



Lighthouse

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

It seems that the world is full of sport at the moment. We have the massive World Cup Soccer tournament, the State of Origin Rugby League battle, the touring Rugby Union tests, the recent World Cup Hockey titles and Wimbledon that is about to begin.

Wonderful, if sport is your thing but no doubt a bit of a bore if sport is not your cup-of-tea.

Another recent sport event was the Combined Catholic College's Basketball Championships for NSW. St Francis Xavier's College was involved in this event in both the girls and boys tournaments. We were successful in being placed third in the girls and first in the boys. An outstanding achievement and one which the College is justifiably proud.

Of course success in all these sporting events doesn't just happen. Like all examples of success, it requires an alignment of different attitudes, qualities and behaviours. All these are well known and well documented.

The message from high achievement in sporting endeavours is worth noting. It is a message that striving for success is a worthwhile pursuit. It is also a journey that carries considerable risk. We might fail. We may not achieve our goals. We may even embarrass ourselves. But the whole exercise is worth that risk because the rewards are tangible and the opportunity to develop our character is significant.

The same process is true for our students. Embarking on a pathway of scholastic success also carries some risk. Some students will not always measure up academically against their peers. All students will make mistakes in their work and be disappointed with their results. But the journey is worthwhile because, as we all know, success in the classroom will open doors later in life.

Of course success is different for every person. For the highly gifted athlete or student their measures of success will look much different from the rest of us. So it's not always about the measure, it is also about the effort. As I keep stressing to those students who are entering St Francis Xavier's College, it's all about trying your hardest. Doing your best. In other words not accepting mediocrity in ourselves or in those around us.

Again my congratulations to our girls and boys in their great achievements on the basketball courts.

Br Robert Sutton, fms
Principal



On Sunday, 22 June two of our current students, **Rachel Saidi** and **Benta Okumu** took part in Tantrum Youth Arts short film screening of *Antigone* at Newcastle Museum as part of Amnesty's "Diversity" Festival.

Solomon Nagbe, a past student of the College has assisted with the direction of this production.

Congratulations to all on their participation in this wonderful production.

Australian Geography Competition 2014

Congratulations to the following students on their achievement in this competition:

DISTINCTION

Matthew Blore, Claire Griffiths, Adam Ortolani, Lachlan Pasquale, Thomas Sparksman, Jock Stone

CREDIT

Noah Harland, Chloe Mamic, Luke Nicholas, Roberto Pirillo, William Quiquere

CAMBODIA immersion



immersio

Day on Saturday, 21 June at Lowlands Bowling Club and a raffle. We are waiting to finalise how much was made from these activities. The raffle will be drawn at the Barefoot Bowls Day.

A big very thank you must also go to all the families of the students going, who have given so much to enable the fundraising to be as successful as it has been.

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



St Francis Xavier's College

Creative and Performing Arts presents

Capa-tivate 2014

4pm-6pm

Wednesday June 25th

ART/ Photography
Exhibition
& Musical Performances

Drama Performances
@ the College Hall
All Welcome

Hospitality students will be serving finger food



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Exceptional **Fabulous**
 CONGRATULATIONS
Fabulous **OUTSTANDING**
Terrific **Terrific**

Congratulations to all of our performers who were part of DioSounds for 2014. Our College's three music items were fabulous and I am very proud of each one of our performers. To perform live in front of hundreds of people in small and large groups is always a risk and a challenge. The following students accepted the challenge with confidence and commitment. They represented our College with impressive musical talent, professionalism and loyalty. The College community should be very proud and appreciative of their contribution to DioSounds 2014.

Get Set – Taxiride: *our guitar and vocal trio:*
Andrew de Souza, Scott Martin and Nicholas Price

Tuxedo Junction: *sung by our College Choir,*
accompanied by William McGeachie on piano and
conducted by Daniel Byrne

Like Wow Wipeout – Hoodoo Gurus: *our band:*
Joseph Willis lead singer and guitarist, **Shania Smith** and **Anna Howard** backup vocals, **William St Claire** on lead guitar, **Mitchell Bourke** on bass guitar and **Owen Foster-Graves** on drumkit.

