



Lighthouse

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Greg Ptolemy

A Message from the Principal

Dear Members of the SFX Community,

A PRAYERFUL THOUGHT

Our current situation can lead us quickly to a sense of despair if we are not careful. Our news constantly reminds us of the ills that beset us and because we are in lockdown it can be hard to escape this all-consuming messaging. It was with a great sense of hope then, that I read these words last week from Fr Greg Barker, Parish Priest of Boolaroo-Warners Bay, which he sent out to his parishioners regarding his response to the crisis unfolding in Afghanistan.

Dear Parish Family,

I don't really know what to do about Afghanistan and the humanitarian crisis I see there or how to respond to the veterans who sacrificed so much there in the last 20 years.

But this is what I am going to do for now:

This Thursday night (19 August) at 6 pm, I will light a candle in the darkness for the women and girls there - a light in the dark for what may lay ahead for them. For centuries, families have lit candles in their windows to show travellers the way home. This act demonstrated that there was still hope, as small as it might be when all seemed lost. So, I am going to place my light on the steps of the Boolaroo Church.

And then, Friday night (20 August), I will do the same at 6 pm for those veterans among us who might be feeling that their service there, and the sacrifices that were made, were for nothing. The light will symbolise that nothing we do for others, freedom, or peace, is ever wasted.

On Saturday night (21 August), I will light a candle for all the Christians and people of other faiths in Afghanistan, who will now be in dire circumstances as the militants sweep through.

After that, I'm not sure. You might like to light a candle at the same time and join with me in a few moments of prayerful silence or prayerful non-silence if you want to pray a few prayers. Take a picture of your candle, and I will share it around. You can be in the picture or not. It means something, either way, 😊. One light or a thousand it won't matter - it's the solidarity in prayer that matters. And for our veterans, maybe that they and their service matter to us.

Kind regards,

Greg Parish Priest

Fr Greg's response is one that refuses to be overwhelmed by negativity, but instead, seeks to find hope. While I recognise that we may not have the opportunity to join with him in solidarity on these dates as my message is a little late, there might still be a great deal of good in undertaking a similar vigil in our own homes in the days ahead.

YEAR 12 UPDATE

Alternative assessments for Year 12 are currently underway and are progressing well. I would remind students that should they encounter any issues, then they should contact the College. Furthermore, if there are complications surrounding an assessment attempt which are beyond your control, then please submit an Illness/Misadventure form via the College Administration Inbox.

Year 12 Graduation Liturgy and farewell plans currently remain in place for Week 10, although these will entirely depend on the health advice going forward.

YEAR 11 UPDATE

A modified assessment format for Year 11 students will be utilised in the coming weeks as we adapt to this rapidly changing landscape. An assessment timetable has now been provided to the students. We will also undertake some practice opportunities during the next week so that the students can familiarise themselves with the online environment and counter any issues that may arise. We recognise that undertaking these tasks in the home environment will not be ideal for all students, so we encourage any students experiencing difficulties to contact the College. There will also be an opportunity for students to apply for Illness and Misadventure should the need arise.

STAYING CONNECTED

For so many in our community, these are particularly difficult times. In response to this, it is vitally important that our students and families remain connected. One of the most significant things we can do is to provide hope for each other by being there for one another. When this cannot happen in person, it becomes even more vital that we find other ways to reach out. In particular, I would encourage every student to connect with their classes and share the journey together. Perhaps we might also find a few moments each week to reach out to just one person who we know might be doing it tough – we never know the difference we might make.

Take care of yourself and those around you.

Greg Ptolemy
Principal



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	8:10 – 4:15
Tuesday	8:10 – 3:30
Wednesday	8:10 – 4:15
Thursday	8:10 – 4:15
Friday	8:10 – 3:30

The library is open for after-school study on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

LIGHTHOUSE LIBRARY NEWS



Rate & Review Competition

We received some great reviews of library resources during our Rate & Review competition. Xanthe, Bryce, Connor, Audrey and Hannah were the winners, each receiving a \$20 voucher to a store of their choosing. Thank you for taking part in the competition. We encourage students and staff to rate & review library resources year-round to provide feedback to other potential readers.

