Student Leadership:
I am very pleased to introduce to the College community more of our outstanding Student Leaders for 2011:

McDonagh House Captains:
*Madeleine Smith*: A former student of St John the Evangelist, Campbelltown, New South Wales, Madeleine is committed to the leisure pursuits of personal fitness and motor bike riding. With an aim of becoming a journalist, Madeleine is undertaking studies in Religious Education, English, Physical Education, Biology, Geography and VET: Community Recreation. Madeleine’s role models in life are her Mum and Dad.

*Joshua Vanderputt*: Joshua is undertaking Year 12 studies in Religious Education, English, Physics, Systems Engineering, Music Performance and Further Mathematics. His key interests outside of school are his bass guitar and rugby union. Joshua was a student at Mary MacKillop Primary School in Narre Warren North. He cites his parents, through their positive teaching, as the great influence in his life.

Schneider House Captains:
*Martha Matthews*: Having come to the College from Don Bosco Primary School, Martha is undertaking her final year in Religious Education, English, Maths Methods, Legal Studies, Accounting and Information Technology. Martha aspires to a Law degree at University. Her key interests in life are family and friends and her parents are her main role models in life.

*Sheldon Rouse*: With an aim to become a clinical neuropsychologist, Sheldon is focusing upon his Year 12 studies in Religious Education, English, Psychology, Drama, Legal Studies and Further Mathematics. His main pastimes are tennis and karate. Sheldon is a former student of Mary MacKillop Primary School and his family is the greatest influence in his life.

Synan House Captains
*Georgia Keysers*: Having come to the College from St James, Nar Nar Goon, Georgia is studying Religious Education, English, Further Mathematics, Physical Education, Health, Psychology & Design and Technology Textiles in Year 12. Georgia would like to study Sport & Fitness or Fashion at University. After this she would like to travel the world and experience life to its fullest.

*Brendan Gillen*: Brendan is currently undertaking Physical Education, Further Mathematics, Systems & Engineering, English, Environmental Studies and Religious Education in his Year 12 studies. Following studies at TAFE, Brendan wishes to become an electrician. His interests outside of school include playing sport and his friends. Brendan cites Mr Paul Atkins and a family friend as his main role models.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**APRIL**
- Thursday 7: Dismissal at 1.00 p.m. End of Term 1
- Friday 8: Applications for Year 7, 2012 CLOSE
- Wednesday 27: Term 2 commences

**MAY**
- Wednesday 4: The Journey So Far Evening Parents & Friends Meeting – 7.30 p.m. Berwick Campus
Thomas House Captain:

**Alexis Bell:** With an ambition to attend University and major in Sports Sciences, Alexis is currently studying English, Further Mathematics, Health and Human Development, Physical Education, Biology and Religion: Social Justice in her Year 12. Interests outside of school include sport and friends. Alexis cites her mother and friends as those who have been the great influence in her life.

**Christopher Edwards:** From Mary MacKillop Primary School in Narre Warren North Christopher is now completing English, Further Mathematics, Legal Studies, VET: Sport & Recreation, Biology and Religion & Society in his Year 12 studies. After school activities enjoyed by Christopher include playing cricket and football, studies of the human body and going to the beach. Christopher hopes to become a successful paramedic and would like to travel to England to play cricket. Christopher cites his mother, his junior cricket coach and good friends as his main role models.

**Anti-Social Behaviour: Bullying**

Anti-social behaviour comes in a variety of destructive guises and is usually aimed at intimidating, hurting or demeaning someone. Wherever people gather, we can see this behaviour evolve in various degrees. Schools are no different in this regard to any other organisation or setting. In recent days the internet and television news reports have highlighted the case of two boys in a Sydney school – one bullying the other to the point that the victim (the bigger of the two) reacts violently. While each of us understands this reaction, we also realise that the outcome could have been devastating and life-changing for both boys.

In my experience, society demands that schools deal with the problems associated with bullying in ways that society itself cannot. In my experience, schools do their utmost to provide safe, stable environments for our young people and encourage individuals to behave appropriately and treat each other respectfully. In some cases, bullies do not hear this message and do not modify their behaviour. In many cases, the young perpetrator learns a valuable lesson in life and is able to develop healthier relationships in the future. However, it is also my experience that schools do an enormous amount to protect those who are intimidated by others, while encouraging respectful behaviours and trying to do all within their power to sort out the issues while at school. The nature of bullying behaviours is often very discreet, increasingly on-line and outside of school hours and rarely straightforward.

In recent editions of this Newsletter I have highlighted to parents the growing and disturbing trend of cyber-bullying among young people across the Western World. I have been greatly encouraged by the support of parents in seeking to know what their children are doing while on the internet and monitoring their use of sites such as Facebook.