Members of our College Choir: **Victoria Aoake, Minerva Bailey, Mitchell Bourke, Jacob Burgess, Daniel Byrne, Mitchell Clarke, Tom Concurso, Phoebe Cousins, Andrew de Souza, Patricia Ebor, Owen Foster-Graves, Naomi Gonzalez, Anna Howard, Olivia Lauder, Taylor Marchant, Scott Martin, Puonyuom Mathiang, William McGeachie, Amara McHugh-Shahani, Emily Ogden, Aiyana Pugh, Nicholas Price, Logan Rigby, Lambert Sarp, Shania Smith, William St Claire, Rita Suleiman, Anaseini Toki, Lauren Walker, Patrick Walker, Joseph Willis**

Melissa Wattus
 Music Staff

**BECOME
 A HOST
 FAMILY!!!**

**A PLEA FOR
 HOST FAMILIES**

A reminder that we are still looking for two host families for our Japanese boys, coming from our sister school in Kyoto. Those who have hosted in the past have found it a rewarding experience and have made friends for life. No knowledge of Japanese is needed, just an openness to new cultures. Those who were hosted in Japan should now be prepared to return that hospitality. It is urgent that I find two more homes for the boys coming to us in July. Please see Miss Veltruski **asap** with your details.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Miss Veltruski
 LOTE Coordinator



Congratulations to **Mikala Fulmer** and **Austin Davis** who were members of the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (NSW CCC) Opens Girls and Boys Hockey Teams, respectively, that participated in the NSW All Schools Tri Series against Combined Independent

Schools (CIS) and Combined High Schools (CHS) on Monday, 16 June at Sydney Olympic Hockey Centre.

Mikala performed extremely well in the forward line but the CCC team were out gunned by CHS in their first game. Mikala's efforts were rewarded late in the second half against CIS slotting in a goal.

Austin shared the keeping duties and after a shaky start against CIS produced some great saves for the CCC team. The CCC Boys overcame a 2 -5 deficit to win 7-5. In the second game CCC were outclassed by the skilfulness of the CHS Boys.

Well done to Mikala and Austin who played with integrity and determination and represented St. Francis Xavier's College proudly.

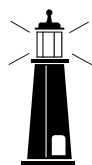
Phil Oke
 Boys Hockey Manager



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is available on the
 College Web Site

www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au

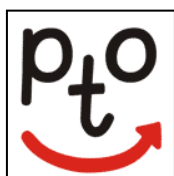




Year 11

Wednesday, 16 July

*Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews
1:30 pm – 7:00 pm inclusive
College Hall*



Residential parents/guardians have been posted a letter containing a login, password and instructions in regard to booking interviews with teachers. The interviews are of 10 minutes duration.

If any residential parent/guardian does not have access to the internet they are able to contact our Registrar, Colleen O'Sullivan to arrange an interview.

Friday, 18 July

*Year 11 Awards Ceremony
College Hall
10:15 am - 11:15 am*

***Parents/Guardians are most welcome
to attend this ceremony***

Year 12

Wednesday, 16 July

*Newcastle University Schools Visit Day
No classes for Year 12 students
Refer to careers information for more
details*

Monday, 28 July – Monday, 11 August
Year 12 Trial HSC Exams

**Year 12 Students return to school on
Tuesday, 12 August**

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 and Term 2

Thank you to those families who have finalised their school fees or made payment arrangements with the Finance Office.

Updated statements will be emailed later this week. Please check your nominated email and notify the Finance Office if you do not receive the email.

**All outstanding fees are due immediately.
Please finalise you accounts by
Friday 27 June 2014.**

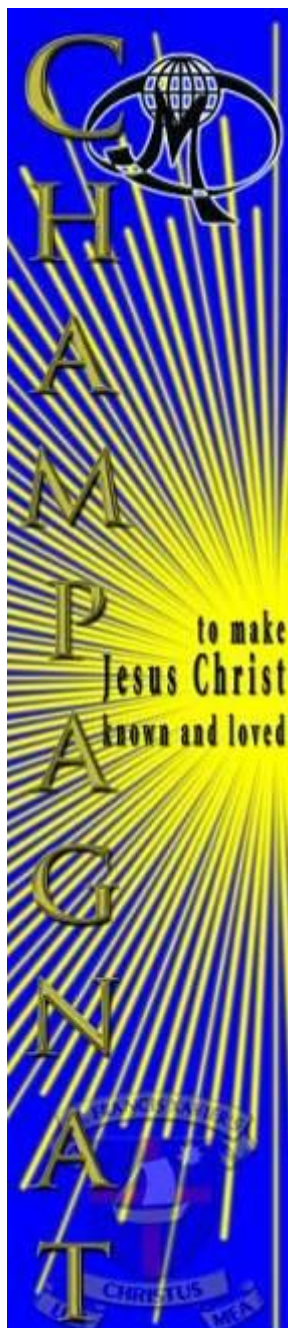
If you are paying your school fees by instalments via BPay or Direct Debit, you need to check your school fees are reducing as you would expect them too. It is your responsibility to ensure your school fees are up to date.

