JIM PARKER FAREWELL
On Friday March 2 St Francis Xavier College will bid farewell to its longest serving member of the teaching staff. Mr Jim Parker has been a teacher of Art for many thousands of young people, having taught here since 1979. He has taught the children of children he taught decades ago. A special farewell celebration for Mr Parker has been arranged in order to recognise his remarkable commitment to the College.

COMMENCEMENT MASS
Last Wednesday the entire St Francis Xavier College community came together to celebrate the opening of a new school year. The students and the staff of the three Campuses assembled in the gymnasium at the Beaconsfield Campus for Eucharist, celebrated by Fr Brendan Hogan. Our Liturgy, prepared by the Mission Development Team (Mr Kevin Woodhouse, Mr Simon Cuckson, Mrs Rhonda O’Connor and Mr Malcolm Joseph) focused upon the gifts each of us bring to the College and our individual responsibility to develop the potential we possess.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Yesterday, students at the three Campuses participated in Ash Wednesday Liturgies, marking the commencement of the Lenten period in the life of a Catholic.

SWIMMING SPORTS
The Annual Swimming Carnivals have been held this week and both events proved to be a resounding success. My thanks go to Miss Amy Tivendale (Berwick & Officer Campus Carnival) and Miss Stephanie Stewart (Beaconsfield Campus), who arranged the Carnivals and to Mr Ryan Shaw for his support. Congratulations to Burgess House (Beaconsfield Campus), McDonagh House (Berwick & Officer Campuses).

ACHIEVEMENT OF FORMER STUDENTS
Three of our 2011 graduating class have distinguished themselves by attaining some of their short-terms goals already:

- **Danelle Dias** has been appointed by Bishop Christopher Prowse to the demanding role of Diocese of Sale Youth Minister. Danelle will be a significant presence in the secondary Colleges throughout the Diocese, working closely with the Catholic Youth Ministry teams.

- **Rebecca Hancock** has been awarded the Elizabeth Hunt Teaching Bursary through the Catholic Education Office in this Diocese. Rebecca will be undertaking teaching at the Australian Catholic University.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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William Aupito-Iuliano has been appointed to the National Evangelisation Team (NET) and is based in Queensland. William has a responsibility of running youth retreats and leadership programs in Catholic schools and Parishes across the Far North. A rare distinction for one so young!

RELAY FOR LIFE
Annually, a number of our Staff members and students participate in the Relay for Life. This is an overnight, community event in which teams of 10 or more keep a baton moving in a relay-style walk or run to raise funds for the Cancer Council. The event brings the whole community together for a night of fun, entertainment, celebration and remembrance.

Every dollar raised at Relay For Life helps the Cancer Council to:
- Investigate new ways to prevent, detect and treat cancers
- Educate people in your community about ways they can reduce their cancer risk
- Advocate for cancer control
- Support people during their times of greatest need.

Former student, Rebecca Hancock, has had the honour of organising another Relay for Life team and the team’s name is Combat Cancer. Her group is made up of many former St Francis Xavier College students who will be participating in the Casey-Cardinia relay on March 16-17. You can help support her and her team by making a secure on-line donation using your credit card. Click on the link below and search for her:


For more information on how YOU can participate in Relay for Life 2012, please visit us at http://vic.relayforlife.org.au/

WE ARE PRAYING FOR:
- The repose of the soul of Mr Bill Dowling, father of our colleague Mrs Bernadette Barlow. Mr Dowling passed away recently following a short illness.
- The repose of the soul of Mrs Mary Fisher, mother of our colleague Mr Jeff Fisher.
- Mr Jose Menares, father of Nick (Yr 10) and Eric (Yr 7) as he is seriously ill at present.
- All members of our College community and their families.

COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS
Mr Peter Robinson – College Organisation Co-ordinator

College photographs will take place on Monday, February 27.

Students must wear full summer uniform, however boys are to wear their College tie. All students MUST wear their blazer for the photographs.

Order envelopes have been distributed to students. If you wish to purchase photographs students should hand their envelope to the photographer on the day of the photographs. Please ensure that the correct money or cheque is enclosed or that the credit card details have been completed.

Please note that the photograph packages for Senior Students are slightly more expensive as Students in Years 10-12 will receive a photograph of their entire year level as their group photograph whereas students in Year 7-9 will receive a photograph of their Care Group as their group photograph.

