Welcome Back to Term 2
I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and has returned to the new Term full of energy and enthusiasm. After such a busy Term 1, it was a well earned break for everyone. I am really looking forward to working with the whole St Francis Xavier community during Term 2 in my role as Acting Principal. No doubt, there will be much to learn from this experience.

College Board Parent Representative Elections
Following the call for nominations for Parent Representatives from the Parishes of Pakenham, Koo Wee Rup and Berwick, I am pleased to advise that the following parents have been elected unopposed to represent their parishes on the College Board for the next two years:

Mrs Bernadette Laurie – Pakenham Parish Parent Representative
Mrs Ann-Maree Head – Koo Wee Rup Parish Parent Representative
Mr Philip Van Laeren – Berwick Parish Parent Representative

I would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely Mr Phil Macreadie (Berwick Representative 2007-2013, Chairperson 2010-2013, Deputy Chairperson 2007-2010), Mrs Kym Morgan (Koo Wee Rup Representative 2007-2013, Secretary 2010-2012), Executive Member 2007-2010) and Mrs Nadine King (Pakenham Representative 2011-2013) for their services to the College Board.

The Annual General Meeting of the College Board is scheduled for Wednesday April 24 when we will farewell past members and welcome new members.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
It was pleasing to see so many parents take the opportunity to meet with the teachers of their children at the Parent/Teacher/Student Interview sessions at the end of Term 1. When home and school are in close communication regarding student progress then the child has to be the winner.

Western Front Tour
During the recent holiday period 19 members of the College community took part in a tour to the Western Front in Europe, visiting the scenes of many of the most severe conflicts of World War I. The Tour was planned and conducted by Mr Ian Coffey and supported by Mrs Jacqueline Dunstan. Other staff members who attended were Mr Damien Failla, Mrs Margaret Donohue and Miss Georgina Erpisimidis. This year, Mr Paul Desmond also attended, and he has thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of the trip. No doubt we will hear more about this year’s journey to the Western Front in an upcoming Assembly.

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Staffing Update
At the start of Term 2 we welcome:
• Mrs Jacinta Guillemin as part-time Receptionist at the Beaconsfield Campus.
• Miss Lauren Zuidema joins the teaching staff at the Beaconsfield Campus.
• Mrs Rosalie Harding joins the teaching staff at the Berwick Campus.
• Miss Phoebe Barnes joins the teaching staff at the Beaconsfield Campus.
• Mr Alexander Thomas joins the Education Support team at the Berwick Campus.

Students of the Term – Term 1, 2013

Year 7 Berwick – Mitchell Tomkins
Mitchell is cheerful, positive and genuinely wants to give his best. His work is of a consistently high standard, he shows initiative and approaches his studies in a mature manner. Most importantly, Mitchell shows respect, understanding and empathy for others. Nominated by Mr Lawrence, Mrs Dyson, Miss Carney and Mrs Nazar.

Year 7 Officer – Harris Cormack
Harris Cormack always gives 120%. His work ethic and get up and go approach to everything are fantastic. Harris has had a broken wrist for most of Term 1 and, despite this injury, he has participated in all activities and always ensures he is in correct school uniform. Nominated by Mrs Kerry Little.

Year 8 Berwick – Daniel McGuire
Daniel is an example for other students. His uniform is perfect, he is always punctual and his academic record of an extremely high standard. He is a quiet achiever who will help anyone in an instant. He arrives early to Care Group to assist in daily duties. Daniel’s positive work ethic, care and compassion are reasons why he is Student of the Term. Nominated by Miss Amelia Boyle, Miss Mairead Johnston and Miss Lisa Vatta.

Year 8 Officer – Amber Harmer
Amber is a student who sees opportunities and goes after them. Amber also looks after the College flags, a task only noticed if it is not done. Schoolwork is Amber’s main priority. Her student planner is consistently and correctly used. She understands the need to plan ahead ensuring schoolwork is completed on time. Amber will ask for assistance and persevere until she is successful. Nominated by Mrs Kathleen Romeo.

