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## From the Principal Mr Paul Desmond

### Welcome to Term 4

Hopefully, each student has enjoyed a restful break and is feeling energised and ready for the demands of the final weeks of the academic year.

### The Catholic Church and Abortion

We are all very much aware of the debate taking place at present surrounding Victoria's abortion laws. The Abortion Law Reform Bill is currently before Parliament. Our representatives are about to decide whether:

- abortions may legally be performed up to 24 weeks gestation
- pharmacists and/or nurses may supply or administer a drug to cause an abortion up to 24 weeks gestation
- a woman may procure an abortion from 24 weeks up to childbirth if two doctors reasonably believe the abortion is appropriate having regard to the woman's medical, psychological and social circumstances
- to repeal the offence of 'child destruction'
- to impose a legal obligation on doctors, nurses, pharmacists and psychologists who have a conscientious objection to abortion to refer a woman requesting an abortion to another practitioner whom they know does not share the same conscientious objection
- to impose a legal obligation on doctors and nurses, notwithstanding their conscientious objection, to perform an abortion on a female in an emergency where it is deemed that the abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the pregnant woman.

Our Church has never wavered in its support for the protection of all human life. Commitment to the Catholic Faith compels each of us to respect (from the moment of conception until natural death) every human being and treat that person as sanctified by God. This includes those who are physically or mentally imperfect. The Catholic Church does not condemn those who support or who have had abortions, but rather encourages them to find hope, healing and forgiveness.

The Catholic Church sees the new legislation as seriously flawed, because it:

- fails to protect the unborn
- fails to ban partial birth abortions
- fails to ensure the safety of the woman as it permits abortions to be performed by doctors who are not necessarily trained in obstetrics
- fails to include informed consent provisions.

Our response to this new legislation can take many forms. However, the most effective would include

- writing to your local Member of Victorian Parliament (Ms Tammy Lobato, Gembrook, and Mr Ken Smith, Bass, and Mr Peter Ryan, member for Gippsland in the Legislative Council). Addresses may be found on [www.melbourne.catholic.org.au](http://www.melbourne.catholic.org.au)
- writing to the editor of local newspapers
- signing petitions which may be found at your local Parish
- praying for those who make our laws.
- talking with your children about the issue and the stance of the Catholic Church.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### OCTOBER

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| Tuesday 14th   | SIS Athletics Carnival, Division A, Olympic Park  |
| Wednesday 22nd | Year 12 Valedictory Mass, 7.30 p.m. Berwick Campus Hall   |
| Thursday 23rd  | Year 12 final day – Assembly and Lunch with Staff   |
| Friday 24th    | <b>Showcase 30!</b> Doors open 7.00 p.m. – Concert begins 7.30 p.m.<br>Beaconsfield Campus Hall |

# St. Francis Xavier College

# NEWSLETTER

This Newsletter can be found  
on the College website:  
[www.sfx.vic.edu.au](http://www.sfx.vic.edu.au)

## **Student Leadership – College Captains 2009**

I wish to congratulate all students who put themselves forward in the hope of appointment to a leadership position in 2009. Student leadership is a priority at our College and we have some wonderful potential from which to draw. I am pleased to announce:

**Captains:           Angela Norman and Bradley Scammell**

**Vice Captains: Sophia Anca and Alex Daraio**

In our next Newsletter I will announce all other senior appointments.

## **Students of the Term**

**Year 7 – Grace Waack** of Thomas House is awarded Student of the Term for outstanding leadership qualities and wonderful example as a committed and fair minded sports person. Grace has represented our College in basketball and netball, performed well in House Athletics, but it is the positive attitude she brings to all she does which sets Grace apart. Her efforts in her classes are greatly appreciated by Grace's teachers. Grace was nominated by Miss Kate Meyer.

**Year 8 – Michael Beards** of McKenna House was nominated for his dedication to the College Music program. He is seen to be a person who is highly committed and hard working, punctual and is always prepared. I am informed that Michael is very honest and can always be relied upon. He frequently uses spare time for rehearsals or for supporting other students in the Music program. Michael has earned the respect of the other students. He was nominated for this Award by Mrs Christine Pratico.