If you have any questions please contact me on 9707 3111.
21ST CENTURY SKILLS
Schools need to foster adaptive learning environments which incorporate flexible, multi-disciplinary, technology-rich ways for students to collaborate, problem solve, create and communicate. The Partnership for 21st Century Skills – a US organisation that advocates for 21st century readiness for every student – lists six key areas that are crucial to learners’ future success.

- Thinking critically and making judgements about the vast amount of information that is readily available through numerous sources.
- Solving complex, multidisciplinary, open-ended problems
- Thinking creatively and unconventionally to imagine new scenarios
- Communicating and collaborating with teams of people across cultural, geographic and language boundaries
- Making innovative use of knowledge, information and opportunities
- Taking charge of financial, health and civic responsibilities.

LITURGICAL CHOIR – CANTABILE
This subject, which was introduced in Semester 2, 2011, continues to gather momentum. The choir now consists of 66 committed students from Years 10 to 12. Students who choose this Religious Education elective must indicate their commitment to after school performances and rehearsals by signing a Commitment Form. Parents are also asked to sign this form as they will be required to provide transport for their children.

We have chosen the name Cantabile for the Liturgical Choir. Cantabile is a musical term meaning literally "singable" or "songlike". So far, this year, Cantabile has sung at the Commencement Mass and at the Year 7 (2012) Information Night. In addition to this, the students also made themselves available for an after-school rehearsal. Mrs Patricia Dulude, Learning Area Leader of the Arts, rehearses the choir and conducts all performances of Cantabile. Students respond very positively to her patient, gentle and supportive guidance. This is evident in every performance.

All members of Cantabile receive a special badge which they are asked to wear with pride. They are also provided with special College folders for their music sheets. The students are to be highly commended not only for their excellent performances, but also for their commitment, attitude and effort.

Mr Kevin Woodhouse – Director of Faith & Liturgy
Our Commencement Mass last Wednesday was a meaningful and prayerful occasion. Our community worked as a team to prepare the Beaconsfield Hall, the music and singing, and the readings and processions. Fr Brendan Hogan led the Mass, which was attended by Des and Carmel McKenna. Des and Carmel were part of the procession and Introductory Rites, where five candles were lit in recognition of our journey as a College. Des and Carmel as founding parents, lit the first candle; Mr Phil Apperley, the longest serving staff member the second, Mairead Johnson, past student and now new staff member to the Berwick Campus the third; John Cordon, our youngest student at the College the fourth and Mr Desmond the fifth.

Gloria and Mary Aupito Iuliano sang a refrain during the lighting of the candles which they composed themselves to the words, “The Lord is my light, my peace and my justice”. The Liturgical Choir led the singing beautifully, the highlight being the rendition of Sarah Hart’s song, ‘Today’. The students, numbering over 2000 were wonderful in their participation and reverence for the occasion. Many thanks to the Mission Development Team, Steve McKenna and and maintenance team; Mark Ellis and Janine Butera who facilitated the AV, Trish Dulude and Angie O’Brien for leading the music and singing, and Fr Brendan. We look forward to the next full school gathering – the St Francis Xavier Day Mass in May.

PARENT CONNECT
The first PARENT CONNECT meeting for the year will be on Tuesday February 28 at 2.00pm in the Hospitality Centre at Beaconsfield Campus. Please join us for an informal afternoon tea. A great opportunity to meet others and support other parents. All welcome (younger children as well). Call Rhonda O’Connor for more information on 9707 3111 or email roconnor@sfx.vic.edu.au
Now that Term 1 is well and truly underway, all students should be settling into a routine and have established some personal learning goals for 2012.

*Parents, now is the time to ask your son or daughter about his or her intentions for this academic year.*

Walking into school each morning offers each student the opportunity to set their short term goals for the day:
- to enter the classroom with all relevant textbooks,
- to actively listen in class,
- to seek clarification if unsure by asking questions,
- to contribute their ideas and be prepared to support their classmates,
- to ensure that all homework is clearly written down in the diary, and
- to commit to complete all tasks set to the best of their ability.

When the *academic tone* of the classroom is strong, the individual results for every student in the room will be more likely to improve.

Setting **long term goals** is also important. The future is always uncertain and every student will face a number of learning challenges this year. A student who responds positively when the work becomes more difficult or more demanding of his or her time, will be able to look back at the end of each term with satisfaction and be proud of the academic progress he or she will have made.

**VCE UNIT 3 STUDIES**
The SAC Calendar for Semester 1 2012 has been published. All Unit 3 students have received a copy through Care Group, it has been published on the College website and a copy is attached to this Newsletter.

