



Lighthouse

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

In 1997, two Californian Tech entrepreneurs, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, created a thing called Google. In 2004, over on the other side of the US, Mark Zuckerberg decided to launch a social platform that would link students together at Harvard University. This became known as Facebook. The next year the first video clip was uploaded to YouTube and in 2006 Twitter took hold and now has over 500 million viewers. More recently Instagram was launched which grew rapidly and had over 1 million viewers only two months after beginning.



The speed of this advancement has been phenomenal. These platforms are now available to most people throughout the world. When the impact of mobile phones and text messaging is also included, then the change is even more staggering.

Where will it all end? Who knows. What has been the impact? We are now starting to have some idea.

There are many excellent benefits that are now possible because of these platforms and others like them. We are all probably well aware of these. It is the more negative aspects that societies, schools and families are constantly facing that are also leaving their mark.

When it comes to addressing the more negative aspects of social media there seems to be different perspectives. Some people are actually causing the problems, some are ignorant of any problems, others are in a state of denial, some will acknowledge that problems exist but don't know what to do about it, others are well aware of the problems and are taking action and a small minority want the whole thing banned.

Whatever our perspective, the reality is that problems do exist, and as time moves on the problems are becoming more and more apparent. Many studies have reported an increase in bullying in both youth and adults. One recent Australian study noted a significant decrease in wellbeing between young children and older teens and it directly attributed this to the harm caused by cyber bullying.

For those who do acknowledge the problems associated with social media the question is about how to respond and when to respond. Some issues are minor and can be best managed through appropriate conversations. Other issues are much more serious and can lead to police intervention and court proceedings. Unfortunately some people do not know when their activities on social media are illegal while others don't seem to care. Whatever the case, the consequences can be quite detrimental to the perpetrator.

At the end of the day it is not the technology that causes the problem, rather it is poor judgements of the users. When people have a strong value system that respects the rights of others and cares about their wellbeing, then they will know how to conduct themselves when they are on-line.

Br Robert Sutton, fms
Principal



*"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We shall remember them"*



Australiana War Memorial

Private 2056 Matthew Hepple of Kearsley
30th Battalion 1st Australian Imperial Force

**61st Annual Newcastle
Combined Schools ANZAC Service
Civic Theatre, Newcastle**

Held on Thursday, 7 April 2016



Forget Me Not – The Hunter Boys of Fromelles

The 2016 theme commemorates the World War One Battle of Fromelles. We salute the Hunter veterans who served in the battle and highlight the discovery 92 years later of the burial site of many Australian soldiers who were listed as missing in action.



Jordan Clarkson



Boyd Williams-Styles

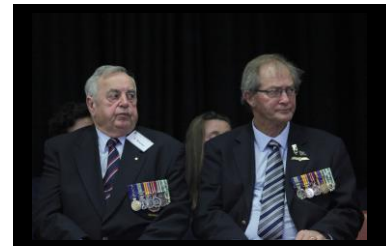
Students Committee for the ANZAC Service

Jordan and Boyd represented St Francis Xavier's College, along with other school representatives from Callaghan College Jesmond Campus, Merewether High School, Newcastle Grammar School and St Philip's Christian College on the Student Committee.

Jordan and Boyd also laid a wreath at the Gregson Park Dawn Service and Jordan read a poem at the service.



St Francis Xavier's College commemorates ANZAC Day



MOCK TRIAL REPORT



The new Newcastle Court precinct was the venue for our Round 1 Trial against San Clemente High School on 16 March. We were required to defend a criminal charge of dangerous driving.

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| Our Team was: | Barristers: | Boyd Williams-Styles Rose Cousins |
| | Solicitor: | Alex Edwards |
| | Witnesses: | Grace Moeller Laura Chapman |
| | Court Officer: | Aliza O'Brien |

Our team presented a strong case with pleasing first performances from all in the team. We were able to win the round 278-234 but unfortunately the defendant, Grace Moeller was convicted of the offence. Well done all!

Mr A Stone
HSIE Coordinator

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS



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 2016 Cambodia Immersion are



Rose
Cousins



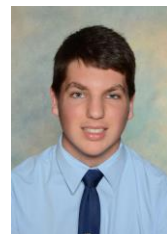
Grace
Dever



Joel
Donnelly



Sophie
Gonano



Timothy
Harrison



Phoebe
Maguire

Yes, it's that time of the year again, Vinnies Day is coming up!

College



On Thursday, 19 May, the College annual St Vincent de Paul day will be held. The aim is to raise money for a number of valuable causes, such as The La Valla School for disabled children in Cambodia, education projects for young people sponsored by Marist Asia-Pacific Solidarity and the Diocesan fund for needy students in local Catholic schools.

