things differently. They take people out of their normal, secure environment and confront them with communities that have different values and different expectations.

But it is rare that we get the opportunity to immerse ourselves in another culture. So, we have to look for other ways to challenge our perspectives and extend our horizons.

If we make it a priority, then it is certainly possible to challenge ourselves in this regard. We may be already doing it. Consider the role of education. A good education can question our norms and lead us on a journey of discovery. It is a process of learning about our world, ourselves and our place in the world. The same can also happen when we read challenging writings and listen to inspirational speakers.

The problem that we constantly grapple with is being able to seize opportunities to view our attitudes, values and priorities from different perspectives, rather than settling with the comfort of familiarity.

Br Robert Sutton, fms  
Principal

# Year 11 Semester 1 Awards - 17 July 2015

Firstly, we would like to thank Dr Paul Docherty, Senior Lecturer at University of Newcastle and former School Vice Captain at St Francis Xavier's College and Mr Tony Kelly, Principal at San Clemente High School for attending the Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to the following music students who performed:

*Sophie McIntyre, Ryan McFadyen and Jake Radley who performed "Crave You" by Flight Facilities  
Reede Palmer performing his own guitar composition*

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

## Three Awards Recipients

### **Eliza Cook**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- First Place: Legal Studies
- First Place: Studies of Religion 2

### **Bianca Drain**

- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- Second Place: Senior Science
- Equal Third Place: Studies of Religion 2

### **Anthony Goodman**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2

### **Christopher Hendry**

- Academic Achievement: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics
- First Place: Earth & Environmental Science

### **Robert Karathanassis**

- Equal First Place: Industrial Technology Multi Media
- First Place: Senior Science
- First Place: Software Design & Technology

### **Bridie Nesbitt**

- Third Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- Equal First Place: VET Entertainment
- Equal First Place: Photography

### **Sophie Richardson**

- Second Place: French Beginners
- First Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- First Place: Textiles & Design

### **Charli Sharman**

- Academic Achievement: Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2
- First Place: Food Technology

### **Jordan Soans**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Legal Studies
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2

### **Ellie Sullivan**

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics General
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2
- Equal Third Place: English Extension 1

## Four Awards Recipients

### **Cameron Lovell**

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics
- Equal Second Place: Physics
- Second Place: Chemistry
- Equal First Place: Engineering Studies

### **Thomas Vandenberg**

- Equal Second Place: Earth & Environmental Science
- Equal Second Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Equal Second Place: Physics
- Third Place: Chemistry

### **Rose Villari**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Second Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- Second Place: Visual Arts
- Equal First Place: Photography

## Five Awards Recipients

### **Tayla Cannon**

- Academic Achievement: Chemistry
- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics
- Equal Second Place: Biology
- Second Place: Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

### **Chloe Wilkins**

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2
- Third Place: Mathematics
- Equal Second Place: Drama
- First Place: English Extension 1
- First Place: English Advanced

## Six Awards Recipient

### **Ivania Coluccio**

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics General
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2
- Third Place: English Advanced
- Third Place: Music 1
- Equal Second Place: Drama
- First Place: Business Services

## Seven Awards Recipient

### **Sam Harrison**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Equal Third Place: Studies of Religion 2
- Equal Second Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- First Place: Chemistry
- First Place: Mathematics
- First Place: Personal Development, Health & Physical Education
- First Place: Physics

## Year 11 Semester 1 Awards

The College also acknowledges all those students who have applied themselves fully during Semester 1, but who were not award recipients.



## MUSIC

### Rehearsals

#### Wednesday Afternoons

A reminder to all music students that the Music Staff are available from 3:15 pm until 4:30 pm every Wednesday afternoon after school for rehearsals and assistance with preparation for all Music Assessment Tasks.

From the beginning of Term 1, a small number of music students have been taking this opportunity to practise performance pieces and work on their compositions.

Year 11 and Year 12 music students are most welcome to use this extra time. Students just need to let the music teachers know at school during the Wednesday that they would like to use the music rooms after school.