As we begin what is effectively Week 5 of Unit 3, many students will be completing their first SACs. St Francis Xavier College is bound to administer the rules of the VCAA. Every student is expected to know the rules in relation to attendance and appropriate behaviour. SACs are completed under examination conditions. Absence must be ‘approved’ by the school, therefore if a student is not well enough to attend a medical certificate must be presented to the teacher.

**POTENTIAL VCE HIGH ACHIEVERS**
In February each year teachers of **Year 12 students** are asked to nominate those students who they believe have sets their sights high and have already produced work of excellent quality. FIFTY students will be invited to meet individually with the College Principal to discuss their goals and aspirations for 2012.

I am delighted to be able to report that FIFTY POTENTIAL HIGH ACHIEVERS have been very easy to find!

It is my pleasure to commend the 20 students who have joined Ms Trelene Luecke’s **40+ Club** this year. As Theodore Roosevelt said, “If you believe you can, you’re half way there”. These young men and women have already reached the conclusion that ‘if it’s to be it’s up to me’!

I would also like to acknowledge and congratulate those students who I see working diligently in the Year 12 Study Room after school each night.

**AUTHENTICATION ISSUES**
In each subject in Years 10 -12, teachers set work to be completed in class and at home that is designed to develop and test a student’s knowledge and skills.

Copying the work of another student, giving work to another student to copy or downloading information from the internet to hand in as your own work, is referred to as PLAGIARISM. Simply, it is **cheating**.
Unfortunately, I have already had to ‘convene a panel’ to interview some Year 10 and Year 11 students who have failed to manage their time effectively and, as a consequence, cheated in this way. Formal Reprimands have been issued and documented. I sincerely hope that I will not have to have these conversations again.

Parents may like to assist their sons or daughters by visiting the website recommended by the SFX library staff. http://www.lib.usm.edu/legacy/plag/plagiarismtutorial.php

SPECIAL PROVISIONS
In certain circumstances the VCAA allows schools to support students who may experience illness or other circumstances that would affect their ability to complete a SAC or meet the due date of a SAT.

Applications for special provisions, with relevant evidence, must be made to the Director of Learning.

Parents are encouraged to contact the College if further information is required about Unit 3 SAC dates or the rules relating to Authentication or Special Provision.

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**St Francis Xavier College**

**COLLEGE CALENDAR**

Calendars will be available for sale through both Administration Offices for $10.00 each

Calendars will also be available at any of the parents information nights being held over the next couple of weeks

Complete with all the school holidays, arts, musical, sporting and academic dates, as well as dates for camps, retreats, liturgies and major school celebrations specific to each Campus. This will be a great aid to all parents and students in keeping (and staying) well prepared!

This is also a major fundraiser to support the work, ministry and community service of the RED, BLUE and Gold REMAR groups and the CSYMA Classes and Teams.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield
Mrs Vicki Lister

Hours
**Tuesdays and Thursdays**
8.30am – 4.00pm
**Every Saturday**
9.00am – 12.00pm

Telephone Orders Welcome
Please call 9707 3111 (Tuesday or Thursday)

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**BERWICK CAMPUS CANTEEN**

Mrs Maureen Pearson – Canteen Manager

Volunteers are required at the Berwick Canteen on a Tuesday from 12.45 p.m.-2.00 p.m. to assist with lunch orders and serving students.

Your help would be much appreciated.
Please contact the Canteen Manager on 9707 7928.

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**Interested in playing soccer?**

Berwick Regional Churches Soccer Club will be holding their player Registration Day on Saturday February 25 2012. This will be held at Hillsmeade Primary School from 11:00 am to 2:00pm.

There will be a variety of activities for children to participate in on this day. The range of teams commence from Under 9’s and go through to Under 17’s for Juniors as well as Men’s and Ladies’ Senior teams. All are welcome.

