Welcome to the new school year!

I extend a very warm welcome to all our students and their families. Hopefully, everyone found the holiday period to be enjoyable and relaxing, and students have returned to school ready for the challenges and opportunities which the year will present. As the new school year commences I am reminded what an exciting time it is as students catch up with friends and teachers, discovering many of the challenges and opportunities the fresh year holds for them.

A special welcome to the boys and girls who are new to St Francis Xavier College – the Year 7 boys and girls, who have joined us at either Officer or Berwick, and the seventy new students who have transferred from other schools.

I take this opportunity to commend parents upon the very good presentation of the young men and women who returned to us last week. A positive attitude, appropriate appearance and readiness to settle into their studies have been very obvious so far. I have spoken with the students of the need to set goals for the year and do their utmost to reach these goals.

Our theme for 2013 is *Faith in the Future*. Throughout this year this will be our focus – it calls us to be people of confidence, who believe in a future, who have purpose and are prepared to contribute to the betterment of the world.

**A Healing Mass**

Fr John Allen has been a very special member of our College community for many years and is a great support to many of us. His presence at any function always adds greatly to the spirit and success of the event. Fr John is fighting a serious battle at present as he undergoes treatment for cancer. A Novena for Fr John has been written and parents may access this on the College website.

A Healing Mass for Fr John will be celebrated at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Narre Warren this Friday evening, February 8 at 7.30pm. We are all warmly invited to attend and ask God for the health of this faithful pastor.

**Year 7 Parent Information Evening**

As our youngest students settle into school, it is important that we take the opportunity to meet with the parents of these students to discuss expectations and to hear of experiences to date. The Parent Information Evening will commence with a brief address. The main focus will be time in your son or daughter’s Care Group with their teacher, and an opportunity to meet their House Co-ordinators, culminating in the serving of refreshments in the Hall.

**Officer Campus:** Tuesday February 12, 7.30pm in the Room 12.

**Berwick Campus****: Thursday February 21, 7.30pm in the Hall.

**Please note change of date for the Berwick Campus evening.**
VCE Results, 2012
Congratulations to the graduating class of 2012 and to those young men and women who reached their personal best. The students earned results which, for the most part, reflected their commitment and input. I extend the good wishes of the College community to **Alish Quinless, College Dux 2012**. Alish’s ATAR of 98.90 was a wonderful effort and reward for the talent and dedication of a very fine student. I am pleased to report to parents that 94% of our Year 12 students received an offer of a tertiary placement.

Commencement Eucharist
Commencement Eucharist this year will be held during the school day on February 28. All parents who are able to join us will be made most welcome. Mass will be held for ALL students at the Beaconsfield Campus at 10.00am. Year 7, 8 & 9 students will be transported from their Campus by bus on the day.

Student Achievement
A number of our Year 12 2012 students have been short-listed for significant awards in their field of expertise:

- **TOP ACTS** – Karina Shields (Dance), Lauren Wall (Dance), Sophia Riozzi (Drama)
- **TOP ARTS** – Stephanie Bull (Studio Arts), Kate Mayberry (Studio Arts), Adrian Bardwell (Art).
- **TOP DESIGN** – Nicholas Doville (Systems Technology)

I am also very pleased to announce we have two recipients of the Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship – **Chelsea Castle** and **Corrina Grima** (both Year 11).

Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday is a significant day on the Christian Calendar and signals the commencement of the Lenten period. Ashes will be distributed to the students next Wednesday in services across the College.

Congratulations to Former Student
**Justin Matthys** graduated from St Francis Xavier College in 2004. On Australia Day he received a Community Service Award at the Cardinia Shire. The Community Service Award is granted to a recipient who no longer resides within the shire, but has shown commitment to a number of community initiatives. A wonderful effort by an outstanding young man!

Congratulations to Staff Members
- Miss Stephanie Stewart and Mr Ben Murphy upon their engagement, announced during the break.
- Miss Laura Denholm upon her engagement to Jason.
- Miss Christina Schiano upon her engagement to Matt.
- Miss Chelsea Smith upon her engagement to Karl.
- Miss Madeleine Simpson upon her engagement to Robert.

The warm weather
We are all very much aware that February is usually the hottest month in Melbourne. Some days make learning uncomfortable. On these days, teachers encourage the students to increase their intake of water and to carry a water bottle at all times, to remain in the shaded areas during the break and to keep movement to a minimum. When outdoors it is expected that our students will protect their eyes with sunglasses and their skin/scalp with a hat.

College Board Elections
The role of the St Francis Xavier College Board is crucial to the smooth running and long-term planning of the College. The Board is comprised primarily of parent representatives of the Parish communities, each of whom is elected by parishioners. Elections to the Board are now due for the Parishes of Berwick, Pakenham and Koo Wee Rup. Nominations for the election of Parent Representatives for a period of two years are now required. Interested parents are asked to read the document contained in this edition of the Newsletter.

