Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

Recently I was part of the audience that thoroughly enjoyed the College’s drama production, ‘The Government Inspector’. This was a masterful presentation that captivated the audience from the opening words. The play was actually first published in 1836, in Russia, but despite its considerable age and distant setting it still has the power to fully engage its audiences throughout the world.

But the words alone are not enough. They need actors, with considerable skill, to make them come alive. They also need a producer to guide and direct these actors to ensure that the highest standards are met. When these elements come together then we have the potential for magic to occur on stage. I think it was obvious for all those who attended ‘The Government Inspector’ that such magic did occur.

I was also present in another inspiring production called DioSounds. This is an annual musical extravaganza that is staged by Catholic secondary school students from throughout the Diocese. Again it was wonderful to see the extraordinary talent displayed for the benefit of their appreciative audiences at the Newcastle Civic Centre.

These two productions are examples of what is possible when talent is combined with dedication. The potential is amazing. It is even more powerful when it is in an environment where people are working together (rather than individually) for a set purpose. The purpose could be a drama production, a musical presentation or a sporting event. It could also be the classroom.

When students use their academic talents and/or their vocational skills, work closely with their teachers, and work in conjunction with other students, then their potential for success is considerable. But it does take hard work and perseverance.

My congratulations to all those who were involved in both ‘The Government Inspector’ and ‘DioSounds’, on presenting such inspiring productions.

Br Robert Sutton, fms
Principal
Light Bulb Moments...

an exhibition of Photographs, Paintings and Sculptures from our Year 11 Students

School Hall  Monday June 22nd from 4-6pm

+ Music and Drama performances....
The production of The Government Inspector was a huge success last week at the Civic Playhouse. The performance came very close to a sell out on both Friday and Saturday nights and there were excellent matinees for San Clemente, St Pius and our Year 11 Advanced English students. The actors deserve congratulations not only for their talents which were obvious to all but their teamwork was outstanding. It was this feature that made the performance so worthwhile as students constantly sought to help the entire cast with costumes or dialogue no matter how large or small their part. There is a Drama maxim that states

**THERE ARE NO SMALL PARTS ... ONLY SMALL ACTORS**

meaning that each role is of tremendous importance. The cast proved again and again that there were no small actors in The Government Inspector and everyone associated with the production should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

Mr Patrick Campbell
Director
Congratulations once again to our singers and musicians for their wonderful performances at the Diocesan Music concerts DioSounds. The two concerts, recently held at the Civic Theatre showcased our eleven Diocesan High Schools and we are extremely proud of our students.

Our College Choir began with an unaccompanied arrangement of It Don't Mean A Thing, an instant hit in 1931 for the famous jazz musician Duke Ellington. **Andrew de Souza** was the tenor soloist leading the choir.

**Christian Shilling**, the second of our Year 12 music student soloists then performed Allegro Barbaro. This piece by Bela Bartok composed in 1911 was a return gesture to Bartok's critics who claimed that the young Hungarian composer's music was harsh and brutal with unrelenting energy and tonal chaos. Christian played superbly with drive and energy.

Exactly one hundred years later, in 2011, Jessie J released her debut album Who You Are. Who You Are was then performed by **Emmanuel Herman** accompanied by **Daniel Byrne** and **Madelaine Lloyd**.

The fourth performance featured **Joseph Willis**, **William St Claire** and **Bradley McLean**. They performed Underground, one of their own songs from their recent EP recording.