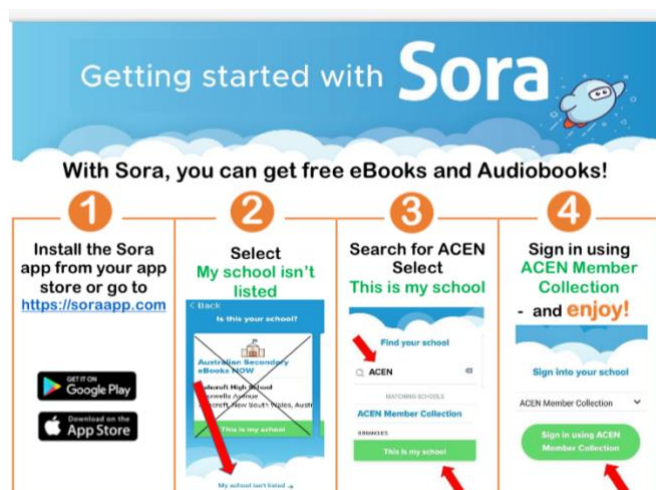
Online Resources

There are a huge range of fantastic online resources available to students and staff by joining the following libraries. In lockdown circumstances, a library membership number will be emailed to you within a very short space of time (up to a few business days depending on the library). Click on the links below to go straight to the membership page:

[Newcastle Council Library](#) - HSC-focused resources & databases, as well as Kanopy, a streaming service specialising in independent films, documentaries, foreign films and training videos, as well as many popular films.

[State Library of NSW](#) - a huge range of databases for academic journal articles, as well as thousands of digitised items including primary sources such as letters and other documents.

[National Library of Australia](#) - similar to the State Library, but if searching in Google Scholar you can add the National Library as a library link to make it easier to access your Google Scholar results.



eBooks and audioBooks

Have you downloaded the SORA app yet? SORA has a huge range of e- and audio-books, including HSC English titles, and heaps of other great fiction and non-fiction.



Hospitality News



YR 12 WINTER WARMERS

Every Thursday at the beginning of this term, for four weeks, a team of Year 12 Hospitality students participated in a 'Service Period' as part of their ongoing unit "Use Cookery Skills Effectively"

They made and served TWO different varieties of soups and freshly baked focaccia each week, 60 portions in total, for staff and students as a takeaway lunch option from the Café for \$3.50

The soup varieties included Creamy Chicken & Brown Rice, Spiced Moroccan Lentil, Pumpkin and a Chicken Noodle Soup. The Rosemary Focaccias were also baked in-house each day.

This gave the students an opportunity safely and hygienically prepare and serve a menu to industry standards; multi-task and integrate technical skills; perform designated kitchen roles as part of a team and work within typical time constraints of a busy commercial kitchen.





Legacy Week 29 August - 4 September

SFX Students usually assist with the Legacy Week fundraising by selling badges. In lieu of this they have an on-line option for donations. Please follow the link to make your donation today;

<https://www.legacy.com.au/donate-now/>



Legacy Week

Show your support for our veterans' families in need.



Donate today at:
[legacyweek.com.au](https://www.legacyweek.com.au)

YEAR 11 – ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Academic Awards are an opportunity to recognise those students who have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a course or who have been awarded Academic Achievement due to being ranked in the top 5% of the course cohort.

Congratulations to the Year 11 students who received Awards

FIVE ACADEMIC AWARDS

Ellen Hughes

- First Place: Biology
- First Place: Earth & Environmental Science
- First Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Third Place: English Advanced
- Third Place: PDHPE



FOUR ACADEMIC AWARDS

Declan Aislabie

- First Place: Chemistry
- First Place: Economics
- First Place: Mathematics Extension
- Second Place: Legal Studies



Hayden McDonald

- First Place: Drama
- First Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- First Place: English Advanced
- Second Place: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation



Emma McNamara

- First Place: Drama
- Second Place: Modern History
- Academic Achievement award: Legal Studies
- Academic Achievement award: English Advanced



Joseph Nolan

- First Place: Physics
- First Place: Engineering Studies
- First Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Academic Achievement award: Mathematics Advanced



Casey O'Bryan

- Second Place: Community and Family Studies
- Third Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- Academic Achievement award: Legal Studies
- Academic Achievement award: Mathematics Standard



THREE ACADEMIC AWARDS

Joseph Butler

- First Place: Geography
- Second Place: Earth and Environmental Science
- Academic Achievement award: Mathematics Standard



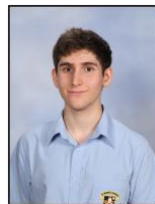
Sarah Gebhard

- First Place: Legal Studies
- Second Place: English Extension 1
- Third Place: Society and Culture



Corey Georgiadis

- First Place: Music 1
- First Place: Photography
- First Place: Studies in Catholic Thought



Declan Hughes

- First Place: Chemistry
- First Place: Mathematics Advanced
- First Place: PDHPE



Isobel Lonergan

- Second Place: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- Third Place: Society and Culture
- Academic Achievement award: Business Studies



