Firstly, we would like to thank our special guest, Dr Felicity Barr, for attending our Awards Ceremony. Dr Barr holds a portfolio of roles as chair and committee member in the government and not-for-profit sectors, including Deputy Chair of the Board of Hunter New England Local Health District.

Our special thanks also to the parents who attended the Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to the following music students who performed.

“Megan’s Song” presented by Jack Scollay on acoustic guitar

“When We Were Young” performed by Sophie McIntyre

Six Award Recipients

Sam Harrison
- First Place: Chemistry
- First Place: Advanced English
- First Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- First Place: Mathematics Extension 2
- First Place: Physics
- First Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

Five Award Recipients

Tayla Cannon
- Scholastic Achievement: Advanced English
- Scholastic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: Biology
- Second Place: Chemistry
- Second Place: Mathematics

Ivania Coluccio
- Scholastic Achievement: Mathematics General
- Scholastic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: VET Business Services
- First Place: Drama
- Equal Third Place: Advanced English

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

Four Award Recipients

**Eliza Cook**
- Scholastic Achievement: Advanced English
- First Place: Ancient History
- First Place: Legal Studies
- Second Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit

**Chloe Wilkins**
- Second Place: Advanced English
- Second Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Second Place: Physics
- Equal Second Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

**Max Wroe**
- Equal First Place: Senior Science
- Second Place: Mathematics
- Third Place: Biology
- Equal Third Place: Standard English

**Tovah Agresti**
- First Place: VET Entertainment
- Second Place: Drama
- Equal Third Place: Advanced English

**Jarrod Balcomb**
- Scholastic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- Third Place: Modern History
- Scholastic Achievement: Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

**Zoe Benson**
- Scholastic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: Society & Culture
- Equal Second Place: Legal Studies

**Christopher Hendry**
- Scholastic Achievement: Biology
- Scholastic Achievement: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- Second Place: Earth & Environmental Science

**Joe Keegan**
- Scholastic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: Economics
- Second Place: Business Studies

**Bronte Reid**
- Scholastic Achievement: Advanced English
- Scholastic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: Visual Arts

**Sophie Richardson**
- Scholastic Achievement: Standard English
- First Place: Textiles & Design
- Equal Second Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

**Jack Scollay**
- Scholastic Achievement: Standard English
- Scholastic Achievement: Mathematics General
- Equal First Place: Industrial Technology

**Ellie Sullivan**
- Scholastic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- First Place: English Extension 1
- First Place: Modern History

**Thomas Vandenberg**
- Second Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Third Place: Chemistry
- Equal Third Place: Physics

The College also acknowledges all those students who have applied themselves fully, but who were not award recipients.
YEAR 12

Thursday, 30 June
University of Newcastle Open Day
No scheduled classes for Year 12

Friday, 1 July
Term 2 Concludes

YEAR 11

Timeline for Year 11 Reports and Interviews

Monday, 30 May
PTO letters with login and password were posted

Friday, 3 June until Friday, 17 June
PTO opens to take Parent/Teacher Interview Bookings

Thursday, 23 June / Friday, 24 June
Reports will be sent home with students

Thursday, 30 June
Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews (1:30 pm - 7 pm)

Friday, 1 July
Term 2 Concludes

A member of the Fodem Brothers Circus, Maurice Weglellen, is marrying a woman of Eddington, Ella Mae Clayshulte. Big Mary, the star elephant of the circus, is devastated that her much loved handler is moving on, and in confused chaos, kills her new handler Red. Outraged, the people of Eddington who strongly believe in ‘an eye for an eye’ decide to hang Big Mary.

Recently, students from the SFX Drama classes, under the direction of Ms Beletich, performed Mark Medoff’s play ‘Big Mary’ at the Civic Playhouse. The cast should be congratulated for their outstanding performance, in their smooth transitions required of a ‘comically tragic’ production. Based on a true story and set during the early twentieth century, the audience is taken on a thought provoking journey alongside the people of Eddington, exploring racism, prejudice and gender inequality that was prevalent at the time. In a memorable finale, cast member Tovah Agresti, re-wrote the ending to address issues that are relevant to today’s world.