**Commencement Masses**

I had the privilege of attending Mass with the students of the Junior and Senior Campuses last week. Our Mission Development team (Mr Kevin Woodhouse, Mrs Rhonda O’Connor, Mr Len Cooke and Mr Malcolm Joseph) had worked closely with the Catholic Youth Ministry students to prepare two beautiful and powerful liturgies. I commend the students of this College for the enthusiastic and respectful manner in which they participated in the Eucharist, the highest expression of our Catholic Faith.

**Welcome to Fr Jeff Kleynjans**

Our Senior Campus Mass gave us the opportunity to welcome back to St Francis Xavier College, Fr Jeff Kleynjans. Fr Jeff is now assistant Priest at St Michael’s Parish in Berwick. We are delighted to have with us Fr Jeff, who is a former student of the College.

**West Side Story**

The holiday period will be a busy time for the cast and crew of the St Francis Xavier College production, *West Side Story*. Over the weeks of Term 1, the students have been hard at work in preparing the story and songs which are familiar to many of us. Under the guidance of Mrs Sally Oliver, Mrs Trish Dulude, Miss Angelie O’Brien, Miss Caley O’Neill, Miss Amy Mazzatelli and Miss Leah Anderson, the student performers promise a high-class show.

**Facilities Update**

The new gymnasium at the Senior Campus is almost completed. I expect that we will take possession of the gymnasium and associated facilities at the start of Term 2. Work will then commence immediately upon the development of the current gymnasium into a 450 seat lecture theatre.

**Year 7 Camps**

I had the opportunity to spend a short period of time at the Year 7 Camps at Licola recently. The youngest members of our College are wonderful students and have a terrific spirit. Through their energy and goodwill, the camps were very successful and enjoyable for the staff who escorted them. My thanks go to all who took part in the camps, particularly Miss Amelia Boyle and Mr Justin Meade for organising every aspect of the experience.

**Winter Uniform**

All students are to be in the Winter Uniform from the first day of Term 2. Uniform regulations may be viewed on our website or on Pages 16 & 17 of the Student Organiser.
Stress or Distress? The Choice is Ours.

Last week, while watching a relatively new show on television, I learnt that the term moving forward had been awarded the title of the most overused expression in 2010. In my opinion, the word stress should be given two awards: one for the most overused word; the other for the most misunderstood word of the past two decades. However, it is time for us to recognize the difference between eustress and distress.

The word eustress consists of two parts. The prefix eu- derives from the Greek word meaning either ‘well’ or ‘good’. When attached to the word stress it literally means ‘good stress’. The word eustress was first used by endocrinologist Hans Selye. In his 1975 article, Selye claimed that persistent stress that is not resolved through coping or adaptation may lead to anxiety. In contrast, if the stress involved enhances function, physical or mental, (such as through strength training or challenging work) it may be considered eustress.

It is stress that provides us with focus and helps us think quickly and clearly. So, one could argue that stress is beneficial when it is recognized for what it is – a mental and physical preparation for the challenges that lie ahead. Stress should galvanize us into action. Pro-active behaviour leads to a more positive attitude. Consequently, a belief that there is something we can do, makes us optimistic and pro-active. It gives us hope.

It is when we do nothing but worry about our situation that stress becomes distress. We then do one or more of the following:

- Look to others to solve the problem for us. This further disempowers us.
- Put off the inevitable. This usually exacerbates the problem.
- Blame others for our predicament. This prevents us from accepting responsibility and, therefore, retards personal growth.

Failure to act on life’s challenges may lead to feelings of helplessness and a negative outlook. Consequently, a belief that there is nothing we can do, may lead to despair.

We care for our students best when we develop in them an acceptance of and responsibility for their own behaviour. So, if they are distressed by homework, examinations or due dates, we should encourage them to concentrate and act on the things within their control:

- Ascertain what has to be done
- Use class time effectively
- Seek assistance
- Do regular homework
- Do regular exercise (a great way of reducing both mental and physical stress)

We need to accept stress as a natural part of life. By focussing on what we can do, we use it to our advantage, and develop a positive and optimistic outlook. This, in turn, leads to hope and persistence. Happy Easter!
Term 1 Faith activities conclude this week with REMAR Gold’s presentation of Stations of the Cross at three venues – Berwick Campus, St Michael’s Berwick and Beaconsfield Campus. The silent dramatic presentation, close to the audience, has a powerful effect of drawing all into the experience. Many thanks to Mr Len Cooke and the REMAR team for their commitment to sharing this important part of Jesus’ life.

Last week the Commencement Masses was held for both Campuses in the Beaconsfield Hall. The atmosphere was prayerful and enabled students leading to present prayers, drama, readings, processions and hymns in a way that truly celebrated the heart of our faith – the Eucharist. The music was wonderful and we are grateful for the work of Mrs Dulude and Ms O’Brien in leading the students in this vital aspect of our Masses, and to Mrs O’Connor, Mr Joseph and Mr Cooke for their energy and vision of this Mass.

