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A Message from the Principal

Greg Ptolemy

Dear Members of the SFX Community,

Welcome to the final edition of The Lighthouse for Term 2. In the ensuing pages we have captured many of the wonderful stories of success and achievement that have highlighted the latter stages of this term. Incorporating cultural, sporting, academic and vocational pursuits our students have excelled across a diverse array of fields and are to be commended on their attainments. I hope you enjoy our pages of celebration.

As our students prepare for a well-earned break, I hope that the learnings of the first semester will stand them in good stead for the challenges that await. Our Year 11 students have now had the opportunity to reflect on their progress through their assessment feedback, academic reports, and Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews. I trust these occasions have enabled the students to set themselves realistic and attainable goals for the final term of Year 11.

For our Year 12 students this break will be a good opportunity to recharge with a different routine, but it is important that they maintain focus on their goals. The Trial HSC is only a few short weeks away, so it is important that our students continue to apply themselves to a balanced approach to learning. We wish them every success as they prepare to enter their final term of secondary education.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and refreshing holiday period. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the educational journey we undertake together.

May God bless.

Greg Ptolemy Principal



Champagnat Day













From the Student Representative Council

BIGGEST MORNING TEA



Diocesan Secondary Schools Public Speaking Competition

On Thursday 10th June, Year 11 students Brigitte Davis and Susanna Caruana represented the College at the Secondary Public Speaking Competition held at the Catholic Schools Office Newcastle. Both Brigitte and Susanna worked diligently to compose both a prepared speech and plan for the impromptu component of the competition.

Year 11 students were required to speak on the topic of 'Reality', something both broad and relevant to their experiences as students of a digital world. Brigitte focused her prepared speech on the differences in perceptions of reality between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, and the implications of this dissonance for climate justice and human rights in our nation's future. Susanna focused on how the rapid pace of the digital world is distorting our perception of what is real and elaborated on the impact of overstimulation on the mental health of young people.

Both girls spoke with passion and conviction, and we thank them for being such wonderful representatives of our College.

We would also like to thank the Catholic School Office, Newcastle for hosting the competition, and the Catholic Development Fund for sponsoring this fantastic event. Molly Walmsley, English Faculty







SFX MUSIC DEPARTMENT

YEAR 11 MUSIC CONCERT

On Thursday, 3rd June, Year 11 Music students had an opportunity to perform in an afternoon concert. The concert was held in the "Sound Trap" in the Music Department. The concert was a musical celebration of their commitment and dedication to music. The audience was treated to solo and ensemble performances.



CHAMPAGNAT HOUSE ASSEMBLY PERFORAMNCE

Congratulations to

Charlotte McKie and Harper Parris on their beautiful performance at the Champagnat House Assembly. They performed "Us Against the World" by Coldplay. This was a musically expressive performance featuring Charlotte and Harper with voice and guitar.



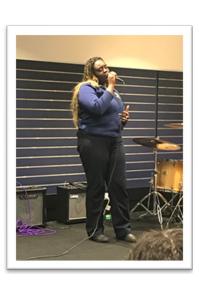
ASPIRE 2021 - THE MASKED DJ - FRIDAY 23RD JULY

Music, Drama and Entertainment students are invited to attend the matinee performance of Aspire - "The Masked DJ. Please see the music teachers for a note if you are interested in attending. There is a strict number of tickets available for this event. Ms Sweetman and Mrs Wattus



We are welcoming new members to our vocal ensemble. The choir rehearses every Tuesday at lunchtime. Please see the music teachers if you would like further information about joining. We are singing a lovely range of repertoire and have some performances to work towards.









Earlier this month an amazingly talented cast rehearsed and performed their rendition of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night'. Twelfth Night is a comedic play centred around Viola and her comic miscommunications between Count Orsino and Lady Olivia. The three consecutive shows over a period of two days were very successful, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the sixteen talented cast members. The experience the actors gained at rehearsals, along with acting in front of a large audience gave them strong connections with each other, keenness to perform and confidence in their acting careers. Special thanks to Civic Playhouse, for hosting the production, the excellent direction of the play by Patrick Campbell, and the audience, including Year 11 Advanced English for attending. Alexander Sabotkovski Year 12.