Year 9 – Anthony Interlandi
During his time at the college, Anthony has always been a model student. He is well mannered, conscientious and respectful of both his peers and teachers. He mixes well in Care Group, often going out of his way to include the new Year 7 students. Anthony works extremely hard on improving his results and he shows the confidence that grows from actively striving to be your best. His homework sheets are completed on time and his assessment tasks are of a very high standard. Nominated by Ms Jill Ridgway, Mr Shane Cookson and Miss Samantha Stanley.

Year 10 – Dylan Sutherland
Dylan is a quiet, hard working, intelligent student. He is a very talented artist and gets his work done without any bother or fuss. In class Dylan is learning to try different methods and ideas, but always does so without demands on anyone but himself. Nominated by Ms Liz Sullivan.

Year 11 – Peter Halat
Peter is studying Year 12 Japanese and he is consistently one of the top two students in class. He is the first one to thoroughly prepare for assessment and he always does something “extra”. Peter is a delightful young man with excellent manners, always willing to help others. He definitely has leadership potential. Peter is also part of Remar and is active in other school activities. Nominated by Mrs Anu Thamboo.

Year 12 – Danielle Broadhurst
Danielle is an exceptional student – intelligent, perceptive and enthusiastic. Her work ethic is excellent and she generously shares her ideas with other students through her participation in classes. Danielle is an impressive, independent young woman who is getting on with the business of completing Year 12. She sparks admiration and respect from all who know her. Nominated by Mrs Sue Munro and Mrs Trelene Luecke.
MOODLE ASSISTANCE

If you have an issue with Moodle - forgotten your user name or password, want to set up a user name and password or any problems accessing Moodle, please contact support on MoodleSupport@sfx.vic.edu.au.

When requesting support, please include your name, date and time of issue plus a detailed description of the problem.

Please note, any emails sent after school hours may not be acted upon until the next working day.

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

Telephone: 9707 3111
(Tuesday or Thursday)

Enquiries: Mrs Vicki Lister

Tuesdays and Thursdays
8.30am - 4.00pm

Every Saturday
9.00am - 12.00pm

Telephone Orders Welcome
In Terms 3 & 4 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.

**IT Manager, Nathan Louwdijk** and the **IT Department** have been working tirelessly to prepare the necessary infrastructure to support the increased demand that **BYOD** will place on the College network. Whereas it is impossible to predict all the challenges that lie ahead; Nathan is trying to pre-empt as many as he possibly can.

**Director of Innovation, Michael Torsello** and the **Learning Technologies Committee** have been developing policies and protocols regarding appropriate use, innovative programs, security, etc. Teacher professional learning will continue to focus on 21st Century Learning & the use of technology.

**BYOD** allows students to use the device with which they are most familiar and, therefore, provides an opportunity for independent and individualised learning. When students have a variety of devices some may work better than others at different tasks. Students learn, as they may need to in their future careers, how best to adapt their devices to the job at hand. When students do not have the same machine, the same software, the same ‘everything’ students and teachers are forced to think differently about managing learning.

Using mobile devices that go from school to home creates a different relationship between student and school, and between student and his or her self-identity as a learner. It is hoped that this will break down the concept of learning being a chore and motivate students to become life-long learners. **BYOD** provides students and teachers with the opportunity to move towards personalised learning, differentiated teaching strategies and a focus on the learning; not the device.

While it is clear that technology must be used to transform pedagogy, it is also obvious that schools simply cannot keep up with the rapid changes in technology. Furthermore, for some students technology at home is much greater than technology at school; for others it is much less or non-existent! The tension between equity and tailoring education to individual needs makes it imperative to support students who do not have access to technology.
NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2013
Berwick Campus Staffroom 7.30 pm
Please join us at the next Parents & Friends meeting. 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.
Ideas/suggestions can also be submitted via our P&F website.
All enquiries regarding the College P & F can be made to Lorraine on 9707 5274.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Garden Express- Bulb Fundraising any last minute forms & payment can be made till Friday morning this week. For further enquires please contact Lorraine on 9707 5274. Thank you for your support.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2013/2014

The P & F will be selling Entertainment Books this Term. More information/forms will be mentioned in upcoming newsletters. Contact Lorraine, if you would like one earlier.