On Thursday March 31, the Year 11 & 12 CSYMA students helped support the Year 8 Healthy Relationships Day, facilitated by Mrs O’Connor and the Wellbeing Team. Students helped facilitate one of the rotating sessions by leading games, helping the Year 8’s to reflect on the importance of family relationships and even sharing their own strategies about facing difficult times. The day concluded with a sausage sizzle followed by a beautiful liturgy which included candle-lighting and a minute’s gratitude. The Year 8 students entered into the activities with enthusiasm and energy, and it was wonderful to see the Berwick Hall full of our Year 8 families.

Finally, Year 10 CSYMA classes, with the help of Mr Cooke, are close to completing a film presentation of ‘What Easter means to me’, including a reflection from Bishop Prowse. Easter is a moving and life-giving season in the Church year. God is present in every cell in the universe and every cell follows the cycle of birth, death and resurrection. It follows then, that when God became human in Jesus, (the incarnation) he too went through this process of Birth, Death and Resurrection because Jesus was faithful to His Father. Easter celebrates the Life that comes from Jesus’ faithfulness. May our remembering Jesus through Holy Week and Easter bring meaning and purpose to our lives. Happy Easter to all!

GAT – Advance notice
If you are enrolled in Units 3 and 4 of any VCE study or any VCE VET scored program – whether in Year 11 or Year 12 – you must sit the GAT. As indicated in the student planner a compulsory Practice GAT will be held on Thursday May 26 1.30 – 4.45pm.

What is the GAT?
The General Achievement Test or GAT is a test of general knowledge and skills in written communication, mathematics, science and technology, humanities, the arts and social sciences. The GAT is an important part of VCE assessment. The GAT plays an important role in checking that your school assessments and examinations have been accurately assessed. Your GAT results will be reported with your Statement of Results.

Compulsory dates:
- Practice GAT – Thursday May 26, 1.30 – 4.45pm
- GAT – Thursday June 16, 10:00 am – 1:15 pm

Do you need to sit the UMAT?
The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is a test administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to assist in the selection of students into certain health science courses including most medical and dentistry courses, as well as other health science courses including physiotherapy and pharmacy.

When is the UMAT? Wednesday July 27, 2011

When do I need to register for the UMAT?
The deadline for registration for UMAT is 5pm AEST (Australian Eastern Standard Time) on June 3, 2011
For more information visit MOODLE and access the VCE Learning Hub (VCELH) or go to the ACER website, http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/
STUDY SKILLS
All Year 10 and Year 11 students have received information regarding VCE success seminars forwarded to our College by Mental Blank. Complimentary family passes were included with explanatory notes. Proven strategies for VCE success are discussed during forthcoming 90 minute VCE Success Seminars. Learn the secrets top performers used to excel in VCE. Seats are limited and bookings are essential. Please view details at www.VCEsuccess.com.au/free or call 9531 0531.

YOUTH EXCHANGE
The Lions Youth Exchange Program has run successfully for many years. Each year exchanges are arranged for Australian Youth aged between 16 and 21 years to a wide range of overseas destinations during December/January. Host families are sought for students studying in Australia. The Lions Youth Exchange Program also conducts International Youth Camps of ten to fourteen days duration with home-hosting provided either before or after the camp during June/July. More details can be found on the Lions Club website www.lionsclubs.org.au/ye.

WOMEN’S MENTOR BREAKFAST
Recently Jessica Rose Meyer, Aisling Harvey, Stephanie Bull and Daphne Cramer represented St Francis Xavier College at the Girl Guides Victoria Women of Note Casey Mentor Breakfast. These ladies were wonderful ambassadors for our College; their reflection is included below.

The City of Casey Women’s Mentor Breakfast was held on March 24 celebrating its 15th year.

Year 11 students or equivalent from secondary schools in the City of Casey, local regional Colleges or Learning Centres were invited to reach for their goals at mentor breakfasts last month. Together with three other students from Year 11 we were lucky enough to be invited to participate in this event.

The guest speaker was Jenny Hoo, who has a very successful self-titled label, is one of the country’s most recognised fashion identities. Jenny was a very inspiring character to listen to. The breakfast provided all girls with an opportunity to speak with positive role models, who are successful in their career.

The aim of this breakfast was to provide
• Positive role models to young women.
• A chance for young women to talk with female role models from outside their "normal" circle of contacts, who can provide a different perspective,
• A new experience for both the mentor and the young ladies to have an opportunity to network with other women in the community.

Daphnie Cramer, Jessica Rose-Meyer, Stephani Bull and Aishling Harvey

COLLEGE COLOURS
During our last Campus Assembly a number of students were awarded a College Colour for their outstanding contribution to College life. Congratulations to the following students on a wonderful effort:

BRONZE
Rayan Chazbek, Jessica Hancock, Justine Nario, James McVicar, Brandon Rose, Elysha West, Faith Butler

SILVER
Michelle Bigaignon, Brodie Green, Grace Waack, Gerard Alferez

GOLD
Karen Alarcon, Lauren Arthur, Nicholas O’Sullivan

Students, I hope you have a restful Term break and an opportunity to share Easter with your families. Term 2 begins on Wednesday April 27th and full winter uniform must be worn.