Sienna Pervan-Sweet

- Second Place: Business Studies
- Second Place: Community and Family Studies
- Academic Achievement award: Studies of Religion 1 Unit



Samantha Stubbs

- First Place: English Extension 1
- Third Place: Biology
- Academic Achievement award: English Advanced



TWO ACADEMIC AWARDS

Abby Archer

- First Place: Studies in Catholic Thought
- Academic Achievement award: English Standard

Lucas Bortolotto

- First Place: Marine Studies
- Academic Achievement award: Mathematics Advanced

Jessica Day

- Second Place: Community and Family Studies
- Academic Achievement award: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

Billy Diemar

- Second Place: Engineering Studies
- Academic Achievement award: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

Xavier Fogarty

- First Place: Music 1
- First Place: Design and Technology

Zack Forsythe

- First Place: VET Construction
- Academic Achievement award: English Standard

Sophie Glynn

- First Place: Ancient History
- Academic Achievement award: Studies of Religion 1 Unit

Tilly Havebond

- First Place: Economics
- Academic Achievement award: Business Studies

Jack Kavanagh

- Third Place: Biology
- Third Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit

Jack Masson

- Second Place: Society and Culture
- Third Place: Business Studies

Alexis Miljkovic

- Academic Achievement award: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- Academic Achievement award: Mathematics Standard

Samara Payne

- Third Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit
- Academic Achievement award: Mathematics Standard

Harriet Atkins

- Second Place: Aboriginal Studies
- Second Place: Ancient History

Brigitte Davis

- First Place: Mathematics Extension
- Second Place: Physics

Alexander Dicker

- First Place: Mathematics Standard
- Second Place: Geography

Harrison Edwards

- Third Place: English Standard
- Academic Achievement award: Mathematics Standard

Emma Foley

- First Place: Aboriginal Studies
- Academic Achievement award: English Standard

Noah Furniss

- First Place: Mathematics Advanced
- Academic Achievement award: English Advanced

Eve Harrison

- Second Place: Community and Family Studies
- Third Place: Studies of Religion 2 Unit

Tayha Hill

- First Place: English Standard
- Academic Achievement award: Biology

Chiara Limbert

- First Place: Biology
- Academic Achievement award: Business Studies

Lacey Mclean

- First Place: Industrial Technology - Furniture
- Second Place: Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation

Riyani Orr-Gay

- First Place: VET Business Services
- First Place: Studies in Catholic Thought

Tamsin Pearce

- First Place: French Beginners
- Third Place: English Advanced

Ellisha Petherbridge

- First Place: Society and Culture
- Second Place: Modern History

Olivia-Belle Smith

- First Place in Business Studies
- First Place in Visual Arts

Millicent Tonkin

- Academic Achievement award: Studies of Religion 1 Unit
- Academic Achievement award: Mathematics Standard

Amelie Watson

- First Place in Society and Culture
- Academic Achievement award: Mathematics Standard

Alexandra Ryba

- Third Place: Legal Studies
- Academic Achievement award: English Advanced

Georgie Spyrdz

- First Place in Modern History
- First Place in Industrial Technology - Multimedia

Molly Watsford

- Academic Achievement award: Community and Family Studies
- First Place: Dance

Christopher Wood

- First Place in Music 1
- Academic Achievement award: Biology

FACULTY AWARDS

Faculty Awards are for Academic Achievement in a Single Course.

These awards recognise those students who have achieved First Place, and in the case of subjects with a large cohort, students placed Second and Third, or who have demonstrated Academic Achievement.

RELIGION FACULTY

Studies in Catholic Thought

Millie O'Brien: First Place

Laura Price: First Place

Osha Worell: First Place

Studies of Religion 2 Unit

Isabela Mlinaric: First Place

Studies of Religion 1 Unit

Dominik Brymora: Academic Achievement award

Ava Lowry: Academic Achievement award

Jade Papworth: Academic Achievement award

Tylah Smits: Academic Achievement award

Studies of Religion 2 Unit

Sophie Hunter: Second Place

Mae Mahoney: Third Place

ENGLISH FACULTY

English Advanced

Kiera Pizzuto: First Place
Punya Heinonen: Academic Achievement award
Neve Hodgson: Academic Achievement award
Grace James: Academic Achievement award
Xanthe Lamont: Academic Achievement award
Luca Maxwell: Academic Achievement award
Krista Merriman: Academic Achievement award

