



St Francis Xavier
College

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Students and Staff

We are already more than half way through Term 1. Students should be working their way through assignments and other assessment tasks. Week 7, 8 and 9 are four day weeks – wonderful in terms of long weekends but students are reminded that work still needs to be completed.

Project Compassion

Thanks to students and staff who have contributed towards our Lenten Project Compassion appeal. As of last Friday we have raised close to \$4000. The money raised goes towards Caritas. The focus for the 2016 campaign can be found at: <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

Principals' Retreat

Last week I spent three days at Bowral at the Annual Principals' Retreat. The retreat was facilitated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and it was a very special time of prayer and reflection. The theme of the retreat was 'Into the Heart of Mercy'.

What do principals do on retreat? We started each day with the Prayer of the Church and in a number of sessions the Archbishop reflected on the lives and

writings of Blessed Mother Teresa, Blessed John Henry Newman and St Therese of Lisieux. He also gave examples of mercy compassion – mercy in action. One of the more graphic stories was of his encounter with a prisoner in the maximum security section of Goulburn Gaol and the effect on the prisoner when the Archbishop prayed for him.

We spent a lot of time in silence. The Archbishop used sound pedagogy in building up the times of silence over time. We started with 5 minutes and ended up sitting for 20 minutes in complete silence. A challenge for any group but particularly hard work for 56 principals and 22 Catholic Education Senior Officers!

Not to labour the point but it is amazing what one 'hears' during periods of silence. One of the things I did on retreat was to pray for the SFX community.

Combined Catholic Colleges Concert (C4)

The Combined Catholic Colleges Concert is on Thursday night at the Canberra Theatre. This is an excellent

showcase event. Tickets can be purchased here: [C4 Tickets](#).

Catholic Education Recognition Awards

Three members of staff will receive CE Recognition Awards at a special Mass on Friday night at St Christopher's Cathedral.

Cybersafety

The College is hosting a ThinkUKnow Presentation tonight at 6pm. ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based safety program that provides accessible cybersafety education to parents, carers and teachers. We have hosted ThinkUKnow presentations in the past and the feedback from parents has been extremely positive. Please consider attending the session this evening.

Best wishes,
Angus M Tulley
Principal



C4

A.C.T.

Combined Catholic Colleges Concert



Daramalan
St John Paul II
Marist
Merici
St Clare's
St Edmund's
St Francis Xavier
St Mary MacKillop

CANBERRA
THEATRE
CENTRE

Thursday 10 March 7pm
Tickets on sale from 10 February
Canberra Ticketing
(02) 6275 2700

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
WEEK 6-12 MARCH 2016**

I belong. You belong. We belong.



STUDENT WELLBEING



Here are some helpful and informative sites to help you navigate the number of social media sites children and teenagers are using:

<https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking>



Instagram

ThinkUKnow:

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/> This is the link for parents, teachers, etc.

The youth one is:

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/youth/>



ThinkUKnow Presentation

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au>

Wednesday 9 March , 6pm, College Theatre

RSVP: school.office@sfx.act.edu.au

ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides accessible cyber safety education to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia.

ThinkUKnow uses a network of trained law enforcement members and accredited volunteers from [our program partner organisations](#) to deliver the cyber safety education presentations nationwide.



Wreath Laying Ceremony at the AWM

On Thursday 25 February a group of Year 12 representatives, along with Mr Marrapodi and Mrs Lambert attended an excursion to the Australian War Memorial. The purpose of this trip was to attend and conduct a Wreath Laying Ceremony. The ceremony was held at the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier and was not only a unique experience- but a moving one. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier symbolises all the Australians who have served and given their lives in the name of Australian integrity, honour, and tranquillity. The Wreath Laying Ceremony honours these soldiers and shows respect to the current members of the Australian Armed Forces. The ceremony is made up of a short speech, the laying of the wreaths, and a minute of silence.



The significance of these ceremonies is to keep the memory of our past soldiers and their sacrifices alive. Our trip was concluded with the meeting of a guest Vietnam veteran, who shared some stories with us and answered our questions. To summarise our trip in one word - brilliant. We are extremely lucky at St Francis Xavier to be provided with such amazing opportunities. To any students provided with the chance to join the next school trip to the Australian War Memorial – my only advice - don't pass it up!

April Widdup
Year 12



JAPANESE VISITOR: CHIHIRO KONDO

For the last three weeks our Japanese students have been lucky enough to have **Chihiro Kondo** with them in class. Chihiro is from Aichi Prefecture in Japan. It is famous for being the home of Toyota.

Chihiro stayed with **Elsbeth Moore's** family (**Year 10**) during her stay and enjoyed trying a great variety of Australian foods. She even managed to squeeze in a visit to Uluru over a weekend.