P & F MEETING DATES FOR 2013

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Welcome to Term 2! The students and staff have returned from a well deserved break. It is our hope that students will take on board the advice offered by staff during the recent Parent/Teacher/Student interviews in order to improve their Learning Outcomes. As always, staff, parents and students undertake this journey together so that each student has an opportunity to experience success.

The Journey So Far
Year 11 students are reminded that The Journey So Far Evening is scheduled for Tuesday May 7, beginning at 6.30pm and attendance is compulsory. This event is a meaningful way for our current students to hear from past St Francis Xavier College students sharing their wisdom about their own life experiences. A wide range of career interests are covered throughout the evening. Often, the information shared on this evening assists Year 11 students with planning their future pathways.

Community Events
Last Term several students had the opportunity to participate in community events. Bradley Cavalot, Rachel Copestake, Francesco Mascadri and Chika Ikogwe were recognised by the City of Casey as worthy leaders. During the Casey Student Leaders Reception our College Captains were presented with badges and were inspired by the keynote speaker – Madeleine West. Additionally, Jessica Matheson, Jenaye Furlong, Niketa Andrews and Clare McConchie attended the annual Women of Note Mentor Breakfast organised by Girl Guides Victoria together with the City of Casey. The aim of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to meet successful women who are high achievers in their chosen careers. These Year 11 girls were able to ask questions and share experiences with these women as they consider their own career options. The guest speaker this year was Sue Stanley. Sue has represented Australia internationally in several sports and the author of two best selling fitness books and the founder of Fitcorp, one of Australia’s leading corporate fitness companies.

Road Safety
All students are reminded to take care when making their way to and from the College each day. Students are asked to exhibit caution when crossing the busy streets in our local area. As you are aware there is a high volume of traffic in the local vicinity of our campus. Students should exit vehicles carefully, utilise the available pedestrian crossings and refrain from using earphones while crossing the road. Parents are again reminded that they must not drop off their sons/daughters on College grounds.

The ‘Journey So Far’ Evening for Year 11 Students 2013
Tuesday May 7 Beaconsfield Campus – 6.30pm-9.00pm

This year our Year 11 students will have the opportunity to hear the career journeys of several past students of the College. The aim of this very special evening is to encourage our young people to believe in their dreams and to work to their full potential in pursuit of their goals.

The ‘Journey So Far’ has been an inspirational evening for the last five years and provides our Year 11 students with the opportunity to hear the career ‘journeys’ of many young men and women who were students at St Francis Xavier College.

We have been very heartened by the responses and offers of extra support that have been received to date from the many past students of the College whom we have contacted. In many of their ‘journeys’ these ex-collegians have had to overcome obstacles and difficulties, and that alone is worth hearing!

The evening is an exciting initiative in our College and promises to be a very interesting night. Year 11 students are expected to attend as part of their school curriculum and to wear their full College uniform. Prior to the evening, they will be invited to choose sessions from an array of choices of speakers.

Further details will be sent home over the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Timothy O’Meara on 9702 6588 or via email, tomeara@sfx.vic.edu.au
As we welcome back students and families for Term 2, I would like to thank all parents who met with Year 10 and VCE teachers at the recent Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews. We are working together to provide the educational experiences necessary to enable each student to reach his or her potential, and be able to choose the appropriate pathway for their final years of schooling. These conversations are vital.

The aim of the interview is to report on Term 1 academic progress, however, this meeting also allows teachers to continue to get to know each student better as we discuss their strengths, challenges and interests. In this way we can be best placed to support their ongoing education.

According to William Glasser, “We Learn…

10% of what we read
20% of what we hear
30% of what we see
50% of what we see and hear
70% of what we discuss
80% of what we experience
95% of what we teach others.”

I urge all parents to invite your sons and daughters to teach you what they are learning each day this Term.