'Old School'
OPSHOP
themed day

To achieve this SFX Vinnies need your help!!! We ask staff and students to bring a gold coin donation to go 'old school' for an op shop themed day with prizes awarded for creativity. Also available are pizza slices for \$1.50, soft drinks for \$1 a can and cups of hot chips for \$2 each. So please, rock your socks off, dress to impress and stay fresh Saint Francis Xavier's College and thank you in advance for supporting Vinnies!

Sean O'Connor & Desai Gordon-Lane



YEAR 12

Friday, 29 April - Friday, 13 May

Parent Teacher Online (PTO) open for parents to book interviews

Thursday, 12 May

Year 12 Mid Course Semester 1 Reports will be given to the students

Wednesday, 18 May

Year 12 Student/Parent/Teacher Subject Interviews (1:30 pm - 7 pm)

Friday, 20 May

Year 12 Academic Awards Ceremony beginning at 10:15 am in the College Hall

Monday, 23 May – Wednesday, 25 May

Year 12 Retreats

Thursday, 26 May

Year 12 Home Study Day

Friday, 27 May 2016

Staff Inservice Day - Pupil Free Day

Thursday, 30 June 2016

**University of Newcastle Open Day
No scheduled classes for Year 12**

Friday, 1 July

Term 2 Concludes

YEAR 11

Monday, 23 May – Wednesday, 1 June

Year 11 Exams

Friday, 27 May

Year 11 Exams as per Exam Timetable

Staff Inservice Day - Pupil Free (except for students scheduled for exams)

Thursday, 30 June

**Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews
(1:30 pm - 7 pm)**

Friday, 1 July

Term 2 Concludes



FROM THE Finance Office

Finance Office Hours

8:30 am to 3:00 pm – Monday to Friday

E: hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au

SFX TERM 2 STATEMENTS

Your Term 2 statement has been issued this week.

Statements were sent home by email.

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.

The Subject was 'St Francis Xavier's College Term 2 Fee Statement', sender details

Hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au.

Please ensure that this does not go directly to your spam account. It is your responsibility to ensure you receive the statement. If you do not receive an email please contact the Finance Office immediately.

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.

Items listed on the College Statement include: Tuition fees, Diocesan Family & School Building levy, laptop contribution (Year 12 only), Technology levy, Facilities/Resource fee and High Cost Electives (if applicable to your student) and other course related costs for example work placement insurance, if applicable.

Year 12 Retreat is a compulsory part of the College's ethos and a vital element in the spiritual development of students. The cost of these events will be billed in Term 1. As a result of this billing structure, Term 1 School Fees will be more than Terms 2 and 3.

Method of Payment Options

QKR is now our preferred option to receive school fees or BPAY - 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.

If you wish to pay by instalments a calculator has been provided [St Francis Xavier's College Fee calculator](#). Alternatively please contact the Finance Office to assist you in calculating a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment.

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.

Receipts will be emailed.

SFX

**SPORTS
DESK**

REPORT

*Mrs Amanda Corrigan
Sports Coordinator*

DIOCESAN



On Thursday, 28 April, four teams represented the College at the Diocesan Touch Football Carnival in Maitland. All students played incredibly well and represented the College with great pride. Our Girls team, A Division, was undefeated in all of their games, smashing their Semi-final 5-1 and winning the Grand final 3-2. Our Boys team, A Division, unfortunately went down in their Semi-final having previously been undefeated in their pool. Both teams in the B Division played extremely well, with many players new to the sport. The Girls team played admirably showing great sportsmanship and the Boys team incredibly well under challenging conditions.

The following students have been selected to compete as part of the Diocesan Opens Touch Team: **Tex Hoy, Hannah Simmons, Phoebe Maguire, Erin Cullen, Maya Stewart and Jess Wilson.**

A massive thank you needs to go to our coaches Nick Dalton, Monique Reed, Carole Houston and Chloe Morgan for their time and efforts at the Carnival.



RUGBY UNION

**Hawthorne Shield
HVG Gala Day**

On Thursday, 28 April, SFX competed in a rugby union gala day held at Hunter Valley Grammar. 17 boys turned up and had to play three games. They convincingly beat Merewether High School four tries to one and were impressive against Farrer Agricultural High which gave them a finals berth.

They played against Hunter Valley Grammar but due to the lack of reserves were unable to come away with the silverware losing 8-0 in a great game. A solid effort from the boys who should be proud of their efforts to do as well as they did.

A huge thank you to our coaches Paul Dan and Andrew Burke for their time, effort and preparation on the day and leading up to the tournament.