Staffing Update:
At the close of 2012, we farewelled a small number of staff from the College. To replace these staff and as a result of growth, I am happy to inform parents of the following additions to our Staff for 2013:

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<td>Miss Shauna Furlong</td>
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We are Praying for...

St Francis Xavier College is a large community of thousands of students and staff, both past and present, and their families. Our community has had cause in recent weeks to both grieve and rejoice:

**Bereavements:**
- Mrs Liz Broadhurst, the mother of Rebecca (Year 12, 2012) and Danielle (Year 12, 2013), passed away unexpectedly late last year following a courageous battle with cancer.
- Mr Philip Dunne, the brother of two members of Staff, Miss Denise Dunne and Mr Joseph Dunne, passed away in early January.
- Former student (Class of 2005), Lisa-Maree O’Hara, had courageously battled a rare form of cancer throughout 2012. Lisa-Maree died peacefully in the presence of her family in mid-January.

*Your prayers for the families of each would be very greatly appreciated.*

**Births:**
- Welcome to Tomoe Kathryn, a daughter to Yuka (Staff Member, Officer Campus) and Paul Watkins.
- Welcome to Lucy Gothard, a daughter to Kate and Ben.

**Those who are ill:**
- Mr Jose & Mrs Monica Menares

Mrs Syobhan Thomas – Teacher of English & Psychology – Beaconsfield Campus.
Mrs Rebecca Crossley – Teacher of LOTE – Beaconsfield Campus.
Mrs Anne-Maree Furness – Teacher of Health / PE – Berwick Campus
Mrs Julie Clark – Teacher of Mathematics – Berwick Campus

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Education Fee Accounts
Please be reminded that the 2013 Education Fees will be billed in three instalments. Statements will be forwarded to all families in February, May and August.

All fees are due and payable within 14 days, unless you have a payment arrangement or direct debit in place with the College. If you wish to have your fees direct debited, please ensure you have returned your 2013 Direct Debit Form to the College.

If you are experiencing difficulty paying your account we ask that you contact Mrs Rebecca Bradley, College Accountant, to confidentially discuss your account.

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
The College is currently submitting Semester 1 EMA Applications for 2013. We urge all parents who have students under 16 years of age, and hold a current Concession or Health Care Card to collect an EMA Application Form from Reception at the Beaconsfield, Berwick or Officer Campuses.

Applications for EMA strictly close on March 1, 2013. Late applications will be assessed on a case by case basis by the Department of Education and we can make no guarantee payments will be made to families.

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.

Have you changed your address or phone numbers recently?
If so, it is vital that you provide updated details to the College.
Please collect a CHANGE OF DETAILS form available from Reception at any of the Campuses.

FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Miss Sonya Slocombe - Business Manager

UNIFORM SHOP
Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield
Tuesdays and Thursdays
8.30am - 4.00pm
Every Saturday
9.00am - 12.00pm
Telephone Orders Welcome
Please call 9707 3111
(Tuesday or Thursday)
Enquiries: Mrs Vicki Lister

BERWICK CAMPUS CANTEEN
Volunteers are required at the Berwick Campus Canteen on Tuesdays from 12.30pm - 2.15pm.
Duties will include assisting with lunch orders and serving students. Your help will be most appreciated.
Please contact Canteen Manager
Mrs Maureen Pearson on 9707 2128

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TEACHING & LEARNING; FAITH & LITURGY
Mr Malcolm Joseph - Deputy Principal Mission

TECHNOLOGY 2013: SEMESTER 2 - BYOD for YEARS 7 & 10
BYOD = Bring Your Own Device

From Semester 2, 2013 students in Years 7 & 10 may bring their own devices (as listed below) to school. This is a pilot program which will be monitored and evaluated as the year progresses.

- **Tablet (iPad or android or Windows 8)** – Minimum screen size 9 inches diagonal, 30 GB+ capacity with wireless capability. Attachable keyboard and hard cover case recommended. For new machines: 2 year extended warranty recommended.

- **Any laptop (Windows or Mac)** – With wireless capability and padded carry bag. For new machines: 3 year extended warranty recommended.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

On January 29 we were fortunate to have the services of Dr Therese Keane who is an Educational Technology lecturer at Swinburne University of Technology. She is a former secondary school teacher who specialised in overseeing ICT in schools. Dr Keane delivered a presentation to all our teachers on 21st Century Learning (see below) and its implication for students and teachers. This was followed by a workshop for all Curriculum Leaders in which we explored strategies for transforming pedagogy.

In very concrete ways we explored strategies to move from simply enhancing lessons to transforming pedagogy. The challenge ahead for teachers is to move through the stages of **SUBSTITUTION, AUGMENTATION, MODIFICATION** and **REDEFINITION**.

