Bereavements
It was with great sadness that I informed the College community last week of the sudden and unexpected death of Sammy Maina, a member of the Class of 2011. Sammy was a wonderful young man and an extremely talented musician. His funeral service last Saturday (March 3), attended by approximately 800 people, was a celebration of the life of this fine young man. Please hold Sammy’s parents, Margaret and Stephen, and his sister Michelle, in your prayers at this time of great sadness.

Our condolences are extended to the family of Mr Sean Nagle who passed away recently following a serious illness. Mr Nagle is the father of Mary (Year 12) and Sam (Class of 2010).

College Board Elections
Attached to this edition of the College Newsletter is a letter to all parents informing them that Parish Representatives to the College Board are required in Narre Warren and Iona/Maryknoll. I would encourage interested parents to give consideration to this important role in the life of the College.

2012 STUDENT LEADERSHIP
It is with pleasure that I introduce to the community our Student Leaders for 2012:

College Captains
Jenna Russo – A former student of St Patrick’s Primary School in Pakenham, Jenna, a member of Gallagher House, is a highly committed member of our school. Her Year 12 studies are Religious Education, English, Maths Methods, Media Studies, Psychology and Studio Art. Jenna is also a member of the Liturgical Choir, Cantabile. Her interests outside school are music and surfing and Jenna hopes to pursue tertiary studies next year. She looks to her three older brothers as her role models in life.

Sid Wynen – Aspiring to studying a Bachelor of Science degree at Melbourne University in the near future, Sid is currently studying English, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics and the Monash University Enhancement Studies in History & Politics. Sid is also a member of the Liturgical Choir, Cantabile. A member of Burgess House, his interests are aviation, tennis and mixing with his friends. His primary school years were spent at St Catherine’s Primary School in Berwick. Sid sees his parents as the greatest influence in his life.

Vice Captains

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Grace Keysers – Grace came to the College from St James Primary School in Nar Nar Goon and has, over the years, immersed herself wholeheartedly in the various programs of the College. An active member of Synan House, she has a love of netball, music and art, and in Year 12 is studying English, Further Mathematics, Studio Arts, Australian History and the Monash University Enhancement Studies in History & Politics. In her post-VCE years, Grace aims to pursue tertiary studies and to travel overseas. She cites 2011 College Captain, Mikaela Foy, as her main role model.

Kevin de Waal – Kevin is studying English, Chemistry, Maths Methods, Physical Education and Psychology this year and aims to undertake a course in the medical field at university. Kevin is also a member of the Liturgical Choir, Cantabile. Kevin is a keen runner and enjoys the beach and riding motorcycles in his spare time. A member of Burgess House, Kevin is strongly committed to the fuller life of the College and works to inspire others to be involved.

The Gonski Report
The Commonwealth Government commissioned David Gonski AC to examine the formula used to allocate funding to schools across the nation. In recent weeks, the much anticipated Report, now known as the Gonski Report, was made public. Despite initial concerns, David Gonski appears to have recognised the considerable value of Catholic education and it seems our funding will remain. I have attached to this edition of the College Newsletter a letter written by the Director of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, Mr Stephen Elder. In this, Mr Elder addresses the Report handed to the Commonwealth Government. I encourage all parents to read this.

Year 7 Camps
Officer Campus: Mrs Blythman (Deputy Principal – Head of Campus, Officer), her colleagues and our one hundred and eleven boys and girls have just returned from a very successful Induction Camp, held over three days of this week in Licola.

Berwick Campus: Ms Rock (Deputy Principal – Head of Campus, Berwick), will head off to four different sites for the Year 7 Induction Camp over the week March 19-23.

A vote of thanks must go to Miss Amelia Boyle, Miss Ashley McGuinness and Miss Laura Carney for their work in arranging every detail of these learning experiences for our youngest students.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR.....

☐ the repose of the soul of Mr Sean Nagle, father of Mary (Year 12) and Sam (Class of 2010)
☐ the repose of the soul of Sammy Maina, a member of the Class of 2011.
☐ Mr Jose Menares, father of Nick (Year 10) and Eric (Year 7) as he is seriously ill at present.
☐ all members of our College community and their families.