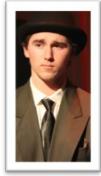




















YR 11 PDHPE - INVESTIGATING WHAT IT TAKES TO BE AN OLYMPIAN

Yr 11 PDHPE have been learning about how different 'components of fitness' can be specific to different athletes and if developed through training may lead to improved performance. In class we have been putting ourselves through a series of fitness tests to get an indication of which components (listed below) we excel in.

Health related components of physical fitness	Skill related components of physical fitness
Cardiorespiratory endurance	Power
Muscular strength	Speed
Muscular endurance	Agility
Flexibility	Coordination
Body composition	Balance
	Reaction time

With the Olympics in Tokyo set to begin in July, we were tasked with a group work activity to analyse a specific Olympic athlete. In this case, Moroccan Steeplechase athlete and Gold Medal hopeful - Soufiane El Boukali.

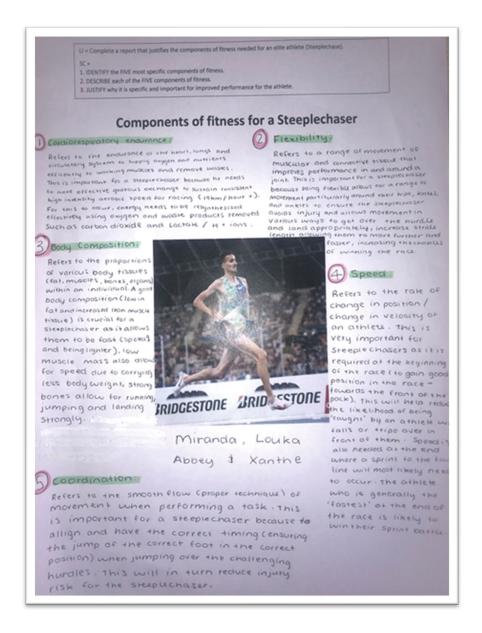
We were given 30 minutes to work as a group to view a video on Soufiane. We then had to address the learning intention and subsequent success criteria. In simple terms it meant we had to identify and justify the 5 most specific components of fitness which he possesses that make him such a great athlete. We hope you find our research interesting. Miranda, Louka, Abbey and Xanthe.











YR 11 PDHPE RYDA EXCURSION

On Tuesday 8th of June, PDHPE students, had the privilege of attending the Road Safety Education Driver Awareness (RYDA) course. RYDA has educated numerous school groups (over 6000 students annually) on the many dangers presented to individuals on the road as a car driver, including our dangers as vulnerable road users e.g., cyclists, motorbike riders, truck drivers and pedestrians. Subsequently, RYDA presented students strategies for how to avoid these dangers and incredible stories from a brave crash survivor – Dave – whom the students were able to investigate and question about the incident that occurred to him.

In addition to this, students were exposed to a video on the tragic passing of Genevieve and her best friend – spoken from the perspective of Genevieve's parents and closest friends; with the intention to educate individuals on the unexpected dangers and incidents that can occur on the road and lead to approximately 1,106 deaths per year in Australia. Therefore, as a group, we would like to congratulate and thank the volunteers that took their time to inform us on the importance of road safety and expose us to real-life situations. Eve Harrison Year11.









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

LIBRARY SINGLE SIGN-ON

We are excited to announce that the library catalogue now has single-sign-on in place! This means that signing into the school network will automatically sign you into the library catalogue - there are no extra usernames or passwords to remember.

What are the benefits to you?

As soon as you land on the library catalogue page, you'll be logged in and able to do many things such as:

- check and renew your loans
- put books on reserve if they're on loan
- rate and review books & magazines for our school community
- automatically access security-protected electronic and online subscriptions

How do you get there?

From Compass, click on the Favourites star and select Oliver Library Catalogue You might need to choose SFX from a drop-down list of schools, and click on GO

Let the <u>library staff</u> know if you have any questions or problems.

COMPETITION TIME IN THE LIBRARY!

Rate and review a book, a magazine, or even a

ClickView video. It can be fiction, non-fiction, or even a textbook. Print, electronic, or online. Have you ever borrowed a calculator from the library? Yes—we'll even take reviews of our calculators!

Rate and review a resource held in the SFX library for your of \$ x \$20 win one SUBMIT BY 18 JULY

Here's how:

- 1. Hover over the favourites star in Compass and click on Oliver Library catalogue
- 2. If required, enter your SFX login info and select SFX from the dropdown list of schools
- 3. When you land on the library page, you'll be logged in and ready to rate and review.
- Use the search bar to find the resource you read, viewed or used, then click on the thumbnail image
- 5. Click on Write a review
- In the review pane, give your rating out of 5 stars, give a review title, write your review, and click Save when finished.





