



St Francis Xavier
College

NEWSLETTER

St Francis Xavier College

Living



Open Evening
Year 7 – 12 in 2017
Monday 9 May
5.00pm – 6.30pm Tours
6.30pm Information



Leading



Information Evening
Year 11 in 2017
Wednesday 11 May
5.00pm Tours & Course Advice
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SFX Open Day
All welcome
Friday 13 May
9.00am – 2.30pm Tours
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Dear Parents, Students and Staff

I received an invitation on Monday to join a panel on ABC Radio 666 yesterday morning. The 'agenda' as such was to look at public and private schools and particularly the changing landscape in terms of enrolments. We are about to begin the enrolment process for 2017 and getting my head around the sort of questions that may have been asked of the panel gave me the opportunity to reflect on our approach to enrolments.

We have been very happy with our enrolments over recent years. The biggest impact on our Years 7 to 10 enrolments has been the establishment of John Paul College but thankfully, at this point in time, the effect has been to reduce our waiting list in Year 7 and we have still been able to offer 210 places each year. The good news is that we have been able to accommodate most of the students who have wanted to come to SFX. Going back five or six years there were up to a hundred students missing out on a place here.

St Francis Xavier High School became St Francis Xavier College in 2001 and in terms of Years 11 and 12 numbers we haven't looked back. For 2017 we are making the transition from Year 10 to Year 11

easier by not requiring a new application for Year 11.

As I said during the panel discussion there are many reasons that people choose SFX for their children. We espouse Catholic values and try our best to live up to them. We try our best to treat students, staff and parents with respect and we do believe in the dignity of all. We do offer a safe environment and there is a strong sense of community.

I didn't get time to mention one of my favourite stories in terms of why students have come to SFX. At the Year 12 Formal in my first year at the College the security guard came up to me at the end of the night and asked 'How do students enrol in your school'. Before people jump to conclusions and conjure images of the security guard, she was diminutive and female. She wanted her children to come here because she was so impressed by the behaviour of the students, parents and staff at the Formal. She was also impressed at the obvious rapport between staff and students. Suffice it to say that her two children both came to SFX and graduated as Year 12 students.

Staff Matters

In Term 2 Sue Sturgiss will be taking well-deserved Long Service Leave (LSL). Cathy Barry will be Acting Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing. Sue Carroll will be back from her LSL and will be the Year 7 Coordinator. Lee Dwyer who has done a sterling job as Acting Year 7 Coordinator will move to Year 9 for Term 2. Samantha McDonald who has been Acting Health & PE Coordinator in Term 1 will continue in this role until the end of Semester.

This week we farewell Sue Scott as Mathematics Coordinator at SFX. Sue has been on LSL this term and Damien Nemeth has been Acting Mathematics Coordinator. Damien will continue in this role until the end of semester. Tom Klekner has been the Acting Assessment & Reporting Coordinator while Alan Dexter has been on LSL (also well-deserved). Alan will be back at the beginning of Term 2. Our thanks go to all staff who have, and will, take on acting positions this term and next.

Best wishes,
Angus M Tulley
Principal



Curriculum: Reports, Parent Teacher Interviews & NAPLAN

End of Term Reports

At the end of term all students will receive a Term Report summarising their progress for the year to date. Subject teachers will give feedback about the student's achievement, attitude and effort in class. Pastoral Leaders for students in Year 7 will provide a comment about how they have settled into the life of the Middle School and Year 11 Pastoral Leaders will comment on the student's progress and how they have settled into life as a College student.

Parent Teacher Interviews


On the afternoon of **Thursday 28 April and Tuesday 3 May** Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in the B Block classrooms. Parents and carers are encouraged to meet with their child's subject teachers to gain more detailed information about individual student progress.

It is important for those students who have an 'interview requested' on their Term Report, that an interview is booked with that teacher, as they need to discuss definite issues with parents.