Melissa Wattus and Luke Baker  
Music Staff

*You're Invited!*

Our annual Year 12 Music Students' Concert, our '*night of nights!*' will again be held at the Conservatorium of Music in the Harold Lobb Concert Hall.

Tickets will be available at the door and parents, relatives, friends and music lovers are most welcome to attend to hear our students perform.

So save the date – Friday, 14 August and we hope to see you there. Please refer to the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Kind Regards from the Music Staff at the College

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## MacKillop House Celebration Day



# SPECTRONICS



## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TO ASSIST WITH STUDY

### Text Read and Write Gold

St Francis Xavier's College is offering the latest assistive technology to assist students with all aspects of study. Key features include text to speech, converting study notes to audio, advanced research and tools to assist in making comprehensive study notes. All students have received a 30 minute tutorial on the program and are able to download at home or school for free. Each student has an email on how to download the program. To find out more information visit <http://www.spectronics.com.au/product/texthelp-readwrite-programs> **OR** ask your child to show you!!

Ms Sascha Flick  
Learning Support Coordinator



**Patrick Whitbread**

The Creative Arts department would like to congratulate former student, Patrick Whitbread, who has gained a role in the Australian Production of Cats.

Patrick was School Captain in 2011 and attended the Western Australian Academy

of Performing Arts, graduating in 2014 and winning a number of awards during his studies. In his first year in this most demanding environment he has gained this prestigious role and also a part in *BRING IT ON*, which is currently playing in Sydney.

Patrick was a hardworking student and incredibly modest about his considerable talent. The Department and the College wish him further success and we look forward to seeing him on the stage, working at the highest professional level.

*Mr Patrick Campbell*  
Creative Arts Coordinator



## Mock Trial Round 4

In Round 4 we were required to defend a civil action arising out of injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident.

Our team was:

Barristers	<b>Gabrielle Smith</b> <b>Madeline Kembrey</b>
Solicitor	<b>Eliza Cook</b>
Witnesses	<b>Jacob Askew</b> <b>Elizabeth Redpath</b>
Court Officer	<b>Daniel Soldas</b>



Little separated the teams as each side tested the evidence of the other with robust cross examination. In the end, the clarity and consistency of each witness and the logical argument of our barristers, expertly advised by our solicitor allowed doubt to be cast on the plaintiff case. We were able to win both the points and the case.

Well done to all! We now need to see whether we have accrued enough points to progress to the knockout phase of the competition.

Mr Stone  
HSIE Coordinator

## COLLEGE GATES



**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.**

**ST VINNIES WINTER FOOD  
& CLOTHING APPEAL 2015**

Early this 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 needy people.

The many 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 now located at Broadmeadow.

**RECOGNITION  
AWARDS**

At the end of last term, recognition awards for *“Outstanding and Sustained Commitment to SVDP Activities, 2014-2015”* were presented to the following members:

**Christopher Chapman, Phoebe Cousins, Dinesh Donikena, Lydia Frazer, Lara Fuller, Grace Gibson, Alexandra Kerr, Grace Lancaster, Yue Hong Leong, Shay O’Callaghan, Kieran Palmer, Rachel Saidi, Alessia Sakoff, James Seldon and Brooke Varnum.**

Many thanks to these Year 12 students for their great generosity.

Br David



**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.**



**We all Stand on Sacred Ground:**  
Learn, Respect & Celebrate

**NAIDOC Celebration 2015**

On Friday, 19 June St Francis Xavier’s College celebrated NAIDOC. We were extremely proud to be able to welcome Associate Professor Kelvin Kong as our special guest speaker for the Assembly. Professor Kelvin Kong works between Newcastle Private and John Hunter hospitals, teaches, mentors Indigenous medical students, is a board member of the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, and the RACS’s Indigenous health committee. He is also involved in essential ear disease research throughout Australia.

Dr. Kong stated that “I think I’ve been extremely lucky, and extremely blessed with the opportunities I’ve been given and because of that, I think I have to be mindful about giving back.” He told the assembled students that all the people who live in the Hunter Valley, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, have a responsibility as custodians of this land to protect it and appreciate it. This precious land of ours has been here for millions of years and we need to ensure it is here for future generations to enjoy.