Licola Camp
Our days at Licola were filled with excitement, fun, new experiences and great challenges. The students also had an opportunity to learn about perseverance, community spirit and self-reliance, as well as discovering strengths they never knew they had.

The time away from school life has been designed to give the students many opportunities to try new things, solve problems, get to know each other better – and of course, to have fun. They have soared through the air on the thrilling giant swing, built rafts, hiked along the river ridge and shared many mealtimes together.

Skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, thinking and learning and communication were addressed through the various outdoor activities. The camp was an amazing success this year and I am delighted to hear the students speak positively about their experiences at the camp. The experience not only challenged them in a physical sense, but also in their understanding of their own capabilities and strengths.
P/T/S INTERVIEWS – ONLINE BOOKING
As we have been doing for the past couple of years, Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews need to be booked online. This will give parents the opportunity to view all available times and to choose those which are most suitable. Interviews will be held at the following times
Thursday March 29: 2.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday March 30: 9.30am – 1.00pm

The system will be open from 9.00am Friday March 16 to 4.30pm Wednesday March 28, 2012. For parents who do not have internet access, computer kiosks will be available at Reception at the Berwick & Beaconsfield Campuses. Students who have written permission from their parents may also have access to these kiosks. Instructions regarding login procedures are attached to this Newsletter.

Parents and students are urged to participate in this important activity. It not only demonstrates family/school partnership, it also gives parents, students and teachers the opportunity to determine how each one can contribute to achieve desired outcomes.
• What can the student do?
• What can the school do?
• What can the parents do?

As a general rule, if you have concerns about progress in any subject the first person to talk to is the subject teacher. If you have concerns of a pastoral nature the first person to contact is the Care Group Teacher.

Ten Questions for parents to ask at P/T/S Interviews
(From the Schools Council of Victoria)
1. What are the good things my child does in class?
2. In which areas does s/he excel? In which areas does s/he need support?
3. How does my child get along with other students?
4. Does my child respect the adults in the school?
5. How do you make decisions about grades and assessment?
6. What are the homework requirements?
7. Which books can I read to encourage my child to read?
8. What activities can I do to help my child’s learning?
9. Have you discussed your concerns with my child?
10. How can I help my child improve in the classroom?

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – MARCH 2 2012
The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen’s initiative that began in the USA in 1884. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions. Every year, it focuses on a different country and a specific theme. This year the country is Malaysia and the theme is, Let Justice Prevail.

2012 NORTHERN TERRITORY TRIP
Friday September 21 to Tuesday October 2, 2012
The Northern Territory Trip is offered to Year 10 and Year 11 students. At present there are a couple of places still available. Please see Mrs Rankins if you are interested.
NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 2nd MAY, 2012
Junior Campus Staffroom 7:30p.m.

Please join us for the next meeting of St. Francis Xavier College’s Parents and Friends Association, everyone is welcome. It is a great opportunity to hear more about what’s going on at your child’s school as well as the chance to meet new people and offer help, ideas and support in a friendly environment.

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

FUNDRAISING

TERM ONE FUNDRAISER

Brochures and Order Forms for the ‘Garden Express – Spring Flowering Bulb’ fundraiser were sent home with children from both junior campuses last week. Any senior campus family wishing to purchase bulbs can obtain a brochure/order form from the Beaconsfield office or alternatively more information, including an order form to download, is available on the college website www.sfx.vic.edu.au for all families. All orders must be received on or before Monday 26th March and the bulbs will be sent home in the first week of Term 2. Thank you for your support.

PAUL’S COLLECT-A-CAP

The Paul’s Collect-a-Cap campaign is continuing in 2012...To help with fundraising, Paul’s will donate 10 cents for every cap collected, so please save your caps from specially marked Paul’s Milk Products including Skinny Milk, Physical, Smarter White Milk and Trim and place them in the bins provided in the office at both campuses.

BONUS 20 CENT CAPS

From the 5th March to the 29th April Paul’s will donate 20 cents per cap from their specially marked ‘Good to Go’ Smoothies. Please see the promotional flyer in the newsletter for more information.