Meeting times can be booked using the online booking system (PTOnline). Using this system enables parents and carers to book the interview time from any internet-connected computer. Parents were emailed the details on Thursday 24 March about how they can receive their parent login details from the PTOnline website. Parents who have not lodged an email address with the College were posted a letter with the details. Parents are asked to please contact the school if they did not receive this information. The map showing where teachers will be located for the interviews will be available via a link on the College website.

Meeting times will be 5 minutes.

To obtain your PIN/Password, please access the system as follows:

1. Go to the school's website home page www.sfx.act.edu.au
2. Click the PTO icon as shown here: 
3. Click on *Obtain PIN/Password*.
4. Type your email address. ENTER. An email will then be sent to this address with your LOGIN/PIN details if you have entered the correct email address we have registered. Please note the email address you should enter is the address you currently receive College correspondence from. PTO has registered your home email address.
5. Enter your LOGIN/PIN to make bookings. It is a good idea to print or email the bookings sheet to yourself for your own record.

If you encounter any problems using PTO please notify the school, preferably via email at records@sfx.act.edu.au or phone 62581055.

National Assessment Program –Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

A reminder for parents of Year 7 and 9 students that the 2016 National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) will take place in Week 3 of Term 2.

TESTING DATES Tuesday 10th May to Thursday 12th May



This testing program provides vital information to schools and educational systems to support students with their learning and development. If you have a student in Year 7 or 9 please do not schedule appointments or make any other arrangements that will interfere with these tests. If you require further information about the testing you can contact me at the College or access the NAPLAN website at the following address: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html>

Colleen Rowe
Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning

Jesus' Teachings & Ethical Decisions

"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" (John 11:25 - 27)

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed." (John 20:25)

The Easter season brings with it the great story of hope and transformation. Martha and Thomas were both challenged to believe, despite their cynicism. Like them, we too are called to believe that Jesus' resurrection is the key to Christian life. Jesus' teachings, if lived out in community with other believers, will lead to lives lived ethically, justly and meaningfully in mercy and loving kindness. In RE this week we have seen those themes explored across Years 9 to 12.

On Tuesday of last week Year 12s participated in an all-day seminar on ethics delivered by **Robert Kirkwood**, an ethics specialist from the UK. While the seminar was conducted under the auspices of the RE Department, it was in fact a cross disciplinary seminar which encouraged thinking about the arts, literature, morality, problem solving and theology. Robert engaged the students with his humour, intelligence and application of ethical theories in practical situations. A number of students stayed behind after the seminar to discuss particular issues with Robert and many others were challenged by his presentation. You can find more about Robert here: <http://www.sparksinthe classroom.org.uk/about/4587438010>

Robert gave the students a 64 page document which many students have already looked at. This was obvious in RE last week when I posed this problem to my Year 12s:

Your mother comes to you wearing a hideous dress that she intends to wear to an important event. Do you lie and tell her it looks fine or do you tell her the truth?

Use one of the following ethical perspectives: Virtue, Deontological, Utilitarianism or Christian. I was so proud that each group was able to say lying was unacceptable and use their perspective effectively. The best answer surprisingly was from two lovely young men applying the Utilitarian perspective. "While you might hurt her feelings in the short term, the long term gain is that your relationship will grow stronger as she can trust you and she is spared public humiliation." Perhaps those two boys were your sons. Be proud of them. One of the joys of teaching!

Thursday of last week saw the Year 11s experiencing their Retreat Day in the company of **Sam Clear**, an inspirational young man. Feedback received so far is that it was **"the best retreat/reflection day we have had"** and that they enjoyed Sam's presentation very much. Judging from the number of students who wanted details of Sam's book and website, this was indeed the case. You can find Sam's website *Walk4one* here: <http://www.walk4one.com/sam-clear/>

Sam spoke of many things, but one of those was **gratitude**. Martin Mullin, Year 11 Coordinator, challenged students to *"each think of someone who you are grateful for and let them know that – so many of your teachers go the extra mile for you on a regular basis, not to mention friends, family, etc."* Thanks also to Jarek Ferenc for his coordination of this great experience. In case you think this generation no longer dream big dreams, take heart from a discussion I had with my Year 11 RE class after being with Sam. When they were walking back to school from the bus, I heard one of my young ladies declare, enthusiastically, "I am going to find a cure for cancer!" Of all my students, she has the intelligence and perseverance to achieve such a goal.