**Year 9 – Lauren Price** of White House is a young woman who has set a very fine standard for all other students. She consistently does her best by helping to enthuse and organise others for sporting carnivals, takes responsibility for the Daily Bulletin and provides a sincere level of concern and help to students who may be experiencing some difficulties at school. Lauren was nominated by Mr Vince Pezzanite and Mr Steven Murphy

## **Showcase 30 – Celebrating 30 Years of St Francis Xavier College**

I would encourage every family to consider joining us on the evening of Friday October 24 at the Beaconsfield Campus Hall for a concert in celebration of our 30 Year Anniversary. This is only 2 weeks away and tickets are on sale at Reception at both Campuses. Please consider. Fuller details on pages 9 and 10 of this Newsletter.

## **Year 12 Final Weeks**

Our Year 12 students have now commenced the final weeks of their secondary schooling. In a few short weeks they will be undertaking all-important final examinations. It is also a time when, as a Christian community, we celebrate the many gifts they have brought to our College and ask God to guide them as they approach their assessment period and reward them for their efforts throughout the year.

## **Petition to State Government – funding for Catholic schools**

It has recently been announced that the Victorian State Government will provide greater funds for the Catholic sector. This is a significant change in policy and has come about as the result of pressure from parents, teachers and support staff, principals and parish priests.

## **Annual Africa Appeal**

I congratulate all students and members of staff who so actively and enthusiastically supported the annual Africa Appeal in recent weeks. The Appeal this year raised over \$12,000, which leads to a total of more than \$120,000 over the last nine years.

## **Baby news**

We are delighted to congratulate:

- Mrs Lauren Hyland and her husband Patrick on the recent birth of Olivia Grace.
- Mrs Jill Boxall and her husband Trent on the safe arrival of Joshua James this week.

## **Staffing update**

- Mr Allan Boyle, better known to all as Little Al, is retiring. For almost seven years, Little Al has served the College as a valued member of the Maintenance team.
- Mrs Rebecca Bradley joins us in our Finance Department, replacing Mrs Sammi Zijai who is on Maternity Leave.
- Mrs Mariarosa Pandelidis has returned from Long Service Leave.
- Mrs Karen O'Gorman has returned from Long Service Leave.

## **We are praying for....**

- Our Year 12 students as they approach the final weeks of their secondary education before their final examinations.
- Mr Peter Vanthoff who died in an accident recently. Mr Vanthoff was the father of 2005 College Captain Damian.

## TEACHING & LEARNING: FAITH & LITURGY

Mr Malcolm Joseph – Deputy Principal, Mission

### SOLOMON ISLANDS PARTNERSHIP

For the past five years the Diocese of Sale (supported by St Francis Xavier College and Trinity Primary School) has worked in partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Honiara. Who would have believed that a chance conversation between Jim Quillinan and Archbishop Adrian Smith would lead to a team of Australians working with Solomon Islanders to run a conference in Honiara for over a hundred teachers – some who travelled overnight by boat!



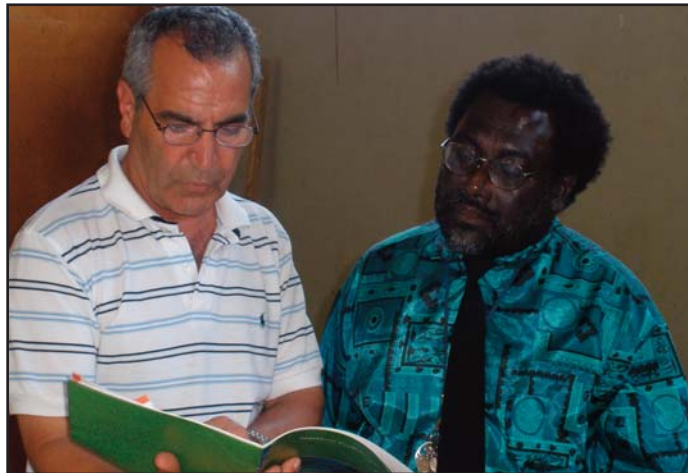
This year Mrs Jan Rankins, Mr Ian Butler and I represented the College. We were joined by Ms Liz Simon and Ms Andrea Berryman from Trinity. The team leader was Dr Caroline Smith from Australian Catholic University. Each of us worked with local co-presenters to make this a true partnership in which we learnt from each other. The topics presented included:

- Leadership
- Restorative Practices
- Peer Support
- Teacher Well-being
- Science & Maths Workshops
- Literacy & Numeracy Workshops

The success of the conference can be gauged by the fact that the Education Minister and the Director of Catholic Education have requested that we expand the program to include a kind of National Plan for teacher professional development as well as assessment and evaluation of leadership in schools across the Solomon Islands. Another indicator of the value of the workshops is that participants will receive credit for a unit of their studies: diploma, graduate or post-graduate.



