Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

Last week the College celebrated the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat. One of the Houses at the College has been named after this man who was born in France in the year 1789.

Marcellin Champagnat was no superhero. He was simply an ordinary person who managed to do extraordinary things. Just like many people who are around today. He grew up at a time when France was in a period of upheaval following the French Revolution, and he had to overcome his own lack of education, in order to succeed in his life.

Marcellin’s achievement was to respond to the needs of the time. At the time there was a glaring deficiency in the education of youth from rural areas. If schooling was available, it was limited and of a substandard quality. He determined that this was not good enough and then decided to do something about it.

His response was to establish schools that were located in rural, disadvantaged areas. He based these schools on quality teaching and core values. It was these core values that are still celebrated around the world today.

There were five values that emerged from the early schools. They were; presence, simplicity, love of work, love of Mary and family spirit. It has been these pillars that have transcended the generations and remained relevant to the current day. In some ways they have been counter-cultural, especially in times that have favoured the individual and the individual’s need for gratification.

Fundamental in these pillars is the issue of relationships. For example, people cannot have authentic relationships if they are not present to others, both physically and emotionally. Similarly, they cannot have quality relationships if they are too concerned with having possessions or power. Relationships were central to Mary as she stood by her son and supported the disciples. ‘Love of Work’ is all about dedication to a task in order to help other people. And good relationships are the key in all families.

Marcellin Champagnat understood the importance of healthy relationships. His schools embedded these values and actively promoted their development for all students. It has been this core principle that has been valued across the world and challenges each of us as we journey through life.

Br Robert Sutton, fms
Principal
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

ALL STUDENTS return to school on
Monday, 18 July 2016

Friday, 22 July
Year 11 Awards Ceremony
10:15am College Hall

Monday, 5 September – Thursday, 15 September
Year 11 Final Preliminary Course Exams

Thursday, 22 September
Last day for Year 11

Friday, 23 September
Term 3 Concludes

Student Office

Hours: 8:00 am until 3:10 pm
Telephone: 4961 2110
Email: hml-studentoffice@mn.catholic.edu.au

All student related phone calls can be made
directly to the Student Office. If the phone is
unattended please leave a message.
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**COLLEGE**

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Three boys still need a host family for their 10 day stay this year - Koichi, Naoki & Okabe. If you are able to assist us by welcoming one of these boys into your home for the period from Thursday, 21 July - Sunday, 31 July please contact Mrs Megan Williams at school.

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‘WWFM’

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Each Wednesday at lunchtime, the incredible song ‘Lanterns’ by Birds of Tokyo, plays across our loud speakers inviting all of our students to attend a WWFM session in our school library. So far, attendance has been impressive, and we are hoping this will continue.

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If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a presenter for WWFM, please contact either Mr Andrew Burke andrew.burke@mn.catholic.edu.au or Mrs Casey McCowan casey.mccowan@mn.catholic.edu.au

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Music Department News
Mr Luke Baker and Mrs Melissa Wattus
Music Staff

As music teachers, we were so very proud of our students who generously gave of their time and talents to be a very important part of DioSounds 2016. Celebrating the 10 year Anniversary, DioSounds was again held in the Civic Theatre, the premier performance venue for Newcastle and the Hunter Valley. As part of a 500 Diocesan student matinee and evening concert, St Francis Xavier’s College were the opening act performing music from the 1920’s to begin the decades progression to celebrate 10 years of DioSounds.

Our College performances began with a vocal chant ‘The Earth is our Mother’ linking the Acknowledgement of Country and the lighting of the eleven Diocesan High School candles to set the sacred space. The College Choir also sang Chorale No 11 from Jesu, Priceless Treasure, a Motet by Bach written exactly 200 years before our 1920’s song Ain’t She Sweet. Basin Street Blues was our final 1920’s item.

The following musicians should be very proud of their contribution to the concerts. It truly is a fantastic performance experience for these students and they were a delight for us to work with.