Chihiro was very nervous about her ability to understand English when she first arrived. But she soon settled into the routine of SFX and Chihiro proved to be a great assistant in the classroom – helping students with pronunciation and writing sentences and perfecting the Japanese script. We wish her all the best for the future.



Two senior students, **Jake Braithwaite** and **Eoin Garton** interviewed Chihiro (in Japanese) before she left.....

何さいですか？ “How old are you”

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オーストラリア が 好きですか？ “Do you like Australia?”

Yes, because it is very fun! I really like Canberra too.

じゅみ は 何？ “What are your hobbies?”

My hobby is travelling

わしよく と よしよく、どちらがすきですか？ “Which do you prefer, western food or Japanese food?”

Italian food is my favourite!

日本 に どこ に すんでいますか？ “Where in Japan do you live?”

あいち Prefecture なごや City

オーストラリア で どこ に 行きましたか？ “Where in Australia have you been?”

Uluru last weekend, Sydney next week.

中学校 先生 になりたいですか？ “Do you want to become a High School teacher?”

Yes I do, because I like kids and it would be interesting.



Natalie Bakonji
Language Coordinator

Sport Report

Things are really getting under way at SFX with many students participating in a range of sports and school events. I have been so impressed with the high energy levels, enthusiasm and participation from the students. I had the privilege of attending both the Boys' Softball Carnival on 26 February and the College's competitive Swimming Carnival (photos below) on 3 March at the AIS. It was great to see the young athletes thriving in the pool and the participation from students who are keen to get involved! A big thanks to **Mrs Maria Miniutti** and **Ms Samantha McDonald** for organising this event. To see more photos from the SFX Swimming Carnival go to the College website *Gallery* page.



The **Boys' Softball** Carnival was a success with both a 7/8 team and a 9/10 team entering. The 7/8 boys were coached by **Mr Tom Nolan** and were runners up to Daramalan College on a count back. The boys were very supportive of each other and put in a great effort. The 9/10 boys were coached by **Ms Elissa Coppin** and also had a great day full of encouragement, laughter and good sportsmanship. The boys has two wins and two very close losses.

The **7/8 Girls' Softball** team was named ACT champions on Friday 4 March. The team played Mt Stromlo High School first and won by one point. Against St Mary MacKillop College the girls were down after the first innings but fought back and won by 3 runs. When playing Merici College, in the round games, we were beaten by 2 runs but finished at the top of the rounds. For the final, SFX faced Merici again and raised their game to be unbeatable after the first innings, where they scored 7 runs and stopped Merici scoring any! The team was lucky to have College Captain **Brianna Gibson** as the student coach and was supported by **Mrs Kelly Candy**. Some of the SFX students had played softball before and the **Galeano sisters Jessica (Year 7) and Caitlin (Year 8)** formed an amazing partnership as pitcher and catcher and were named as the most valuable players. **Caitlin Bink (Year 8)** won catch of the day and **Bella Hiskins (Year 7)** won the sportsmanship award.

The **9/10 Girls' Softball** team competed well throughout the day, demonstrating good skills at different stages during the Carnival. Unfortunately, we were unable to match it with some of the schools who offer Softball as a co-curricular option and only managed one win. A 7-4 loss to the top of the pool St Mary MacKillop College side was a nice reminder that we weren't too far off the mark! Overall, it was a fantastic day and it was most pleasing to see the teamwork and sportsmanship from all the girls, especially as the weather was very hot! We were led exceptionally well by two representative players, **Savahna O'Donnell (Year 9)** and **Caitlyn Savage (Year 10)** who used their experience to assist others (our team and other teams) to improve their performance. A huge thank you must also go to our two student helpers, **Andy Meyer-Coyte Year 11)** and **Nick Rolls (Year 12)** who umpired all day for us! Most valuable player for the day went to **Caitlyn Savage**. Coach's encouragement award goes to **Grace Osborne (Year 9)** who put in a great effort and showed team spirit throughout the day. Thanks to **Mr Brendan Duffy** for coaching the girls and making the day possible.



The **College Boys' Rugby** team faced some tough competition at the Rugby 7's Carnival on 2 March. They started the day strongly with a 40-5 victory over Gungahlin College. Our boys were too quick around the outside wings and showed some impressive footwork. Our second game, against Dickson College was tougher, the final result being 10-all; a dropped ball over the try-line prevented our second victory, yet allowed some great laughs in good spirits. In both semi-final matches we faced two strong Erindale College teams, with the SFX boys showing determination and good defence. Unfortunately in the second half of each game the opposition got away from us. We lost our final game 25-15 against the side that ultimately won the Championship. Big praise to the Year 11 players, as they faced players a year older for most of the day. Our Year 12 boys were extremely valuable with insight and strong plays to guide the team (well done **Troy Duncan** and **Jack Piercy**). **Kieran Jobson** and **Joey Kenna** had very strong plays with some great runs and defence. Honourable mentions to **Jackson McIntyre** and to **Isaac Willemsen** for poaching tries by sitting on the wing. Coaches' award goes to **Luke McAlpine** for some amazing runs on the day – well done! Thanks to **Mr Jacob Betts** for coaching the team and encouraging them throughout the day.