We are commencing our season for Juniors on 21/4/12 and 24/3/12 for Seniors. Our new ground will be at the corner of Grices and Clyde Roads and would welcome anyone who wants to play soccer

For further information please contact Michelle Kruize on 8790 4986 or Alistair Cook on 0409 358 012
Year 9 Information Night – a summary
My thanks are extended to the staff, parents and students who attended our first Year 9 Information Night on February 9. On the night there were some very important pieces of information that parents and students were given. Below I have prepared a summary of the main points:

• This year we are placing much emphasis on the student planner – parents, please ask to see your child’s planner on a weekly basis checking for notes and homework set by teachers. The planner also has a calendar of events (p 30) and information on a number of key components which we would encourage parents and students to read and take note:
  (a) pp 7-9 – Rights, Responsibilities and Expectations;
  (b) pp16 – 17 Uniform
  (c) p146 – Goal setting
  (d) pp20 – 29 Study habits
  (e) p12 – Homework
  (f) p18 – ICT Requirements

• English workshops held every WEDNESDAY 3.30-4.30
• Maths workshops held every MONDAY 3.30-4.30
• LOTE workshops held at lunchtimes regularly

• We spoke about the importance of knowing how we learn and adopting relevant strategies when preparing for tests/exams and when completing research tasks – Learning Styles test & strategies available on the moodle site (all students have access from home)

• The moodle site also has available:
  (a) Course content
  (b) Worksheets
  (c) Summary ideas
  (d) Reviews
  (e) Visuals/audio visuals
  (f) Helpful websites
  (g) Extra information
  (h) Assignments
  (i) Past NAPLAN tests

• Use of iLibrary as a resource, a place to complete, print and photocopy work due, to view video clips students missed in class due to other commitments, to read, check newspapers etc.

• Submission of work – a change of procedure introduced on the Berwick Campus this year; if your child does not submit work by the due date an SMS will be sent to parent’s phone. Please ensure we have current details on our data bank

• Plagiarism is unacceptable, students in Year 9 will receive an N – Unsatisfactory for assignments with no chance of redemption

• Important dates for Year 9
  (a) NAPLAN – 15, 16 & 17 May
  (b) EXAMS (Mathematics and English) – Semester 1 – Thursday June 14 & Semester 2 – Thursday November 29
  (c) Senior Studies Information Night - Wednesday July 18 at BEACONSFIELD Campus
  (d) Recommended reading: He’ll be OK by Celia Lashlie (Harper Collins Publishers) and Queen Bees & Wannabes by Rosalind Wiseman (Piatkus Publishers) – great books for Mums and Dads to read
  (e) College Website – sfx.vic.edu.au
The P&F Association had wonderful feedback and interest from parents and carers at last week’s Year 7 information night which is great. If you would like to hear more about what’s going on at your child’s school as well as meet new people and offer help, ideas and support in a friendly environment please join us for the next meeting... Everyone is welcome!

All enquiries regarding the College P&F can be made to Lorraine on 9707 5274.

FUNDRAISING

TERM ONE FUNDRAISER

After the success of last year’s ‘Garden Express – Spring Flowering Bulb’ fundraiser, the P&F are selling the Bulbs again this year as the Term 1 fundraiser. This week a ‘Garden Express – Spring Flowering Bulb’ fundraising form will be sent home via Care Groups at the JUNIOR CAMPUS. Any Senior Campus Families who would like to purchase the bulbs can get a form from the Beaconsfield office otherwise please phone Lorraine on 9707 5274 for more information. The closing date for orders will be Thursday 29th March and the bulbs will be sent home in the first week of Term 2.

Thank you for your support.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2012/2013

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

P&F MEETING DATES FOR 2012

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SECOND HAND BOOK SALES UPDATE

All funds from the sale of second hand books will be credited to school accounts. Processed refunds will be processed in Term 2 and appear on your school fee statement. Thank you for your patience.
The swimming Carnival, held on February 21 at the Monash Aquatic Centre was a very enjoyable and successful event. It was pleasing to witness our students exhibit their swimming skills and cheer on their fellow House members with enthusiastic spirit. Congratulations to Ms Stewart for her impeccable organisation of the event. Thank you to all staff for their support, in particular the House Co-ordinators for their encouragement of all students. Congratulations to Burgess House, the overall winners, under the guidance of Mr Bruce Topham. The cheer squad from White House deserve acknowledgement for their constant and positive contributions throughout the day. Gallagher House were the proud recipients of the House Spirit Award.

Year 10 students will attend the “Keys Please” session which will be held on March 6. A more detailed letter will be sent home shortly. This is an informative session for young learner drivers. “Keys Please” has been developed by VicRoads, in partnership with the Victoria Police, Transport Accident Commission, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Roadsafe Community Road Safety Councils across Victoria.

Congratulations to the following students have been elected to the leadership position of SRC representative. I am sure they will undertake their duties with pride.