HEALTHY EATING MENU AT OUR SCHOOL CANTEEN

As a part of Yr12's food product development topic, students researched, designed, developed, tested and made the prototype to sell as a healthy menu option at our school canteen.

On Thursday 3rd of June and Friday 4th June, a gluten free- "All Day Breakfast Burrito" was added to the canteen menu. Food Technology students worked through the stages in food product development and then applied the "4P's of Marketing" - (product, price, placement, promotion) to enable their design concept to become a reality. This was a very valuable and



rewarding experience for the students. The Burrito was enthusiastically received by the target market. Well Done Year 12 Food Technology! Nicolee Hodges, Food Technology Teacher.

BAR BEACH ROCK PLATFORM ECOLOGICAL EXCURSION



Year 11 Biology students completed field work activity by attending the Bar Beach Rock Platform for an ecological excursion. This is a mandatory component of the Year 11 Biology Course. This enables students to have practical experience in a natural environment.







CAREER NEWS

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Please remember to check your emails on a regular basis!

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE - JOINT MEDICAL PROGRAM INFO SESSION: WEBINAR SERIES

Join Academics and Student Ambassadors to learn about the <u>Joint Medical Program (JMP)</u> Discover what you will study throughout the degree, work integrated learning opportunities and career outcomes.

https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/degree-webinar-series/joint-medical-program-imp-webinar-13-july-2020

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE AUSTRALIA

CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM

University of Newcastle are introducing some revisions for 2022 admissions. To be eligible for admission through the Subject Spotlight Scheme, applicants will now need to achieve:

A Band 4* in English or English Advanced AND appropriate marks in one other approved HSC subject linked to the degree that they are applying for.

Applicants for Combined Laws programs must achieve a Band 6 in English or English advanced to be eligible. Please note that no combined programs, except for Combined Laws, will be included in the pathway for 2022 admissions.

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

2022 STAR Early Offer program

STAR Platinum - Students who qualify at this level may enter any Southern Cross University undergraduate degree *Excluding only the Bachelor of Midwifery STAR Entry - Students who qualify at this level of the program have access to most Southern Cross University degrees, excluding Midwifery, Education, Engineering, and Law. Applications are online and now open from 5 May to 10 September.



ADFA - STUDY AT UNSW CANBERRA

UNSW Canberra offering degrees in

Engineering – Aeronautical, Naval, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical

Cyber Security

Arts

Business

https://www.unsw.adfa.edu.au/study/undergraduate/adfa-trainee-officers

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Next round of early offers

Open 26 July – Closes 31 August 2021

Online Info Session 2 August

Online information session at 6.45pm on 2 August 2021

https://study.csu.edu.au/study-options/pathways/charles-sturt-advantage



UTS SPECIFIC STUDY AREA SCHEME LOOK INTO EACH ONE!

Your interest or aptitude in specific study areas can also be taken into consideration for entry into UTS through:

- Business cadetship scheme
- Design and Architecture portfolio scheme
- Engineering questionnaire
- Information Technology questionnaire
- Science aptitude test
- Women in engineering, information technology and construction

https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/admission-requirements/admissions-schemes/specific-study-area-schemes

UNSW - GIRLS IN BUSINESS DIGITAL CAMP 2021

6 to 7 July

The two-day online program (running 9am-5pm on both days) is open to female high school students in New South Wales who have a genuine interest in studying <u>Information Systems</u>, <u>Actuarial Studies</u> or <u>Banking & Finance</u> at the UNSW Business School. It is strongly recommended that students be studying mathematics if interested in participating in this program.



https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/girls-business-digital-camp-2021

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE INTERSTATE OPEN DAY FOR YR11 AND YR12.

9 July - This event is for interstate students in Year 11 or 12 to get to know the University of Melbourne.

https://your.unimelb.edu.au/s/event/a2a2e0000005uUJ/interstate-day



JOHN DEERE TOP GUN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM 2022 OPEN NOW

A TOPGUN Apprenticeship will provide you with trade certification, John Deere product specific training via the John Deere University and the H&P TopGun Training Facility in Wagga Wagga as well as Hutcheon and Pearce professional development programs and pathways.