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL
Mrs Vera Treloar – Deputy Principal, Head of Campus

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### SENIOR CLASSES/EXCURSIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED DURING THE TERM BREAK

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#### Wednesday, April 13

- **Unit 3 English consultation**
  - ABE
  - Burgess 2
  - 10.00 am-12.00 pm
  - **Open to all Year 12 students who would like help with their English work**

- **Unit 1 English consultation**
  - BRY
  - McDonagh 1
  - 10.00 am-3.00 pm
  - **Open to all Year 11 students who would like help with essay planning and writing**

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The Beaconsfield Campus Library will be open each week day between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm throughout the Term break (Except for public holidays).

If any students find that they have a clash between different classes please speak to both teachers.
Year 7 2012 Information Night
On Tuesday March 29 we held the Year 7 2012 Information Night. A capacity crowd gathered in the Hall and large numbers took the opportunity to have a tour of the College conducted by our College Tour Guides. The excited Grade 6 students and parents gave glowing feedback on their Tour Guides and on the facilities. It was also terrific to see the large number join us after the presentation for refreshments and informal chats/questions regarding the future education of their children at St. Francis Xavier College.

The Parents and Friends are once again to be thanked for providing the refreshments.

Easter/Term 1 Holidays
This Term has been very busy and productive, full of a variety of significant events and opportunities for the whole College community. As we approach this Easter period it is important to stop and reflect on the importance and significance of the Easter story to our College community, our ethos and our being. The Easter message is one of hope. We are a people of hope and we celebrate and work towards this in all that we do. Students at the Berwick Campus had an opportunity to stop and reflect on the Easter story on Monday morning, where the ‘Stations of the Cross’ set in contemporary times was performed by the Year 12 Gold Remar Caravel class along with some prayerful reflections to help illustrate the meaning of Easter in our lives today.

May I remind everyone that all students should return to school on Wednesday April 27 in their WINTER UNIFORM, which includes the College blazer. If you are unsure of the winter uniform expectations, please look at the information included in the student planner on page 16, or check the College website.

I wish students, parents and all members of the St. Francis Xavier Community a safe and restful holiday.

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL
Ms Joanne Rock – Deputy Principal, Head of Campus

GOLD COAST HOLIDAY RAFFLE
Rydges Holiday Resort Raffle

This week we start two raffles, one at the Berwick Campus and one at the Beaconsfield Campus. We hope as many parents as possible will support this fundraiser. The money raised will be used to assist students attending World Youth Day in Spain and future College activities.

We will be sending home (one per family) a raffle book with 10 tickets. Each ticket sells for $2.00.

BERWICK CAMPUS
Seven (7) nights accommodation for 2 adults and 2 children at the famous 4½ star Sea World Resort and Water Park on the Gold Coast. Also included is one day entry to Movie World, one day entry to Sea World, one day entry to Movie World and a $1,000 Virgin Blue Airfair Voucher.

BEACONSFIELD CAMPUS
Seven (7) nights accommodation for 2 adults and 2 children from a selection of First Class Rydges Hotels and Resorts throughout Australia and New Zealand including full breakfast daily. A $1000 Virgin Blue Airfare Voucher is also included.

Everyone who sells a complete raffle book of 10 tickets will go into the draw to win an MP3 player and speaker.

Tickets for either raffle are available through Administration at both Campuses.

Raffle tickets and money need to be returned by May 13 and the draws will take place on May 20. Extra raffle books are available over the holidays from Reception at either Campus. Thank you for your support.
Gift Certificates

Have you thought about sponsoring one of our students?

Why not give the gift of Madrid to your child, grandchild or best friend?

Harvest Gift Certificates make an ideal investment into the faith life of a loved one, whether as a Birthday gift, Christmas present or Graduation reward.

Kick start the pilgrim's road to Madrid now and make a difference in the life of a young person!

WYD2011 Opportunity

Do you know a young (or young at heart!) medical or first aid professional who might be interested in volunteering as the first aid coordinator for the diocesan pilgrimage group to World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain? If so we would love to hear from them! Some assistance towards the registration fee will be available for the right candidate/s. If you know of anyone who might be suitable for this volunteer position please ask them to contact Jess at the Youth Ministry Office on 5126 1063 or jessd@sale.catholic.org.au ASAP to discuss.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Mrs Rhonda O’Connor – Pastoral Associate

This is a unique opportunity to participate in an International event and travel with the safety and support of the School and Diocesan Community. The cost is $5400 and includes all expenses.

This is a lot of money, so we are actively fundraising to enable as many students to go as possible. Please support our pilgrims through the fundraisers and through your prayers and encouragement.