REGIONAL SURFING TITLES.

Last Friday, 29 April **James Walker, Charlie Herivel, Ruby Voyzey and Laura Phelan** competed at the Newcastle Regional Schools Surfing Titles at Dixon Park Beach. Good weather, warm water and small contestable conditions were on offer with places at the NSW State Title on the line. The boys found the inconsistent conditions to be quite challenging and unfortunately did not progress through. The girls experienced better luck with Ruby easily winning the individual section and the team placing first overall. Ruby and Laura will now represent the Newcastle region at the NSW State Titles later this year. Congratulations girls! We wish them the best of luck in their next competition!

Thank you to Justin Gordon, who organised and convened the event, and managed the SFX 2016 Surf Team.



NSWCCC SWIMMING Championships



On Friday, 29 April, Alicia Daniels represented the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush. Alicia competed in the over 17's 50 m Freestyle event and swam her heat admirably, however missed out on placing to progress through to the All Schools Swimming Championships.

Congratulations Alicia on your efforts and progressing this far, we wish you all the best in your future swimming endeavours.

Term 2



- Dio Cross Country- Thursday, 5 May.
- Rugby Union 7's- Friday, 6 May.
- NSWCCC Hockey Championships- Thursday & Friday, 19 – 20 May.
- Dio Team Tennis Championships- Thursday, 26 May.
- Dio Football (Soccer) Knockout Gala Day- Wednesday, 15 June.
- CCC Basketball Championships- Monday & Tuesday, 20 – 21 June.

From the Careers Desk

CHOOSE A CAREER
THAT SUITS YOU...

Mrs Julie McLoughlin
Careers Coordinator

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The following professions are likely to be in high demand in the coming years.

- ❖ Registered Nurses and Aged Care workers
- ❖ General and Operations Managers (Business Management, International Hotels and Tourism Management, Communication)
- ❖ Software Developers (IT and Multimedia)
- ❖ Education and Training (High school teachers)
- ❖ Information Technology Professionals (Computing Sciences, IT)

COMING SOON

Year 12 Students

Newcastle Careers Expo

Thursday, 19 May 2016

More information FOR THIS EVENT in the coming weeks

Years 11 and 12 Architecture Careers



The School of Architecture and Built Environment will host an Architecture Careers day at dwp|suters, architectural organisation. The half day event is aimed at showcasing the Architecture profession within a half day workshop to Years 11 and 12 students.

Touring the architecture office environment students will experience professional industry presentations, undertake a design activity with student prizes, question and answer time along with morning tea.

Thursday 23 June

dwp|suters, 16 Telford St, Newcastle.

Register with: jenny.taylor@newcastle.edu.au

Ph: 0409 122 661

ENGINEERING GREAT CAREERS FOR GIRLS!

Engineers Australia is hosting a free Information Evening
'Girls Talk.....just for the Girls'
Thursday, 16 June 2016
Auditorium of Engineers Australia,
122 Parry St, Newcastle West
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

The evening is aimed at female secondary school students interested in a career involving maths and science.

Guest speakers will give informative presentations including what it's like to be an engineer, what they do and how they got started.

Visit

www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division to register.

Invitations from the University of Newcastle

Women in Engineering and Built Environment Careers Day

Brennan Room,
Shortland Union Building
9:30 am to approximately 1:00 pm

Students (GIRLS) have the opportunity to experience what life is like on the Callaghan campus and to hear about student and graduate experiences.

Session 1: Thursday, 26 May
Session 2: Thursday, 22 September

Please contact

Jenny Taylor to register
E: Jenny.Taylor@newcastle.edu.au
T: 4921 7997 M: 0409 122661

Westpac will be sponsoring Cadetships in Technology and Business for 2017. Cadets are able to study Computer Science, Information

Technology, or IT and work at the same time, gaining invaluable experience. Alternatively they can choose Commerce or the Arts and major in IT.

Applications close on Saturday, 17 June.

Go to www.etcad.com.au



UTS has two very prestigious scholarships on offer each year.

Bachelor Accounting Co-op Program
 Bachelor Information Technology Co-op Program
See Mrs Mac for details.

Top five tips for thinking about university

1. Keep things in perspective; don't limit yourself to one idea or what Uncle Fred thinks of Arts degrees. Visit Open Days, websites and talk to everyone.
2. Pick a degree based on your interests and passions rather than maximising the use of your ATAR. Follow your aspirations, not the crowd.
3. University is 50 percent study and 50 percent life experience. When choosing a university, consider the experiences on offer, not just the courses.
4. University is NOT just a job training area. Your future career may not reflect the degree you study, so stay open-minded.
5. Treat university as a chance to push yourself - intellectually and socially. It will help with your career, but the value is beyond just the money you will make.