“Ain’t She Sweet”
Voice - Ivania Coluccio, Gabriella Mills and Sophie McIntyre
Violin – Rachael Copas, Rose Cousins and Megan Purkiss
Saxophone – Eulalia Angeli and Mil Brooks
Piano – Levi Kealy
Bass Guitar – Reede Palmer
Drumkit – Lochlan Northey

College Choir
On Thursday, 26 and Friday, 27 May, HSC Music 1 and Music 2 students had the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming HSC Core and Elective components of their practical examinations. As there were no scheduled classes for these days, students were given the option to come into the school for exclusive help towards their performance, compositions and musicology assessments. This day was a success as it assisted students who required mentoring and guidance from the College Music Staff to reach their full potential as they prepare for their HSC performances.

A huge thank you to the College Music students for their passion and creativity that actively promotes the musical culture within the school.

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**Wednesday After School Music Assessment Preparation Assistance**

The Music Staff at the College have been actively utilising the College's brand new music facilities and are opening the new music centre on **Wednesday afternoons from 3:10pm until 4:30pm**.

This is the perfect opportunity for music students to seek extra assistance for upcoming Assessment Tasks, practise their performance pieces and work on their Compositions.
According to the Business Council of Australia the minimum expectation business has of an individual’s work readiness when they apply for a job or will expect an individual to demonstrate soon after they have started the job is shown on the right.

**Values**

- **Accountability** ⇒ Accepts responsibility for actions, and their impact on the business and others.
- **Continuous improvement** ⇒ Has high standards and consistently tries to improve their performance.
- **Honesty** ⇒ Has straightforward behaviour with no deceit and cheating.
- **Knowledge** ⇒ Is committed to learning.
- **Respect** ⇒ Takes into account other people’s feelings, wishes, and rights.
- **Tolerance** ⇒ Willingness to respect difference and the beliefs, and practices of others.
- **Work ethic** ⇒ Diligent and committed to the business.

**Behaviours**

- **Authentic** ⇒ is true to own personality and values.
- **Business-minded** ⇒ understands all employees are responsible for business’ success.
- **Flexible** ⇒ effectively handles unexpected situations or last-minute changes.
- **Globally aware** ⇒ Is open to working with other nationalities and cultures.
- **Resilient** ⇒ Doesn’t dwell on failures, learns from them and can move forward.

**Skills**

- **Data analysis** ⇒ Collect and review data to identify trends, answer questions and test assumptions.
- **Digital technology** ⇒ Ability to use information and communication technology.
- **Literacy** ⇒ Ability to learn, read, write and communicate verbally.
HSC Engineering Study Day
The UoN Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment will once again host an Engineering HSC Study Day in the September school holidays to support students undertaking Engineering Studies. Students can register interest in attending to:
   Jenny Taylor: Phone 02 4921 7840
   Email: Jenny.taylor@newcastle.edu.au

Exploring Architecture
Students can participate in a design project for the day and seek advice and inspiration from our academic staff and Master of Architecture students. This event is replacing the DWP Suiters event that was originally scheduled.
   Session 1 Wednesday, 10 August 2016
   Session 2 Friday, 9 September.
   Time 9:30am to 2:30pm - Lunch provided.
   Registration and enquiries
   Jenny Taylor: Phone 02 4921 7840
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Schindler Australia Information Night
Electrotechnology Apprenticeship
1 August
Head Office in Botany
The Schindler Group is one of the world’s leading providers of elevators, escalators and moving walkways. They will be hosting an information night regarding the 2017 Electrotechnology Apprenticeship Program. For more information on the apprenticeship program visit our website www.schindler.com.

MJH Group Cadet Program
The MJH Group and McDonald Jones Homes will be offering Cadet positions for 2016 Year 12 school leavers. This is an opportunity for students to enter the residential construction industry. This is a four year Cadetship that will provide opportunities across a number of business units whilst completing two accredited qualifications. For more information contact Mark Maguire on 02 4918 2645.