*Mr Gerard Mowbray, Ms Louise Campbell and Associate Professor Kelvin Kong*

It is a precious resource that is paramount to our Aboriginal community. The land owns Aboriginal people and every aspect of their lives are connected to it. Aboriginal law and spirituality are intertwined with the land, the people and creation, and this forms our culture and sovereignty.

Representatives of the Catholic Schools Office also attended including Mr Gerard Mowbray, *Assistant Director of Schools* and Louise Campbell, *Aboriginal Educational Support Officer*.

The Principal of the College, Br. Robert Sutton presented Professor Kong with an Aboriginal painting. At the conclusion of the Assembly Professor Kong presented Year 11 Aboriginal students with their Aboriginal badges.



Janine Gorman and Frank Hales  
Aboriginal Education Support Teachers



## Teaching Scholarships with the Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Office

These are available from  
Mrs Macs office

## Teaching Scholarship with DET

The NSW Department of Education and Communities have launched a range of scholarships and cadetships for HSC students interested in becoming a teacher. Successful applicants receive financial incentives whilst studying and a guaranteed permanent job upon graduation. Click on the link to apply <http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au>

**Macquarie University** Interested in studying law but not sure whether you will get the right ATAR? [The Pre-Law Pathway](#) allows students who have been admitted to a Macquarie non-law degree with an ATAR of 93 or more (including bonus points), to undertake the first four units usually taken by Macquarie law students in their first year. Upon satisfactory completion of these four units, students may apply for course transfer into the [most current curriculum](#) double or single law degree. For more information and to [register your interest online](#).



The Au Pair in America Scholarship is a **FULLY PAID** scholarship awarded to one individual each year. The Scholarship will enable you to experience the benefits of cultural

exchange and gain valuable personal and professional experience over 12 months as an Au Pair in the USA.

For more information visit

<http://www.aifs.com.au/aupair-america/scholarship/>



### North Sydney Open Day

Saturday, 5 September – 8:30am-2:30pm

Visit [www.acu.edu.au/openday](http://www.acu.edu.au/openday)

### ACU Strathfield Open Day

Saturday, 12 September – 8:30am-4pm

Visit [www.acu.edu.au/openday](http://www.acu.edu.au/openday)



- Why be an Engineer?
- What do Engineers do?
- How do you become an Engineer?
- What is it like to study Engineering?

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

**Day:** Tuesday, 4 August 2015

**Time:** 5:30pm – 8:00pm

**Venue:** Engineers Australia Auditorium,  
122 Parry Street, Newcastle West

**Cost:** FREE for all to attend

**RSVP:** [Registrations essential](#) by Monday, 3 August

**Call:** 4911 7310 for more information



Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Sunday, 16 August. AIE campuses will be opening their

doors to visitors eager to find out about full-time and part-time courses starting February 2016. The day will run from 10am to 3pm - <http://www.aie.edu.au/openday>



Experience the Macleay College difference at Open Day on Saturday, 22 August.

Learn about our courses in

Journalism, Advertising and Business from lecturers working in the industry. Speak with current and past students about internships and careers after graduating. Take a tour of our amazing facilities and see our very own TV Studio in action!

<https://macleay.edu.au/campaign/open-day-august-22>

National Institute  
of Dramatic Art

# NIDA

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is a centre of education and training for theatre, film and television. Applications

are now open for NIDA's 2016 Master of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts and Diploma courses, and close 30 September. For full course details and to apply, visit <http://apply.nida.edu.au>.



**DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING**

**INFORMATION SESSIONS NEWCASTLE**

There are limited seats available for these sessions so reservations are essential. To book, call 13 19 02 or email [cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au](mailto:cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au) with the date and title of the session.