Some other highlights included travelling in the back of a ute in a tropical downpour, using a bucket and ladle to bathe, passing truckloads of machete-wielding men campaigning on the eve of the by-elections, swimming with dolphins and playing soccer with little village children. Yes, there were some challenging moments, but many, many more rewarding and enjoyable ones! We are most grateful to College Principal, Mr Paul Desmond, and Sale Diocese for giving us this wonderful experience which was both uplifting and humbling.



### Term 4 Staff Planning Day – Student Expectations

As usual last Monday began with a celebration of the Eucharist for all staff members. This provides us with a context for all we do at the College and emphasizes the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. After the Principal's Address, we worked in groups to discuss ways in which we could improve student performance. One issue that was given considerable priority was the need to raise student expectations. How do we achieve this? Some suggestions were to make students more accountable for their work, to be less tolerant of disruptive behaviour, to encourage students to strive for excellence, to ensure students face consequences of poor efforts. The strongest point to emerge here, however, was the need for parents to share our goal of improving student performance, and to support teachers in their efforts to achieve this.

### Mr Kevin Woodhouse – Director Faith & Liturgy

The Year 12 Valedictory Mass is being held in the Berwick Campus Hall at 7:30pm on Wednesday, October 22. Students will be preparing for this event over the coming weeks and all families are warmly welcome to join the students on this night.

The St Francis Xavier Day Mass on the last Thursday of Term 3 was a prayerful and memorable occasion. College Captains and Vice Captains, Fraser, Ellie, Nshan and Kate, showed the community their knowledge of the life of St Francis Xavier, and our Liturgy captains, Danielle and Tamara, worked enthusiastically to ensure the Mass was a meaningful experience for all. The choir, led by Ms Leah Anderson and Mrs Trish Dulude, provided inspiring and beautiful singing. Many students made a cross representing their fears, hopes and dreams, while the Catholic Youth Ministry class presented a dramatization of the Good Samaritan story. Many thanks to all who worked so positively for this Mass.

## FFV All Schools Championships Miss Georgina Erpismidis

For the second year running, SFX Senior Boys Soccer team won the SIS and qualified for the All Schools Championships. It was an early start, but all 19 squad members were buzzing with excitement to go one better after being runners up last year.

It was a difficult draw and the boys played incredibly well against tough competition. They managed to win their group stage with some fantastic goals from Chris Wynne, Grant Lane and Aleks Milosev. After playing 2 games back to back, there was only a short reprieve before heading into the semi-finals against Marcellin College.

Under the leadership of Captain Nshan Sakadjian, they gave 110%, but unfortunately lost a very close game 1-0.

Player of the tournament for SFX was defender Kurt Napoleon who played all 3 games with outstanding performances in the back line.

The squad consisted of: Nshan Sakadjian, Gary Pinter, Kurt Napoleon, Jarryd Barnes, Sam Nagle, Michael Albanea, Carlos Nario, Justin Fernand, Michael Salvatore, Aleks Milosev, Grant Lane, Chris Wynne, Jules Tennant, Tom Pinter, Domenic Dimanche, Eddie Dos Santos, Carl Dos Santos, Stefan Ithier and Adam Kaczmarek. Congratulations to all for their efforts and great sportsmanship.

A big thank you goes to Dennis Gates for all of his coaching assistance throughout the SIS and All Schools Tournaments and to Rob Wynne for coming on the day as assistant coach.



## The Parenting Journey

Do you wonder why they aren't listening to you or how to deal with their anger? Do you find living with kids challenging? Come and share your ideas, skills, solutions and frustrations and get some new strategies.

For parents of children under 13 years  
7.00-9.00 p.m.