Mrs Melissa Wattus and Mr Luke Baker
Music Staff

**Well done to all of our singers and musicians. You were a credit to the College!**

**Choir members were:**

- Daniel Adamson
- Minerva Bailey
- Jasmin Blanch
- Chotika Boonon
- Mitchell Bourke
- Mil Brooks
- Jaimi Bubb
- Jacob Burgess
- Daniel Byrne
- Ivania Coluccio
- Thomas Condurso
- Andrew de Souza
- Kristy Doan
- Harrison Gresham
- Matilda Hayward
- Emmanuel Herman

- Megan Johnson
- Madelaine Lloyd
- Patrick McCoy
- Bradley McLean
- Gabriella Mills
- Emily Ogden
- Nicholas Price
- Aiyana Pugh
- Conagh Punch
- William St Claire
- Rita Suleiman
- Georgia Thompson
- Lauren Walker
- Lucy Wallace
- Joseph Willis
- Abigail Woods
Recently I had the privilege of accompanying Year 12 students to ‘The Tempest’ Symposium at the Seymour Centre at the University of Sydney. I am sure that Year 12 would agree that the experience was “Such stuff as dreams are made on” – both enjoyable and educational!

The early start, while challenging was soon put to the side as sleepy eyes focussed on a screening of The Tempest with Russell Brand. The specially requested bus with a DVD & TV proved a good choice, as before we realised it we found ourselves in Sydney with a fresh knowledge of “A tale, sir that would cure deafness.”

When we arrived, professional actors and directors guided the group through the play scene by scene and offered fresh perspectives of the characters in The Tempest. Importantly though they provided both staff and students with a new way of translating Shakespeare’s world into understandable components. The actors’ perspective on the characters they played gave us some incredible insights – the focus on the techniques Shakespeare used, and their analysis of the characters enhanced our understanding and evoked personal discoveries. As a result, we found new ways to explore the ‘how and why’ of the concept of ‘Discovery’ which is integral to the construction of The Tempest.

The bus trip home quickly dissipated the effect of tiredness, as, when a vote was held on the choice between watching the ‘new’ or the ‘old Great Gatsby’ film, a heated debate arose over which actor did Gatsby the most justice: Robert Redford or Leonardo DiCaprio. Guess who won? The excursion was definitely worth our time and precious sleep. On the behalf of all the students, I’d like to thank Mrs Thornton and Mrs Millen who enabled us to lift “Not burthen our remembrance with A heaviness that's gone.”

Mrs Carole Houston
English Coordinator

Mrs Cecelia Millen with Year 12 Advanced English students who attended The Tempest Symposium in May
Every winter the St Vincent de Paul Society distributes clothes, blankets and food, as well as hope and comfort to the homeless and marginalised. Our College group is supporting this Australia wide Winter Appeal with our own appeal which starts on Thursday, 16 July and runs until Friday, 24 July.

What to bring? As well as clean, warm clothing and blankets, non perishable food items, such as canned soups, pasta, baked beans and tinned fruits would be most welcome. These items can be brought to your Tutor Group or left at the Student Office.

Thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

Br David

Many thanks to all the students and staff who supported our recent Vinnies Day, and especially to our members who did so much work for a great cause.

Altogether we raised $1234.25 which will be used to support the St Vincent de Paul Society Diocesan Fund to help needy students within our schools. It will also go towards supporting the education of two students from the Asia-Pacific region through the St Vincent de Paul Society ‘Assist a Student’ Program and also to assist the Marist Brothers School in Phnom Peng in Cambodia for disabled children. It will also assist the Matthew Talbot Centre at Wickham which supports homeless men.

Br David

The Café has been a huge success this semester, thanks especially to the Year 11 student body who have welcomed the opportunity to meet before school, on a daily basis, in a social environment. Students from Year 12 Hospitality classes have almost completed their Work Placement requirements by participating in a weekly roster. This gives them the opportunity to gain valuable industry experience in a vibrant working environment, preparing and serving the College community. The menu has proved very popular offering a selection of toasted sandwiches, sweet and savoury treats, a range of espresso coffees, hot chocolates and milkshakes.

At the end of last term, two of our hospitality students, Bianca Davies and Jacqui Wrightson were nominated to take on the role of Team Leaders for a month and managed the responsibilities involved in the overall running of the café on a daily basis. They liaised with the rostered students and staff supervisors to ensure a smooth and seamless operation.

Profits from the café have been used to purchase additional fixtures and equipment for the Hospitality department, including the cost of the online learning resource Didasko, an invaluable tool which all the students have access to throughout their course of study.