Well done to **Ben Flood (Year 9)** was also selected to represent the ACT in the **U15 Boys' Australian Junior Athletics Championships** in Perth. He was also selected to represent the ACT in Sydney on the 27/28 February for Tag20. We wish you the best of luck for the Athletics Championships.

Good luck to the SFX Basketball and Rugby League teams that will be competing in the next few weeks.



Please keep the information on sporting achievements and involvement coming through to Fleur.Greaney@sfx.act.edu.au

Fleur Greaney
Sports Coordinator

Science and religion both explore what it means to be human...

Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind. Albert Einstein

A father wrote recently that he was concerned for his own son's religious wellbeing. His son was beginning to do what all good students do, develop independent thinking and questioning the veracity of his faith. The son was beginning to see the facts presented in Science as being in opposition to his previously strong faith. We should never be afraid to question. Not questioning leads to ignorance and compliance, without regard for whether accepted beliefs and norms are valid, just or founded in truth. Questioning leads to wonder, to testing assumptions, to rejecting false ideologies, to discoveries and enlightenment. Questioning is something we should encourage in our students. In encouraging students to question and challenge established beliefs and assumptions, we are empowering our students to become critical and compassionate thinkers, capable of making extraordinary contributions to their world through the use of intellect, reason, empathy, spiritual awareness and through physically reaching out to others. By embracing their humanity, recognising their gifts and talents, and using these gifts and talents to promote truth, justice and compassion, students are acknowledging that they are part of a bigger picture, a bigger story, whether that story be religious, spiritual or scientific. We call this bigger picture, *Cosmology*.

In RE we explore Cosmology – the big question of where we come from, why we are here, and what is our purpose in life? Scientific theory tells us that the universe comes from the Big Bang. The creation story in Genesis tells us that we are created in the image and love of God. Science and religion both explore what it means to be human. Science gives us the truth of our material body. Religion interprets the truth of Science in the light of our understanding of what it means to be human – to be relational, loving and compassionate. There is no disconnect. In fact, Science does a great service to Religion. It empowers it, challenges ideas and ideologies that can be no longer supported and challenges Religion to give meaning and purpose to our human existence in a modern context. The Vatican even has a Pontifical Academy of Science which has some amazing research and refers to world experts in scientific fields in determining the impact of scientific research on the human person and human experience. You can access that site here <http://www.casinapioiv.va/content/accademia/en.html> and here <http://www.pass.va/content/scienze sociali/en.html>

That human existence is explored beautifully in a documentary we showed Year 11s last week – *The Human Experience*. If you want to be uplifted, spend an hour and fifteen minutes watching "The Human Experience" - you can find it here... <https://vimeo.com/57076124> . Year 11s found it challenged what was really important to a meaningful life. One perceptive lad commented "we have everything and they have nothing, yet they seem so much happier, why is that?"

That question is beautifully explored in a short story about a fisherman and a wealthy man. I am sure it will resonate with all the fisher folk in our College community.

An American investment banker was at the pier of a small coastal Mexican village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellowfin tuna. The American complimented the Mexican on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them.

The Mexican replied, "Only a little while". The American then asked why didn't he stay out longer and catch more fish. The Mexican said he had enough to support his family's immediate needs. The American then asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?"

The Mexican fisherman said, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take siestas with my wife, Maria, stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine, and play guitar with my amigos. I have a full and busy life." The American scoffed, "I am a Harvard MBA and could help you. You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat, you could buy several boats; eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman you would sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing, and distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City, then LA and eventually New York City, where you will run your expanding enterprise."

The Mexican fisherman asked, "But, how long will this all take?"

To which the American replied, "15 – 20 years."

"But what then?" Asked the Mexican.

The American laughed and said, "That's the best part. When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich, you would make millions!"

"Millions – then what?"

The American said, "Then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siestas with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play your guitar with your amigos." <http://bemorewithless.com/the-story-of-the-mexican-fisherman/>

Year 12s have been exploring what it means to exercise moral courage as part of living an ethical life. Last week they viewed the recently released documentary, *He Named Me Malala*. An inspiring story about the life of Malala Yousefzai, the young woman shot in the head by the Taliban in Pakistan as punishment for speaking out for the education of girls. There were parts of that documentary when the silence was so intense you could hear the compassion circuits whirring in the room. I commend the Year 12s for the attention they paid to the story of a young woman, now only a year older than themselves. A young woman, just like them in many ways. When she is not speaking out for the rights of girls to be educated, or working with refugees, despite the fact that she is a refugee herself, she is struggling with her marks in Physics and Biology. Just like the young man responded to *The Human Experience* documentary by asking, why are we so unhappy with so much, we need to ask are we making the most of our educational experience? Are we using it to become the best people we can be, to be able to make a positive contribution to our world.