Rerum novarum (Latin for "of revolutionary change"^[1]), or **Rights and Duties of Capital and Labor**, is an encyclical issued by Pope Leo XIII, 125 years ago on 15 May 1891. It was an open letter, passed to all Catholic bishops, which addressed the miserable, oppressive and unjust conditions of the working class.

The encyclical discussed the relationships and mutual duties between employers and employees as well as the state and its citizens. *It supported the rights of labour to form unions, rejected socialism and unrestricted capitalism, whilst affirming the right to private property.*

The Pope declared that the role of the State is to promote social justice through the protection of rights, while the Church must speak out on social issues in order to teach correct social principles and ensure social harmony. He recognised, in one of the best-known passages of the encyclical, that *the free operation of market forces must be tempered by moral considerations*. *Rerum novarum* supported and encouraged the formation of trade unions and the introduction of collective bargaining.

We began our study by examining the context in which this great document emerged – the Industrial Revolution. Students explored the conditions of workers, particularly child workers, who worked in slave like conditions and the importance of trade unions, human rights and respect for both the rights of employees and the rights of employers. Surprisingly, few students were aware of the role of unions in supporting workers. They were not aware that unions can provide free legal advocates when they experience unfair dismissal, bullying, harassment or underpayment of wages. Students were not even aware of what their working conditions should be or what their wages should be. I encourage parents and students to visit the following websites in order to understand what their rights and responsibilities are.

<http://www.actu.org.au/get-involved/join> Get involved with the ACTU.

<https://www.tuc.org.uk/equality-issues/young-workers> The Trades and Labor Council supports young workers.

The Catholic Church has its own organisation that supports young workers called Young Christian Workers. You may have been a member when younger. You can find out more them <http://www.ycw.org.au/>. Teachers are fortunate to have the support of the Independent Education Union (<http://www.ieu.org.au/>). I believe, as Pope Leo XIII, did that we have an obligation to support each other professionally and industrially, although it is sometimes difficult for younger generations of teaching professionals to share that view. Some of you might remember with fondness **Berna Simpson**, who taught here and at St John's. Berna now works for the ACT branch of the IEU and is known for her skilful, just and empathetic mediation and advocacy. *Rerum Novarum* in action!

One empathetic Year 10 student shared there are still slave workers today and cited **Dilmah Tea Manufacturers** as one of the few ethical tea makers who treat their tea pickers justly. That led us to identify other manufacturing areas where child and adult slaves produced goods which we routinely consume, without considering who made them. You can find out how many slaves work for you here: <http://slaveryfootprint.org/>. Consider what changes you need to make to your lifestyle in the light of this information. You can even download an app that allows you to make decisions before purchasing products.

Finally, our Year 9s have been preparing to celebrate the **Eucharist** this week. The Eucharist is regarded as the source and summit of Christian life. I would like to acknowledge all Year 9 teachers who have helped students prepare for this experience, particularly Donna McDonald's class who prepared the service and PowerPoint and Kevin Knapp's class who are sharing their liturgical music ministry skills. I particularly thank Father Foote and Father Loi for their willingness to celebrate these important occasions with us and Jarek Ferenc for his coordination and expert logistics!

Finally, have a happy and well deserved break. Enjoy the opportunities for family time and rediscovering the depths and joys of your relationships. Remember as Christians, we are still in the season of Easter and we are a people of the Resurrection. We live a tradition that is unbroken from the time of Martha and Thomas and is something to celebrate!



Anne Armstrong
Religious Curriculum Coordinator

Sport Report

What a wonderful first term of sport we have had here at St. Francis Xavier College. Each sporting team has represented our school with pride and spirit. I have been very impressed by the organisation and commitment of our students.