October 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24 & December 1  
Emerald Neighbourhood House  
345 Main Street, Emerald

Cost: Free

Contact: Helena at Parentzone on 5991 2225

## POSITION VACANT

A Traineeship offered by  
St. Francis Xavier College  
AFL Traineeship in Sport & PE – 2009

- 12 months traineeship – on the job experience
- Current Working with Children check
- Driver's licence
- Working in a school environment
- Working at both campuses of St. Francis Xavier College
- At the completion of the traineeship, the trainee will be accredited with a Certificate 3/4 in Sport & Recreation

Position description is available from Sonya Slocombe, Business Manager or the College Web Page. Applications must be addressed to Miss Sonya Slocombe, St Francis Xavier College, PO Box 85, Beaconsfield 3807 by Friday October 31, 2008.

## PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES (ATHLETICS)

Miss Siobhan Taylor

Congratulations to Jordan Nelson, Tait Sabec, Seamus Murphy and Lucy Topham on their recent performances at the trials for the Pacific School Games. Jordan Nelson and Seamus Murphy have been selected to represent Victoria to compete in Canberra later this term at the Championships, so best of luck to those two boys.

Jordan Nelson – 2nd 2000m Steeplechase (Under 16)  
2nd 3000m Run (Under 17)

Tait Sabec – 3rd High Jump (Under 16)  
8th 1500m (Under 15)

Lucy Topham – 3rd High Jump (Under 14)

Seamus Murphy – absent at trials due to Outward Bound. However, ran a qualifying time at another meet and was granted exemption.

## STUDENTS LEAVING THE COLLEGE

Students not returning to St. Francis Xavier College  
in 2009 need to complete an

## EXIT NOTIFICATION FORM

Forms are available from the College Office

*Could parents notify the College if their child/children will not be attending the College next year as there are extensive waiting lists for all Year levels.*

**FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL**  
**Mr Mark Brockhus – Deputy Principal, Head of Campus**

**Student Leaders, 2009**

Congratulations to each of the Year 11 students mentioned on the front page of this newsletter on being selected to serve as College leaders in 2009. I would also like to acknowledge those Year 11 students who nominated for a position of leadership and missed out on the opportunity to serve on this occasion. Whilst it is disappointing to miss out on an opportunity to lead in a formal capacity, I do thank you for the wonderful contributions you make to the College in numerous ways.

**Australia Day Study Tour**

As part of the municipality's Australia Day Celebrations for 2009, the City of Casey is giving students the opportunity to participate in the annual Australia Day Study Tour Program. This program provides students with the opportunity to participate in a tour of the three levels of Australian Government, including a three day tour of Canberra. Interested students should see me ASAP in order to complete a nomination form.

**Elizabeth Hunt Teaching Bursary, 2009**

This Bursary, awarded annually to two students in the Diocese of Sale, is available to support students undertaking a Bachelor of Education or a Bachelor of Teaching at Australian Catholic University (Melbourne or Ballarat). Bursary recipients receive \$1500 per year for the 4 years of their course. Students interested in applying should access an application form from [www.ceo.sale.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceo.sale.catholic.edu.au). Applications close on Friday October 10. For more information, please contact Pauline Low at the CEO on 5622-6634.

**VCE Enrolments**

A reminder to parents of students in Years 10 and 11 that interviews for VCE Enrolment will take place on the evenings of November 5 & 6 (Year 10s) and October 29 & 30 (Year 11s), 4.00 – 8.00pm. Confirmation of interview times will arrive home with your son/daughter this week.

**Year 12 Reminders!**

**Wednesday 22nd October**

7.30pm Valedictory Mass & presentation of Year 12 Graduates (followed by supper). Berwick Campus Hall.

**Thursday 23rd October**

Period 1-3	Classes as normal
11.30am	Final Year 12 Assembly (parents welcome)
1.00pm	Formal luncheon in Hall with staff
Period 4	Dismissal

**Friday 21st November**

6.30pm Valedictory Dinner at Sandown Racecourse

All Year 12 students are expected to attend the Valedictory Mass on October 22. Students should arrive before 7.00pm to collect their graduation gown. Family & friends are encouraged to attend, although seating will be at a premium.

**Valedictory Dinner Extra Tickets**

Each family has now had the opportunity to purchase (3) tickets, one of which is for the graduating student. Extra tickets for family members are now available by contacting Student Reception.

**St. Francis Xavier Day**

Many thanks to the staff and students who worked so hard to make this day a huge success. The campus Mass, House Music/Drama Competition and SRC Fete combined to make this a most enjoyable day! Congratulations to Synan and McKenna Houses on winning the Music and Drama sections respectively.