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

Contact Rhonda O’Connor
NOW if you want to join us

Registrations close early April.

Second-hand Uniforms

Second-hand uniforms are always required in the Uniform Shop. Please have them cleaned and bring them in. Alternatively, if you would like to donate your old uniforms or second-hand current books, there are always needy families that would appreciate your generosity.

Rhonda O’Connor, Pastoral Associate
City Of Casey Student Leaders
It was a pleasure to attend a special reception for all student leaders at the City of Casey, Cranbourne Theatre last week. Our College Captains Mikaela Foy, Bradley Abela, Vice-Captains Cassie Gawley and Lucan Macreadie attended the event which infused motivation and inspiration into their leadership roles. Presenters from young leaders in the City of Casey spoke about youth opportunities available such as the Australia Day Tour Award and Spectrum Entertainment Award, as well as the work and activities of Casey Youth Ambassadors. Madisson Pritchett, a recent finalist in Australian Idol and Casey resident entertained the group with a knockout musical performance. City of Casey Mayor Cr Shar Balmes addressed the leaders and congratulated them on their important appointments for 2011. The evening concluded with an inspiring address about the qualities of Leadership by Guest Speaker, Stan Alves, OAM.

Year 7 2012
Approximately 1000 people attended the Information Night for students in Year 7, 2012 held in the Berwick Campus Hall last week. After Principal Paul Desmond outlined news about our Officer Campus there was much excitement from prospective Year 7’s about becoming the foundation students of our new Campus. Our College Tour Guides were extremely busy, leading many families who also took advantage of the opportunity to view Berwick Campus buildings and facilities prior to the information session.

Please Note: Year 7, 2012 ENROLMENTS CLOSE this FRIDAY – APRIL 8

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
Our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday May 6 from 7.00am - 8.30am in the Hospitality Centre at the Beaconsfield Campus. The breakfast is open to ALL students from Years 7-12 (boys and girls) and their mothers, grandmothers or carers

This year’s GUEST SPEAKER is Lauren Burns
Lauren created sporting history by winning the first ever Olympic Gold Medal for Taekwondo when the sport made its debut in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Lauren was one of only three Australian women to win an individual Olympic Gold Medal at the games; the others being Cathy Freeman and Susie O’Neill.

Lauren has an amazing story to tell, her triumph was achieved against all odds – requiring enormous discipline, commitment, perseverance and teamwork.

Tickets, which cost $15 each, can be ordered from Reception at both Campuses. Places are limited and it is essential to book by Monday May 2.

Officer Campus Library
Donations welcome! During the holidays please look at your book shelves. You might find some books that you no longer need. If they are in good condition you could give them to us for the Officer Campus Library. Please contact Anne Fuller on 9707 7963 afuller@sfx.vic.edu.au

Social Book Club
A most enjoyable time was had by those who attended the last gathering. The next meeting is on Wednesday May 11 which is the second Wednesday of the Term. Come along and bring a friend. We can chat about books, teenagers and life!
West Side Story
Tickets for our College production of *West Side Story* are now on sale from Reception. The show will be performed at Cranbourne Community Theatre on **May 5, 6 and 7 at 7:30pm**. Tickets are $20 per adult, $18 concession and $70 per family of four (2 adults, 2 children). Dedicated staff and students have been preparing for many hours to produce this wonderful show. Special thanks to Mrs Sally Oliver, Miss Caley O’Neil, Miss Angelie O’Brien, Miss Amy Mazzitelli, Mr Paul Kimonides, Mrs Pamela McKillop, Miss Melinda Varley and Miss Nicole Kwiecien for their work so far. We look forward to seeing the culmination of their work in a spectacular show!

Year 10 Performance
On Thursday March 31, the Year 10’s performed in the library for students and staff to come and enjoy during lunchtime. Many attended and the concert was enjoyed by all. The music department will continue these concerts throughout the year to provide performance opportunities for our students.

SIS Big Night Out Concert
On Tuesday April 5 the SIS Big Night Out Concert was held at the Drum Theatre in Dandenong. Many students performed in the concert band, choir, guitar ensemble, dance and percussion groups. We had many of our staff who took on the task of conducting these large ensembles also. Miss Amy Mazzitelli and Miss Leah Anderson conducted the choir; Miss Caley O’Neill choreographed and taught the contemporary dance; and Miss Angelie O’Brien prepared the VCE vocal group for our school performance. Congratulations to all the staff and students who were involved. It was a fantastic evening.

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**St. Francis Xavier College**

**Western Front Tour 2012**

**INFORMATION EVENING**

**Wednesday**

11th May 2011

7:30pm

Beaconsfield Library.