SYDNEY TRAINS APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprentices commence in January of next year. Sydney Trains offers a <u>range of apprenticeships (PDF, 1.05 MB)</u> in the electrical, telecommunications and mechanical engineering trades.

Check here: https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneytrains/careers/sydney-trains-apprentices

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apprentices#When are apprenticeships advertised?

TOCAL FARMING AND AGRICULTURE OPEN DAYS

Friday 2 and 9 July

Each day's activities include:

- an overview of full-time courses,
- a description of career opportunities,
- information on fees and financial assistance,
- inspection of college campus facilities,
- tour of Tocal's commercial farms and training facilities,

https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/students/future-students/open-days

AGVISION

Held on **21 July 2021** at Sydney Showground, AgVision is not just about farming. AgVision promotes a broad range of careers in agriculture and agribusiness to students in years 9-12.



REMINDER - CAREER IN GAMES & FILM, INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE DAY AT AIE

Sydney - 7th July and 30th September

AlE's Industry Experience Days are an opportunity for students to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Limited numbers for this event due to physical distancing requirements.



https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/industry-experience-day/

APPLICATIONS FOR THE NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S SCHOOL COUNSELLOR SPONSORSHIP

Successful applicants will be supported while they study and receive a permanent position as a school counsellor in a NSW public school upon completion of their degree. To find out more and apply visit: https://teach.nsw.edu.au/enhanceyourcareer/school-counsellor-sponsorship-program

EARLY OFFERS FOR VISUALS ARTS AND MUSIC STUDENTS

The Creative Arts Special Admissions Scheme (CASAS) offers talented Year 12 students a chance to receive an early offer to study music or visual arts based on their audition or portfolio and their academic performance in year 11 and 12 so far, prior to getting an ATAR. Apply to the Con:

https://www.sydney.edu.au/music/study-music/undergraduate-courses-and-admission/creative-arts-special-admission-scheme-casas.html

Apply to the SCA:

https://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/schools/sydney-college-of-the-arts/creative-arts-special-admission-scheme-casas.html



Amy Bruniges Rosemary Wilkinson Sports Coordinators

COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to Travis Peterson who have been selected in the **NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Rugby League team.** Travis was presented with his NSWCCC jersey on Saturday 12th of June. Travis impressed at the CCC training camp and is likely (hopefully) going to start in the centres at the State Championships in week 10.

Congratulations to **Thomas McTaggart** (Year 12) on his selection in the **NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Touch Football Team** that Tom will attend the School Sport Australian Touch Championships to be held in in Wagga Wagga from the 31^{st of} Oct – 5Nov 2021.

Molly Breasley and Benjamin Doran (Year 12) have been selected in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges team after competing at the All School Cross Country championships in Term 3, Thursday 15th of July at Eastern Creek.



Travis Petersen



Thomas McTaggart



Molly Breasley



Benjamin Doran

NSW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS GIRL'S FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The Senior Girls Soccer Team have progressed to the next round of the NSW Catholic Schools Competition Knockout Football Competition. The Girls played very well to win comprehensively against St Benedict's Catholic College, Pennant Hills with a 7 to 1 score line. The team combined well and created many chances to achieve this dominant victory. Thank you to Rosemary Wilkinson who stepped in as team manager in the absence of Susan Bone. Cormac O'Riordan (Coach)



BOYS COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES FOOTBALL COMPETITION

The College Soccer Squad played the round of 16 knockout game in the CCC Football Competition on Tuesday 16th May at Speers Point against St Paul's Manly. The SFX side dominated the game from the outset creating a wave of chances. Good goalkeeping from the Manly custodian rather than poor finishing led to a halftime stalemate. More scoring opportunities were manufactured in the second half only to be thwarted by both the post and crossbar. Even as the time remaining dwindled the lads remained both resolute in defence and focussed on their attack. Final passes just missed their mark and shots continued to go wide. No goals at the end of normal time meant extra time being played. Golden goal rules would apply. Unfortunately, the opposition relied on parking all their troops behind the ball, adopting time wasting tactics in a bid to take the game to penalties. Frustration and tension mounted on both the bench and in the stands. But not on the field. Xavier switched gears into full attacking mode, not wanting to

face the lottery of a dreaded shoot out. The Manly goal was under constant threat, yet still the winning goal would not come! When it seemed that only penalties would decide the outcome; a late corner was swung in from the left. Dominik Brymora leapt above the defenders to head the winner into the top corner. The celebrations that followed were memorable. A most deserved victory sees the squad move onto the quarter finals of the CCC Football competition. Well done and good luck!