**YEAR 12 DRAMA**

**Mrs Christina Burton – Year 12 Drama Teacher**

The Year 12 Drama Solo Performance Exam will be on Monday, October 13 from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm at the Karralyka Theatre Centre, Ringwood East. All students will perform their Solo piece which is the major component of their year of study. We wish all the students involved the very best on this day.

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER  
2008  
SPORTS AWARDS EVENING**

**Friday November 7  
Berwick Campus Hall**

*The evening will include:*

**Triple Paralympic Medallist  
Don Elgin  
as Guest Speaker**

*Everyone is welcome to attend this  
entertaining evening*

Presentation of Trophies for College  
Best & Fairest Awards

The formal presentations will begin at 7.00 pm and conclude at approximately 9.00 pm, with **Don Elgin** remaining until 9.30 pm for questions and viewing of his different prosthetics required for Pentathlon and Paralympic Medals.

Please contact Siobhan Taylor, Beaconsfield Campus or Kate Meyer, Berwick Campus for any enquiries.

## YEAR 9 OUTWARD BOUND

Mr Peter Robinson – Outward Bound Co-ordinator



On September 18, Year 9 students returned from their Outward Bound Expedition, very tired and a little dirty, glad to be home after a strenuous and challenging 9 days in the bush. There were lots of smiling faces as they got off the bus after the long journey home.

Although they all participated in a similar expedition the experience would have been different for each student. Outward Bound is an integral component of our Christian Leadership program. The focus of Outward Bound is personal development. The overall aim is to assist young people to learn more about themselves as individuals and as members of a group and a community. Students are removed from familiar environments and face physical, social, emotional and intellectual challenges. Things don't always go smoothly.

The first 3 to 4 days are spent adjusting to the new environment and to other members of the group. Usually after Day 4, the members of each group learn to live more harmoniously with each other, planning and preparing food, setting up camp each night, supporting each other, facing daily challenges and adventures together and taking responsibility for each other's welfare. There are many highs and lows. Reflection sessions are an integral part of the process.

The specific theme of the Year 9 Outward Bound Programme is goal setting and preparation for the transition to Senior School. Our experience over the past 25 years of St. Francis Xavier College students being involved in Outward Bound has been that students gain a strengthened sense of community, team work, self esteem, perseverance, personal organisation, initiative and increased ability to cope under pressure.

The extent of the development of these attributes will vary from person to person. Students may not be conscious of any immediate changes. (However, many parents have attested to the benefits of Outward Bound over the years.) In some cases, the full benefits of Outward Bound may not be realised until years later. We have had past students who have recalled events which have occurred on Outward Bound years later when faced with important life decisions and challenges.

In 1995 and 2005 students from St. Francis Xavier College participated in research designed to test the benefits of Outward Bound for students' personal development. The result of the study showed that Outward Bound is a powerful intervention which stimulates personal

development of participants. The study found that the self esteem of our students increased significantly during Outward Bound. It also found that students developed a more positive attitude towards school. *"... participation in an Outward Bound Course was able to promote a positive change in how a student perceived their school and academic ability... after completing the Outward Bound Course, students viewed themselves differently, that is... they developed a more positive image of themselves..."* The study also found that the students became more independent and assertive, more caring for each other and were more able to work together to achieve goals. Over the past 25 years we have accumulated much anecdotal evidence of the positive benefits of Outward Bound and it is pleasing to see studies involving our own students which strongly confirm our commitment to Outward Bound.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff involved in Outward Bound this year. The success of the program is very much dependent on the staff. Their dedication to the aims of Outward Bound and the time spent preparing students prior to the expedition and follow up after the expedition, as well as the 9 days away, are critical. The commitment necessary involves considerable sacrifices by staff and also by their families. Many thanks to Andrea Laszczyk and Simon Daniels who co-ordinated the Victorian expedition, and Victorian group leaders Brett Ferry, Justin Buckley, Amy McLeod, Amy Tivendale, Jamie-Lee Short, Ian Flannery, Amy Mazitelli, Patrick Tuck, Kylie Laszczyk, Melissa Ananiadis and Kate Giffin and to Laura Bettio who co-ordinated the ACT expedition with group leaders Melanie Wursthorn, Terry Taylor, Penny Cerutti, Kate Buttigieg, Anne Fuller, Sam Griffiths, Lizzy Pope, Kim Munday, Carly Randle and Andrew Branchflower.