- **Substitution** is the lowest level of technology usage and occurs when technology is used simply to replace whatever was being done without technology.

- **Augmentation** occurs when technology acts as a direct tool with some functional improvement.

- **Modification** occurs when the task becomes something quite different, and could not be completed without technology.

- **Redefinition** is the final stage where the technology facilitates the creation of new and previously inconceivable tasks.

**21st CENTURY LEARNING**

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**St Francis Xavier 2013 School Calendar**

**ALL THE DATES, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT!**

$10 each
available at Campus Reception

This is a fundraiser for the Youth Ministry. All funds raised support the Youth Ministry, REMAR and East Timor activities in the College.
NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH, 2012
Junior Campus Staffroom 7:30p.m.

The Parents and Friends Association of St. Francis Xavier College welcomes everyone back for the 2013 school year, as well as a warm welcome to all the new families in the school community.

The P&F Association meets on the first Wednesday of the month (not during school holidays) and 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...

2012 was a busy year for the Parents and Friends Association planning and coordinating events and activities to help raise funds for the school.

The Bulb Plant fundraiser, selling Entertainment Books, Family Pavers for the Officer Foundation Families, Paul’s Collect-a-Cap, Woolworths Earn & Learn, Scholastic Book Club, the Clover Cottage Dinner, the shopping spree organised by Miss Melinda Varley, as well as the annual Second Hand Book Stall all helped provide the College with funds.

Along with these fundraisers, the Debutante Ball Committee, which is a subcommittee of the Parents and Friends, successfully coordinated the annual Presentation Balls for the Year 11 students. Thank you to Linda Moore, the outgoing chairperson of the Deb committee, for her dedication and commitment in coordinating the Debutante Ball over the years and to Frances Richetti for taking on the role.

The funds raised in 2012 assisted in purchasing a new waterproof shade for the Berwick campus, chairs for the senior campus hall, the completion of the landscaping and beautification at the entrance of the Berwick junior campus, the Year 12 breakfast and a V.C.E. Scholarship.

Thank you to Cheryl Cox, an outgoing Parents & Friends committee member, for her wonderful efforts, commitment and dedication over the last six years.

Thank you also to Mr. Desmond, Tricia Randle, Kay Spencer and all the wonderful office staff and parents who helped and assisted the P&F during 2012, your help and support is really appreciated and we look forward to another busy, exciting and rewarding year ahead.

All enquiries regarding the College P&F can be made to Lorraine on 9707 5274.

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SECOND HAND BOOK SALES UPDATE

All funds from the sale of second hand books will be credited to school accounts. Processed refunds will appear on your school statement; however this may not be until Term 2.

Thank you for your patience.
I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the College for 2013. In particular, I would like to welcome all Year 10 students who are new to the senior campus and the students who have joined St Francis Xavier from other schools. I am sure that your time here will be a rewarding experience. The 2013 academic year has begun and it is pleasing to observe that our students have commenced their studies with diligence and enthusiasm. All students listened carefully to advice from Alish Quinless, our 2012 College Dux, during our first assembly. All students are encouraged to work to the best of their ability.

Overall, students appear to be wearing their uniform with pride. However, students are reminded that excessive hair colouring and make-up are not appropriate. Boys are reminded that they must arrive to Care Group each morning well groomed. This means that shaving has been attended to and that no stubble should be evident. Students will be asked to shave here at the College if they have not complied with our policy.

It was a pleasure meeting many parents at our recent Year 12 Information Night. The session on Parenting Strategies for Teenage Success by Darren Pereira was engaging and useful. At St Francis Xavier we recognise that parent involvement is vital for successful learning outcomes for our students. It is important that staff, students and parents work together to provide an optimal academic experience for all of our students. As parents, you can play a vital role in helping your child achieve their best. You are reminded that your son’s/daughter’s Care Group teacher should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns. Please to not hesitate to contact the College so that we may be of assistance.

The Year 11 Information Night (incorporating Presentation Ball information) is scheduled for March 12 at 7.30pm. Each family with students in Years 10-12 should have received a calendar of important events. Please ensure that these calendars are displayed in a prominent position as they are a useful reference for future key activities.

Parent, please make a clear statement to your sons/daughters about safe entry/departure to/from the school grounds each day. It is imperative that the following instructions are adhered to:

1. Parents are NOT to collect their sons/daughters from within the College grounds.
2. Students MUST use the crossing near the hospitality centre – they should not cross the roadway from the bus bay or at any other point. Students are to be very careful crossing Beaconsfield Ave. Crossing between parked cars or in front of the public bus stop is dangerous (NB: we had an incident recently where a student was almost hit by a vehicle).
3. Students are to cross all roads in a legal and safe manner.

Given our student numbers & the high volume of traffic at peak times everyone must take care.