Statements covering Term 1 and Term 2 will be emailed next week. Please take the time to review and ensure that the amount you are currently paying will cover the outstanding balance plus Term 3 fees.

Term 3

Statements will be emailed at the start of Term 3. Please check your nominated email and notify the Finance Office if you do not receive the email.

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



It was our second round of House Day Celebrations on Friday, 13 June as we celebrated the extraordinary life of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers.

The day started with a simple liturgy, with the Champagnat Boys Band (Costa Balebanga on vocals, Jordan Neilson on guitar, Peter Moon on bass and Nick Dalton on drums) performing Behind Blue Eyes.

The Long Tutor Group break saw this year's theme **#serveoneanother** in action with Champagnat House putting on quite the feast with plenty of food stalls across the main yard. Our LTG Basketball Competition presented the Houses with an opportunity to come together and compete for the title.

Results

MacKillop 10 - McAuley 8

Champagnat 6 - Dominic 6

All Star Team 13 - Champagnat 5

And in our special game of Champagnat Ball (gym ball) the Girls triumphed over the Teachers 9 to 4.

Tom Baines

Year 12 Champagnat House Captain



CHANGE OF ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

In case of an emergency it is important that students' contact details are up to date.

If there have been changes to family details please have your student go to the Administration Office where an appropriate form will be issued.

Parking in Parkway Avenue

A reminder to students and parents that it is illegal to park on the median strip in Parkway Avenue. However, even more importantly, parking in this manner puts students and drivers at risk as it is a very congested area at 3:10 pm.

Newcastle Council Officers will be monitoring this area, with our full support, and therefore it would be in everyone's best interests to comply with regulations!

From the Careers desk



Julie McLoughlin

Careers Coordinator

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Something Different: An Australian Federal Agent?

Federal Agents are police officers with the Australian Federal Police who investigate national and international crimes against the Commonwealth. These investigations include:

- Terrorism / Organised crime / Major fraud / Major corporate crime / International drug trafficking
- Money laundering / People smuggling / Identity theft / E-crime.



The application process for both an ACT Police Officer and a Federal Agent is one application. The process takes 12 months. Applications generally open in January each year for a 4 week period only. The recruitment process is extremely rigorous, competitive and invasive. EVERYTHING has to be disclosed: personal details, medical history, criminal history (if any – of applicant and family / associates) and driving record. No stone is left unturned!!

While school leavers who are Australian citizens and over 18 can apply, a qualification and life experience is highly recommended. The average age of current recruits is 28.

Full details of the application process can be found at: <http://www.afp.gov.au/jobs/afp-officer-gateways.aspx>

Newcastle University Schools Visit Day Wednesday, 16 July Year 12 Students Only

On Wednesday, 16 July the Newcastle University Schools Visits day is being held. This is the first week back at school. If you have not collected a note through your TG teacher then see Mrs Mac for one.

All students who are considering University

- now at Newcastle
 - at another University
 - after gap year
 - or in the future
- should be attending this day.

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 /)

Academy of Interactive Entertainment Industry Experience Day

Friday, 11 July an opportunity to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools - www.aie.edu.au/ied or (02) 8514 8800

DET Schools – Scholarships

Applications are now open for NSW teacher scholarships – see www.teach.nsw.edu.au



ADF Gap Year Program

Closes this weekend

Gap Year opportunities are available in the Army and Air Force only. You will earn more than \$45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage.

The Army has Gap Year job opportunities for Rifleman, Driver Transport, Administration Clerk, Supply Coordinator and Unit Quartermaster. The Air Force has Gap Year job opportunities in Airbase Security Roles.

For more information see the School Portal

AIT Free Day Course for Y12 students:

Saturday, 5 July from 10am to 4pm. Hands-on workshops available for Y12 students in animation, game design or film making. Where: AIT Campus 2/ 7 Kelly St, Ultimo. NSW 2007. Registration online: <http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/free-day-courses>

UTS Science Schools Recommendation Scholarship

An aptitude based scholarship, aimed at encouraging high school students with a keen interest in science and mathematics to take the next step to study at UTS Science and experience applications of science and mathematics.

Read more here: <http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/0000021319>

AMPA ONE Scholarship Competition

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts (previously the Australian International Conservatorium of Music - AICM) is now accepting entries for the 2014 ONE Scholarship Competition. The winner of the competition will be awarded a full scholarship for a Bachelor of Music at AMPA. Students must submit an audition video before Wednesday, 9 July to be considered.