The ending critiques that, despite social progression in the last one hundred years, many issues still exist in our society, such as racial prejudice, gender inequality, asylum seekers, animal cruelty, homelessness and the impact of social media.

This thought provoking addition to the play challenges us to recognise and work towards achieving greater social justice and equality for all.

Congratulations on a wonderful show!

Eliza Cook
MacKillop House Leader
UN HONOUR BESTOWED
MODEL UNITED NATIONS
DELEGATE

Congratulations to Olivia March who has won selection as an Australasian Delegate to the 2017 Harvard Model United Nations.

As part of her application, Olivia was required to submit an essay on a current human rights issue. Having studied the topic, ‘Child Soldiers’ in Legal Studies, Olivia used her talents to produce an essay that was commended by the Development Director who judged entries.

The Conference is to be held in Boston from 26-29 January, 2017 and is expected to draw 3200 delegates from 40 countries.

We wish Olivia all the best for this exciting opportunity!

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Former students Lauren Freemantle and Grace Lancaster have recently been contacted by BOSTES to inform them that their Extension 2 English Major Work has been placed on the shortlist of works to be included in the “Showcase” for 2015. “Showcase” is an annual publication of the top 20 Major Works from the State, and to be included in this publication is a great honour for the students.

The students were asked to include a “Note from the writer” and to clarify bibliographical details. Only 18% of students achieve the top band in Extension 2, and both Grace and Lauren received full marks for this subject (50 marks) and Grace was awarded second in the State for her performance poetry submission. Their teachers, Mrs Zajac and Mrs Millen were not surprised at their possible inclusion, as both former students produced sophisticated works.

Congratulations to Lauren and Grace and good luck!

Mrs Carole Houston
English Coordinator
Year 12 students have recently completed the second of the mandatory Work Placements.

College Captain, Desai Gordon-Lane, was placed at DSI, Bennett’s Green where he met up with employee and ex-student Stephanie Baines.

Stephanie studied VET Metal & Engineering at the College and has recently graduated from Newcastle University as a Mechanical Engineer.

Mr Shane Baldwin
TAS & VET Teacher

Many thanks to all students and staff who supported our recent Vinnies Day, especially all those members who did so much work for a great cause. The amount raised was $1048.75. This money will be used to support a St Vincent de Paul Diocesan Fund to help needy students in our schools, to support the education of two students from the Asia-Pacific region through the St Vincent de Paul Assist-a-Student Program, to assist the Marist Brothers’ school for disabled children at Phnom Penh in Cambodia and to provide “seed money” for projects sponsored by the Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity Program.

Kristen McSpadden and Perri Webber won the $10 Canteen Voucher for the Most Stylish Outfits in the Fashion Parade. Other prize-winners were: Trevor Bailey, Brad Cox, Keith Moody, Engil Rego and Tyler Williams.

Br David
**From the Careers Desk**

**Apprenticeship Talk**

On Tuesday, 7 June Mr Dean Williams will speak at the College at lunch time in the Theatrette.

Mr Williams works for Apprenticeship Support Australia

- He will be talking about how to go about getting an apprenticeship.
- How to remain active and maintain the enthusiasm required.
- Employer expectations.
- *Bring your lunch and your mates!*

**Newcastle University Schools Visit Day**

Thursday, 30 June

There will be no scheduled Yr 12 classes on this day.

Notes and information will be available through Tutor Groups, on the MN Live site, and have been sent to the students via an email.

The UON site is now live and information can be downloaded NOW!

http://www.newcastle.edu.au/schoolsvisitday

Students are encouraged to **PLAN** their day so it’s not wasted, and definitely go to more than one or two lectures. You never know!