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

UNSW Interior Architecture Workshop
14 July – 9:30am to 3:00pm
UNSW Kensington Campus
Apply: https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/interior-architecture-workshop

UNSW Architecture Workshop
15 July - 9:30am to 3:00pm
UNSW Kensington Campus
Apply: https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/architecture-workshop-1

UNSW Landscape Architecture Workshop
15 July - 9:30am to 3:00pm
Gallery, Ground Floor, West Wing, Red Centre Building, UNSW
Apply: https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/landscape-architecture-workshop

School Holiday Workshops
- Short Film Course. 4 – 8 July
- Screen Acting. 4 – 8 July
- Skitting Around. 4 – 8 July
- What happened to Alex Barton? 11 – 15 July
- Young Women’s Theatre Lab. 11 – 15 July
- Investigative Scene Work. 11 – 15 July
- Voice and Accents. 13 – 15 July
Contact: hello@atyp.com.au
https://issuu.com/atypinfo/docs/2016_winter_workshop_master
On Thursday, 16 June, the College Rugby League team competed in the second round of the GIO Schoolboy Cup. It was an early start for the team and coaches to travel to Wollongong to play against Illawarra Sports High School.

The team had a tough mental game ahead, having previously been defeated by Hallam College, Victoria in round one. The team were victorious winning the game 28-18 with Lyndon Hills scoring two tries, along with tries from Tex Hoy, Jarod Clarkson and Paul McGuire. Tex Hoy also kicked 4 goals during the game.

To say the coaching staff were elated would be an understatement. The boys were absolutely outstanding in front of the entire Illawarra Sports High school.

Lyndon Hills received the GIO Cup player of the match award after scoring two tries, making 53 tackles and compiling 4 line breaks.

Congratulations to all students who competed as part of the team. The College wishes you all the best of luck in the next game against Farrer. A big thank you to Mr Mark Wright, Mr Rowan Kelly and Mr Dan Mitchell for supporting the team on the day, and to our coaching team for all of their efforts and dedication in organising and training the team.

Diocesan Soccer Gala Day

On Wednesday, 15 June, our Boys’ and Girls’ Football Teams competed in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocesan Gala Day. The boys team, coached by Mr Michael Kerby and managed by Mr Richard Rocca, played at Popran Oval, Adamstown and our girls side, coached by Mrs Amanda Corrigan and Ms Amanda Calvi competed at Aroy Oval in Singleton Heights.

Our boys won the Gala Day Open Division by defeating ASC St Mary’s Maitland in the Final. The team played really well. Much credit needs to go to Coach Kerby whose astute coaching inspired the team to fire on all cylinders.

Our girls played incredibly well, in a tough division, winning one out of three games. All of the games were tight and the girls persevered through heat, injury and fatigue till the last minutes of games.

Congratulations to all of our students who competed on the day; they were a credit to the College with their good manners, sportsmanship and cooperation. Thank you to Mr Alex Lojyszczky who drove the girls soccer team to Singleton on the day, and to all of the coaches and team managers and Mr Richard Rocca for organising the Boys Gala Day.

CCC Touch Football

Congratulations to Maya Stewart, who has successfully progressed through to the NSW CCC Open Girls Touch Football team. Maya was selected as part of the Diocesan Team and competed on Tuesday, 7 June against other Catholic Schools Diocesan Teams in order to be selected as part of the state team. We wish Maya all the best in her future Touch events.

Sport Events - Term 2

- CCC Basketball Championships: Monday & Tuesday, 20 – 21 June.

Sport Events - Term 3

- Dio Netball: Thursday, 28 July
- Oz Tag Gala Day (Year 11 only): Thursday, 28 July
- CCC Netball Carnival, Penrith: Tuesday, 16 August
- Dio Athletics Carnival, Glendale: Thursday 18 August
- Diocesan Golf Tournament, Newcastle: Friday, 2 September
- SFX Surf Competition: Date TBA
**SFX TERM 2 STATEMENTS**

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

Please check emails from the College do not go directly to your spam/junk 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 printed and mailed statements attract an administration fee 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 IMMEDIATELY**, unless you are making regular payments by direct debit or BPAY. Please note 2016 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 the 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.**

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All students need to be aware that the **vacant block of land between Corona Street and Hebburn Street is out of bounds at all times. It is not to be used for parking.**
Champagnat House Day Celebration