We have had a lot of achievements from our young sporting stars over the past couple of weeks.



A big congratulations to **Zac Patterson (Year 10)** who travelled to Perth over Easter to compete in the under 15s Australian Junior Gold Cup Rugby Grand Final. With games against West Sydney; 15 all, Adelaide; 56 to nil, Hunter Valley; 87 to 5, North Harbour Sydney; 44 to 27, Northern NSW; 53 to nil and Western NSW; 22 to 17. His team also won The Southern Province Cup against Western NSW in a tough match (22-17) in Orange. Well done Zac!



A fantastic effort from **Savahna O'Donnell (Year 9)** who has been selected in the U19 SSSA Girls Softball ACT Team. Savahna was very excited to make it into the team and we are very proud of her efforts here at St. Francis Xavier College. Her tournament will be played in Melbourne between 1 - 7 May 2016. Good luck!

There have been a number of students from SFX who have made the ACT Little Athletics team to compete in the Australian Little Athletics Championships in Adelaide on the 24 April. Well done to **Hannah Manning, Dillon Manning, Meg Freeman, Charlotte Rauraa and Jeremy Maranan**. We look forward to updating every one of your results and success. Enjoy your trip to Adelaide!

We had both the 7/8 and 9/10 Boys' Basketball teams compete in the North Side Basketball competition on the 22 March. The 7/8 Boys' team worked well and improved their defensive skills throughout the day. They came out strong to win against John Paul College, Kaleen High School and Gold Creek High School. They had a tight match in the third round, losing to Campbell High School by only 3 points. The boys displayed the odd trick shot with **Ralph Quizon** managing to flick the ball into the hoop just before being knocked to the ground! An amazing effort. Both **Maximus Monaghan** and **Diing Diing** got a three pointer as well. The boys enjoyed themselves and finished second in the pool. A big thanks to **Mrs Jess Muller** who coached the boys on the day. Coach's MVP goes to **Maximus Monaghan**.

The 9/10 Boys' team put in a fantastic effort and demonstrated some awesome skills. A big thanks to **Miss Kate Rhodes** who coached on the day. The team had a big win over Belconnen High School and Gold Creek High School and fought hard to beat Campbell High School in the 4th round. The boys only lost one game by 4 points to Canberra High School in the 2nd round. They finished equal top of their pool but unfortunately will not progress on to finals based on a lower point differential. A big thanks to the student coaches **Riley Angelosante, Triston Irvine and Jordan Odom**. A special mention to **Ben Mitchell** and **Charlie Mellick** for their outstanding effort on the day.

I hope everyone has both an active and restful holiday. Please be sure to email through any sporting news over the break to Fleur.Greaney@sfx.act.edu.au



Fleur Greaney
Sports Coordinator

Alumni News

Former St Francis Xavier College student **Brett Robinson** (son of Tony Robinson, Applied Technology Teacher at SFX) has just been selected for the 2016 Australian Olympic Team to compete in the 5000m event in Rio 2016. Congratulations Brett! To view his profile go here: <http://rio2016.olympics.com.au/athlete/brett-robinson>



Corinne Magnocavallo, former SFX student (Class of 2011):

"I am so grateful for having had the chance to study Italian at ANU as it has given me incredible opportunities, experiences, and has allowed me to meet amazing people right from in the classroom to the other side of the world."



Corinne studied a Bachelor of Medical Science at ANU and chose to study Italian as an elective.

Here is Corinne's account of how studying Italian as part of her program has proven essential in her profession:

"The Australian Institute of Sport European Training Centre (AIS ETC) is an Olympic training centre based on Lake Varese in North Italy and is the place I am now lucky enough to call home thanks to my Italian studies.