**Aviation Open Day**

Learn about careers as a Commercial Pilot and as a Remote Pilot (Drones /UAV)

Sunday, 19 June

8:30 am – 3:00 pm

Hangar 276 Airport Ave; Bankstown

- Tours of the campus
- Free BBQ lunch
- Aviation presentation
- Careers advice
- Discounted Trial Instructional Flights.

**Contact** via 02 9793 8900 or sydneyaviators.com.au

**Mining giant Glencore will be offering Mechanical and Electrical apprenticeships again this year.**

**Opens 27 May - Closes 21 June. Go on line!**

- Create a job alert and profile on their Careers website
- Provide a Resume (ensure I proof this
- A Cover letter ( again make sure I have read this)
- Copies of your last two reports
- Names and contact details of two referees.

**Be prepared as this will be competitive, but not impossible!**

**Below is an extract from a current UNSW newsletter**

**UNSW has introduced a new Advanced Maths Co-op scholarship program**

UNSW have launched a **NEW Advanced Maths Co-op Program**, and have put together a “Careers in Maths” video, featuring some of our new industry sponsors in that program. This will help you understand the breadth of opportunities available from studying Advanced Maths. You will also find a link on the program page of the website to the Careers Flyer for Advanced Mathematics.
HSC Exam Preparation Sessions
These are being held at the University of Newcastle School Holidays 11 – 15 July
Call 1300677336 OR https://hscinthehoildays.com.au
Refer to emails sent to all students

Explore a Creative Career in Interior Design
Saturday, 18 June

Sydney Design School Open Day
10am - 12pm
Level 2, 40 Oxley Street, St Leonards, Sydney
Phone 02 9437 1902 or register online to attend
www.sydneydesignschool.com.au

Defence Force Sessions
1. Army Reserves Careers Info Session: 7 June
2. Officer Careers Info Session: 15 June
3. Fitness Info Session: 29 June

All are held between 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
528 Hunter Street, Newcastle
RSVP essential- email: cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au

Aviation Australia's Cabin Crew Careers Session
29 June at 6:30pm

Qantas Centre of Service Excellence

Aviation Australia’s Cabin Crew Career Sessions offers the chance to learn about the training, experience - speak to industry experts to discover what options are available to lead you to a career as a flight attendant.

Find out about the AVI20208 Certificate II in Aviation (Flight Operations), meet past students as well as instructors who are aviation experts, having led successful careers in the industry themselves.

Please allow a minimum of 2 hours for the tour and information seminar.

Contact: Laura McQuilkin
laura.mcquilkin@aviationaustralia.aero

DOMINIC HOUSE DAY CELEBRATIONS!
**SFX TERM 2 STATEMENTS**

Your Term 2 statement was issued on Wednesday, 4 May. Statements were sent home by email. The subject was ‘St Francis Xavier’s College Term 2 Fee Statement’, sender details hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au.

Please ensure emails from the College do not go directly to your spam account. **It is your responsibility to ensure you receive the statement**. If you have not received an email please contact the Finance Office immediately.

If email details have not been provided, the statements have been posted. **Please note mailed statements attract a charge of $2.50** which will be added to your account. The email contained the following sender information.

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**Payment of your account is required by Wednesday, 25 May 2016,** unless you are making regular payments by direct debit or BPAY. Please note accounts must be finalised no later than end of Term 4 for Year 11 students and end of Term 3 for Year 12 students.

If you are making regular instalments a calculator has been provided [St Francis Xavier’s College Fee calculator](#) to enable you to check your payments will finalise your account by the required date. Alternatively please contact the Finance Office to assist you in calculating a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment.

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**Method of Payment Options**

**QKR is now our preferred option to receive school fees** alternatively BPAY, the Biller Code and Reference Number can be found on your statement. Your nominated deduction amount must finalise your account in full no later than end of Term 4 for Year 11 students and end of Term 3 for Year 12 students.

**Excursions and sport payments cannot** be paid via BPAY but can be paid using the QKR App. Details of which are available on our website [St Francis Xavier's College website](#). Please take the time to read the information and download the App as it provides a secure method of paying for excursions and fees.