If you have any questions about Outward Bound please contact Peter Robinson at the College.

## INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN OUTDOOR EDUCATION?

Mr Peter Robinson – Outward Bound Co-ordinator

Outward Bound Australia offers an intensive 8 month course leading to a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation. This course provides all the necessary skills, training and qualifications to become an outdoor education instructor. These qualifications are recognized throughout Australia.

A representative from Outward Bound Australia will be coming to St Francis Xavier College on Monday, October 13 to give a talk about the course during lunchtime. The talk will start at 1.10 pm.

Students in Year 11 and Year 12 as well as past students and other members of the College Community who may be interested are invited to attend this talk.

If you are interested in coming to the talk, please give your name to Mrs Robinson in the Library.

## FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr Andrew Walsh – Deputy Principal, Head of Campus

Welcome to the new Term, I hope all families enjoyed a restful break.

### Campus Assembly

For the first assembly for Term 4, Synan chose the theme: **Believe You Can Achieve**. Synan Captains Georgia Keyzers and Joshua Bridget together with their House Coordinator Miss Sarah Tymensen planned and prepared an excellent array of student talent, highlights and achievements from Term 3. Student Music, Africa Appeal, Sporting Achievements, Outward Bound, Kokoda, Tournament of the Minds and WESTPAC Mathematics awards all contributed to a full program and appropriate recognition of the efforts during Term 3. The College Principal Mr Paul Desmond then presented Student of the Term awards to the following;

**Year 7** Grace Waack

**Year 8** Michael Beards

**Year 9** Lauren Price

and Bronze Star awards were distributed to the following students

Clay Ingram, White House

Lucan Macreadie, White House

Teghan Jagusch, White House

Cassie Hose, White House

Nicole Hallett, White House

Paul Jones, McKenna House

Michaela Fenech, McKenna House

Melissa Bardwell, Burgess House

Samantha Cannizzaro, Burgess House

Kaitlyn Paligorov, Burgess House

Samuel Grimshaw, Gallagher House

and a Silver Star award to Jessica Kelly, McDonagh House.

### Outward Bound

The first ever groups of Year 9 Students left for Outward Bound on Wednesday morning September 10 and returned safely on Thursday September 18. After some delays with the return of the Canberra group, I know that ALL students were very much more appreciative of the comforts of home.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and can be best summarized by the following excerpts from some of the group leaders.

*"I found it very rewarding and everything I expected it to be. It is such a great program for kids of this age group and to see first hand the way they can mature over a short period was very special. You can mark me down for next year definitely."*

*"I really felt that I connected with all the students and was able to motivate them to take a step outside of their comfort zones and challenge themselves."*

*"This is the third group which I have led on Outward Bound. All three groups have been really good, however, this one (Year 9) was by far the best."*

All students I am sure were challenged by Outward Bound, however, all students should feel a great sense of achievement because they have pushed themselves beyond what many thought they could do.

Once again a very big thank you to the staff who participated in the program.

## AFRICA APPEAL 2008

*"Building community in Nairobi, Kenya and in Melbourne, Australia."*

Mrs Bernadette Barlow



Our combined College, Primary School and Parish Community has once again responded with open hearts to this year's "Africa Appeal". Each year the goal is to reflect on our privileges and lifestyle, then to understand our responsibilities towards others who are born into poverty.

The Africa Appeal reaches us on many levels – challenging us intellectually, socially and spiritually. As always, young (and not so young!) people have contributed generously.

Currently the Appeal total stands at just over \$12,000 – which will assist in the education, care and nourishment of over 1000 primary students at the Ruben School. As well the Appeal supports the vital work being done by doctors and health workers who care for the Ruben people through the Ruben Medical clinic.

A sincere thank you to all who have contributed to the Appeal in any way. A special note of thanks to the families, teachers and children of St. Catherine's Primary School who collected a very generous amount of \$427.70 towards the Appeal at their annual school concert!