For further details, please contact:

Berwick Campus - Jacqui Dunstan

Beaconsfield Campus - Ian Coffey

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**Winenmore's Adventure Challenge**

**Wine, cheese and chocolate tasting**

Where: Let’s Unwine,
Address: 65 High Street Berwick
Date: Wednesday, 13 April
Time: 6pm-9pm

Featuring a silent auction of Kimberly Connell Photography and guest speaker Pam Halgh, presenting the challenges of losing her sight at 48. Since then she has owned with shrubs, studied and completed her own ride across Cambodia. 

Door prizes and raffle on the night.

Tickets $15

Call Lilly - 0413 872 459
or Kim - 0431 483 772 to book

All ticket sales going to Winenmore Child and Family Services Adventure Challenge Fundraiser.
On Wednesday May 4, the Journey So Far evening will be held once again for all Year 11 students. The presentations commence at 7.00pm and conclude at 9.00pm.

The evening is of information as well as inspiration, when past students return to speak about their challenges, disappointments, changes in direction and successes, and to share their career journeys with our current Year 11 students.

This year, already 40 former students have committed to attending the evening and sharing their stories and experiences. They come from many different career paths, and for many there has been more than one career.

We have commitments from former students who are members of Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA), lawyers, builders, tradesmen, physiotherapists, psychologists, fashion and beauty, scientific endeavour, teaching and the arts. We are also crossing our fingers for a couple of Naval personnel, one of whom has just returned from Anti-Piracy Operation in the Middle East.

The evening is a compulsory school event and we ask that all Year 11s make arrangements to be present. By the end of the evening, we hope that they will walk away and say that it was a great experience, and well worth being involved.

We understand that many VCAL students have TAFE commitments that day. However, we expect them to attend the evening as speakers that will appeal to them will be in attendance.

Last week, each Year 11 was offered a chance to select the career areas and speakers they wish to listen to. There will be 3 sessions during the evening, so they may hear from as many as 9 speakers, each for about 7 minutes. Parents are most welcome to attend the evening.

Former students to speak include:

- Tara Angelone: Beauty Therapy
- Anna Berkelmans: Nursing
- Natasha Boloski: Accountant
- Ashley Brito: Information Technology
- Kendall Brown: Primary School Teacher
- Stephanie Butler: Public Relations
- Jacinta Cavalot: Secondary Teacher
- Jacqui Cooke: Secondary Teacher/Business
- Ben Cunningham: Stock and Station agent
- Anthony Delaney: Advertising - Geelong Advertiser
- Natalie Dorotic: CEO Psychologist
- Sarah Fiddes: Social Work and Secondary Teaching
- Lauren Harvey: WIN Television
- Dolly Herbert: Cardiology Nurse
- Maree Lawrence: Cancer Research Centre
- Kyren Lazarus: Masters studies Melb Univ Science (Physics)
- Justin Matthis: Nurse - RFDS
- Nicole Murray: Journalist/POLICE Media & POLICE Recruit
- Alison Noonan: Journalist
- Lilly O’Gorman: Journalist
- David Overdyk: Fitter and Turner (Boeing)
- Dylan Paraga: ADFA
- Brendan Pryor: Building/Construction
- Jenny Randle: Environmental – Water & land
- Kelly Ryan: Secondary Teaching
- Broderick Selby: ADFA
- Chris Seuren: Painter
- Brooke Sheers: Police Prosecutor
- Andrew Swift: Music
- Sarah Thompson: Fashion Design
- Patrick Toscano: Lawyer
- Aimee Trenberth: Primary Teacher
- Omrios Tsorbatzoglou: Director/Graphic Designer
- Simon Van Dam: Occupational Therapist
- Elizabeth Villalta: Physiotherapist
- Mariam Viray: Physiotherapist
- Cameron Wynford: Criminology student
- Nikita Hone: Hairdresser
- Hayley Judd: Hairdresser
- Brad Senior: Builder
- Steve Overdyk: Fitter & turner/Sprinker Instal.
- Julia Rowan: Council
West Side Story

Thurs. 5 May, Fri. 6 May, Sat. 7 May - 7:30pm
St. Francis Xavier College Arts Faculty presentation
Tickets: Adult $20
Concession $18, Family of 4 $70
Based on a conception of Jerome Robbins

Book by Arthur Laurents
Music by Leonard Bernstein
Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim
Entire Original Production Directed
And Choreographed by Jerome Robbins

Originally produced on Broadway by Robert E. Griffith and Harold S. Prince
By Arrangement with Roger L. Stevens
The Parents and Friends Association of St. Francis Xavier College is a great opportunity to hear more about what’s going on at your child’s school as well as meet new people and offer help, ideas and support in a friendly environment. Everyone is welcome so please join us...

Enquiries can be made to Lorraine on 9707 5274.

FUNDRAISING 2011

LAST CHANCE!

The deadline for orders for the ‘Garden Express’ – Bulb Fundraiser has been extended until this Friday 8th April. Brochures and order forms can be viewed and downloaded from the College website via the ‘Latest News’ column or are available from reception at the Senior Campus. For further enquiries please contact Lorraine on 9707 5274.