The ACU are offering a free program for students during their school holidays in July.

This event gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice as well as get a taste of ACU life – meeting with current teaching staff and students.

Wednesday, 6 July at Strathfield and Friday, 8 July at North Sydney Campus.

Register via www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience



All courses are now



RSA and RCG

Group 1: Monday nights 9 and 16 May

Group 2: Tuesday nights 10 and 17 May

Could students ensure they are in the Theatre by 3:00 pm- just before bell time.

There will be second round of RSA in September.

WANT TO



US University Standardised Test Requirements new SAT and ACT

Students interested in studying Uni in the USA are encouraged to read the article outlining the new SAT and

the ACT standardised tests which are used for admission purposes to most US universities.

<http://www.internationallyeducated.com.au/#!learn/cfpx>

Contact for assistance if you are considering studying in the US.

www.internationallyeducated.com.au or
 02 8006 9737



Lion Youth Exchange Program

CLOSES 30 JUNE 2016

For those over 16 who want to experience life overseas. Runs early December to mid January.

<http://lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/ye/overseas-destinations/>



Gap work experience in hospitals in Tanzania, Thailand, Poland and Croatia.

<http://www.gapmedics.com.au/>



Open Day
Saturday, 21 May 2016

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on

Saturday, 21 May 2016. Sydney campus will be opening their doors to find out about full-time and part-time courses starting in 2016 and 2017. Go to

<http://www.aie.edu.au/OpenDay>

Keeping Faith through Difficult Times

Tinah Deluca-Tolri is a mother of eleven children.

She knows how hard it is to "keep the faith" during difficult times. Three years ago she was told her son had an incurable brain disease and for the following eighteen months watched his slow decline.

Tinah has been called to share her journey. Her story will inspire you and touch your hearts.

Please join us for this very special evening.

WHEN: *Wednesday, 11th May*

WHERE: *Victor Peters Suite -Adjacent to Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle*

TIME: *6.30pm*

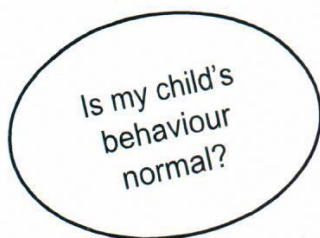
RSVP: *Cath Garrett-Jones - 4979 1303*

Delicious supper provided.

Donations gratefully accepted at the door for charity.



Proudly brought to you by the Federation of P & F Associations, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.



**Seasons for Growth® Parent Program:
Supporting your child following separation and divorce**

This short program offers parents the opportunity to explore ideas and strategies that might assist in supporting their child/ren through the changes happening in their family. Discussions will include:

How parents can help their child

*Children's reactions
to change and loss
and how they cope*

Communicating with your child

*The Seasons for Growth® approach
to understanding and managing
change, loss and grief*

*Caring for yourself - how this helps
in providing positive parenting*

The conversations will focus on what the experience of separation and divorce is like
from a child or young person's perspective.

- Venue:** Mum's Cottage
29 St Helen Street, Holmesville
- Dates:** Thursdays 12th and 26th May, 2016
- Time:** 12.30pm – 2.30pm
- Cost:** \$15 (payable on the first day). Concessions available
- RSVP:** Seasons for Growth - contact Jenny on
Ph: 4979 1355 or email: jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

Comments from Parents "I gained a lot of confidence in myself...I hadn't realised how many changes my kids are facing...I was reminded of the importance of spending time with my kids...I found the journal very useful...I will make sure I communicate more with my children about the changes in our family."

The Co-ordination of Seasons for Growth® in the Hunter region is made possible through funding from the Catholic Schools Office & Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.



Do you support a teenager with depression?

Carers NSW invites carers who support someone with a mental illness to join us for a presentation facilitated by the Black Dog Institute. This session is targeted towards parents and carers who support a teenager with depression or bipolar disorder. This session will focus on:

- * how to spot early warning signs in young people
- * when and where to seek help
- * how to support a young person you care about
- * how to build resilience

Registration is essential. Dinner at Diggers Brasserie is offered to attendees following the presentation.

Where: Wallsend Diggers
7 Tyrrell Street, Wallsend

When: Monday 9 May 2016

Time: 6.00pm-8.00pm

This is a free event for carers residing in the Cessnock, Port Stephens, Maitland or Newcastle council areas only.

For enquiries or to RSVP, please call 02 9289 4280 or email jessicaw@carersnsw.org.au

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