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College Photos will be taken on Monday February 27. Students are to be impeccably presented in full College uniform. Fashion accessories are not permitted. Hair is to be tied back off the face. Boys must be clean shaven and are required to wear their tie. Blazers are required for all students. Failure to comply with College regulations may result in the student being unable to have their photograph taken.

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FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL
Mrs Vera Treloar – Deputy Principal, Head of Campus
The students at the Berwick Campus have started off the year very positively. Classes are well into their work programs and all seem to be enthused and productive as I wander around the Campus. The scope and variety of learning experiences for our students is a testimony to the diverse skills and talents of our dedicated teaching staff. The co-operation seen between groups of students and their teachers is a joy to watch.

Every year level at the Berwick Campus will have had their Information Evenings by the time you are reading this Newsletter. This year, we included a Year 8 and Year 9 Information Evening to ensure all parents, established and new to the College, had our processes and protocols explained and outlined. These evenings are not only about information dissemination, but another chance to show your child that school and home are on the same page. Thank you to the parents who came along to these nights. For some of you there may have been more than one night to attend! The Year 7 Information Evening was very well attended last week and the general feeling among parents and teachers is that the Year 7 students, on the whole, have settled in nicely to life at St Francis Xavier College. Please let your child’s Care Group Teacher know if this is not the case, or if anything changes that may affect your child’s positive experience at school.

The Year 7 students have started the Peer Support Program, and the small groups of students working with their Year 11 leaders was again, a delight to see. This program is an important link between the students at both Campuses and an integral part of our transition program. Ask your Year 7 child about what it involves if they haven’t already told you.

Swimming Carnival
The Swimming Carnival, held on February 23 at the Monash Aquatic Centre was a very enjoyable event. It was pleasing to witness our students exhibit their swimming skills and cheer on their fellow House members with enthusiastic spirit. Congratulations to McDonagh House, the overall winners, under the guidance of Mr Shane Cookson. McKenna House were the proud recipients of the House Spirit Award.

A few important dates for everyone to be aware of:

COLLEGE PHOTOS
Next Monday, February 27 College photos will be taken, so please ensure that all the required paperwork is filled in and that your child is in correct school uniform, right down to socks, hairdos and ribbons! The students have been warned that if they do not comply with the uniform regulations, they will not be photographed. These photos are used in our College Yearbook and other formal publications from time to time, so it is imperative that our students look their best.

Uniform:
I have asked the staff to be very vigilant with regards to how our students are wearing the College Uniform, so please become familiar with the expectations. You will find the uniform guidelines in the front pages of the Student Record Book/Planner. It would be very helpful to us if you were to spend 5 minutes going over those pages with your child, so they can see both home and school working together on this expectation. Notes were distributed last week to students for various uniform issues. If you are unsure of any uniform regulation, it is clearly stated in the Student Record Book, so please make use of this information when addressing this with your child.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

BOOK CLUB
Mrs Anne Fuller

The first meeting of our social book club is on Tuesday February 28. In a relaxed and friendly atmosphere we discuss our favourite books. We then get to borrow someone else’s favourite book, or a book from the school. If you are interested in this Book Club come along to the Berwick Campus Library at 7.00 p.m.. We usually finish around 9.00 p.m. Any questions please don’t hesitate to ring me on 9707 7963 or email afuller@sfx.vic.edu.au
Bishop’s visit
On Friday of last week Bishop Christopher Prowse and Fr Jeff Kleynjans made a pastoral visit to the Officer Campus. Bishop Prowse spoke to our students about the significance of our school as a place where all our students and staff can grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ to develop a community of faith.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy
On Wednesday 22 February, we remembered the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a time to think more deeply about the way we live in the world and with each other. Officer students attended a service in the Chapel to join in Liturgical singing with Mr Kevin Woodhouse. As we travel towards Easter, more thought for others and some personal discipline in our daily habits help create more room for God.

Pancake sale
Our fundraising efforts this year were launched with a pancake sale on Shrove Tuesday. Over eighty orders were received for this special lunchtime event. Students enjoyed their pancakes in the leafy surrounds of the Beaconsfield Hospitality Centre and the Library forecourt. The proceeds of $83 will go toward Caritas Project Compassion. Thank you to all the staff and students involved – it was wonderful to watch such creative teamwork.

Swimming Carnival
Nearly all the Officer students participated in the recent swimming carnival. Events included breaststroke, freestyle and the points swim/novelty race. It was pleasing to see the students dress in a range of colourful attire to support their House.