Thank you for your support.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books are being launched this week and order forms will be included in the first newsletter of next term.

After the success of last year’s Clover Cottage Fundraiser Dinner, the P&F are going to hold another one later this year. Dates and more information will be confirmed in the newsletter a.s.a.p.

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EDUCATION FEE ACCOUNTS
Please be reminded that the first instalment of 2011 Education Fees has now been billed. There will be three instalments throughout 2011: Term 1 in February, Term 2 in May and Term 3 in August.

Accounts which do not currently have a payment arrangement or direct debit in place are now past due and must be paid immediately. Payment arrangements and direct debits can be established at any time by contacting the Finance Department or downloading a direct debit form from www.sfx.vic.edu.au.

Fee concessions may be granted in cases of financial hardship or where other special circumstances exist. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your account we ask that you contact Mrs Rebecca Bradley, College Accountant, to confidentially discuss your account.

TRAVEL CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE
Students who travel more than 4.8kms to the College by way of Private Bus (provided by St Francis Xavier College), Public Transport or Private Car, may be eligible for Travel Conveyance Allowance.

Private Car and Public Transport claims which are deemed eligible by the Department of Education will be credited against Education Fee Accounts. Parents of students who utilise Private Bus services provided by the College will not receive a reduction in Education Fees. The amount of the travel reimbursement in these cases is retained by the College to offset the considerable cost of providing the private bus services.

All parents who are eligible for the travel reimbursement must complete an application form at the beginning of each school year regardless of whether they directly receive the reimbursement or not.

If you would like further information in relation to the travel conveyance allowance please contact the Finance Department at the College.

EMA CHEQUES
EMA cheques are available for collection from Reception at the Beaconsfield Campus.

If your cheque is not collected by 30th April 2011 the money will be credited against your Education Fee Account.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
IN THE TERM HOLIDAYS
Uniform Shop will not be open in the first week of the holidays

Open Hours
Tuesday April 19 and Thursday April 21
8.30am – 4.00pm
Thursday April 28
8.30am – 4.00pm

UNIFORM SHOP
Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield
Mrs Vicki Lister

Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8.30am – 4.00pm
Every Saturday
9.00am – 12.00pm

Telephone Orders Welcome
Please call 9707 3111 (Tuesday or Thursday)
The first Term has come to a close and once again we have had a great start to the year on the sporting field. Another swimming carnival has come and gone, lunch time sports across both campuses have been vigorously competed, SIS pennants won and most importantly students have been provided with the opportunity to participate and have fun.

Lunchtime Sport

Each week during this Term students across all year levels have been competing in the lunchtime netball competition. Teams play in a round robin competition, with the top four teams progressing to the finals. It was great to see so many students getting involved and representing their House. I would like to congratulate the winning teams from each year level.

**Year level winners**

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Cross Country

Owing to recent poor weather the Cross Country will now be held at Sydney Pargeter Reserve, Power Road, Endeavour Hills on the last day of this Term. Students from all year levels will be competing to win points for their House. Good luck to students who are running. Results will be posted in the Newsletter early next Term.

SIS Sports

The last round of SIS weekly sport was played last week with some great results for the College. Senior Girls Soccer finished 2nd going down to Nazareth 3 – 2, Senior Boys Soccer won the grand final beating Nazareth 3 – 2, Senior Boys Cricket lost the Grand Final to Padua and Inter Girls Handball finished undefeated to claim the pennant. Well done to all teams who played this Term.

Schools for Sports

Last year Coles supermarket ran a promotion which encouraged students to collect tokens for their school’s PE Department. Through the great work of our families we now have four new tennis nets, a class set of tennis racquets, boxing mitts and gloves and two rebound nets. On behalf of the Sports and PE Departments I would like to extend a big thank you to all families who got involved and contributed to the equipment.

Olympic Workshop

On March 17 a group of students from the Berwick Campus travelled to Pakenham Stadium to attend a workshop with Olympians. When we arrived we had an introduction into the event and were introduced to the Olympians. This was run by Nicole Livingstone. After this we participated in a half hour Zumba class. We then split into groups and went to our chosen workshops. Kate went to swimming and I went to Basketball. We then got the chance to have photos with the Olympians. After this we had a workshop on nutrition and goal setting. Overall, it was a great day and we got a lot out of it.

*Josh Mettes and Kate McKenna*

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**SPORT**

Mr Cameron Furlong – AFL Trainee

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**PARENT CONNECT**

Mrs Rhonda O’Connor – College Pastoral Associate &
Mrs Paula Carr – Student Counsellor

This is an opportunity for Parents (new & old!) of St Francis Xavier College to connect, support and encourage each other. This is particularly important when someone in the family is dealing with illness or disability. For the first meeting of the year, we will have a special focus on supporting families dealing with physical or mental illness. If you or someone in your family is in this situation, please join us.