Year 12s have also been challenged by the story of *Wallaby*; David Pocock in recent *Australian Story* episodes. He is a role model and ambassador for his sport. The story is about his faith and willingness to live an ethical life, especially in regard to animal rights, social and environmental justice and education. He became this role model despite experiencing traumatic personal challenges in his homeland of Zimbabwe. If you are a Rugby fan, and have not had the chance to see this show, do yourself a favour and watch it, preferably with your family. The discussion you will have about how to live a meaningful and ethical life will be invaluable for your family and encouraging for your children. "There is no point in having strong beliefs about something if you are not going to do something about it."

I encourage you all to view the Australian Story episode <http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/australian-story/NC1601Q005S00> (True Grit Part 2) Australian Story Monday February 29 2016.

And to read the following articles:

<http://www.smh.com.au/rugby-union/union-news/david-pococks-principles-even-more-important-than-his-onfield-skills-20150216-13goa7.html> David Pocock's principles even more important than his on-field skills

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/rugbyunion/article-3252549/Australia-flanker-David-Pocock-Rugby-World-Cup-s-2015-intriguing-star.html#ixzz41oC9aXr1> David Pocock – intriguing star

<http://www.abc.net.au/religion/articles/2011/12/02/3382170.htm> Amazing grace: What it means for me to follow Jesus David Pocock ABC Religion and Ethics Updated 30 Jul 2012 (First posted 2 Dec 2011)

We can be both scientific and religious in our interrogation and investigation of life and its meaning and purpose. Pope John Paul 2 said "Science can purify religion from error and superstition. Religion can purify Science from idolatry and false absolutes". Through Science we make discoveries and enjoy the fruits of human progress. Through Religion we explore how we find meaning and purpose in our world and live out the truth of our faith. David Pocock and Malala Yousefzai show us how to integrate both these perspectives in a life of service to others. I hope both the father who wrote to us, concerned for his son and his son can be reassured that as people of faith, we need both scientific understanding and religious understanding to live meaningful, purposeful and courageous lives.

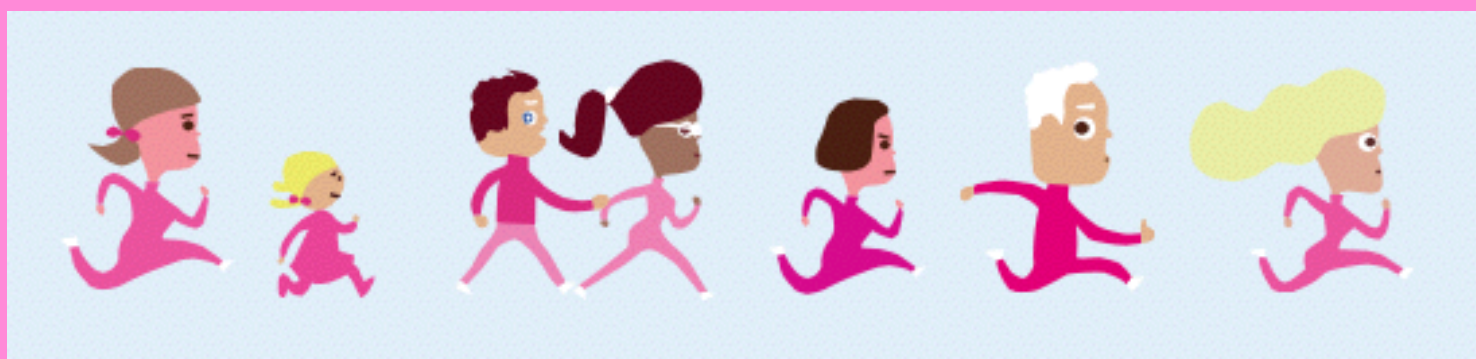


Anne Armstrong
Religious Curriculum Coordinator



Walk 5km
around the
Central Basin of
Lake Burley
Griffin.
Walk as part of
TEAM SFX!

SUNDAY 8 MAY 2016
ROND TERRACE, COMMONWEALTH PARK
5KM "TEAM SFX" WALK STARTS AT 9.40AM



Costs are:

\$40 ADULT/\$25 Concession [under 18] if registered
by Wednesday 6 April

\$45 ADULT/\$30 Concession [under 18] if registered
after 6/4 but before Saturday 7 May

Family discounts available [see website]

Participants are advised to enter by 9.00am on
Friday 29 April 2016 to have your race number
mailed to you before the event. If you enter after
9.00am on Friday 29 April 2016 you must collect
your race number on the morning of the event from
the number pick-up marquee. Please ensure you
bring a PRINTED COPY of your entry to obtain the
race pack.