Parents are also encouraged to refer regularly to the student planner as a means of helping their child to be effectively organised for the Term. This is an important time for all students enrolled in Unit 3 subjects with only six weeks of classes remaining of Semester One. Students need to be up to date with class work, homework and STUDY as there will be many SACs to be completed in the next six weeks. Communication with teachers is crucial for students to get the best out of their year.

After school classes run throughout the week for those who are seeking to gain an advantage over ‘the competition’.

**HOMEWORK – learning ‘at home’**

It is very easy to come up with lots of reasons not to do homework.

> “I’m too tired.” “There is other stuff I’d rather be doing.” “It’s boring, I can’t be bothered.”

But these are just excuses and the way students try to justify to themselves that it is OK not to do the work.

Homework is usually assigned to provide students with the opportunity to strengthen newly taught skills so that they are better able to cope with the next section/topic being addressed at school. Students who consistently fail to complete their homework are more likely to struggle with the materials being covered in class. Experience tells us that a schedule that is co-created by a student and his or her parent is one that is more likely to be adhered to.

**THE GAT**

The three hour General Achievement Test (June 12) is compulsory for all students enrolled in VCE Unit 3 / 4 subjects.

Preparation sessions for this Test will be conducted in the week beginning May 20, 2013. Students are encouraged to access the VCAA website to ensure that they understand the importance, structure and types of questions that will be on the paper: [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/aboutgat](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/gat/aboutgat)

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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.
Mother’s Day Breakfast
Our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast will be held on Friday May 10 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. The Mother’s Day Breakfast is a College community tradition where students invite their mother out to breakfast, be entertained by a guest speaker and enjoy some quality time together in the lead up to Mother’s Day.

This year’s guest speaker is Jacqui Morgan, Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games Cyclist. Cost of breakfast is $15 per person. Tickets can be ordered from Reception at all Campuses. Places are limited and it is essential to book by Friday May 3.

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY TALKS
 Held in St Michael's Church Berwick

Monday April 15 – 7.30pm-8.30pm
Introduction: The Transfiguration (a Reflection), Ignatius of Antioch & Gregory of Nyssa
Tuesday 16th April – 7.30pm-8.30pm
John Cassian & Benedict
Monday 22nd April – 7.30pm-8.30pm
Hildegard of Bingen & Bonaventure
Tuesday 23rd April – 7.30pm-8.30pm
Julian of Norwich & John of the Cross

Talks given by our Parishoner Graeme Pender who is the Director of Religious and Moral Education at De La Salle College. He is also a doctoral candidate at the Catholic Theological College and a candidate for the Permanent Deaconate in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Take home notes will also be distributed.

You are welcome to stay for a cuppa afterwards.

INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY
Mr Michael Torsello – Director of Innovation

St Francis Xavier College iPhone App on trial
During the next 30 days, we will be trialling an iPhone App as an alternative means of communication between the College and parents. The App is able to send alerts to parents about events, news and policies, and even newsletters can be accessed on your phone. The App has been produced by a commercial company but will be controlled by staff from the College. The trial version is only available for iPhones but if successful and we decide to use this App, an Android version will also be available.

I am asking for parents, with iPhones, who would like to participate in this trial to contact me at mtorsello@sfx.vic.edu.au. I will reply to emails with directions for loading and using the App. At the end of the trial period, I will be asking participants to complete a short on-line survey to measure the success of the App.
As we look forward to a very busy Term, it is an appropriate time for us to recall a number of events that occurred at the conclusion of Term 1.

**Campus Assembly**

On the final Monday afternoon of Term 1, Gallagher House hosted our Campus Assembly with the theme being Holy Week. House Captains Caitlin Di Benedetto and Daniel Martin led our campus through a very busy assembly that included musical items from Jayden Walker, Chloe Wilkie and Mikaela Korumbas. Mr Desmond presented a number of students with either their Bronze or Silver Stars, as well as three young men with Student of the Term awards. Outstanding sporting efforts from Term 1 were also recognised by Ms Laura Denholm and the Sports Captains. Presentations were also made of Mr Dillon’s and Mr Pascoe’s visit to the Ruben Centre in Kenya, as well as the Year 7 camps and Tournament of the Minds. Congratulations to all award recipients and to Gallagher House for a fantastic assembly.

**Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews**

It was pleasing to see so many parents take the opportunity to visit their child’s teachers during the recent Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews. Hopefully parents came away from these interviews armed with strategies to improve the learning outcomes of their students. For those unable to attend, please take the opportunity to make contact with your child’s teacher if you have any concerns about their studies.

**Year 7 Camps**

The Year 7 Camps concluded with all involved declaring them a success. Over the week, Year 7 students attended either Stringy Bark Lodge, Gembrook or Allambee Camp, Mirboo North. While away, the students had the opportunity to further build on the relationships which have blossomed since the start of the year.

A massive thank you to both Ms Ashley McGuinness and Ms Samantha Stanley for their expertise in managing the campsites, as well as to all staff who made sure the camps were both enjoyable and valuable experiences for all.

**Uniform**

I have asked staff to be vigilant with regard to how our students wear the College uniform. All students should be wearing the Winter Uniform. Notes were distributed this week to students for various uniform infringements. If you are unsure of any uniform regulation, it is clearly stated in the Student Record Book, so please make use of this information when addressing this issue with your child.

**Metro Trains**

All Year 7 students received a presentation from Metro trains about safe travel on the public transport network. Students received advice about trip planning, Myki cards and train travel safety. Students were directed to the Public Transport Victoria website, [http://ptv.vic.gov.au/](http://ptv.vic.gov.au/) for further information.

**The Gideons International**

All Year 7 students have also been visited by representatives from Gideons International and were presented with a gift of a New Testament.

Thank you for your co-operation and ongoing support.
Goal Setting
Congratulations to all students for making an excellent start to the school year. Now that Term 1 is completed, it is important for students to reflect on whether they have achieved their Term 1 goals and to set new goals for Term 2. In particular students should ask themselves:

1. Did I consistently meet deadlines?
2. Did I ask for help when needed?
3. Did I share my ideas with others?
4. Did I regularly revise content taught in class at home?

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy
Term 2 will be particularly busy with National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing taking place on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May for all Year 7 and 9 students.

The tests provide an opportunity for you to see how your child is progressing with a variety of literacy and numeracy skills against national standards. Teachers will familiarise students with the test formats during classes leading up to this period, so that students feel comfortable and confident during the test period. Please note that students must have a calculator for one of the numeracy tests. Please visit www.naplan.edu.au/ for more information, including practice questions.

To be able to perform at their best during test conditions, it is vital for students to regularly revise at home material taught in class. The most successful learners have a routine that allows for regular revision of all classes, physical activity such as sports or walking the dog, a balanced diet and plenty of rest.

It is expected that all Year 7 and 9 students will complete the NAPLAN tests unless there are exceptional circumstances. Use of assistive technology or a scribe can be arranged for students with significant disabilities. If you believe your child should be exempt from NAPLAN testing or should have assistive technology or a scribe, please email me on agordon@sfx.vic.edu.au with your contact details no later than Friday May 3. No exemptions or additional assistance can be provided without parents or carers completing a consent form. Please note that students who are exempted from NAPLAN are recorded by ACARA as not to have achieved the national minimum standard.

Positive Thinking
All teachers wish our students the very best for Term 2. We will continue to model positive thinking and a love of learning. We know that true success does not come easily. Success requires self awareness, persistence and hard work. Students who are honest with themselves and those who support them inspire others to do the same. This is how great learning cultures are created.

Outward Bound is an integral part of the Christian Leadership Program at St Francis Xavier College. All Year 9 students are expected to participate in the program. The highlight of the programme is a 9 day expedition. This year’s expedition will take place from Tuesday September 10 until Wednesday September 18, 2013.

On Monday May 6, all Year 9 students will take home a letter with further information about Outward Bound. Please ensure that the medical form attached to the letter is returned to your child’s Care Group teacher by Friday May 24.

There will be an information night for parents on Thursday August 1, at 7.30pm.