## St Mary's Catholic Church Lang Lang Centenary Celebrations 2.00 p.m. Sunday October 12, 2008 St Mary's Catholic Church Carnarvon Street, Lang Lang

Come along and share memories and celebrate 100 years of Catholic faith through this historic old church. (Wet weather program will be at the Lang Lang Public Hall Supper Room)  
*We are seeking old photos and other memorabilia to develop a display for the occasion.*

**Enquiries:** Bernadette Hance on 5997 8300 or Elaine Christensen on 5997 5602

## Surviving Parenthood!

Do you wonder why they aren't listening to you or how to deal with their anger? Do you want to maintain a connection with them? Do you find living with kids exhausting? Are they driving you completely batty? Come share your ideas, skills, solutions and frustrations and get some new strategies to help!

**Who:** Dads, Mums & Carers of children under 12 years  
**When:** 7.00-9.00 p.m. October 30, November 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 4  
**Where:** Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre  
12 Salisbury Avenue, Upper Beaconsfield  
**Cost:** Free (booking essential)  
**Contact:** Helena at Parentzone on 5991 2225 or  
Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre on  
5944 3484

## STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA

A free information evening is to be held:  
Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens  
380 William Street  
Melbourne  
Thursday October 16, 2008  
7.30 p.m.

The evening gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available. Go to [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au) or Phone: 1300 135 331 (cost of a local call).

### NARRE WARREN-BERWICK BLUE LIGHT DISCO

Berwick Leisure Centre  
Manuka Road, Berwick  
Saturday November 1  
For students in Years 5 to 8 ONLY  
Proof of age may be requested  
Time: 6.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.  
Cost: \$10.00  
Any enquiries to  
Narre Warren Police Station: 9705 3111

## Parents & Friends Association

**Parents & Friends email address:**  
[pnf@sfx.vic.edu.au](mailto:pnf@sfx.vic.edu.au)

## TWILIGHT MARKET NIGHT

Friday November 14, 2008

6.00-9.00 p.m.

St Francis Xavier College, Berwick Campus Hall

- ▶ **Cosmetics**
- ▶ **Clothing**
- ▶ **Candles**
- ▶ **Jewellery**
- ▶ **Scrapbooking**
- ▶ **Showbags & Lucky Dips**
- ▶ **Plus many more stalls**

For stallholder information and enquiries please contact Suzan Smith on 0418 549 049.

### Pavers

To celebrate our 30 year anniversary, the Parents and Friends Association has decided to continue with the paver fundraiser for the rest of the year. If you would like to see a paver with your family name on it at SFX please collect a paver order form from Reception at either Campus.

## CARDINIA – Media Release

**Grand Opening at Cardinia Life –  
Everyone's Invited!!  
THIS SUNDAY**

Sink a basketball and be a big winner at a FREE afternoon of activities and entertainment to mark the opening of the \$4.8 million extension of Cardinia Life from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday October 12, 2008.

A 26 inch TCL high definition widescreen LCD television, courtesy of Hardy's Retravisation Superstore in Pakenham, will be up for grabs in the senior section of the long-shot hoop shooting competition.

Basketballers Mika Vukona and Nick Horvath from the South Dragons will be there, along with members of the Gippsland Storm Netball Team and the Pakenham Warriors Basketball Club, wheelchair basketball Paralympians and representatives of other local sporting teams.

Further information contact Paul Dunlop on 5945 4388 or Liz Roberts on 5945 4258.

# “Showcase 30”

..... only 2 weeks away

This promises to be a great night of entertainment and celebration for our 30th Anniversary. Talented past students, current students and staff members will be performing in a variety of items including singing, band performances, dancing and variety skits. The evening will be a Cabaret style concert with drinks available at bar prices. Nibbles, tea/coffee will be provided. (BYO basket supper).

Parents, staff and students (past and present) are all welcome to be in the audience to enjoy a great night's entertainment. (We need to finalise numbers as soon as possible.)

Come along, individually or book a table of 10 with your family and friends.

Tickets are on sale now from Reception at both Campuses.

## Presentation Night

One of the College's significant community events for the year that celebrates the life of our College takes place this Term at our annual Presentation Night in November. This is one of the few opportunities when the whole College community gathers together in celebration to acknowledge the achievements and efforts of those within our community

Presentation Night for 2008 will be held at Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, Clayton on **Wednesday November 26 at 7.30 pm.**

Presentation Night is for all students (Years 7-12) and their families. Tickets have arrived and are free but must be ordered as seating is numbered and allocated. Due to the size of our student population, tickets are restricted to three per family.