For more information:

- visit www.OneScholarshipComp.com, or
- Phone: 02- 9555 1666

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:

- engineering.unsw.edu.au/wiec
- contact the UNSW Women in Engineering Manager, Alex Bannigan
(02) 9385 7458, or a.bannigan@unsw.edu.au

PGA IGI Diploma of Golf Management

The PGA International Golf Institute (PGA IGI)'s Diploma of Golf Management is now offered at the PGA IGI Sydney campus at ICMS, the only PGA IGI campus in New South Wales. The program is one year in duration and diploma graduates may gain up to 8 subject exemptions towards an ICMS Bachelor of Business Management degree. The next intake is September 2014.

For more information:

- visit www.icms.edu.au/golf or
- email golf@icms.edu.au

AIT July Holidays Short Courses:

A two day hands-on courses that will extend students' knowledge in animation, motion capture, game development, film, graphic and web design and more!

Registration online

<http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/short-courses>

HSC Stay and Study in the July Holidays at Macquarie University.

Year 12 students have the opportunity to stay on campus at Macquarie University in the upcoming July holidays to attend HSC lectures.

Accommodation is just \$50/night with all meals included. Discounts also apply to the HSC lectures run at both Macquarie University and UTS.

For further details, please visit

http://hscintheholidays.com.au/stay_and_study/,
call 1300 677 336 or email
info@hscintheholidays.com.au

Cadetships

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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; \$4,600 each year to assist them at University.

For more information and to apply go to

www.bluescopesteel.com/cadets

Applications are open from Tuesday, 1 July till Sunday, 31 August.

Army Reserve Open Day Saturday, 28 June 2014

Come along to an Open Day at Fort Scrathley, Nobbys Rd, Newcastle East.

Saturday, 28 June
Between 9.00am – 2.00pm

Speak to current serving Australian Defence Force personnel, view equipment, speak to Defence Force Recruiting representatives about jobs available in the Army Reserve and watch live demonstrations. Defence Force Recruiting will also be running hourly Information Sessions. For more information email cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au





VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

THE VALUE OF STUDYING VET AT SCHOOL!

Where are they now?

The first in a series of articles on former SFX students who studied VET whilst at school.

Bernadette Wylie: a dabbler in hospitality and avid traveller!

Bernadette Wylie is proof that the academic study of a hospitality oriented degree combined with prior/early education in VET studies at high school can take you anywhere and allow you to have a diverse and varied career with endless opportunities and pathways across many industries.



Bernadette achieved a ranking in the top 5% for Hospitality Studies in NSW in her last year of school at SFX in 2008. Her determination, work ethic and disciplined commitment to her studies allowed her to secure early entry and acceptance into her university degree, a Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management majoring in Event Management at Southern Cross “The Hotel School Sydney” University (THSS). During her studies, Bernadette successfully planned, coordinated and executed a Charity Dinner for 300 guests at The Ivy in Sydney, raising \$40,000. She says this was her most significant achievement to date and doesn’t question the support and encouragement she received from academic staff at SFX in the early stages of her career, as well as ***the foundation and influence of studying a VET course subject, had on this achievement.***

Bernadette has worked for two international hotel chains, IHG and Accor in both the Food and Beverage and Sales divisions. After three years in the hotel industry, Bernadette was approached by a small exploration mining company and given the opportunity of Executive Assistant to the Managing Director. This position was an incredible opportunity to meet a diverse range of influential people and travel domestically and internationally at 21. Although a very different industry to where Bernadette came from, she says the ***basic principles of hospitality can be applied to all industries and jobs that involve customer interaction, whether that be internal or external.***

After her time with the Mining company, Bernadette accepted a short term contract with Matt Moran’s ARIA, in the event management division, allowing her to get back to her hospitality roots working on the contracting and planning of high profile and budget events at prestigious venues across Sydney including Sydney Opera House.

Studying a VET course at SFX provided Bernadette with an introduction to the hospitality industry and she recalls still using certain examples she learnt in Years 11 and 12 in her work today. Studying the Hospitality VET course also provided an introduction to basic elements of what she would study further at university and prepared her for early entry and acceptance into the university course. *The Hospitality VET course gave Bernadette the opportunity to have a ‘hands on’ experience with practical lessons, attend industry events and partake in two job placements.* Bernadette says she doesn’t doubt that her industry placements were a contributing factor to her early acceptance to university.

Recently, Bernadette has taken a break from ‘corporate life’ and travelled to South East Asia for 6 weeks before relocating to Canada where she will travel and work. Bernadette feels secure with this decision to take a break knowing that her education, skills and experience, ***which ultimately started with the hospitality VET course she studied in Years 11 and 12, gives her an advantage when seeking work during her travels.***

Hospitality can take you everywhere and anywhere...the opportunities and application of the study are endless!

Mrs Rosemary Sheridan

VET Coordinator

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