Year 7 Camp
As part of their Transition Education Experience, all Year 7 Officer students will attend a camp at Licola from Monday March 5 to Wednesday March 7. The camp is designed to:
• Develop student confidence and self esteem
• Foster new friendships
• Enable staff and students to get to know one another better in a non-school environment

Students will receive more details at a special assembly planned for Friday February 24.

A reminder that Thursday March 1 is a Student Free Day at the Officer Campus.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER
Go to sfx.vic.edu.au then click on “News & Events” then “Newsletters” then “Subscribe” and fill in the information
We have an exciting year planned in the Arts. This week has seen the conclusion of our auditions for Big! our College production for 2012.

We were very impressed with the enthusiasm and energy the students brought to the auditions and we look forward to seeing the production come to life on stage. Auditions for the band and sign-up for backstage will take place later this Term. The first rehearsal will be Friday April 13, 10.00am – 3:30pm.

Tuesday night was our Concert Band Recruitment Evening for Year 7’s. The College Senior Band performed and Year 7’s had the opportunity to try the instruments on offer. Next Term students will begin learning their new instruments and start Concert Band rehearsals.

SIS Music Rehearsals begin next week. There are three rehearsals culminating in a Big Night Concert on March 20. It is held at the Drum Theatre in Dandenong and involves students in Concert Band, Choir, Dance and small ensembles. There will be more details to follow in the next Newsletter.

There are many opportunities for students at the College to be involved in the Arts. We have instrumental music lessons, Choir, Concert Band, Top Acts, Cabaret Night, College Production, Exhibitions and more. We encourage all students to take an active role in what is offered here at the College.

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**For Sale**

Yamaha 250 Clarinet, excellent condition, only used for 12 months at school. Comes complete with owners manual in hard carry case and 2 books; ‘Learn as You Play’ and ‘Standard of Excellence’ $300.00 Contact Pam 0418 354 905

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**10 cents for every cap**

The Parents and Friends are raising funds for more chairs for the Beaconsfield Campus Hall.

Pauls will give us 10¢ for every cap collected.

Please collect the caps from the specially marked milk cartons and drop them off in the collection bins provided at Reception at both Berwick and Beaconsfield Campuses. Please make sure you rinse the caps prior to dropping them off.

Please start collecting and help support our school community through the Pauls Collect-A-Cap Program!
Year 7 2013 Enrolment
The first stage of Transition to secondary school for the students in Year 6 at our Parish Primary Schools is in progress in preparation for 2013. Grade 5 & 6 students at each of the Feeder Parish Primary schools within our community are being visited in the next few weeks to be given important information in regard to their Secondary education at St Francis Xavier College. The information sessions outline the enrolment process and each Year 6 student will receive a College Prospectus and Enrolment Form. This information may also be obtained from the College Administration at either Campus.

Year 7 2013 Parent/Student Information Night (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE)
The Parent/Student Information Evening for students seeking enrolment in Year 7. 2013 will now be held in the St Francis Xavier Hall at the Beaconsfield Campus on Thursday March 22 at 8.30 pm. The change of venue is to accommodate the large numbers of enquiries for enrolment in Year 7 at both the Berwick and Officer Campus.
This is an important evening in the enrolment process which allows parents and their Year 6 child the opportunity to gain information about the College curriculum, enrolment process, uniform, transport and other issues pertinent to Year 7 enrolment in 2013. Parents also have the opportunity to meet with staff from both Campuses to address any general enquiries.

Tours will be available at both Berwick and Beaconsfield Campus on the night prior to the Information Session.

Tours of Berwick Campus will be conducted from the front of the Campus leaving at 6.00pm, 6.15pm, 6.30pm, and 6.45pm. This will allow time for visitors to travel to the Beaconsfield Campus to attend the Year 7 Information Evening beginning at 7.30pm.

Tours of the Beaconsfield Campus will also be available at 6.15pm, 6.30 6.45pm and 7.00pm prior to the commencement of the Information Evening.

NB. Tours of the Berwick Campus will also be available at 9.15am on Monday March 5, Monday March 19 and Monday March 26. All Tours commence from Reception.

Enrolment Timeline
In order to be considered for entry into Year 7, 2013, applications for enrolment, including the enrolment fee of $100 must be received at the College by Friday March 30, 2012.

Please Note the due date for applications as it is essential that enrolments are finalised in the last week of Term 1. (Enrolments will be confirmed early in Term 2).