The Mother's Day Classic includes lots of extra
activities for kids and adults. These include warm-up
aerobics, roving performers, a food court, free
massages, entertainment plus a kid's activity area
with face painting and a jumping castle. A number of
delegates, celebrities and sponsors will be giving
brief talks on the main stage. The main stage will
also be used for the memorial minute of silence,
warm-up aerobics and award presentations. There
will be coffee carts and food stalls including a
sausage sizzle.

Remember to register as a member of [Team SFX](#) ☺

[See the link to the registration page on the
SFX website.](#)

Mother's Day Classic - Sunday 8 May 2016

The Mother's Day Classic has been an enormous event on Canberra's calendar since 2007 and this year SFX is entering a school team in the 5km walk.

Each year, everyone that participates in The Mother's Day Classic helps to raise much needed money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation and this year the event will also include lots of extra activities for kids and adults including warm-up aerobics, roving performers, a food court, free massages, entertainment, plus a kid's activity area with face painting and a jumping castle. A number of delegates, celebrities and sponsors will be giving brief talks on the main stage. The main stage will also be used for the memorial minute of silence, warm-up aerobics and award presentations. There will be coffee carts and food stalls including a sausage sizzle.



All current students, staff, past students, your families and friends are very welcome to join 'Team SFX' for a 5km walk around Lake Burley Griffin. Anyone can register as a team member: Mum, Dad, Aunties, Uncles, Grandma.... the more the merrier. There is a prize for the **Largest School Team** so **Team SFX** needs you! Even though all family members are invited to walk, if individual students wish to register and participate, parents please note that these students will be covered by the Event Organisers' duty of care, even though SFX staff will be participating in the event also. These students will need to collect a permission note which will need to be signed and returned to Mrs Lambert.

To ensure you are registered as a member of **Team SFX** simply register yourself through the online registration system, selecting the Canberra 5km Walk. You will then be prompted with a page asking if "you would like to join a team". Once you've selected that you wish to join a team, you can start typing **Team SFX** and a drop down menu will appear with our team name. Select **Team SFX** to join and continue with your registration!

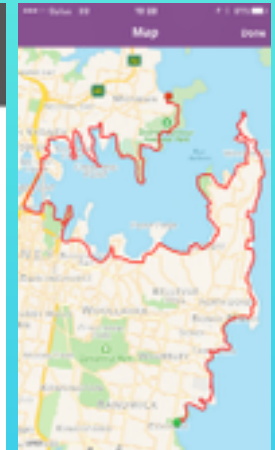


Donna Lambert
Defence Transition Mentor

THE SYDNEY COASTREK

Thank you all for your amazing support! **The Sydney Coastrek** raised over **\$2.5 million**, with our team raising **\$2802**! That's over **100,000 people** who will now have their sight restored through the **Fred Hollows foundation**!

The trek took us just under **15 hours**, **72,500 steps**, included **over 300 flights** of stone stairs incline and around the same in decline.



Thanks again!

Elissa Coppin & Teressa Patterson
Teachers

Community Announcements



About Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2016 will be held from **6 to 12 March** and will involve the communities of all Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT.

First and foremost, Catholic Schools Week is about celebration.

The theme for 2016 is '**I Belong. You Belong. We Belong.**' which aligns with the Catholic Church's strong focus on supporting refugees and asylum seekers and the need for a compassionate global community.

The theme also ties in with the Catholic Church's celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which centres on pardon, strength and love.

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is calling on all Catholic communities to extend mercy to those in need, particularly refugees fleeing hunger and war.

See first-hand all that our schools have to offer during Catholic Schools Week. Visit your local Catholic School

Moira Najdecki
Director

ST JOHN'S

EASTER



Saturday 19th March
10am - 2pm

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY
Pawsey Circuit, Florey

Chocolate Wheel | Rides | Lucky Dip | Plants | Asian Food
Face Painting | Fairy Floss | Cakes & Sweets | Devonshire Tea
Recycled Clothes | Toys | Books | BBQ | Craft | Show Bags
White Elephant | Pink Elephant | Show Bags | Pancakes
Pulled Pork Rolls | Chocolate Toss | Old Time Photos



Do your children catch a bus to school?



On Thursday 3rd of March, APFACTS will be representing parents at a TAMs meeting that is focused on school bus transport.

If you have any thoughts or feedback that you would like discussed at this meeting please feel free to send us an email or to give us a call.

We will be sure to report back to you regarding the outcomes of the meeting.

At APFACTS we are passionate about the importance of the parent being your child's first teacher.

MINDSHIFT.