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.
WHAT WORKS FOR ME!

Students were invited recently to participate in a new Student Learning Community project at the College called What Works for Me! The initiative which begins in Term 3 aims to provide a learning environment for the students, presented by the students. There has been significant interest already and we welcome any other students who would like to become involved either as a presenter or general participant. Students who present will be acknowledged with a Certificate that can be added to their Curriculum Vitae which may help with employment or scholarship applications in the future.

Details are as follows:

Begins: Week 2 in Term 3
Where: SFX Library
When: Beginning of Lunch
Day: Every Wednesday

Any questions please see or email Mr Dan Mitchell. daniel.mitchell@mn.catholic.edu.au

For the past two years SFX has been running an after school yoga program to support students. Yoga is a very popular and proven method of managing anxiety and improving physical health. An experienced, external yoga teacher is paid by the school to teach the students. Yoga mats are also available for student use. The class is FREE for students. Currently the class is running at school on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:20 pm until 4:20 pm and will continue during Term 3. Permission notes are available from the Student Office and students are asked to wear appropriate, comfortable clothing. Students who have been involved have spoken very highly of the program and have had a lot of fun while doing something positive for their physical and mental health. It would be great to see some new faces on a Wednesday afternoon.

Ms Olivia Gollan
Teacher

At our Canteen we try to provide a wide range of food for our students.

In order for this to operate smoothly we rely on volunteer help.

Parents/grandparents/carers who would like to help out please contact the College.

We really would appreciate your help!
CAMBODIA IMMERSION

With only a couple of weeks to go until our group leaves for Cambodia, there are some very excited Year 11 students preparing for their journey. All are also very busy fundraising for the La Valla School. Our aim is to raise over $5000 for the La Valla Community so that we can pay for their rice for a year.

Thank you to all the people who have bought Entertainment Books, and those who have purchased a Chocolate Freddo (or two!) all funds go straight to La Valla.

Another fundraising activity planned is a High Tea at the Locale, New Lambton. Tickets are available for purchase from any of the six students attending the Immersion or contact Cassie Mowbray at the College.

Thank you for your support!

Tovah, Rachel, Kristen, Hannah, Desai and Matthew

Dear Parents
Over the past 12 months we have experienced a significant increase in the costs to manufacture your uniforms. This is mainly, but not solely due to the decrease in the Australian Dollar by nearly 20%.

During the same time we have maintained pricing to ensure that you have not been impacted at the register. We have also introduced a range of internal measures to cushion the impact of the falling Australian Dollar without impacting on the quality or consistency of your uniforms.

Whilst we have absorbed some of the impact of the change, we have no choice but to introduce a revised pricelist effective 1 August 2015. We encourage you to purchase or Lay by uniforms before this date to beat the price rise.

We thank you for understanding and hope you continue to enjoy your experience with Alinta Apparel.

Warm regards
Alinta Apparel Pty Ltd

Uniform price list & online shopping available at:
www.alintaapparel.com.au

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!
During weeks 2-6, over 72 Year 12 students attended Work Placement in the following VET areas - Business Services, Metal and Engineering, Retail and Construction. Hospitality students have the opportunity to undertake Work Placement in the College Café.

Work Placement is a valuable experience for students. Students gain practical hands-on experience, improved job opportunities and the experience of teamwork and the development of interpersonal skills. Many students from St Francis Xavier’s College are valued highly in the workplace and some are offered traineeships, apprenticeships and part-time work. A number of students were commended by their workplace supervisor and as a result received Work Placement Awards from CareerLinks. These students included:

**Business Services:**
Alison Ebzery, Amara McHugh-Shahani

**Entertainment:** These were mentioned in the College Newsletter 2 weeks ago.

Below is a snapshot of comments about the value of work placement from some of the Year 12 students.

“………The placement helped to give me an insight into the Business Services industry and also helped me to develop my communication skills …..”