**Credit Card / EFTPOS** The College accepts Mastercard or Visa only. Please be aware that if you are paying by credit card you can email, fax, post or telephone your credit card details to the College. An authorisation slip is provided at the bottom of your statement each term.

**In Person**: Parents are welcome to pay directly at the Finance Office between 8:30 am and 3:00 pm. Students can only pay before the start of school and in their lunch and recess breaks.

**Direct Debit**: Please contact the Finance Office.

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**Receipts will be emailed.**

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**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.
On Thursday, 5 May, our Cross Country Team competed at the MN Diocesan Cross Country at Glenbawn Dam. It was an early start for our all-female team and they all did tremendously well with all students placing to progress to NSWCCC Cross Country on Friday, 17 June at Eastern Creek.

Chloe Walters finished 1st in the 18’s 6km race, closely followed by her sister Sally Walters in 2nd place. Rose Davies took out the 17’s 4km race.

Thank you to our interns Chloe Morgan & Jessie Blanch for helping out on the day.

On Friday, 6 May, Mr. Andrew Burke and Mr. Paul Dan took two teams to the Rugby 7’s Regional Championships. Both teams played exceptionally well making the finals. One team managed to secure 3rd in the competition. The other team won the competition undefeated, resulting in qualifying for the State carnival.

A massive congratulations to all the students involved and to Andrew and Paul for their coaching expertise and efforts throughout the course of the day.

On 19 and 20 May, St Francis Xavier’s College hosted the NSWCCC Hockey Championships at the International Hockey Centre, Broadmeadow. Both our male and female teams played tremendously well competing against schools from across the state.

Our Opens Boys team started off with a loss but gained momentum throughout the tournament coming away with two very convincing wins (4-1 & 4-0) and a draw. Unfortunately, the teams for and against just sat them outside of finals reach.

Our Opens Girls started strong with a 2-0 victory. Their next two games were on grass fields which forced our girls to play a different style of game. They won their first grass game 2-1 and went down in the second game 0-1 to St Clare’s Taree, by far our toughest opponents. Their final two games were played incredibly well, with two wins securing their spot in the Grand final against Taree. The Grand final was played on turf fields, allowing our girls to play to their strengths. It was an incredibly tough game played in the heat of the middle of the day, but our girls were victorious in bringing home gold for the Tournament.

A huge congratulation’s to all of our students who represented the College and to the team’s coaches and managers Mrs Corrigan, Ms Morgan and Mr Allen. Thank you also to Mr Phil Oke for organising and convening the event, which is to be held in Newcastle again in 2017 as he did such a wonderful job!
Congratulations to Jacob Foy for being selected as part of the NSWCCC Basketball Team. Jacob will compete in the All Schools Championships against other States as part of the NSW Team.

We wish Jacob all the best in his upcoming tournament and in his future Basketball endeavours.

Cassidy McLean has been selected to represent Australia in the U17’s Female Basketball Team. Cassidy will be competing in the World Championships in Spain and in a pre-tournament competition in China.

The College is extremely proud of Cassidy’s accomplishments thus far and wish her all the best at the World Championships and her bright Basketball future.

Nathan McInnes has found a niche in the sporting world and proved that Frisbee isn’t just a recreational activity for a hot summer day. He has been selected to play in the Australian U20’s Ultimate Frisbee Team and will be travelling to Poland to compete in the World Championships in July-August. Nathan has proven to be a very skilled and adaptable sportsman having also represented the College at the CCC Hockey Championships.

We wish Nathan all the best at the World Championships and his future sporting endeavours.

Upcoming Sport Events

- Diocesan Football (Soccer) Knockout Gala Day
  Wednesday, 15 June
- CCC Cross Country
  Friday, 17 June
- CCC Basketball Championships
  Monday & Tuesday, 20 – 21 June

Sport Events- Term 3

- Diocesan Netball
  Thursday, 28 July
- OzTag Gala Day (Year 11 only)
  Thursday, 28 July
- SFX Surf Competition - Date TBA