<http://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2015/12/28/how-parents-and-teachers-can-work-together-for-powerful-learning-outcomes/>

The link above will take you to a great article that is for both young children and teenagers.

You can assist your child's learning by simply talking to your children about the best things that they've learnt today. These discussions can take place whilst ferrying children to after school activities or at the dinner table. It's a great habit to establish with your children.

Contact: Linda Fleming
02 6287 3538 or send us an email at
Executive.officer@apfacts.org.au

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COUNSELLING & THERAPY SERVICES

Counselling Services

- » Managing emotions
- » Social skill development
- » Managing worry and depression

Speech Therapy

- » Speech sounds
- » Swallowing
- » Stuttering
- » Receptive & expressive language skills

Behaviour Management

- » Assess areas of need
- » Develop program to manage the behaviour
- » Provide training to parents/carers on implementing program



For more information or to book an appointment, please contact:

Phone: 6162 6100 or 1800 068 698

choices@catholiccare.cg.org.au

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St Joseph's School O'Connor

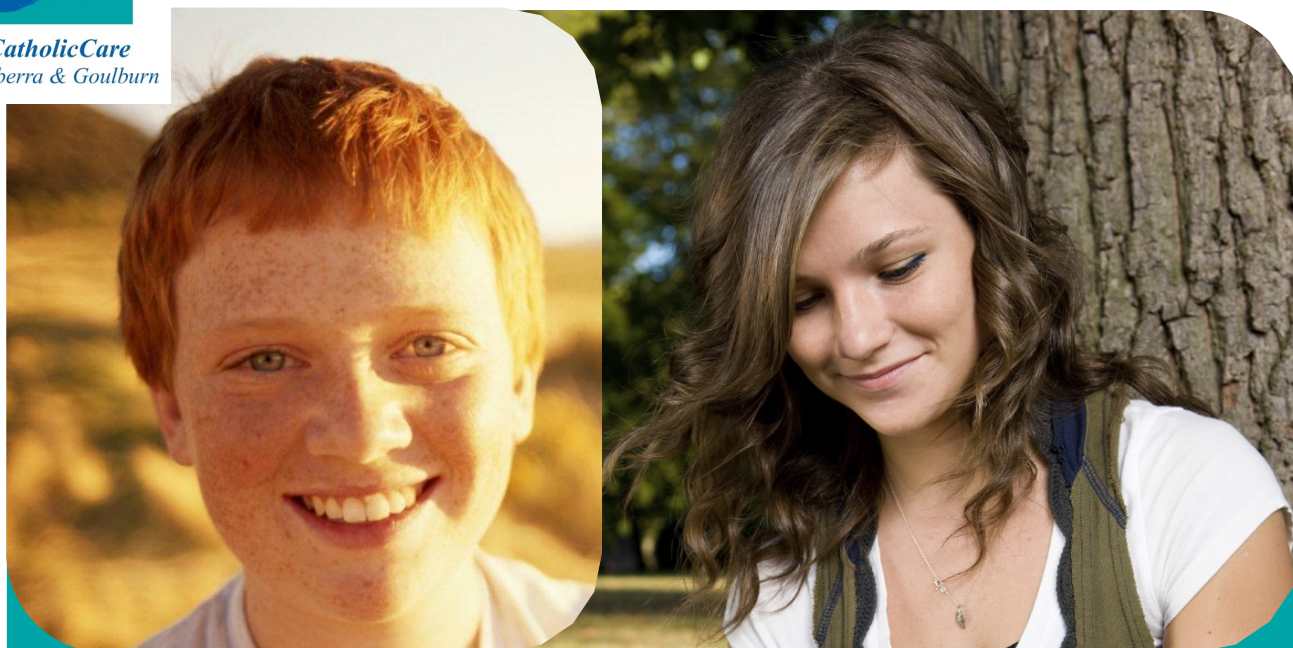
Calling all past students and families

**Come and join in the fun of our 2016 Fete and help us launch our
60th Anniversary Celebrations.**

When: Saturday 19 March 2016

Where: St Joseph's School, Boronia Drive, O'Connor

Time: 3pm to 7pm



The Journey THROUGH ADOLESCENCE

The Program is called The Resourceful Adolescent Program for Parents (RAP – P). This program is suitable for parents and carers of children attending primary school years 5 & 6 and secondary school students attending years 7—12.

RAP – P will help you:

- Help your teenager to develop a healthy self-esteem
- Help your teenager to gain independence while still feeling safe and part of the family
- Manage your stress so you can do your best job as a parent
- Prevent and manage conflict with you teenager
- Promote harmony in your family

The course is offered 3 hours per week over a 3 week period.