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**OUR PARISH MASSES**

**Berwick:**
- Sat 6.00pm
- Sun 9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm

**Narre Warren:**
- Sat 6.00pm
- Sun 8.00am, 9.15am, 11.00am & 6.00pm

**Pakenham:**
- Sat 6.00pm
- Sun 9.00am & 10.30am

**Koo Wee Rup:**
- Sun 9.30am

**Iona:**
- Sun 11.00am

**Lang Lang:**
- 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 5.00pm

**Nar Nar Goon:**
- Sat 6.00pm

**Maryknoll:**
- 3rd & 5th Sunday of each month at 5.00pm
On Thursday January 31, staff and students of the Beaconsfield Campus gathered in the College Hall to welcome back the VCE students of 2012 who were our finest scholars. Sixteen students achieved an ATAR of 90+ and there were 61 study scores of 40+ awarded to students in 16 subjects.

Each of the ‘high achievers’ was joined on the day by proud family members and they were thanked for the great example they have provided for all in our College community. The congratulations of the student body, their peers, was generous and affirming. These young men and women were presented to the assembly as students who had heard and responded to the message, that every day offers a wonderful opportunity to discover who you are and what you are capable of. Success is theirs because they were passionate about the subjects they had chosen and developed excellent study habits that allowed them to exploit their natural talent, and in many cases exceed their own expectations.

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**THE ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE DUX 2012**

ALISH QUINLESS – ATAR  98.90

LAURA PETTENUZZO         ATAR 96.75  
KRISTINA TIMOKHINA       ATAR 96.75  
GEORGIA HOGAN            ATAR 95.65  
RENE MARCELLO            ATAR 95.60  
ARTHUR MATTHEWS          ATAR 95.50  
ALEXANDRA COLLINGWOOD    ATAR 95.45  
EMILY SHAW               ATAR 94.80  
AARON KRYLOV             ATAR 94.65  
GRACE KEYSERS            ATAR 94.15  
ELVIRA HAKIM             ATAR 93.60  
ETHAN LAURIE             ATAR 93.45  
RHEA FERRIER             ATAR 92.60  
JESSICA HILDER           ATAR 92.25  
GEO GEORGE               ATAR 90.70  
JASON GERDEI             ATAR 90.55  

*It has been said that ‘admiration for the intellect is a vital part of what sets the academic tone of an excellent school’.**
Community News
Welcome to the many new families who have joined our College community in 2013, especially the new Year 7 students at both our Berwick and Officer Campuses. Our College enrolment reached a new high this year with a total of 2270 students and a combined staff in excess of 260 across our three Campuses. Our large multi-campus complex that is St Francis Xavier in 2013 aims to build on the strength of Community that has contributed in essence to the unique character of the College since its establishment in 1978.

During the year we aim to keep you informed of events, share stories of personal achievements, celebrations and activities within our dynamic community.

Past Student news
On the first day of the new school year for 2013, it was heart warming to receive an email from past student Krystal Ketcher (completed Year 12 in 2000). Krystal is now a Science teacher in Somerset England specialising in Chemistry and is thoroughly enjoying her career in Education following a few years in the cosmetics industry.

Krystal wrote to express her gratitude to her teachers at the College in helping her achieve her goals... in her own words "for the wonderful education you gave me at St Francis Xavier College".

Year 7 Enrolments 2013
As a Catholic Regional College, St Francis Xavier College provides Secondary education for students in the surrounding parishes, which now include nine Parish Primary schools: St Michael's, St Catherine's and St Brigid's Officer, Don Bosco, Mary Mackillop, Trinity, St John's Kooweerup, St James Nar Nar Goon and St Patrick's Pakenham.

In the next few weeks Grade 5 & 6 students at these Parish Primary schools will be presented with information regarding enrolment for Year 7 at the Berwick and Officer Campuses in 2014.

A Parent Information Evening for students seeking enrolment in Year 7, 2014 (Berwick and Officer Campus) will be held on Thursday March 21 at 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Campus.

All enrolment queries can be directed to Mrs Felicity Woodhouse or Mrs Maree Chapman.

Final closing date for Applications for Year 7 enrolments (2014) is March 28, 2013.

Leadership and Community Spirit Award
St Francis Xavier College’s Taylah Algie was presented with a 2012 Leadership and Community Spirit Award from the Federal Member for Holt, Mr Anthony Byrne MP at a presentation night held in December at the City of Casey Chambers.

Taylah was nominated for the award for her outstanding commitment to the St Francis Xavier College community, particularly the Berwick Campus during 2012. Taylah was a House Captain, however, her leadership extended beyond this role. She was also an active member of the St Vinnies committee on Campus as well as a keen supporter of fund raising activities, in particular, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), which she has a close association, having been diagnosed as diabetic prior to commencing primary school.

Taylah was one of 57 recipients across the electorate, each a representative of one school. It is no surprise to her family that she was acknowledged for her community-mindedness, as she first assisted in aged care facilities while still in primary school with other family members.

A young lady who is more interested in helping others than herself, Taylah is a very worthy recipient of the Leadership and Community Spirit Award and all at the College are sure that her commitment to helping others will continue not only for the remainder of her time at the school, but will be something that she will embrace for many years to come.
It was my pleasure last Thursday to welcome our incoming Year 7 students and on Friday to welcome the staff and students, new and old, to the 2013 school year. The students looked very presentable in the College uniform, and all were most attentive during the course of our Opening Assembly.

At the Campus Assembly, new and returning staff to the College were introduced. Mr Desmond spoke of the College theme for 2013 – *Faith in the Future* in his address to the community. The School Captains also attended and addressed the assembly along with two police officers from the Cranbourne Police station who spoke to the students about making good choices in terms of behaviour, especially around the use of technology. We also acknowledged the Top Academic Achiever from each Year level for 2012. Congratulations to Joshua Goicoa, Rachel Power and Sharvada Raju. All in all, it has been a fantastic start to the new school year.

Our community relies on the support of our parents to ensure consistent messages are given to our students in terms of expected and acceptable behaviour and standard of dress. Can I suggest that you take the time to go through the Student Record Book, in particular the sections on *Uniform Regulations and Rights, Responsibilities and Expectations*, with your children as a way of starting off the New Year in the right spirit.

**YEAR 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING IS NOW ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21, STARTING AT 7.30PM IN THE BERWICK CAMPUS MULTIPURPOSE HALL. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.**

All Year 7 students should have taken a reminder letter home this week to alert you to the CHANGE OF DATE for the information evening and how important it is that you attend. This is a very helpful and informative session for parents to ask their child’s Care Group teacher any questions or to simply meet the staff who will play a major role in your Year 7 child’s life for the next couple of years. Students are asked to attend the evening as well, in their school uniform and to bring their student planner with them.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**
The following events are coming up quickly and are worth noting:

- Year 9 Parent Information Evening on 7/2
- **Year 8 Parent Information Evening on 14/2**
- Junior Swimming carnival on 20/2
- **2013 Year 7 Information Evening on 21/2**
- College photographs on 25/2
- Year 7 and Year 9 Immunisations on 8/3
- Year 7 Camps: 18 -20/3 OR 20/3 – 22/3

*These dates have been swapped.*

**STUDENT RECORD BOOKS**
The Student Record Book is a great tool for communication between home and school. Students are encouraged to use this book to assist them in organising their homework and to note important school related events. I urge all parents to regularly ask to see their child’s Student Record Book. It contains information for parents, and it monitors the recording of and amount of homework being given. It shows your child that you are interested in what is going on at the College. While some students might be hesitant to volunteer their record books for parents to see, it is certainly your right to request it! There should be nothing in these record books of a personal nature that would prevent a parent or a teacher from looking at its content.

**TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT THE BERWICK CAMPUS**
If you are driving your child to and from school, I would ask that you enter the College grounds slowly, and park in the parent pick up and drop off zones situated on the basketball courts or along the boundary of our oval. Do not stop prior to these points to pick up your children as that creates traffic issues, and please do not park in the areas clearly marked as staff car parking. Please be vigilant when driving on the property, especially when the students are moving around and keep to the speed limit of 5kph.

Ridgemont Drive is open at both ends and access to the College is possible from the Grieves Road end of Ridgemont Drive. Please make use of this alternative access point if possible, as it will certainly assist with the traffic flow around the College at peak times. There are drop off points on Ridgemont Drive that can also be used which will reduce the traffic congestion through the College property as well.

I look forward to working with you all over the course of 2013 and beyond.

Take care and God Bless!
Congratulations to all students for making such a positive start to the 2013 school year. I would especially like to commend all Year 7 students for their superb concentration and hard work displayed on their first day. The first day for Year 7 students included Assembly, House Time, the Middle Years Ability Test, subject classes and a goal setting seminar. Year 8 and 9 students also participated in goal setting seminars on their first day as well as regular classes. Teachers have informed me that their students understand the importance of goal setting and regular reflection to plan for success.

Students have been asked to set SMART goals, i.e. Specific, Meaningful / Measurable, Action-based, Realistic and Time-based. Students will record their goals on a Semester One Academic Goal Setting form that parents will be asked to sign. Teachers will also encourage students to keep a learning journal which they can use to reflect on what they have learned, how they have learned and questions they want to ask. Students have also been told the benefits of collaborative practice, which involves students forming small study groups with their peers. Research shows that self correction and peer tutoring in combination with clear teacher instruction and quality feedback leads to improved results.

St Francis Xavier College is a school of excellence, as was demonstrated at last week’s Berwick Campus Assembly. It was my great privilege to award the top academic performers for each year level in 2012. The top academic performers for 2012 were as follows:

Year 7 – Joshua Goicoa
Year 8 – Rachel Power
Year 9 – Sharvada Raju

All parents are encouraged to be active in your children’s learning by helping them to reflect on what they are learning. Having regular conversations with your children about what and how they are learning can make an enormous difference to their success.

Best wishes to all and I look forward to having many conversations with you and your children about learning.

FROM THE COLLEGE NURSE - BERWICK
Mrs Debra Royal

2013 SCHOOL VAX CHANGES

There will be changes to the secondary school vaccine program for students in Year 7 and boys in Year 9 in 2013.

The current human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine program will be extended so both boys and girls in Year 7 will benefit from the free Gardasil vaccine.

A catch up program will also be available for boys in Year 9.

This two-year, time-limited, school-based program will occur in 2013 and 2014, giving all boys aged between 12 and 15 years the opportunity to be vaccinated against HPV.

The hepatitis B vaccine will no longer be administered in Year 7 at secondary school, as most Year 7 students will have had the vaccine when they were infants.

A catch-up vaccine for Year 7 students, who have not completed a course of the hepatitis B vaccine, will be available outside of a school-based program.

Students who may not have had the hepatitis B vaccine as an infant include those who were born overseas, those who started school a year later than other children, or those who repeated a year of school.

This small cohort of eligible students can be vaccinated by their doctor or local council immunisation service until the end of 2013.

For more information contact local council immunisation services or doctors or visit www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation.
Welcome to the new school year! The school year has got off to a flying start and the ease with which the Year 7s have adapted to their secondary school environment reminds me how resilient young people can be.

Your children receive the best education when you and our dedicated staff work as a team. It is a parent’s enthusiasm, support and involvement that inspires children to do their best; and a teacher’s ability to teach what they need to learn. One of the first steps will be to ensure your child is supported in their learning. This will happen when you stay in touch with your child’s teacher through emails, or in person at times that are mutually convenient, attending Parent Information nights and asking questions at parent teacher interviews regarding the curriculum requirements for your child’s year level.

I encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time to become familiar with our College, as well as create a homework-friendly home environment that will allow your children to excel. Together we can achieve wonderful things!

YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING
Welcome also to new parents – we are glad that you will be a part of the St Francis Xavier College Community. Please mark your calendars for the Year 7 Information Evening that will be held on Tuesday February 12 at 7.30pm in Rooms 11 &12 at the Officer Campus. A letter sent home on Monday February 4 has further details. This evening is designed to give you the opportunity to find out about the operations of the classroom and the general approach to teaching and learning. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM THE CAMPUS
The Staff Car Park is not to be used as a pick up and drop off zone. I recommend that all parents use the indented parking situated at the front entry to the Campus, well away from the Bus Bays. It is dangerous to ask students to cross Majestic Drive near the Bus Bays. Cars and trucks travel around this corner at great speed and if a student is stepping out in front of traffic to cross the road they risk injury. Please do not park in a No Standing area or across a local resident’s driveway.

In order to ensure the safety of all, it would be most appreciated if you could ensure that all carers, friends and relatives are made aware of these guidelines for collecting or dropping off your child/children.

OUR COMMUNITY
St Francis Xavier College is a Catholic community of students, teachers, parents and support staff working collaboratively to create a safe, caring, supportive and academically challenging environment for your child. This community fosters individual spiritual growth and self-esteem while promoting respect, understanding and appreciation across cultures. We have many exciting plans for this academic year; the construction process for our new Design, Art, Technology and Science wing has commenced and this facility will increase the number of classrooms and offices for our students and staff.

THANK YOU
For your commitment to your child’s education. I look forward to seeing you in the very near future.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER
Go to sfx.vic.edu.au
Click on “News & Events” then “Newsletters” then “Subscribe” and fill in the information required.
MYAT (MIDDLE YEARS ABILITY TEST)
All Year 7 students were asked to attempt this assessment tool to help us determine their current literacy and numeracy skill levels. The MYAT program is produced and processed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The results of this assessment tool will provide us with some valuable information in developing learning programs to best suit our students.

GOAL SETTING
Both Year 7 and 8 students have experienced seminars conducted by Mr Pezzanite on setting academic goals. Students will soon be asked to write down three academic goals for Term 1. We ask parents to look at these goals (copied into the Student Record Book) and add to our encouragement of helping them work towards achieving them.

LEARNING AND STUDY METHODS
All Year 8 students attended a seminar focusing on Learning Styles and Study Skills conducted by Ms Capozzi. We encourage students to talk to their parents on how best to re-enforce their learning experiences in the home environment, as well as at school.

AA+ PROGRAMME – YEAR 8
At Officer, this year, we are able to introduce extra Literacy and Numeracy support to students via the AA+ programme. This programme enables two teachers (this year, Ms Capozzi and Mr Pezzanite) to attend English and Maths lessons on a rotation schedule. Students needing extension or remediation will be the focus of this programme.

STUDENT RECORD BOOKS
We expect students to record homework and assessment details in their RED Student Record Books on a daily basis. This book is also used as a main communication tool between school and home.

College photographs for each Campus will take place on Monday February 25, 2013.

Order envelopes will be distributed prior to the day. If you wish to purchase photographs your son/daughter should hand the envelope to the photographer on the day of the photographs. Please ensure that the correct money or cheque is enclosed or that the credit card details have been completed.

Students must wear full summer uniform for the photographs, however boys are to wear their College tie.

All students MUST wear their blazer for the photographs.
Welcome back to our students and parents involved in our Performing Arts endeavours at the College. We have an exciting year planned for 2013! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new staff to our department. Firstly Mr Daniel Moldrich who will be taking our Junior Choirs, Concert Bands and accompanying Cantabile, Miss Hayley Griffin teaching Drama at Berwick and Miss Shauna Furlong teaching Drama at Officer. We have many exciting events planned this year, beginning with our first Ensembles Evening on the March 18, featuring all our College Ensembles followed by the SIS Big Night Out Concert on the March 26. More details on these events will follow.

For our new Year 7s we have our Concert Band Recruitment Evening on Monday February 25 at 7.30pm in the Maree Johnson Auditorium. Students who take on a Concert Band instrument receive free group lessons for 2013 as well as being involved in the Concert Band. A wonderful way to meet other students, make new friends and learn an instrument. Please see the flier below for more details on this event.

Students auditioned last year for our annual production. We are pleased to announce that this year’s production is Honk! It is the story of the Ugly Duckling and has many wonderful songs and a great storyline to entertain people of all ages. Year 7s will be auditioned early in the year for an opportunity to be part of the College Musical. Students also have the opportunity to take part in the first College play this year and auditions will take place shortly. The College Play is Sweeney Todd and performances will take place in Term 3.

Finally, our Arts Captains for 2013 are Frank Deak and Eliza Bartsch. I look forward to working with these young leaders over the coming months.
A huge welcome back to St Francis Xavier College in what is set out to be a big year for the sports department. This year we have a wide variety of sports and activities available for all students to participate in.

**SIS Weekly Sport**

In Term 1 there will be a large variety of SIS Weekly Sports across all three Campuses. The SIS Sports that will be played at Beaconsfield Campus are as follows:

- Senior Girls Basketball
- Senior Boys Soccer
- Senior Girls Soccer
- Senior Boys Cricket
- Intermediate Girls Handball
- Intermediate Boys Cricket
- Intermediate Girls Volleyball
- Intermediate Boys Handball

The first senior game starts on Thursday, February 14 and Intermediate on Friday, February 15. Make sure students have a look at the Bulletin for tryout dates commencing the first week back.

Berwick Campus will also have a range of SIS sports which will be available to participate in which include:

- Intermediate Girls Handball
- Intermediate Boys Handball
- Intermediate Boys Cricket
- Intermediate Girls Volleyball

Tryouts will be soon, so remember to look at the Bulletin or ask Ms Denholm for more information.

**SIS Junior sport** involving Year 7s and 8s (at Officer and Berwick) occurs in Term 2.

**SIS Swimming**

We have two major swimming competitions held this Term. This includes the SIS Swimming Relay Carnival (held at Frankston on Friday February 22 from 5pm-7pm) and the SIS Swimming Carnival (held at MSAC on Wednesday March 13 from 5pm-9pm). SIS Swimming Training commences on Tuesday February 5. Training will be held most Tuesday and Thursday mornings until March 7 from 7.25am until 8.15am at Kings Swimming Pool. Please make sure your children have breakfast, bring a drink bottle and their school uniform. They will be bussed back to their respective Campuses in time for morning Care Group.

**House Swimming Carnivals**

The House Swimming Carnivals are just around the corner with the Beaconsfield Carnival being held on Tuesday February 19, Berwick Junior Carnival to be held on Wednesday February 20 and Officer Junior Carnival on Thursday February 21, at Doveton Pool In The Park. All parents are welcome to attend from 10am-2pm. Make sure you get into the spirit of dressing up in your House colours and participate in activities to support your House. Remember to bring food and drinks for the day and to be sunsmart.

**House Lunchtime Sport**

- **Beaconsfield** – House lunchtime sport begins on Monday February 11, which will involve Year 10, 11 and 12 competitions. Term 1 sport is Badminton and competitions will be held from Monday-Wednesday in the Hall depending on your year level.

- **BERWICK and OFFICER** – For the start of Term 1 the Berwick Campus will be playing netball at lunchtimes and the Officer Campus will have a lunchtime basketball competition. Remember to keep an eye out in the Bulletin for when the competition dates are, or speak to your House Co-ordinators.

If you have any questions or queries regarding SIS Sport, the House Swimming Carnival or lunchtime sport, please feel free to contact either Stephanie Stewart (Sports Co-ordinator for Beaconsfield), Laura Denholm (Sports Co-ordinator for Berwick), Brian Martin (Sports Co-ordinator for Officer) or myself (Maggie Collins - AFL Trainee).
All net proceeds to support Team Katrina, Casey Cardinia RFL 2013

Bollywood Comes to Beaconsfield

Friday 1st March 2013
Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre
8 O’Neil Road Beaconsfield
Doors open at 6.45pm and dinner at 7.15pm
Entertainment from 8 pm
BYO Drinks & glasses
Cost $37.50 per reserved seat, children under 16 free
For tickets please contact either Steve 0411 934 9391
or Ann on 0409 237 557

Registration Day
Sunday 10th Feb 2013
12 noon - 3pm
MAX PAWSEY RESERVE
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PLAYERS OF ALL AGES REQUIRED
BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME
u9 - u17
YOUTH GIRLS
Free Sausage Sizzle

Timbarra Tornadoes
Junior Football Club
Sunday 10th February 2013
11am - 2pm
at
Timbarra Community Stadium
181-197 Parkhill Drive, Berwick
AGES: U9s to U13s.
Contact: Dean 0425 825 593
registrar@timbarratornados.com.au
www.timbarratornados.com.au
CELEBRATING OUR FAITH: LENT AND EASTER

Presented by Dr Mary Coloe pbvm

The Season of Lent is a special time in our Christian journey - of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works- in preparation of the Church’s celebration of Easter. The Church urges us to hear God’s Word more frequently and to devote more time to prayer. How can the Scriptures of Lent help us in our spiritual journey as Christian disciples? How can we prepare well to celebrate the presence of the risen Christ? Dr Coloe will help us to hear the Scriptures with fresh insight and understanding.

In this Year of Faith, we invite you deepen your journey through Lent to Easter.

MORE INFO: Mrs Sophy Morley, Diocesan Pastoral Office P (03) 5622 6677 smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

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3 DIOCESAN SEMINARS

Weds 20th February
7.30 - 9.30 pm
St Michael’s Hall,
High St Berwick (enter at Bain St)

Tuesday 26th February
10.00 am – 2.00 pm
St Mary’s Parish Centre
Nicholson St, Bairnsdale
BRING LUNCH TO SHARE

Tuesday 26th February
7.30 - 9.30 pm
St Michael’s Hall,
Church St, Traralgon

Please book your place with your parish office

Cost: $5.00 donation

ALL ARE WELCOME
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

From the Principal

February 5, 2013

Dear Parents

ELECTION OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COLLEGE BOARD

In order to ensure a continuity of experience on the College Board, parent representatives are elected for a two-year period with the possibility of one further term of two years. This year there are elections for three Parishes.

The Parishes which require election of a parent representative this year are:

BERWICK: presently represented by Mr P Macreadie (not eligible for re-election)
PAKENHAM: presently represented by Mrs N King (eligible for re-election)
KOOWEE RUP: presently represented by Mrs K Morgan (not eligible for re-election)

Nominations are therefore requested for these three positions.

The attached Nomination Form must be returned to the College, duly completed, no later than 3.30p.m. Friday March 1, 2013. This will enable a ballot to be conducted with voting closing at 3.30p.m. on Friday March 22, 2013 at 3.30p.m.

The successful candidates will be expected to attend the meeting of the Board on Wednesday April 24, 2013, and thereafter once per month (normally on a Wednesday evening).

Those eligible to vote are parents residing in a particular Parish (i.e. Berwick, Pakenham or Koo Wee Rup) who have a child or children attending the College.

The Board would like to express its appreciation of the efforts of the current parent representatives for their endeavours over the 2011/12 school years and trust that parents will appreciate the necessity in making nominations, of ensuring that this high standard of representation is maintained over 2013/2014.

PLEASE NOTE

NOMINATION TO BE RETURNED BY: Friday March 1, 2013
VOTING CLOSES 3.30PM: Friday March 22, 2013

PAUL G. DESMOND
(Principal)
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE BOARD ELECTION

NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARISHES OF BERWICK, PAKENHAM & KOO WEE RUP

This Nomination Form must be returned to the College
NO LATER THAN 3.30PM ON FRIDAY MARCH 1, 2013
in an envelope marked for the attention of
Mrs Lesley Lancaster, Returning Officer.

I wish to nominate ________________________________
(BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)

from the Parish of ________________________________

for the position of parent representative on the College Board of St. Francis Xavier College.

NAME: ________________________________

SIGNATURE: ________________________________

DATE: ________________________________

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON NOMINATED

I, ________________________________, accept the above nomination for the position of parent representative on the College Board of St. Francis Xavier College.

NAME: ________________________________

SIGNATURE: ________________________________

DATE: ________________________________

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