In the meantime if you have any questions about Outward Bound please do not hesitate to contact me on 9707 3111.
We are pleased to share the good news of one of our students. Georgette Wachal (Year 7 Chisholm) has been awarded the ‘Young Casey Photography Encouragement Award’ with a beautiful photographic piece of her sister. Congratulations and well done Georgette. It is wonderful to see our Officer students becoming involved in the wider community and receiving accolades for their hard work.

The Stations of the Cross

Students gathered at the forecourt near the flags to mark Good Friday with prayers followed by the Stations of the Cross liturgy and Year 12 Enactment. The Stations of the Cross commemorate key events that took place on the day of Christ’s crucifixion, beginning with Christ being condemned to death, recounting Christ carrying his cross through the streets of Jerusalem, his crucifixion and laying of his body in the tomb.

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform is to be worn by all students from the beginning of Term 2, Monday April 15. Last Term I asked all families to check that they have all the items required for winter uniform and that they are cleaned or purchased prior to the beginning of this Term.

Below are some important points to note concerning the wearing of the St Francis Xavier College uniform.

- All students are expected to wear the College blazer to and from school every day. They will also wear their blazers to Campus assemblies and other formal gatherings when requested.
- All students are required to wear the College tie with their winter uniform. Top shirt button must be fastened and tie worn correctly.
- Female students are to wear opaque navy tights or navy knee high socks. Black stockings or short/mid calf navy socks are not permitted.
- Skirts are to be at or below the knee, as stated in the Student Record Book. Skirts are designed to be both flattering and elegant with the goal that our female students present themselves in a manner that displays class and style.

If you require clarification please refer to Page 17 of the Student Record Book.

Bus Passes

For a number of safety reasons, it is imperative that our bus drivers be able to identify eligible bus riders and allow only those students who are assigned to a bus to use it. In alignment with this rule, the following guidelines have been implemented:

- Students must carry the pass at all times.
- Students should place their pass in a secure holder and attach it to their bag or wallet.
- It is the responsibility of students to carry a pass in order for the driver or staff on duty to check it at the time of pick-up.
- Students will not be allowed on a bus without a bus pass or a temporary bus pass. They will be required to call their parents from Student Reception to organise an alternative way home.

Replacement Passes

If a student loses his/her bus pass, a new temporary pass may be obtained through Student Reception at recess or lunchtime. Temporary passes will not be issued after 2.00pm. If the pass is permanently lost, a replacement pass can be obtained with payment of $5.00 and a note from the parent.
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

The interview schedule arranged for the last two days of Term 1 was attended by a large number of parents and guardians. Parents who could not attend, and would still like to meet teachers, are encouraged to contact individual teachers to arrange suitable times for an interview. Parents are welcome to contact teachers at any time of the year for feedback and general discussion regarding the progress of their children.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy will be conducted on May 14, 15 and 16 throughout all Government, Catholic and Independent schools. This assessment program provides a ‘snapshot’ of student skills at this particular stage in their schooling. Data obtained from this program can provide us with some useful information that can be used to help establish benchmarks and curricula foci for the new AusVELS National Curriculum currently being implemented across all schools.

Students are exposed to test questions, similar to those used in the NAPLAN program, within the delivery of their normal curricula programs. We encourage students, however, to access www.naplan.edu.au so they can experience a wider range of questions and formats used by this government body.
Term 1 was very busy for all who were involved in organising and running SIS Sport, Lunchtime sport, Swimming carnivals for all three campuses, SIS Swimming Relay Carnival and the SIS Swimming Carnival held at MSAC. A big thank you to anyone that contributed in some way in making these events so successful and enjoyable for both the students and staff.

We had a successful Term 1 in SIS Sports with the following teams winning pennants for our school:

- Senior Girls Basketball – Beaconsfield
- Intermediate Girls Volleyball – Beaconsfield
- Intermediate Girls Handball – Berwick

The following sports are available to play in Term 2, so make sure that you keep your eye out in the bulletin for more information.