Monday, 3 August	6:00 pm	<b>Submariner</b>	Newcastle
Wednesday, 5 August	6:00 pm	<b>University Scholarships</b>	Newcastle
Tuesday, 11 August	6:00 pm	<b>Army Reserve</b>	Adamstown Barracks
Wednesday, 12 August	6:00 pm	<b>Officer Roles in the ADF</b>	Newcastle
Thursday, 13 August	6:00 pm	<b>Engineering</b>	Newcastle
Tuesday, 18 August	6:00 pm	<b>Trade Roles in the ADF</b>	Newcastle
Wednesday, 19 August	6:00 pm	<b>Army Communications</b>	Newcastle



**Courses**

These will be run over three Fridays of this term. See the timetable below. If you feel this would be of benefit to you in looking for work, or is a requirement of future studies, see Mrs Mac.

*Mrs Mac is also offering a number of sessions after Trials for students. The timetable shown below has also been emailed to all Year 12 students.*

<b>YEAR 12 PROGRAMS for Term 3 2015</b>					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Saturday, 22 August: Open Day at Newcastle University</b>				
	<u>17 August</u> On Leave	<u>18 August</u> UAC Books distributed	<u>19 August</u> UAC Books distributed	<u>20 August</u> An overview of scholarship information from Newcastle University in Theatre	<u>21 August</u> First Aid Course for <b>Entertainment &amp; Business Services students.</b> * Other students can apply.
<b>Week 7</b>	<b>Saturday, 29 August: Open Day for: National University Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Canberra University</b>				
	<b>Sunday, 30 August: Open Day for: Sydney University University of Technology (UTS) University of Western Sydney</b>				
	<u>24 August</u> First UAC "How to apply to Uni" talk. You must register for this on the booking sheet outside Mrs Mac Office. <i>Period 5.</i>	<u>25 August</u>	<u>26 August</u> Early Entry to University – What is it and how to apply? <i>Theatrette at lunch time.</i>	<u>27 August</u> Second UAC "How to apply to Uni" talk. You must register for this on the booking sheet outside Mrs Mac Office. <i>Period 5.</i>	<u>28 August</u> First Aid Course for <b>Hospitality students.</b> * Other students can apply.
<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Saturday, 5 September: Open Day for University of New South Wales</b>				
	<u>31 August</u> TAFE applications for 2015. <i>Theatrette at lunch time.</i>	<u>1 September</u> Third UAC "How to apply to Uni" talk. You must register for this on the booking sheet outside Mrs Mac Office. <i>Period 5.</i>	<u>2 September</u> TAFE applications for 2015. <i>Theatrette at lunch time.</i>	<u>3 September</u> The last UAC "How to apply to Uni" talk. You must register for this on the booking sheet outside Mrs Mac Office. <i>Period 5.</i>	<u>4 September</u> First Aid Course for <b>Sports Coaching students</b> * Other students can apply.
<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Saturday, 12 September: Open Day for Macquarie University</b>				
	<u>7 September</u> Part 1 RSA course. <i>Starts at 3:15 pm until 6:30 pm in the Theatre.</i>	<u>8 September</u> Part 2 RSA course. <i>Starts at 3:15 pm until 6:30 pm in the Theatre.</i>	<u>9 September</u> Possibly a second scholarship information session?	<u>10 September</u> A second Early Entry session if required	<u>11 September</u>
<b>Week 10</b>	<u>14 September</u>	<u>15 September</u>	<u>16 September</u>	<u>17 September</u> Last day for Year 12	<u>18 September</u> Graduation Mass



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St. Francis Xavier's College,  
Hamilton proudly presents...

# "Songs of the Heart"

Featuring Year 12 HSC  
Music Students of 2015

**Friday 14th August, 2015 @ 7pm**

Harold Lobb Concert Hall  
University of Newcastle, Conservatorium of Music  
Laman Street, Newcastle

Tickets - Adults \$12, Students \$6



## 18th Annual Special Needs Mass

2015 theme *'Sing to the Rainbow'*

Holy Name Primary School, together with Catholic schools of  
the Manning region and Special Needs Working Party of the  
Federation of P & F Associations, warmly welcome all to join with  
teachers, principals, school staff and parishioners to  
*celebrate our Annual Special Needs Mass!*

August

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Tuesday 11 August, 7pm  
Holy Name Catholic Church  
Lake Street Forster



Federation  
of Parents & Friends  
Associations  
SOCIETY OF NEWCASTLE

No RSVP required, however for further details, please contact:  
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