For all enrolment enquiries contact the College Registrar, Mrs Tricia Randle or Mrs Maree Chapman (Community Liaison Beaconsfield).
Term 1 Sport is underway with the commencement of SIS. Swimming training being held at Kings Swimming Centre on Wednesday and Friday Mornings from 7.30am-8.30am. SIS Swimming Relays are being held at Noble Park Pool on Friday February 24 from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Good luck to all swimmers.

**SIS Sport**

SIS Sport has commenced. We wish all teams and coaches good luck for Term 1.

**SIS Round 1 Results – Beaconsfield Campus**

- Senior Girls Basketball were defeated by John Paul College
- Senior Boys Soccer drew with Padua College
- Senior Girls Soccer were defeated by John Paul College
- Senior Boys Cricket were defeated by Padua College
- Intermediate Boys Handball were defeated by St James College
- Intermediate Girls handball were defeated by St Peter’s College
- Intermediate Girls Volleyball were defeated by St John’s College

**Lunchtime Sport**

Lunchtime Sport is underway across all year levels. This Term's sport is Netball.

- **Year 12**
  - Burgess def Gallagher
  - Synan def Mcdonagh
  - Thomas drew with Mckenna
  - Schneider def Mckenna

- **Year 11**
  - Burgess def Gallagher
  - Mckenna def Thomas
  - McDonagh def Synan
  - White def Schneider

- **Year 10**
  - Gallagher def Burgess
  - Thomas def McKenna
  - Schneider def White
  - Synan def McDonagh

**Year 7 Water Safety and Swim Trials**

This Year the Year 7s from across the Berwick and Officer Campus combined in the Water Safety and Swim Trials. This was a success with the majority of the Year 7s getting involved and having a swim. Thank you to all the Teachers who helped out on the day as well as the Year 9 House Captains who did an excellent Job in being good role models for the younger students and helping out during the day.

**Cross Country**

Cross Country training starts next week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come and train.
HOST FAMILIES 2012

Are you interested in hosting a Japanese student? Well, here is your chance. St. Francis Xavier College will be hosting Japanese students from our sister school in Tokyo, Japan in two blocks this year. We are also lucky enough to have students from another region of Japan (Shikoku) visiting us for 2 nights/3 days.

1 week: 28th August – 3rd September (approx. dates)
1 month: 21th July- 18th August (approx. dates)

A host family is required to provide appropriate sleeping arrangements and meals for the student. All activities during school hours etc are organised by the College. If you are interested please return the bottom of this form, with your details to your Japanese teacher as soon as possible.

Miss Kate Buttigieg
Learning Area Leader- LOTE

Please return this slip to your Japanese teacher.

I ____________________________ of ________ care group am interested in hosting a

First and last name

Japanese student.

(Please circle the length of time you would like to host a student for)

- 1 week
- 1 month

Contact details:
Parent Name: ____________________________
Parent Phone Number: ____________________
Parent Email: ____________________________
Transport to school (Please circle): BUS  CAR  OTHER ________
Bus number: ____________________________
"Parish Life" Weekend

Saturday 3rd March
Sunday 4th March 2012
The event will be held in St. Michael’s Stadium after the weekend mass times.

Photographic Artwork
&
Sausage sizzle
Refreshments provided

The aim of the open day is to provide an opportunity for parishioners to gather, experience and to celebrate the various groups and ministries that are active in our parish.

OUR PARISH MASSES

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TABLE TENNIS

We have Table Tennis for students, past and present, parents and friends and staff from the school. Every Monday at 7.30 p.m. (during school Term) in the Hall the Beaconsfield Campus.

All levels are welcome and all equipment is supplied. There is $2.50 fee to play and this money is donated to both the Kimbe Appeal in PNG and the Ruben Centre in Nairobi, Kenya.

For all enquiries call Glen on 9704 6392 or just turn up.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU CAN STUDY AFTER FINISHING SCHOOL?

- If you hope to study at university you will be wanting to get a degree. While studying your first degree you will be an undergraduate; if you do further study later on you will be doing post-graduate study. So look out for undergraduate courses for now. There are several universities in Victoria –
  - **Australian Catholic University** (known as ACU) with campuses in Melbourne and Ballarat
  - **Ballarat Uni** - Camp St, Melbourne Institute of Technology, Mt Helen
  - **Charles Sturt Uni** (CSU) - actually a NSW uni but with a campus at Albury-Wodonga
  - **Deakin Uni** - Burwood, Geelong, Geelong Waterfront, Warrnambool
  - **La Trobe Uni** - Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Bundoora, Mildura, Shepparton
  - **Melbourne Uni** - Parkville, Southbank – VCA
  - **RMIT Uni** – Brunswick, Bundoora, City,
  - **Swinburne Uni** - Hawthorn, Lilydale, Prahran
  - **Victoria Uni** - often known as VU; City, Footscray, Melton, St Albans.