**Beaconsfield Campus:**
- Intermediate Girls Netball
- Intermediate Girls Soccer
- Intermediate Boys Basketball
- Intermediate Boys Football

**Berwick Campus:**
- Junior Girls Football
- Junior Girls Netball
- Junior Boys Basketball
- Junior Boys Football
- Junior Mixed Table Tennis
- Intermediate Girls Netball
- Intermediate Girls Soccer
- Intermediate Boys Basketball
- Intermediate Boys Football

**Officer Campus:**
- Junior Girls Football
- Junior Girls Netball
- Junior Boys Basketball
- Junior Boys Football

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**BERWICK REGIONAL CHURCHES SOCCER CLUB**

**LADIES/GIRLS NEEDED!**

Are you interested in playing soccer in a challenging, fun and friendly environment?

Come and learn the game, meet new people and participate in a team sport! Games are on Saturday afternoons and training is on a Wednesday night 6.30pm to 8.30pm at our new home “Grices Road Reserve” Corner Grices and Berwick Clyde Road, Berwick.

If you would like to know more please ring

Wendy Prins – 0408 326 112
Rob Prins – 0418 326 112

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**St Francis Xavier Old Collegians Football Club**

**BOUNDARY UMPIRE REQUIRED**

The Club requires the assistance of a Boundary Umpire for the 2013 season.

Games are played at the Beaconsfield Campus as well as a variety of locations. This is a paid position and a great way to keep fit. Age is not a factor, but over the age of 14 years would be an advantage.

Any enquiries please contact President
Chris Seuren 0414 983 076
president@sfxoc.com.au
Xmen Overpower House

The Xmen got their season off to a flying start with a tough 28 point win over The Powerhouse.

New coach Brad Jones was happy with his first victory at the helm despite the Xmen taking a half to hit their straps. “We’ve got a lot of new faces so we expected the lads to take a while to get going.”

Powerhouse showed they had come to play with some good tough footy in the first half. Their willingness to put their head over the ball kept them in the contest until the Xman gained the ascendancy in the second half.

Gun recruit Chris Smith showed why he will prove a handful for opposition midfields and made the most of the hard tag and attention on league medal winner Dimakopoulos, gathering possessions at will.

Fellow young gun recruit Tim Burns came straight from track work at Caulfield and proved that his riding weight was no deterrent against winning hard ball against quality opposition. The flashy clone of cousin and idol Sam, showed he will be a handy acquisition to a pacey midfield.

The big men upheld their end of the bargain and bookends Justin Butterfield and Nathan Jones were prevalent all day. Dwayne (Scooter) Scott again showed why he is the leagues hardest matchup and roamed around the ground gathering possessions and contested marks in a Matty Pavlich like performance.

The back six were solid all day and conceded two goals in the second half – one of which was the result of a runners infringement.

The Xmen back up again at home against archrival Richmond Central. The Tigers have not taken the points from the Xmen in six seasons despite numerous games separated by a goal or two, and they will be desperate to balance the ledger. Get down to Dejong Oval to what promises to be another epic battle.

Scores

St Francis Xavier 10.11.71 def Powerhouse 5.13.43
Best Players: T. Burns, C. Smith, J. Butterfield, D. Scott, S. Burns, C. Van Dam.

Reserves

The Xmen Reserves battled bravely against a Powerhouse outfit that had come to play. The Xmen coached by Jarrod Williams were gallant, but showed they might take a week or two get going given all the new personal.

Powerhouse were hungry and the luck of the Irish saw them prevail by 9 points in the end despite a gusty game played by Captain Paul Burke. Burke showed that his new trim frame was still capable of hurting the opposition with some crunching tackles and bumps.

Brent Sheers was as reliable as ever and showed off his safe hands at both ends of the ground. The Xmen will regroup and look forward to doing battle with Rivals Richmond Centrals.