I was offered a plumbing *apprenticeship*……… which I can commence at the start of 2016”

“I was offered a part-time job…..”

“I was able to undertake a wide variety of tasks, ……… overall I have had a great time and gained an insight into the subject”

“……… I now have a better idea of what I would like to do when I leave school and how I can get there.

“ the staff were extremely friendly, always willing to help or advise on something, giving individual attention when needed …………….”
On Wednesday, 27 May, Mr Oke and Mrs Corrigan took our senior boys and girls away to compete in the NSW CCC Hockey Championships in Grafton.

The Boys’ team consisted of Ryan Johnston, Lewis Foot, Taylor Kirkwood, Austin Davis, Andrew de Souza, Morgan Hart, Cooper Houston, Callum Henderson, Liam Jancezik, Zac Oke, Sean McNamara, Chris Hendry, Luke Vallone, Reede Palmer and Thomas Pugh. The captain’s duties were shared across the senior players throughout the competition. The boys first game was on the unfamiliar surface of grass but they got off to a great start with Andrew de Souza slotting a remarkable goal in the tenth minute, 6 minutes later Zac Oke capitalised on a short corner to give a 2-1 win over O’Connor Catholic College. The next two games were the toughest in the competition, the eventual finalists. Up against a strong Illawarra contingent, the boys battled it out only to lose 1-2 against Edmund Rice College. Their final pool game versus Trinity Catholic College, Lismore, was a one sided affair as their State representation blasted tomahawks into the back of the net at will. Despite valiant attempts by Austin, in goal, the boys were on the receiving end of a hockey lesson. The boys ended in third position after the pool matches and played off on Friday morning against Trinity Catholic College, Goulburn. After a change of position for some players, the pressure was off and the boys could enjoy themselves. The game resulted in a 2-2 draw, with goal scorers Callum and Liam on a high, a fitting result, for their final game. The boys always demonstrated sportsmanship and a sense of pride wearing the College uniform. Well done to all the boys with their efforts.

The Girls’ team comprised of Alex Delbridge (Captain), Chelsea Gilbert, Clare Butler, Angel Moylan, Laura Phelan, Jacqueline Wrightson, Madeleine Jordan, Sophie King, Minerva Bailey, Eliza Gardiner, Zoe Doran and Makaylah Harvey. The girls played tremendously well throughout the competition, holding third position for the majority of the competition, however were defeated in the semi-finals. The girls quickly adjusted to their new team and surroundings, and showed great pride and sportsmanship on and off the field, starting each game with a team huddle and ‘Sub tuum’. A big congratulations to our main goal scorers Alex Delbridge and Clare Butler, and our fearless goalkeepers Makaylah Harvey, Madeleine Jordan, Chelsea Gilbert and Jacqueline Wrightson.

Along with the teams, Mr Oke and and Mrs Corrigan would like to congratulate the recipients of the ‘Player’s Player Award’ as voted by their team mates, Zac Oke and Alex Delbridge. Both players showed excellent athleticism, team spirit and leadership.

We look forward to seeing our teams compete again next year at the NSW CCC Hockey Championships in Newcastle (TBC) and farewell our Year 12 students who will be moving on to newer and greener hockey pastures.
State Championships

On Thursday, 11 June the Rugby 7’s State Championships were held in Narrabeen, Sydney. St Francis Xavier’s College had earned a spot in the event with strong performances in the regional competition the week before. After being placed in a strong pool the team played well and placed second, this allowed them to progress to the quarter-finals.

Unfortunately the boys lost the quarter-final. However this placed them into the playoff for the Bowl. They played the semi-final and final in wet conditions, and with great sportsmanship and showing heart, managed to come from behind to beat Hunter Valley Grammar 21-17 and take home the Bowl.

An excellent result for the boys. A big thankyou to Phil Oke for his efforts and organisation and Brother Pat for his constant support.

Nepal Earthquake Appeal

We are pleased to inform you that the Nepal donations from fund raising and school café donations has raised $3209.30!

Congratulations to everyone involved.

Thank you!