BOYS COLLEGE RUGBY LEAGUE FIRST XIII

The College Rugby League First XIII recently progressed through to the next stage of the NSW Country Cup for 2021. Our boys were stoic in clawing their way back from 12-0 down to eventually win 20-18 against a very impressive Callaghan College. Our try scorers were Austin Zander (2 tries), Ajay Watts (1 try) and Jarrod Pitt (1 try). Tom McTaggart also contributed two very important conversions. There were a number of wonderful performances by our boys, in particular, Reegan Glover, Vili Pifeleti, Aajay Watts, Macauley Aoake and Jack Hartigan. However, the 'Man of the Match' honours were awarded to a very deserving Travis Petersen who was a constant threat in both attack and defence as well as leading the boys superbly as captained. The boys now progress to the next stage at Coffs Harbour in late July. Thank you to Paul Dan, Rowan Kelly and Nick Dalton.



NSW OZTAG SECONDARY SCHOOLS HUNTER REGIONALS

On Thursday 3rd of June three teams represented SFX at the NSW Oztag Secondary Schools Hunter Regionals in Raymond Terrace.

The Girls Blue team consisted of Osha Worell, Niamh Hurley, Belle Murray-Mcdonald, Abigail Davies, Luca Maxwell, Marli Emerton, Gabrielle Rankin, Morgan Waters, Grace Middleby, Taylah James, Zoe Thomas, Lara Moore and Matilda Hartley. Four games were played throughout the day and with each



game the girls' confidence and skills improved greatly. Our first game was against Tomaree High School, where



we had a narrow 2-1 loss. Our second game we went down to Avondale 3-0 however, we held our heads high and demonstrated great sportsmanship to continue to play our best game for the day, against Warners Bay High School. We were triumphant 2-0. Overall top try scorer for the blue team was Niamh Hurley, who also displayed an impressive kicking game. Tries were also scored by Gabrielle Rankin and Lara Moore. Grace Middleby ran hard in the middle and displayed great determination. All girls should be proud of their efforts.

Despite a chilly and rainy day, the girls yellow team had a great day out coming away undefeated champions of the Year 11-12 competition. The team were consistently led by team captain Madison McArthur, however, the strength and depth across the field proved too strong for opponents Warners Bay High (6-1), Kotara High School (2-2), Avondale School (3-0) and Tomaree High School (2-1) in the Grand Final. Yr 12 players consisted of Ally Boertje who

isn't shy to dive for a tag or try, Ellie Lambkin who was quick and unrelenting, Chenoa Pinney-Elkington, quiet yet a rock of security when it came to finishing off a try or saving a try, Taylah Gray who can easily drop kick from one end of the field to the other, Amelia Crane who provided exceptional support and leadership, Alaska Doney who was as tough as nails all day, and Amy Bourquin whose consistency was an asset to the team. There were also some star recruits from Yr 11 including Abbey McKenzie who's impressive cut out pass assisted many tries, Emma Foley who never missed a tag all day, Bailee Pappas who has some serious speed, and Mia Pollard who made the tag to secure the Grand Final.



The boys team consisted of Reid Aland, Jack Hartigan, Bryce Littlejohns, Angus Mackay, Rex O'Reilly, Joel O'Toole, Brendan Palmer, Harper Parris, Travis Petersen, Gabriel Moylan, Kai Sutton-Nobbs, Nicholas Wills, Malachi Sausaofai, Tom McTaggart. The boys were unlucky to lose in the final against a very well drilled and experienced Avondale College (4-3).



There were several really impressive performances throughout the day but after calculating coach's points, the MVPs were awarded to Reid Aland and Tom McTaggart. Thank you boys for a wonderful day. Amy Bruniges, Ashley Phillips and Paul Dan.

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 11, 2022 Now Open

St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton



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



2021 Important School Dates

Term 3

Monday, 12 July Term 3 begins

Friday 23 July MacKillop Day House Celebrations

Monday 26 July Year 12 Trial HSC begins

Friday 20 August McAuley Day House Celebrations

Monday 30 August Year 11 Final Assessment Period

Friday 10 September Year 12 Awards Ceremony

Thursday 16 September Year 12 Farewell Day

Thursday 16 September Year 11 Last Day Term

Friday 17 September Year 12 Graduation Mass



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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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