English Extension 1

Andrew Fedor: Second Place
Aynsley Russ: Second Place

English Standard

Natalie Clarke: Second Place
Ruby Wills: Third Place
Heidi Allen: Academic Achievement award
Ryan Blake: Academic Achievement award
Patrick Curry: Academic Achievement award
Logan Dalton: Academic Achievement award
Nathaniel Davis: Academic Achievement award
Ava Douglas: Academic Achievement award
Darcy Kirkaldy: Academic Achievement award
Emma Lynch: Academic Achievement award
Murdoch Joseph: Academic Achievement award
Hayley Saunders: Academic Achievement award
Brooklyn Scarlett: Academic Achievement award
Ella Shore: Academic Achievement award
Olivia Wall: Academic Achievement award
Flynn Watson: Academic Achievement award

English Studies

Kaleb Ellis: First Place
Ella Baartz: Second Place
Leo Cairney: Second Place
Kayla Feenan: Second Place
Olivia Odorico: Second Place
Logan Smith: Second Place

CPA/LOTE FACULTY

Drama

Emma McNamara First Place
Hayden McDonald First Place

French

Tamsin Pearce First Place

Music

Corey Georgiadis First Place
Christopher Wood First Place
Xavier Fogarty First Place
Sophia Williams First Place

Photography

Corey Georgiadis First Place

Visual Arts

Kaelia Dawson; First Place
Olivia-Belle Smith First Place
Charlotte Jones Third Place

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Advanced (Students from Yr 10)

Jack Breasley: First Place
Julie Williams: Academic Achievement award
Darcy Willoughby: Academic Achievement award
Sophia Bechly Academic Achievement award
George Kalarickal: Academic Achievement award

SCIENCE FACULTY

Biology

Isaac Charles: Third Place
Bailee Pappas: Academic Achievement award
Graciela Tohi: Academic Achievement award
Jazmyn Wallace: Academic Achievement award

Chemistry

Jessica Rowe: Third Place

Earth and Environmental Science

Charlotte Merrell: Third Place

Investigating Science

Macie Ellen: First Place

Marine Studies

Jarna Vico: First Place

Physics

Patrick Jarmusz: Third Place

HSIE FACULTY

Business Studies

James Reid: Academic Achievement award

Geography

Susanna Caruana: Second Place

Troy Marshall: Second Place

Modern History

Baxter McGinty-Holden: Second Place

Lexi McKeown: Second Place

Kye Wardrop: Second Place

Society and Culture

Sienna Thompson: Second Place

Jade Andrews: Third Place

Molly Lochrin: Third Place

PDHPE FACULTY

Community and Family Studies

Lilliarna Baillie: Academic Achievement award

Sophia De Marchi: Academic Achievement award

Millie Moore: Academic Achievement award

Exploring Early Childhood

Daisy Wright: First Place

PDHPE

Max Bailey: First Place

Oliver Edwards: Academic Achievement award

Imogen Manditch: Academic Achievement award

Miranda Sheppard: Academic Achievement award

Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation

Jonia Munro: First Place

Shannon Bohan: Second Place

Faitala Tapulaa'la: Second Place

TAS FACULTY

Computer Applications

Grace Wilton: First Place

Food Technology

Chloe Debono: First Place

Brianna Myers: Second Place

Industrial Technology – Furniture

Cameron Smith: First Place

Industrial Technology – Graphics

Joey Johnston: First Place

Software Design and Development

Benjamin Paine: First Place

Textiles and Design

Arya Buman: First Place

VET

VET Construction

Braeden Hopkin: First Place

Kaya Makunja: First Place

VET Hospitality

Faith Mpofu: First Place

VET Manufacturing and Engineering

Coen Miller: First Place

VET Retail

Jasmine Lochrin: First Place

VET Sports Coaching

Imogen Hope: First Place

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 11, 2022

Now Open

St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton



To apply for
2022 Enrolment
into Year 11

Year 11 2022 enrolments are now open. Should you require an enrolment package please email admin@hamilton.catholic.edu.au with the following information:



- ✓ **Student's Name**
- ✓ **Student's Date of Birth**
- ✓ **Student's Current School**
- ✓ **Parent/s, Carer/s Name/s**
- ✓ **Parent/s, Carer/s mailing address including post code**
- ✓ **Parent/s, Carer/s mobile phone number**
- ✓ **Parent/s, Carer/s email address**



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Student Services

Hours: 8:00 am until 3:10 pm
Telephone: (02) 4961 2110
Email: hml-studentservices@mn.catholic.edu.au

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

Switch/Reception

Hours: 8:00 am until 3:30 pm

Finance Office

Hours: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Email: hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au



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Thursday 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

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Are you available 1 day weekly or fortnightly 8:30am—12:30pm M-F?

Register your interest by contacting Teresa King on 0473 002 729 or
email : teresa.king@vinnies.org.au



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