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.

Thursday, 25 June

Year 12
- NO CLASSES
- University of Newcastle Open Day

Year 11
- Normal classes until 1pm
- Parent/Teacher Interviews 1:30 pm to 7:00 pm in College Hall

Friday, 26 June

Last day Term 2
Normal classes for Year 11 and Year 12
They are offering apprenticeships with practical training in High Voltage transmission network, domestic, commercial and industrial wiring. Apprentices may be based in Eastern Creek, Newcastle, Orange, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga or Yass.

The selection process will include:
1. Online application
2. Online selection test
3. Submission of resume and copies of school reports
4. Attend a verification and behavioural test.
5. Attend an interview and work specific assessment
6. Complete the pre-employment assessment

Apply to www.transgridcareers.com.au

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University Experience is a free program that gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. Get a taste of life at ACU by meeting academic staff and current students and trying out the course you’re interested in. You must register online at [www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience](http://www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience) North Sydney Campus - Friday, 10 July 2015. Strathfield Campus - Wednesday, 8 July 2015.

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/](http://www.aifs.com.au/aupair-america/scholarship/)

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There is some information on the School Portal relating to the offer of apprenticeships with Glencore. The MAJOR players in apprenticeship intake are already starting to advertise!

Applications are now available for Certificate IV in Design CUV40311 specialising in Colour & Design and Graphic Design.

**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.

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is available on the College Web Site
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COME AND JOIN US ON **WEDNESDAY 1\textsuperscript{ST} JULY** TO SUPPORT THE LA VALLA COMMUNITY IN PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA.

SIX ST. FRANCIS XAVIER’S COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE TRAVELLING TO CAMBODIA TO TEACH AT LA VALLA, A MARIST SCHOOL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN. THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE RICE BILL EACH YEAR WHICH IS AROUND $5000.

WE WILL BE HOSTING A HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER AT **THE LOCALE, NEW LAMBTON** SO PLEASE PURCHASE A TICKET TO ENJOY UNLIMITED COFFEE AND TEA, TASTY SWEETS FROM SNOWS PATISSERIE AND ENGLISH SANDWICHES

**WHERE:** THE LOCALE NEW LAMBTON, CRN ALMA AND REGENT ST  
**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY 1\textsuperscript{ST} JULY  
**TIME:** 3PM-6PM

**TICKETS:** $50 PER HEAD AND CAN BE PURCHASED DIRECTLY FROM THE STUDENTS OR CASSIE MOWBRAY AT SFX COLLEGE. CONTACT 49612863 or cassie.mowbray@mn.catholic.edu.au  
(1/4 GOES STRAIGHT TO THE LA VALLA SCHOOL).

THIS EVENT WILL BE FULLY WAITED ON SO BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY, HAVE FUN AND SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
THE LOCALE TEAM, THE KIDS IN CAMBODIA AND THE SFX STUDENTS.
An evening with Dr. John Irvine

Dr. John Irvine is one of Australia’s most prominent child psychologists. If you enjoyed listening to Dr. John last year, come back for

“More: anxiety, what to look for & what parents can do to support their children”

Light refreshments served from 6.30pm

Entry - Gold coin donation with all proceeds to benefit charity

June
23 Tuesday 23 June, 2015
6.30pm for a 7pm start
St James’ Primary School
Skellatar Stock Route, Muswellbrook

June
24 Wednesday 24 June, 2015
6.30pm for a 7pm start
St Brigid’s Primary School
52 Irrawang Street, Raymond Terrace

July
28 Tuesday 28 July, 2015
6.30pm for a 7pm start
St Joseph’s Primary School
1 St Joseph’s Drive, Taree

July
29 Wednesday 29 July, 2015
6.30pm for a 7pm start
The Factory - St Flus X High School
Park Avenue, Adamstown

All welcome - registration essential
Visit www.mn.catholic.edu.au/drjohn to register today

Some venues have limited parking, please bring a torch.

For further info, contact
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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 11

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

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