Order early to avoid disappointment by filling in the slip below and returning to Reception at either Campus or to Mrs Rankins.

**St. Francis Xavier College  
2008 Presentation Night**

**Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, Clayton**

**Wednesday, November 26 at 7.30 pm.**

## Presentation Night Tickets

Name .....

Care group .....

Number of Tickets required .....  
(maximum 3 per student)

**(Please return to Student Reception or Mrs Rankins)**

## St Francis Xavier College is offering a Traineeship in Information Technology/Audio Visual

An Information Technology/Audio Visual Traineeship position is being offered at St. Francis Xavier College. It will involve a commitment to the successful completion of a Certificate III in Information Technology (ICA30105) through the development of theoretical knowledge and the practical skills required to assume responsibility for assigned duties.

### Duties & Responsibilities:

The Trainee is responsible to the Principal through the Information Communication Technology Manager. This position is part of a team and the work of the Information Technology/Audio Visual Assistant will be supported by qualified technicians and other members of College Staff.

### General Work Description:

- General Information Technology Help Desk Duties and as directed.
- General server maintenance/repairs as directed.
- General network maintenance as directed.
- Conduct regular maintenance and installation of computer hardware.
- Computer hardware problem solving and repairs.
- Audio Visual problem solving and, where applicable, repairs.
- Install/assist with AV equipment.
- Assist in maintaining Phone Voice Mail and associated equipment.
- Assist in maintaining documentation and records (Asset Register).
- Maintain and oversee Printer usage via Papercut.
- Maintain and oversee specific network infrastructure, i.e. network switching, network appliances etc.
- Install/maintain/oversee Security cameras/staff external access.
- Install/maintain/oversee external staff access to network.
- Specific classroom assistance as directed.
- Specific teacher assistance/software training as directed.
- Assist with Internal and External St. Francis Xavier College websites.
- Assist with Exchange Server maintenance.
- Assist with Macintosh network and equipment.
- Other duties as directed by the Principal and Information Communication Technology Manager.

Traineeship Wages will apply as per the National Training Wage Award (NTW)

**Upon completion of the Traineeship the Trainee will have gained a Nationally Recognised Qualification and twelve months of valuable work experience.**

**Position to commence 2009**

### Applications to:

**Miss Sonya Slocombe, Business Manager  
St. Francis Xavier College  
PO Box 85, Beaconsfield 3807**

**Applications close November 24, 2008**

## Remembrance Liturgy

*An invitation to parents, students, staff and families  
to join us for a Remembrance Liturgy.  
Celebrating the lives and memories  
of those in our family and community who have died.*

*Beaconsfield Chapel  
Tuesday 11th November 2008  
7.30pm - 9.00pm  
A light supper will follow.*

**Guest Speaker:** *Ruth Sharkie, Pastoral Care Coordinator,  
Bereavement Services at Bethlehem Hospital.  
(Families are invited to bring a special photo/momento  
of the person you are remembering)*

*RSVP to Rhonda O'Connor or Paula Carr on 97073111 or  
[roconnor@sfx.vic.edu.au](mailto:roconnor@sfx.vic.edu.au)  
[pcarr@sfx.vic.edu.au](mailto:pcarr@sfx.vic.edu.au)*

## OUR PARISH MASSES

<b>Berwick:</b>	Sat. 6.00 p.m. Sun 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
<b>Narre Warren:</b>	Sat. 6.00 p.m., Sun. 9.15 a.m., 11.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.
<b>Pakenham:</b>	Sat. 6.00 p.m. Sun. 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m.
<b>Koo Wee Rup:</b>	Sat. 7.00 p.m.
<b>Iona:</b>	Sun. 11.00 a.m.
<b>Lang Lang:</b>	2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 9.00 a.m.
<b>Nar Nar Goon:</b>	1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 9.00 a.m.
<b>Maryknoll:</b>	4th & 5th Sunday of each month at 9.00 a.m.

## UNIFORM SHOP

**Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield  
Mrs Jennifer Taylor**

**Hours 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.  
Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Last Saturday of the month  
9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon**

# St Francis Xavier College Presents *showcase 30*

Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>

BYO Basket Supper  
Drinks at bar prices (no BYO)  
Nibbles, tea & coffee supplied

\$10 per head  
\$20 per family

Doors Open 7pm  
Concert begins 7:30pm

Venue:  
Beaconsfield Campus Hall