All parents and carers are welcome! Tea and coffee provided. Please call Rhonda O’Connor, Pastoral Associate on 0408 562 324 for any enquiries. Meetings will be held 1.45 - 3.15pm at the Berwick Campus.

Tuesday 3rd May       Tuesday 24th May       Tuesday 21st June
HOST FAMILIES 2011

Are you interested in hosting a Japanese student? Well, here is your chance.
St. Francis Xavier College will be hosting Japanese students from our sister school in
Tokyo, Japan in two blocks this year. We are also lucky enough to have students from
another region of Japan (Shikoku) visiting us for 2 nights/3 days.

2 nights: between 26th July – 1st August (Shikoku)
1 week: 26th August – 31st August (Tokyo)
1 month: 24th July– 20th August (Tokyo)

A host family is required to provide a bed and meals to the student. All other activities
etc are organised by the College. If you are interested please return the bottom of this
form, with your details to your Japanese teacher as soon as possible.

Kind Regards
Miss Kate Buttigieg
Learning Area Leader - LOTE

Please return this slip to your Japanese teacher.

I ___________________________ of ________ Care Group am interested in

First and last name
hosting a Japanese student.

(Please circle the length of time you would like to host a student for)

- 2 nights
- 1 week
- 1 month

Contact details:
Parent Name: ____________________________

Phone Number: __________________________ Email: __________________________
YEAR 12 CAREER INTERVEIWS will continue in Term. Students who have missed their interview will have a new time allocated at the start of the Term.

Reminders:
- **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY** – ‘Talk and Tour’; Year 10-12 students/parents; check courses, see the uni, ask questions. Fri 15 April, La Trobe, Bundoora; Register: [www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour)
- ‘ACCESS ALL AREAS’ AT MELBOURNE UNI - Year 12’s - admission requirements, course info. 15 April; Registration: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events); Info: 8344 6543
- **THE AGE VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2011** – collect information, ask questions, explore options at one location; 10am-4pm, Fri 6, Sat 7 and Sun 8 May; Caulfield Racecourse

FOCUS ON SWINBURNE – Swinburne is both a university and a TAFE. It has university and TAFE campuses at Hawthorn, Lilydale and Prahran and TAFE campuses only at Croydon and Wantirna. At TAFE it is possible to complete pre-apprenticeships, certificates and diplomas; at university students complete degrees. The Swinburne Entry Scheme ensures that students can move seamlessly through from lower to higher qualifications. Upon satisfactory completion of your TAFE diploma or advanced diploma, you will automatically be eligible for a place in a Swinburne degree course, with credit granted for your TAFE studies.

UMAT 2011 – The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is a 2 hour and 45 minute multiple-choice test used to assist with selection of students into medicine and health science degree programs. It is required for Year 12 applicants for Monash University’s Medicine/Surgery, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy and Pharmacy/Commerce degrees (La Trobe Uni also uses it for non-Year 12 applicants for Dentistry and Oral Health Science). Registrations are on-line and are now open and must be completed by 5.00pm AEST on Friday 3 June. The test date is Wed 27 July 2011. Before registering for the test you should read the UMAT2011 Information Booklet which is available at [http://umat.acer.edu.au](http://umat.acer.edu.au). Candidates must be in at least their final year of secondary schooling or above to be eligible to sit UMAT. UMAT Practice Test 1 and 2 are electronic books currently available for sale at the UMAT website.

DO YOU WANT ASSISTANCE TO STUDY ACCOUNTING? Several major accounting firms offer cadetships. Ernst & Young’s program provides students with opportunities to gain practical experience while studying at university over a four-year period. The cadet studies a single degree with an accounting major. Students work full-time and study part-time for two years, and two years of study is done full-time at university. Applications for the program open on 9 May at [www.ey.com/au/careers](http://www.ey.com/au/careers) (close 22 June at 12 noon). Ernst & Young is holding an information session for students and parents to find out more about the program. When: 5.30-7pm, Wed 8 June; Where: EY Building, 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne. Further details: EY website (www.ey.com.au) and you are asked to RSVP. NOTE: be aware that other accounting firms offer similar programs.

NURSING AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AT DEAKIN – Deakin University has announced a change in the pre-requisites for both nursing single and combined degrees (eg Nursing/Midwifery, Nursing/Psychology) and for occupational therapy for 2012. Applicants now require VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.

INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN THE BUILDING INDUSTRY? Do you believe that the building industry only relates to trades, starting with an apprenticeship and progressing to the tools on a building site? See: [www.virtualcareersexpo.com/buildingcommission](http://www.virtualcareersexpo.com/buildingcommission). The building industry is one of the largest in Victoria, employing 184,000 in 2010. Also see: [www.buildingcommission.com.au/careersinbuilding](http://www.buildingcommission.com.au/careersinbuilding).

JOIN THE UNDERWATER TEAM – Melbourne Aquarium is offering two holiday programs: