Bereavement
It is always a time of sadness when a member of our College community passes away. The impact is even greater when that member is a young person. In recent days we have heard one of our former students, Joseph Arima, died suddenly and unexpectedly. Joseph was a student at the College until mid-2011 and his siblings, Raele (Yr 12), John (Yr 9) and Solomon (Yr 7) are still with us.

May He Rest In Peace.

Commencement Mass
Last Thursday the entire student body, together with all staff members and many parents, gathered for Mass to celebrate the start of the school year, seeking God’s blessing for all that we aim to achieve in 2013. Mass was celebrated by Fr Peter Slater, Fr Bernard Mahony, Fr Brendan Hogan and Fr Jeff Kleynjans.

Swimming Sports
The three Campuses have now completed their annual swimming carnivals. Each was very successful due to the standard of competition, student participation and the outstanding organisation of each event (Miss Stephanie Stewart – Beaconsfield Campus, Miss Laura Denholm – Berwick Campus and Mr Brian Martin – Officer Campus). Congratulations go to the winning Houses:

• Gallagher House – Beaconsfield Campus
• Gallagher House – Berwick Campus
• McDonagh House – Officer Campus

Fr John Allen
Our prayers are still needed for Fr John Allen, Parish Priest of Iona Maryknoll & Koo Wee Rup. Fr John is battling cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy.

Year 7 Camps
Our Year 7 students will commence their annual Camps Programme in the very near future and we wish them all a very happy time and a valuable learning experience.

Officer Campus: Wednesday March 6 – Friday March 8.
Berwick Campus: Group A – Monday March 18 - Wednesday March 20
Group B – Wednesday March 20 - Friday March 22.

We are Praying for...
• Fr John Allen
• The family of Joseph Arima
• Mr Jose Menares and Mrs Monica Menares

DATES TO REMEMBER

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It is my honour to introduce to the College community the next group of Student Leaders:

**Liturgy Captains**

Jessica Hancock is undertaking studies in English, Chemistry, Biology, Health & Human Development, Further Mathematics and Catholic Schools Youth Ministry. Post schooling she hopes to train as a nurse, then travel. In her spare time she enjoys dancing, family and friends and Remar.

Grace Waack is a former student of St Patrick’s Primary School and aims to become a doctor. Grace is pursuing studies in English, LOTE: Japanese, Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, Business Management. Grace completed Further Mathematics as a Year 11 student.

**Justice Captains**

Mollie Gawley came to us from St Michael's Primary School and is interested in reading, swimming and spending time with her family. She would like to gain a Bachelor of Media Communication to help to raise awareness of poverty. Her Year 12 studies are English, Biology, Further Mathematics, Business Management, History: Revolutions, and Catholic Schools Youth Ministry.

Brianna Ager is studying English, Religion & Society, Psychology, Health & Human Development, Drama and Further Mathematics. Her passions lie with the performing arts and social justice. Brianna would like to teach in a third world country once she completes university. Her mother is her main role model in life.

**Environment Captain**

Gavin Antolos is a former student of Don Bosco Primary School in Narre Warren South. He aims to qualify as a teacher of Japanese, Mathematics and Psychology. In Year 12, Gavin is undertaking studies in English, Mathematical Methods, LOTE: Japanese, Psychology and RE.

Serena Peregin is a former student of Mary Mackillop Primary School and has her sights set upon a digital media course at Swinburne University next year. Serena is dedicated to studies in English, Further Mathematics, Visual Communication & Design, Media, Liturgical Choir and VET: Interactive Digital Media. Serena undertook LOTE: Japanese in 2012.

**Yearbook Captain**

Arts Captains

Eliza Bartsch has a strong background in the Arts and looks to her mum as her inspiration. Eliza’s leisure pursuits include singing, reading, piano and writing. Her Year 12 studies are English, History: Revolutions, Psychology, Music: Solo Performance, Liturgical Choir and Monash University History.

Frank Deak is a gifted performer who aspires to study Music at Monash University. As a student in Year 12 Frank is studying English, Music Investigations, Further Mathematics, Liturgical Choir, Physics and Systems Engineering.

**Sports Captains**

Casey Luttrell came to the College from St Michael’s Primary School and has developed interests in cooking, keeping fit and travelling. Her Year 12 studies are English, Health & Human Development, Physical Education, Further Mathematics, Religious Education and VET: Sport & Recreation. Casey wishes to study midwifery at university.

Kalen Murrian enjoys all sports and is committed to a career in the Airforce via the Australian Defence Force Academy. A former Don Bosco Primary School student, Kalen is studying English, Physics, Mathematical Methods, Systems Engineering, Chemistry and Religious Education.

**Debating Captain**

Marlee Noronha has a keen interest in science, music and reading and aspires to complete a Commerce/Science Degree in his tertiary studies. Marlee is studying English, Mathematical Methods, Physics, Biology, Liturgical Choir and Chemistry in Year 12. Marlee came to us from Mary Mackillop Primary School in Narre Warren North.
P/T/S Interviews – ONLINE BOOKING
As we have been doing for the past few years, Parent/Teacher/Student interviews need to be booked online. This will give parents the opportunity to view all available times and to choose those which are most suitable.

Interviews will be held at the following times:

- **Wednesday March 27:** 2.00pm - 8.00pm
- **Thursday March 28:** 9.30am - 1.00pm

The system will be open from 9.00am Wednesday March 13, to 4.30pm Tuesday March 26, 2013. For parents who do not have internet access, computer kiosks will be available at Reception at each Campus. Students who have written permission from their parents may also have access to these kiosks. **Instructions regarding login procedures are attached to this newsletter.**

Parents and students are urged to participate in this important activity. It not only demonstrates Family/school partnership, it also gives parents, students and teachers the opportunity to determine how each one can contribute to achieve desired outcomes.

As a general rule, if you have concerns about progress in any subject the first person to talk to is the subject teacher. If you have concerns of a pastoral nature the first person to contact is the Care Group Teacher.

**Family- School Partnership**
Catholic education is based on a partnership – it is so much more than a business contract in which both parties agree to provide something in exchange for something else. Families are the first educators of their children and they continue to influence their children’s learning and development during the school years and long afterwards. This is why it is important for families and schools to work together in partnership.

Research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour. Family involvement can have a major impact on student learning, regardless of the social or cultural background of the family.

Family involvement in schools is, therefore, central to high quality education and is part of the core business of schools. This is recognised by a number of institutions as exemplified below.

**Some of the principles which underpin effective Family-School Partnerships**
*(From the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations)*

- Families and schools want the best for their children.
- Families are the first and continuing educators of their children.
- Families and schools value quality teaching and respect teachers’ professional expertise.
- Family-school partnerships are based on mutual responsibility, respect and trust.
- Family-school partnerships improve student motivation and learning.

The accessibility of technology makes it even more important to value and use the skills and knowledge children bring both from the home to the school and from the school to the home.
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 9702 6588

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.

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

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
NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2013
Officer Campus Staffroom 7.30 pm

Please join us at the next Parents & Friends meeting to be held in the staffroom of the new Officer Campus. It will be a great opportunity to meet new people, support your school & child’s education, be updated on the latest news/events and offer ideas and help in a friendly environment.

_all are Welcome_

All enquiries regarding the College P&F can be made to Lorraine on 9707 5274. Ideas/suggestions can also be submitted via our P&F website.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

After the success of last year’s ‘Garden Express – Spring Flowering Bulb’ fundraiser, the P & F are selling Bulbs again this year as the Term 1 fundraiser. Shortly a fundraising form will be sent home via Care Groups at the JUNIOR CAMPUS. Any Senior Campus Families who would like to purchase bulbs can get a form from the Beaconsfield Office, otherwise ring Lorraine on 9707 5274 for more information.

Thank you for your support.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2013/2014

The P&F will be selling Entertainment Books in Term 2. More Information will be in the newsletter next term.

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 may not be until Term 2. Thank you for your patience.

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Commencement Mass
Our Commencement Mass held last Thursday, was truly a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our community of Learning and Faith. It was a blessing for all students and staff from Beaconsfield, Berwick and Officer to worship together, as one College. We were reminded of our shared history and all those new to St Francis Xavier College were warmly welcomed. I would like to sincerely thank the Mission Development Team and Fathers Mahony, Slater, Hogan and Kleynjans for their contributions.

Year 11 Information Night
Students in Year 11 and their parents are reminded that the compulsory Year 11 Information Night (incorporating Presentation Ball Information) is scheduled for 7.30pm on Tuesday March 12. Students are to be accompanied by at least one parent. Regular communication between students, staff and parents is integral for positive Learning Outcomes. Parents, we require your presence and ongoing support for your son or daughter.

Get Set Success
Complimentary Family Passes to a Get Set Success Seminar for students in Years 10 and 11 have been distributed. Learn the secrets top performers used to excel in VCE. Seats are Limited and bookings are essential. Visit www.GetSetEvent.com.au/ or call 9005 4696.

Year 12 Jumpers
Year 12 students are now able to purchase their red Year 12 jumper from the uniform shop. This garment is optional and may be worn for the entire year. The cost is $80.00. The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays (8.30am-4.00pm) and Saturdays (9.00am-12.00pm).

Session for ALL Year 10 students
March 12, 2013 during House time

Information for Parents
What could be more rewarding than supervising your son or daughter on their learner permit so they can become a safer driver?

Many parents might add "and what could be more challenging?"

Do you remember your own learning to drive experience?

This week at school, your son or daughter will be taking part in a VicRoads Keys Please session. Whether or not they already have their Ls, this session tells them everything they need to know about making the most of the learner driver period.

Parents and carers have an important role in helping their young people develop the skills and attitudes they need to become safer drivers. You should feel like a sports coach (not a driving instructor) and there are two resources to help you.

The VicRoads Learner Kit given to all successful learner permit applicants contains the booklet Guide for Supervising Drivers that is essential reading – make sure you ask your son or daughter to pass it on! The second resource is the online Lessons from the Road resource.

Lessons from the Road features eight videos. The videos showcase the emotions and real life issues in learning to drive. They help you work through the four stages required to help learners achieve their goals. Lessons from the Road is easy to use and can be accessed on the VicRoads website at vicroads.vic.gov.au/supervisors

When your student attends the Keys Please session they will be encouraged to discuss the information they have received and to watch Lessons from the Road at home with you.

Please ask them about the Keys Please session and make sure that you watch the videos together. It won't take long and it will help you through the process of learning to drive as well as information for keeping new solo drivers safe.

Research shows that learners who gain experience with parents have about 20% lower crash and traffic offence rates once they are licensed than learners who only take professional lessons. Research also shows that on average learners who gain an average of 120 hours of supervised on-road experience in all conditions have a 30% lower risk of crashing after getting a licence. VicRoads strongly recommends watching Lessons from the Road. Helping your son or daughter to be a safer driver is the one Rewards Program you can’t afford to miss out on!
At a recent meeting of all VCE Unit 3 / 4 teachers time was allocated to reflect on the results of the Class of 2012. Our examination of the data provided by VCAA is always very important, but this is made more meaningful when we sit together to share successful teaching and learning strategies.

It is important to recognise that each of us is unique in the way we go about acquiring, retaining and re-producing knowledge in the form of responding to questions during tests or exams. However it is clear that, according to the GAT scores, the students who met their predicted potential clearly understood that academic success requires commitment to practising the skills expected in each subject. Success is experienced by those who had developed effective learning techniques well before the beginning of Year 12.

ALL STUDENTS are encouraged to consider how they can improve their understanding of what they read in their textbooks and in on-line resources. Studies have identified a number of techniques that have proven to be successful for students during their secondary school years.

One example is the SQ3R Active Reading Strategy designed to improve comprehension and help you remember what you read (Survey - Question - Read - Recite - Review: created by F.P. Robinson).

How to Survey/Skim (S)
- Look over the material to get the big picture and decide what is important.
- Read the summary (if possible). Notice background knowledge.

How to Question (Q)
- Turn headings into questions.
- Ask WHAT, WHO, WHY, and HOW to create interest in the topic.

How to Read Actively (R1)
- Look for answers to questions. Write in margins. Highlight. Talk aloud as you read.

How to Recite (R2)
- Say it over to retain information. Write a summary. Write notes (in book or on paper).
- Create 3x5 cards. Create a mind map or graphic organiser.

How to Review (R3)
- Re-read highlights. Check over notes (immediately after reading, weekly, before tests).

Students are encouraged to consider applying this strategy to reading set for homework and regularly as part of the preparation for tests and exams. All subject teachers have a range of strategies to offer students and are keen to discuss options with parents at the Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of this month.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Michael Beards Year 12

In January, I was fortunate to be sponsored by Narre Warren Rotary Club to attend the NYSF in Canberra for two weeks, staying at the Australian National University. I went on some amazing visits to various Chemistry/Biology/Physics/Engineering and Geology laboratories. These visits are intended to give real world experience and an insight into what being a scientist is like.

Thanks to this amazing trip, I now know what my future career will be. I discovered a deep love of volcanoes and geophysics. Going on the NYSF was one of the most incredible experiences of my life and I would suggest that any Year 11 student with an interest in Science should try and go next year. I would like to thank Mrs Gubiani and Mrs Barlow who have been inspirational teachers in the areas of Chemistry and Mathematics and encouraged me to try as hard as I could. I would also like to thank Narre Warren Rotary Club for sponsoring me for without them I would not have been able to attend such a life changing event.
Parish Primary Schools
Recently I have had the pleasure of taking some current Year 7 students to visit their respective primary schools. Xavier Wilson and Livinia Hockey returned to St Brigid’s Officer, Aliana Tabone and Joel Keating to St Catherine’s Berwick South, Mikayla Oliver and Ethan Hibbert to St Michael’s Berwick, Luke Molino and Rachael McLeod to St Patrick’s Pakenham.

These students answered many questions from the Grade 6 students about their recent transition to secondary education at St Francis Xavier College. They helped to dispel some of the fears and insecurities the Grade 6 students had about the next major step in their education in 2014. The Year 7 students were a credit to both the College and their Primary schools as they took on the role as “St Francis Xavier College Ambassadors”. The visits continue next week to other Parish feeder schools, presenting information about enrolment at Berwick and Officer Campuses for 2014.

Year 7 Enrolment 2014… REMINDERS
Parent Information Evening, Thursday March 21, 7.30pm at the Beaconsfield Campus Hall.
Final closing date for Applications for Year 7 enrolments is Thursday March 28, 2013.
It is essential that all enrolment applications for places in Year 7 2014, be submitted by this date.

College Tours
Rather than having specific Open Days for visitors to come into our College, we offer visitors the opportunity to visit our College and view how each Campus operates on a normal school day.

Students have been appointed to act as College Tour Guides and have the important responsibility of representing the student body to parents and outside visitors. The new Tour Guides for 2013 have recently received their badges and have already been busy conducting tours at each Campus.

The new Tour guides for 2013 are:
Berwick Campus: Rishie Mudaliar, Hannah Fahey, Daniela Bednarek, Jayden Walker, Kira Cashman, Josh Slusarczyk, Georgia Cuffe, Lachlan McLeish, Tiahna Talbot, Jacob Sullivan, Sam Collins, Alexandra Wall, Amie Jans, Madison Videky, Ethan McDonald and Jaclyn Purcel.

Officer Campus: Elizabeth Agnello, Lesha Ali, Jordan Cammarano, Jacob Charabie, Ashlee Clark, Emma Clarke, Sarah Doensen, Antonio Gigliotti, Bonnie Horman, Sorcha Johnson, Tylah Meunier, Sam Koch, Shannon Naujoks and Orlando Volpetti.

Beaconsfield Campus: Alexandra Taylor, Jarrod Halpin, Chelsea Clarke, Matthew Vaghjee, Leon Saitta, Paige Laurie, John Attard, Katelyn Martin, Sienna Iscaro, Christopher Pradel, Daniel Kitto, Melissa Serepisos, Breanne Miller, Thomas Gowans, Taylah Algie and Matthew Velten.

College Tours will be offered at each Campus prior to the Year 7 Information evening at Beaconsfield Campus.

Thursday March 21 – 6.00pm, 6.15pm, 6.30pm and 6.45pm

During the school year College Tours are available on the first Monday of each month or sometimes by special arrangement by contacting reception at each Campus.

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.
Congratulations!

Over the past couple of weeks, students and staff at Berwick Campus have been involved in some big events, and the way students have participated was so positive I feel it necessary to share with you my delight…

On **Wednesday February 20**, I was lucky enough to witness a really fantastic event that included everyone from the Berwick Campus – The Berwick Campus Swimming Carnival.

The Swimming Carnival was a well run, positive, vibrant, community focused event and I want to congratulate everyone involved, from the organisers to the participants. We received great praise from the Doveton Pool in the Park staff with regard to the behaviour of our students and the general organisation of the day.

All Inter-House competition provides wonderful opportunities to develop and nurture House spirit. This was evident in the way students contributed on the day. All those who competed in swimming events, barracked for their House, entered the Points Swim, stayed with their House as a show of strength and kept their respective areas clean, etc. are to be congratulated for their contribution to a successful day, fostering school and community spirit.

Congratulations and thanks to:

- Miss Laura Denholm and Miss Maggie Collins for their organisation.
- Gallagher House – Competition winners.
- McKenna House winner of the House Spirit Award.
- Ed Support staff and students for refreshments and lunch for the staff.
- All staff and students for their involvement and contribution to ensure such a successful day.

Last **Thursday February 28**, Berwick Campus went to Beaconsfield Campus for our Annual Commencement Mass. As Mass was set to start at 10.00am, we had one hour to get over 1100 students and staff to Beaconsfield. Thanks to the efficiency of all involved, we sat down at 10.02am ready for Mass – a fantastic effort! The Mass itself was a beautiful and reflective way to focus on the 2013 school year and our theme – Faith in the Future. The students were very respectful, patient and well behaved. I was very proud of them and certainly let them know!

**Mobile Phones**

Another reminder about our College policy regarding these items:

On page 13 of the College student planner, it clearly states that **all mobile phones must be switched off and remain out of sight AT ALL TIMES**. If a parent has an urgent message for their child they must call the Office. Staff will take the message, which will then be relayed to the student. Likewise, students can come to the Office and call parents when they need to.

**Please do not encourage your child to use their mobile phone to call you if they are unwell.** All students must report to the Office if unwell. The Campus nurse will assess them and then call a parent or emergency contact if a student needs to be collected. This allows us to keep track of students and ensure they are waiting in the appropriate area to be collected. If your child calls you from their mobile phone, they are breaking school rules. An after-school detention will apply as a consequence.

There are times, for example when buses are late, students will be given permission to use their mobile phones to contact parents. This is purely so all parents receive the information in a timely manner.

Mobile phones that are left on disrupt classes. When I hand back confiscated phones at the end of the day, I remind students that a switched off phone will never cause disruption or result in an after school detention.

Thank you to those parents who assist and support us by discussing these rules with their children, thereby teaching our young people a valuable lesson – rules make for a better learning environment in the short term and a better society in the long run.
On February 20 Officer Campus hosted Cardinia Youth Resource Officer, Catherine Emmett from the Pakenham Police Station. Catherine addressed many issues around internet safety, cyber bullying, sexting, problematic internet behaviour and digital reputation.

**WHAT YOU DO ONLINE CAN AFFECT YOUR WHOLE WORLD**

Internet safety is something we try to address frequently and authentically with our students. We have found education around this issue to be very important. Our hope is that teaching students some key messages from a young age will help them navigate their way safely through the internet as they grow older.

Here are some key messages from cyber safety expert, Susan McLean that I believe all students should be aware of:

1. Always ask an adult if you’re unsure of anything when you are online.
2. Don’t sign up for sites that are 13+ if you are not old enough (Facebook, YouTube, Instagram etc).
3. Remember **YAPPY** (the personal information you should **not** share online) – *Your full name, address, phone number, passwords, your plans.*
4. Don’t add people as online friends unless you know them in real life or have parent permission. Never arrange to meet an online friend without talking to a parent.
5. Remember that you cannot believe everything you read on the internet and you can’t trust everything online friends tell you.
6. Choose sensible names for usernames, email addresses etc.
7. Talk to your parents about what you’re doing online and let them know when you’re going on the internet.
8. Know what cyber bullying is and tell someone if you think it’s happening to you. Cyber bullying is when someone picks on you, annoys, embarrasses, or threatens you over and over again using technology, such as the internet or a phone.
9. Protect your digital footprint: don’t put anything online that you wouldn’t want all your friends, family, teachers and future employers to see.
10. Treat others online the way you’d like to be treated.

Find more great information about internet safety on the government website, Cybersmart.

Members of our College community should also be aware that photos depicting students in the College uniform on social media are in breach of our enrolment agreement that now states… *I/We and our child will uphold the good name and reputation of the College. This includes the prevention of any inappropriate references or images related to the College or members of the College community appearing on social media and the Internet.*

**STUDENT WELLBEING**

On Thursday March 7 all Year 8 students participated in the Healthy Relationships Day. The aim of this day is to enable students to develop their confidence and build positive relationships with their peers, teachers and families. The students participated in a number of workshops on the day run by PROJECT ROCKIT, Real Talk, and the CSYMA Youth Ministry Team. PROJECT ROCKIT sessions are designed to represent a ‘show me, don’t tell me’ approach to learning. Using an array of dramatic role-plays, group activities, student performances, creative writing and real-life stories, P-ROCK embodies key messages and strategies that are most relevant to young people. Real Talk is all about getting REAL on the topics of relationships and personal identity. Based on Catholic Christian values and personal testimony from a team of dynamic presenters, Real Talk provides up-to-date resources, presentations and programs that help young people to feel positive about the future.

**HEAD LICE**

It is head lice season again and they have been spotted on the Campus!

**Tips to prevent the spread of head lice:**

Remember to avoid head to head contact and definitely don’t share hats. Girls should tie up their hair as per the school regulations and boys are advised to use hair product where possible.
INTERIM REPORTS

Interim reports are to be distributed to students on Friday March 15 during afternoon Care Group. Information for Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be included with the report. These interviews will be held on Wednesday March 27, 2.00pm-8.00pm and Thursday March 28, 9.30am-1.00pm. Friday March 29 is Good Friday. We hope meeting teachers will assist parents in understanding the issues and requirements surrounding secondary school studies. It is also an opportunity to ask questions and perhaps clarify how you can help your child achieve their best.

MYAT (Middle Years Ability Test)
The results have come back to Officer (for our Year 7 cohort) and we are in the process of analysing what these results can tell us and how we can respond to the information obtained.

ENGLISH/MATHS WORKSHOPS
Due to the high demand of students seeking extra Maths time, Maths teachers have kindly offered to provide extra time during lunchtime every Wednesday.

AUSVELS: The New National Curriculum
We are currently in the process of altering aspects of our REPORTING system to comply with government protocols. These changes will become more evident in the Semester One report.

Terminology changes:
• The term ‘VELS’ is to be replaced with ‘AusVELS’.
• The terms ‘English as a Second Language’ and ‘ESL’ are to be replaced with the terms ‘English as an Additional Language’ and ‘EAL’
• The AusVELS subject ‘English’ will contain the modes ‘Reading and viewing’, ‘Writing’ and ‘Speaking and listening’
• The AusVELS subject ‘Mathematics’ will contain only three strands ‘Number and algebra’, ‘Measurement and geometry’ and ‘Statistics and probability’ (previously had five strands)
• The AusVELS subject ‘Science’ will contain the strands ‘Science Understanding’, ‘Science as a Human Endeavour’ and ‘Science Inquiry Skills’
• The Domain/Subject Descriptions ‘LOTE Pathway 1’ and ‘LOTE Pathway 2’ are to be replaced with the terms ‘Languages Pathway 1’ and ‘Languages Pathway 2’

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COLLEGE NEWSLETTER
Go to sfx.vic.edu.au
Click on “News & Events” then “Newsletters” then “Subscribe” and fill in the information required.
The Year 7 Concert Band Recruitment Evening was held on Monday 25 February. It was great to see many attend to hear the Cardinia Civic Concert Band and try the instruments offered for tuition. Many spaces have already been filled, however there are still positions at Berwick on trumpet and trombone and at Officer there are still positions on each of the instruments offered. Students who choose a concert band instrument will receive free lessons for 2013. Concert band instruments include flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Patricia Dulude or Mr Daniel Moldrich at the College.

**SIS BIG NIGHT OUT**

Many of our Performing Arts students are taking part in our SIS Big Night Out Concert on March 26. Rehearsals began at the Beaconsfield Campus on February 25. It was a wonderful day of rehearsal for all involved and the second rehearsal will take place on March 14. The SIS Big Night Out Concert takes place at the Drum Theatre, Dandenong on March 26 at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the venue.

**ENSEMBLES EVENING**

March 18 is our Ensembles Evening beginning at 7.00pm in the Maree Johnson Auditorium at the Beaconsfield Campus. The evening will feature students who participate in College Ensembles. These include the Jazz Ensemble, Concert Band, Cantabile, VCE Vocal Group and Year 12 Music Groups. The evening is free to family and friends and we hope to see many of you there.
CAREER NEWS
Mr Phil Apperley

Reminders:

- **Sun 17 March** – University of Melbourne Veterinary Science and Hospital Open Day (Werribee)
- **Early April** – registrations for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) open for Monash medicine and physiotherapy applicants (and some interstate courses).

OPEN DAYS – Universities and TAFE Institutes hold annual Open Days for the public. They are an opportunity to visit, talk to staff and students, collect information and see facilities. As such, they are a great way to assist in deciding where you wish to study once you finish school. They are generally held in Term 3, but many of the dates are supplied here so you can get them in your diary and make your visits a priority. Year 10 or 11 is a great time to start your visits; Year 12 is not too late.

OPEN DAY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (10am – 4pm):

- **Sat 3 Aug** – Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland, Parkville, Peninsula campuses)
- **Sun 4 Aug** – Deakin Uni (Warrnambool); Monash Uni (Caulfield, Clayton); Swinburne (Uni & TAFE) (Hawthorn)
- **Sun 11 Aug** – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin (Geelong); RMIT (Uni and TAFE)
- **Sun 18 Aug** – La Trobe Uni (Bendigo); Melbourne Uni (Parkville & Southbank - VCA);
- **Sun 25 Aug** – ACU (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute: Deakin (Burwood); La Trobe (Bundoora); Victoria Uni; William Angliss Institute
- **Sun 1 Sept** – La Trobe Uni (Albury/Wodonga)

Note: Holmesglen has an Open Day every third Wednesday of the month; visit on your way home from school or during the day; see [www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/events/open_wednesdays](http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/showcase/events/open_wednesdays)

OPEN DAY FOR VETERINARY SCIENCE – The University of Melbourne’s Veterinary Science and Hospital has its annual Open Day from 10am to 3pm, Sunday 17 March; Where: 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; Info: [www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/open-day](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/open-day). Step behind the scenes at the veterinary hospital and tour the facilities; discover a range of animals, attend lectures and see displays; speak to staff and students. Course and career advice will be available throughout the day. Prospective students and parents will learn about the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine graduate program. Veterinary and community groups will provide information on pet care and other special interests.

EXPLORE COURSES AND CAREERS AT RMIT – Back by popular demand in 2013, is a range of ‘Experience Day’ holiday programs for Year 10-12 students. Get a hands-on and interactive experience of courses on offer at RMIT, and find out about careers in accounting, engineering, fashion, justice, medical sciences, media, advertising, environment, IT, and art and design. To register interest and be notified when events are on go to: [www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays](http://www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays).

WANT A HEAD START IN FINDING YOUR IDEAL COURSE? Explore your options early by attending the ‘At Monash Seminars’ to hear from current students, graduates and staff. Gain an overview of the university experience, courses, and careers. What, when and where?

- Arts (Humanities and social sciences): Tues 5 March (Caulfield campus), Wed 22 May (Clayton)
- Architecture and interior architecture: Wed 6 Mar (Caulfield)
- Nursing, midwifery and emergency health: Thurs 7 Mar (Peninsula)
- Business & economics: Wed 13 Mar (Clayton)
- Science: Thurs 14 Mar (Clayton)
- Physiotherapy and occupational therapy: Tues 19 Mar (Peninsula)
- Information technology: Wed 20 Mar (Caulfield)
- Pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences: Thurs 21 Mar (Parkville)
- Design and fine art: Wed 17 April (Caulfield)
- Psychology: Thurs 18 April (Clayton)
- Law: Wed 1 May (Clayton)
- Health science and social work: Tues 7 May (Caulfield)
- Teaching, sport and outdoor recreation: Wed 8 May (Peninsula), Thurs 27 June (Clayton)
- Medicine: Mon 13 May (Clayton)
- Education and nursing: Tues 21 May (Berwick)
- Biomedical science, radiography, and nutrition and dietetics: Wed 29 May (Clayton)
- Engineering: Thurs 30 May (Clayton)
- Performing arts and music: Tues 20 Aug (Clayton)

All seminars: 6.30-8.00pm; Information/registration (essential): call 1800 MONASH or [www.monash.edu/seminars](http://www.monash.edu/seminars). Places are limited.

WANT ADVICE FROM SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OR TAFE? Appointments are now available for secondary students throughout the year. You can book a time that suits you to meet a course advisor face to face, receive course advice, ask questions and receive application assistance. Info: [www.swinburne.edu.au/study-at-swinburne/events/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study-at-swinburne/events/)

St. Francis Xavier College, 2013 - Faith in the Future
The past two weeks have been busy in the Sport Department with Beaconsfield, Berwick and Officer House Swimming Carnivals, SIS Sport, lunchtime sport and SIS Swimming Relay Carnival. These events have required both staff and student contributions to make these events so successful. Thank you to all the teachers, the maintenance team and the students for their participation.

The Beaconsfield Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday February 19. Congratulations to Gallagher House for being our overall winners for 2013. Congratulations also to Schneider House for winning the House Spirit Award. Listed below are the results of the day and our Year Level Champions.

**Beaconsfield Swimming Carnival Results:**
1. GAL (1056)
2. WHI (1038)
3. MCD (1015)
4. BUR (984)
5. SYN (950)
6. SCH (903)
7. THO (860)
8. MCK (835)

**Berwick Swimming Carnival Results:**
1. GAL (962)
2. MCD (944)
3. BUR (914)
4. THO (852)
5. SYN (792)
6. SCH (786)
7. WHI (766)
8. MCK (755)

Congratulations to Gallagher House for winning the Berwick Swimming Carnival.

**Officer Swimming Carnival Results:**
1. MCD (632)
2. SYN (616)
3. BUR (568)
4. WHI (514)
5. THO (480)
6. MCK (479)
7. GAL (469)
8. SCH (400)

A big congratulations to McDonagh House for winning the first ever Officer Campus Swimming Carnival.

*More Sport results next page*
Year Level Champions:

Yr 12 Female Student Champion: Therese Obery (MCD)
Yr 12 Male Student Champion: Zach Lucas (BUR)
Yr 11 Female Student Champion: Katherine Gronek (BUR)
Yr 11 Male Student Champion: Mark Ayre-Beasley (MCK)
Yr 10 Female Student Champion: Madison Miller (MCD)
Yr 10 Male Student Champion: Matthew Vaghjee (GAL)
Yr 9 Female Student Champion: Ciara Powe (THO) and Miranda Ryan (SCH)
Yr 9 Male Student Champion: Ethan Knight (MCD)
Yr 8 Female Student Champion Berwick: Caitlyn Johnson (BUR)
Yr 8 Female Student Champion Officer: Madisson Everitt (MCD) and Charlotte Pittard (BUR)
Yr 8 Male Student Champion Berwick: Blake Hutchins (SYN)
Yr 8 Male Student Champion Officer: Aaron Starow (THO)
Yr 7 Female Student Champion Berwick: Tara Kenny (GAL)
Yr 7 Female Student Champion Officer: Rachel McLeod (SYN)
Yr 7 Male Student Champion Berwick: Riley Gardiner (WHI)
Yr 7 Male Student Champion Officer: Andrew Reid (SYN)

On Friday February 22, 48 students from all three Campuses headed down to Pines Forest Swimming Centre for the SIS Swimming Relay Competition. The friendly meet allowed students to compete in a number of relays, gaining practice for the SIS Swimming Carnival held at MSAC on Wednesday March 13.

Relay Results:

Girls Senior 4x 50m Freestyle Relay – 2nd
Boys Senior 4x 50m Freestyle Relay – 2nd
Boys Junior 4x 50m Freestyle Relay – 2nd
Girls Intermediate 4x 50m Freestyle Relay – 3rd
Boys Intermediate 4x 50m Freestyle Relay – 3rd

Girls Senior 4x 50m Freestyle Relay – 2nd
Boys Senior 4x 50 m Freestyle Relay – 3rd
Boys Junior 4x 50m Breaststroke Relay – 2nd

Girls Senior 4x 50m Backstroke Relay – 2nd
Boys Senior 4x 50m Backstroke Relay – 3rd

Girls Junior 4x 50m Medley Relay – 1st
Boys Junior 4x 50m Medley Relay – 3rd
Girls Senior 4x 50m Medley Relay – 1st

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**TABLE TENNIS**

in the Beaconsfield Campus Hall

7.30pm on Mondays

For students, parents and staff

All levels catered for - $2.50 pn

Proceeds to The Ruben Centre Appeal

Enquiries to Glen 9704 6392

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St Francis Xavier Old Collegians Football Club

is looking to fill the following positions for the upcoming 2013 season

**Field Umpire**
(reserve grade only)

**Boundary Umpires**

**Goal Umpire**

**Trainer**

Experience is not essential but would be an advantage.
We have an 18 round season with our 9 home games played at the Beaconsfield Campus.
Transport can be arranged to the away games.
Age is not a requirement but we would prefer someone over the age of 14 for the Boundary and Goal Umpires, over 18 for the Field Umpire and the Trainer must have or be willing to complete relevant courses.
For more information or to apply contact
Chris Seuren on 0414983076

president@sfxoc.com.au
Dear Parents

The Parent/Teacher/Student interviews need to be booked online. This will give parents the opportunity to view all available times and to choose those which are most suitable.

Interviews will be held for Beaconsfield, Berwick and Officer students on the following days and times:

**DATES:**
- Wednesday March 27: 2.00pm – 8.00pm
- Thursday March 28: 9.30am – 1.00pm

**VENUES:**
- Beaconsfield Interviews: Beaconsfield Campus Hall
- Berwick Interviews: Berwick Campus Hall
- Officer Interviews: Officer Campus General Purpose Rooms 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14.

To book interviews for your child simply go to the following web address and follow these simple instructions:


Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit you. Simply enter the school code listed here and press “Go”.

You will be guided through three simple steps and a few moments later you will get an email confirming your interview times.
On the next page, select the teachers you wish to meet.
First select the subject or year and then choose from the list of teachers.

You will see a timetable showing when the teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.
When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. You can return to the site and change your interviews as necessary until the close of bookings.

The system for the will be open during the following times:

**9.00am Wednesday March 13, until 4.30pm Tuesday March 26, 2013**

For parents who do not have internet access, computer kiosks will be available at Reception at Beaconsfield and Berwick Campuses. Students who have written permission from their parents may also have access to these kiosks.

If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a particular teacher, parents will need to contact the subject teacher directly to arrange an alternative interview time.

Parents wishing to change their interview time/s after the closing date should contact the College directly on:

**Beaconsfield Campus**  Phone: 9707 3111
**Berwick Campus**  Phone: 9702 6588
**Officer Campus**  Phone: 5943 3600