University study is required to fully qualify for many careers such as engineering, medicine, physiotherapy, teaching and accounting.

- If you study at TAFE you will obtain a certificate, a diploma, an advanced diploma (or in a small number of cases), a degree. You can complete pre-apprenticeships and apprentices at TAFE as well. TAFE can then articulate (with credits) to university. Some other ways of gaining qualifications are through the Defence and Police Forces.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE NEWS – The University of Melbourne has reported that it has the most popular degrees offered by Victorian universities, as measured by the latest first preference applications through VTAC. The Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees were the first and second most popular degrees in Victoria respectively, totalling 4898 applications. Clearly-in Ranks rose, with Science making 80 more offers than last year and recording an ATAR rise from 85.05 to 90.15. The B. Arts rose to 90.90.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A VET? The University of Melbourne is the only university in Victoria to offer a veterinarian qualification. The university is holding an Open Day at the Veterinary Hospital to which all are invited. Attend lectures, pet demonstration, tours and get course advice. When: 10am-3pm, Sun 25 March; Where: 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; See: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au.

FOLIO PREPARATION AND CAREER DISCOVERY COURSES – Many design courses at university and TAFE require applicants to present a folio of their work as part of the application process for their courses. They want to find out about your ability and creativity. If you think you could use some assistance with your folio you might want to consider RMIT short courses. Some of these are held in the evening and some in school holidays, covering things like AutoCAD – QuickStart, drawing techniques, folio preparation in fashion drawing, in textile design, in graphic design, in interior decoration and in visual/fine art. There is also a career discovery course in building design. For more information: www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au, or phone 9925 8111.

DO YOU WANT TO STUDY A MONASH UNIVERSITY MEDICINE OR HEALTH SCIENCE DEGREE? If so, you may need to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) as part of the application process. The test is required for Monash University medicine, pharmacy, pharmacy/commerce and physiotherapy degrees. Selection for medicine uses the UMAT result, an interview and ATAR. Pharmacy uses the UMAT and the ATAR. Selection for physiotherapy uses the UMAT result, an interview (some applicants only) and the ATAR. Some interstate universities also require the UMAT.

The UMAT is being held on Wednesday 25 July, 2012. Applicants for the test will need to register on line from a date yet to be announced. The test is administered by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The UMAT is a multiple choice test. There are practice tests available for purchase online; courses are also available that may assist you in preparing for the test.
## VCE UNIT 3 SAC CALENDAR
### SEMESTER 1, 2012

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Design and Technology – Wood - SAC 1  
Design and Technology – Textiles - SAC 1 |
| 20 February 2012     | Accounting - SAC 1  
Legal Studies - SAC 1 A  
Visual Communication & Design - SAC 2 |
| 27 February 2012     | Health and Human Development – SAC 1  
History: Revolutions – SAC 1  
Religion and Society – SAC 1  
English – SAC 1  
English ESL – SAC 1  
Japanese - SAC 1 |
| 5 March 2012         | Biology - SAC 2  
Business Management - SAC 1  
VET Information Technology – SAC 1 (to 16 March 2012)  
IT: Applications (6 lessons in total) - SAC 1  
IT: Software Development (6 lessons in total) – SAC 1  
Psychology - SAC 1  
Texts and Traditions - SAC 1  
Food & Technology - SAC 1  
Visual Communication & Design - SAC 3 |
| 12 March 2012        | VET Information Technology – SAC 1 (continued)  
Physical Education – SAC 1  
Systems Engineering – SAC 1  
Legal Studies - SAC 1 B  
English – SAC 2  
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Chemistry – SAC 1 - 16 March to 28 March |
| 19 March 2012        | Chemistry – SAC 1 - 16 March to 28 March  
Literature – SAC 1  
Physics – SAC 1  
Global Politics – SAC 1  
Mathematical Methods - SAC 1  
Specialist Mathematics - SAC 1  
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Design and Technology – Wood - SAC 2  
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| 26 March 2012        | Australian History - SAC 1  
Health and Human Development – SAC 2  
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