In 2012 I began a Bachelor of Medical Science at ANU and chose to study Italian as an elective. I had lived in Italy until moving to Australia at the age of 8, so it had always been important to me to continue improving my Italian and to learn about the culture I come from. After completing my degree in 2014, I was fortunate enough to receive a Post-Graduate Scholarship in Sports Science and Sports Medicine at the Australian Institute of

Sport in Canberra, working in Haematology and Biochemistry. Throughout this year I completed honours with AIS/UC in haematology and was exposed to the crazy and exciting world of sport, as well as learning about just how much research plays an important role in our Olympic goal medals. It was working here that I also found out about the AIS ETC, and I immediately made it my goal to get myself a job over there! By the end of 2015, I was packing my bags to start my new adventure in Italy as Sports Coordinator at the AIS ETC!

To read the full article go here: <http://slll.anu.edu.au/content/alumni-profile-corinne>

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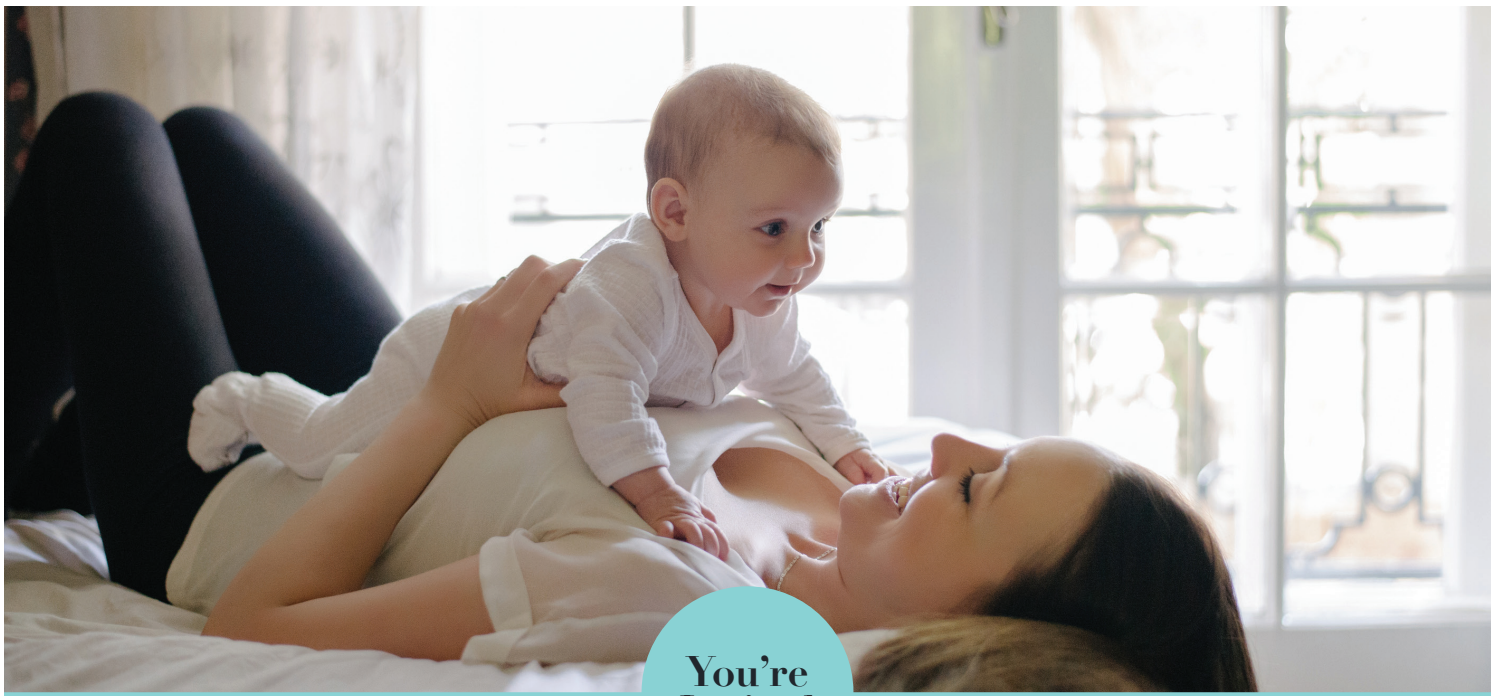
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