Scores

Powerhouse 8.8.56 def St Francis Xavier 7.5.47
HONK!
A MUSICAL TALE OF THE UGLY DUCKLING

Dates:
Thursday 2nd May
Friday 3rd May
Saturday 4th May
All performances @ 7:30pm
Cardinia Cultural Centre
Lakeside Pakenham

Tickets on sale from reception at each campus
Full: $20
Concession (students): $18
Children 3-5 years: $10
Children under 3: FREE!
Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children): $70
Since February 2013, the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine was provided free in schools to males and females aged 12-13 years to protect against cancers and disease caused by the virus. During 2013 and 2014, males aged 14-15 years will also be able to access the vaccination program as part of a catch-up program. Vaccinating males will help to protect them against a range of HPV-related cancers and disease, as well as protect females by reducing the spread of the virus.

With their parent's consent, eligible students would have already received their first dose of the HPV vaccine in Term 1. The consent form returned at the beginning of the year covers students for the full course of HPV vaccinations for 2013.

The second dose of the vaccine will be administered at your school in the coming months.

It is important that parents and students are aware of the benefits of receiving the full course – all three doses – of the vaccine in order to gain best protection against a range of HPV-related cancers and disease.

You would have received some important information earlier this year to assist you and your staff to communicate the facts about HPV and the benefits of vaccinating males and females.

The information that was provided to schools included newsletter articles and information for your website. You can access copies of these materials on the ‘For schools’ page at australia.gov.au/hpv

You can also find more information about HPV and the school vaccination program on our website.

For more information and information in other languages go to

australia.gov.au/hpv
GENERAL AWARENESS

Windermere's Suicide Prevention Program

Presents

General Awareness Session

Why do I need to attend the General Awareness Session?
You could come across someone with thoughts of suicide in your personal or professional life...would you know the signs to look for and what to say or do? Having some basic suicide first aid skills can make a difference.

Talking openly about suicide does not increase the risk. This is a myth. It actually raises awareness and suicide alertness, which is more likely to reduce the suicide rate.

What is the General Awareness Session about?
The session is a great first step into the topic of suicide. It encourages you to consider your attitudes on this topic and to gain an understanding of suicide facts. It is approximately a one hour presentation on suicide:
- Evidence
- Myths
- Attitudes
- Risk factors

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the presenters during and after the session. If you want to know more following this session, enquire about Windermere's Safe TALK program. This program helps participants become 'suicide alert', recognise distress signals, acquire some basic techniques, and know how and where to link people at risk into mental health first aid.

Who is the General Awareness Session for?
This is an important community awareness session that is targeted towards schools, parents and the broader community in the hope that it will generate greater numbers of people who are 'suicide alert.' Together we can reduce the numbers of people who die by suicide or are injured through attempting suicide, if we know what to look for and how to respond.

The General Awareness Session is an essential first step for your 'toolbox' if you are a teacher, parent of a teenager and/or a concerned community member.

How is the General Awareness Session delivered?
The session is delivered by qualified facilitators. A DVD and Power Point are used to present information. This is followed by a brief activity, discussion and questions.

Participants are asked to not leave the session without advising the facilitator.

For further details, contact:
Gen Dawson at Windermere on (03) 5995 4655.

This Flyer refers to a community education activity only. For urgent assistance call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

MONDAY APRIL 22
6.30PM
JOHN TWIST HALL
HAILEYBURY COLLEGE - BERWICK
We are two year 10 students that have founded an event called Stride4Life.

Stride4Life is a community event promoting positive mental health in the South East Region. The main aim of Stride4Life is to let the community know that there are services out there that can help, and to let them know who these services are and how to locate them.

The initial intention was to solely focus on suicide prevention, however on much reflection we decided to extend the focus to promote positive mental health. Our hope is to strengthen our community through discussing and promoting positive mental health.

- Key messages of the event:
  - Together we can make a difference
  - Help is closer than you think
  - No problem is too big or too small
  - There is always someone to talk to

The event will be held on the 20th April, 2013 at Akoonah Park, Berwick. It will begin with a half-an-hour walk, followed by a range of family-friendly activities, a sausage-sizzle, and musical entertainment. We will be speaking to the community about why we founded Stride4Life, and will be directing people to the various community support services that will be present on the day.

Jake Downward & Shaye Webber
Founders
Stride4Life