DATES: 23rd, 30th March & 6th April

TIME: 6pm—9pm

VENUE: 57 Hicks Street, Red Hill

FEE: \$80 (Concessions available)

Fee includes light supper & course materials

Bookings Essential

Contact

6162 6100

ST. THOMAS MORE FORUM



Friday 18 March 2016

Raising a Catholic Family in Today's World

**Keynote Speakers:
Tim, Lara and Aodhan Kirk**

Date:

FRIDAY, 18 March 2016 | Time: 6.30 - 8.00pm

[Register Now](#)

Venue: Holy Faith Hall, White Crescent, Campbell

Online General Entry \$12
Pay at the Door General \$14

Online Student / Concession \$5
Pay at the Door Student / Concession \$6

ASHES to EASTER



CONCERT with PETER KEARNEY

**A prayerful sequence
of songs , stories & reflections
on
Lenten and Easter themes.**

Sunday March 13th

3.00-4.15pm

Lovat Chapel

Meehan Street

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Suggested donation \$10 / \$8 conc at door

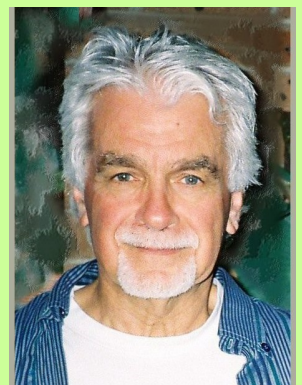
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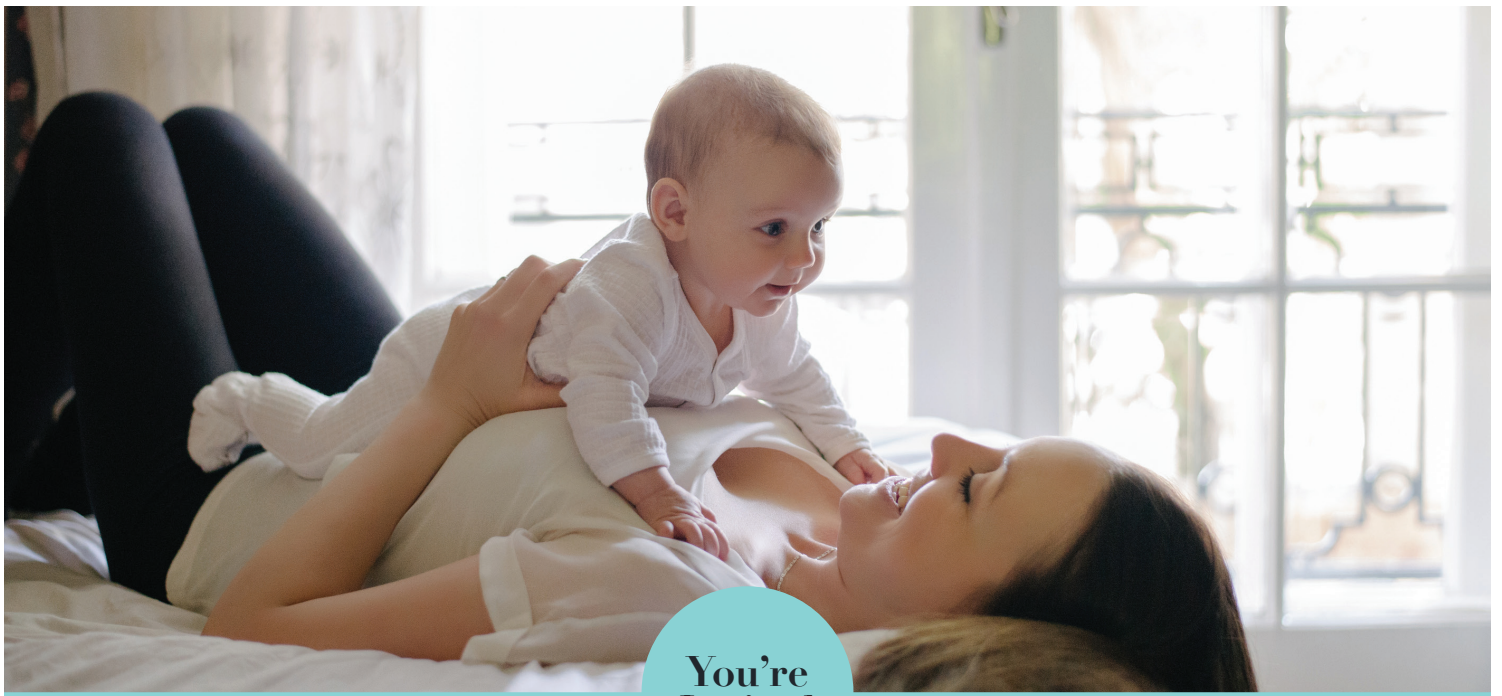
Send SMS to Peter: 0425 328 185
specifying 'Yass' and number of seats needed.

Event needs minimum 15 registrations to go ahead

Peter Kearney has made music his full time work and ministry since 1982. His earliest songs 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes' are internationally known. 'This is Our School' has been adopted as a school song by hundreds of Australian schools.

'Peter has the special gift of making the stories and message of Jesus relevant to our modern daily life.' (Fr. Val Patterson MSC)





You're
Invited

2016 Annual
MOTHER'S DAY
Gala Dinner
HOME • HOPE • HORIZON

Join us for a night of
fun & celebration, and
help make a difference!

Friday 29 April 2016

Where: Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden

Time: Pre-dinner drinks and canapés from 6:30pm

Cost: \$125 per person (Tables of 10)

Ticket includes:

- Pre-dinner drinks, canapés & dinner
- Entertainment from The Stilettoes

Book online at karinyahouse.asn.au/events

Or over the phone by calling:

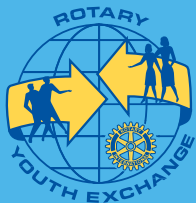
Phone: 0429 945 804 (Jo Saccasan) or 6241 8427

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Information for Intending Youth Exchange Applicants



Applications for Exchange Starting January 2017

Initial applications must be submitted to your local Rotary club. This club must agree to sponsor your nomination to the district youth exchange committee. You can find and contact your local Rotary Club by visiting www.rotaryd9710.org.au

Alternatively, you can contact the district youth exchange program chairman:

Mr John Britton (mobile) **0400 702 123**, (phone) **02 4443 4207** (email) applications@rotaryexchange.org.au

Initial interviews by local Rotary Clubs will be conducted during April. The Rotary Club may pass details of applicants to other Rotary clubs in the district to maximise chances of selection.

Applications should be lodged with your local Rotary Club before 15 April 2016.



The Person

Applicants should be no younger than fifteen and no older than seventeen years and six months, as at 31 December before exchange. They should be of good character and be able to demonstrate good academic records as well as an understanding of and interest in their community. A good knowledge of Australia and its social and political structures is highly desirable. The ideal Rotary exchange student will be well presented and well spoken, a person who is motivated and who motivates others.

The student will be a person with strong interest in the world and in people, who is capable of mixing freely with others of all types, age groups and walks of life. The main purposes of the exchange are to be a successful ambassador and to bring back to your society the benefits of the foreign culture you will absorb. This position will require long hours and dedication but is a rewarding experience and considered a launching pad for the rest of life.

As a student exchange, the programme is designed for those still at school and ideally applicants should not have completed school at the time of departure. They would normally complete studies on return. However students who are now in year 12 and within the age limits will be considered and have often been successful.



Application Procedure

Applicants who are successful in gaining endorsement at the initial interview by a Rotary Club will be invited (along with their parents) to the selection interviews by the district youth exchange committee on Saturday 28 May 2016 in Canberra. This form together with the results of the interviews will be the basis for selection to the programme which is a competitive selection process with the most suitable applicants (in the opinion of the district youth exchange committee) being offered the available places. Selection is not guaranteed. A final application form will be completed after the district interview.

The district committee will proceed to place those selected with host Rotary clubs overseas. Meanwhile you will attend a number of orientation and briefing weekends and will be thoroughly prepared for your exchange year with the object of travelling abroad in January.



Places are Offered in:

Taiwan	Brazil	Japan	U.S.A.	Switzerland	Germany
Finland	Denmark	Belgium	Austria	Italy	France
Hungary					



Please Note: *Students will NOT necessarily be offered a placement in their country of choice, as places are often limited. You may nominate your preference but may be offered an alternative if successful.*





Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival 2016
Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn
Hosted by St Benedict's Primary School
Narrabundah, ACT



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Dear Students,

St Benedict's Primary School is hosting the **Catholic Schools Soccer Carnival** on **3rd April 2016** at the University of Canberra. It is a fun-filled day with 1200 players and their families enjoying soccer, food, drinks and fun. Some of you may remember participating in this event when you were at Primary School.

As the host school we need as much assistance on the day as possible and we wondered if you would like to help.

If you are part of a community service program in your school and would like to contribute some of your valuable time to assist us on Sunday, 3rd April then please complete the *Expression of Interest* form on the other side to register your interest and availability by **Monday 14th March**. Even if you are not part of such a program, please consider supporting this wonderful community event.

Our Volunteer Coordinator, Ms Rachel Smith, will then be in touch to confirm how you can help on the day. As you will be representing your school, they will decide the appropriate uniform options for your time at the carnival.

In recognition of your contribution we will provide you with:

- A certificate of thanks,
- A voucher for our sausage sizzle and a drink,
- Signing off any relevant community service record that you bring on the day.

Thank you for considering this request and we hope to see you on the day.

Matthew Garton
Principal