P&F MEETING DATES FOR 2012

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It was with great sadness that many senior students and staff attended the funeral of Sammy Maina (Year 12 2011) on Saturday March 3. Sammy was a valued and respected member of the St Francis Xavier College community. We express our condolences to Sammy’s family and friends.

It was a pleasure to host the annual “Keys Please“ information session for our Year 10 students. Driving is a complex task for new drivers and the strategies suggested during the course of the session were practical and should help to alleviate the anxiety felt by many learner drivers and their parent instructors. Our presenter, Robin Tiffany, from VicRoads provided advice and information regarding the best methods to utilise the mandated 120 hours of practice to assist learners to become safe drivers.

Year 11 students and their parents are reminded to attend the Year 11 Information Evening, incorporating Presentation Ball information, on March 13 beginning at 7.30pm in the College Hall. This compulsory session will include important information regarding Senior Studies for all Year 11 students. I look forward to seeing you all on this occasion.

Complimentary Family Passes to a VCE Success Seminar for students in Years 10-12 have been distributed. Learn the secrets top performers used to excel in VCE. Seats are Limited and bookings are essential. Visit www.VCEsuccess.com.au/free or call 9531 0531.

College Uniform
Most students are to be commended for the manner in which they wear their uniform. Nevertheless, a small number of students have not been adhering to the uniform policy. Students are reminded that the jumper or vest is not to be worn as the outer garment while travelling to and from the College. Blazers should be in good repair and require regular dry cleaning to ensure they are worn in the appropriate manner. Boys are to be clean shaven and should attend to their own grooming prior to departing from home. Boys will be asked to shave should they neglect to attend to this matter.

We also ask for parents' support while dropping off or collecting your children. Parents are reminded that car park access inside the College grounds is limited to buses and staff vehicles.

SFXOC FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS
www.sfxoc.com.au

To Past, Present and Future Members of the St Francis Xavier College Family

With the building of the new Alumni Centre at the Beaconsfield Campus almost complete, the St Francis Xavier Old Collegians Sporting Club (a joint initiative of the Old Collegians Football and Cricket Clubs) are offering a once in a lifetime chance to have your name displayed on the honor board which will be on show in the new Centre.

The wording will be similar to this:

ST FRANCIS XAVIER OLD COLLEGIANS SPORTING CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALUMNI CENTRE

Your Name or Business Name

We are asking for a donation of $100 for your name to be printed on the board and displayed in the centre for all visitors and members to see. You will be helping out the future of all of the Old Collegians so it can become an integral structure for future students of the expanding College.

Contributions can be made to via EFT to BSB 633 000 Acc No: 145315073, or via cheque made payable to: St Francis Xavier Old Collegians Sporting Club P.O. Box 801, Beaconsfield 3807

A receipt will be issued on payment. Any enquires can be made to Chris Seuren 0414 983 076 or president@sfxoc.com.au. Donations close on the Saturday April 14, 2012.

St. Francis Xavier College, 2012 – Educating in Peace and Justice
Year 8 Parent Information Night – An overview
Our first annual Year 8 Information Evening for parents was held at Berwick on February 22. It was terrific to see a large number of parents and their Year 8 learners make their way into the Hall armed with Student Planners.

The evening began with prayer and distribution of Ashes to commemorate Ash Wednesday led by Mr Kevin Woodhouse – Director of Faith and Liturgy.

We then began with the business end of the evening. Below I have surmised the important points covered which we would like you, as parents, to support and affirm as we continue our work here at the College, together, to ensure your children, our students achieve their best.

This year there will be 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) p 146 – Goal setting
(d) pp 20 – 29 Study habits
(e) p 12 – Homework
(f) p 18 – ICT Requirements

English Workshops are held every WEDNESDAY 3.30 – 4.30 pm while Maths Workshops are held every MONDAY 3.30 – 4.30 pm. There are usually two teachers rostered on and students can receive extra assistance or attend a workshop to assist them in further developing a skill that has been covered in class.

The LOTE Department also holds Workshops regularly at Lunchtimes where students can ask for extra assistance as well as complete homework.

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 are 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 – this can assist students in all year levels to expand their vocabulary and understanding of the nature of tests and assessments prepared by outside sources.

I emphasised the 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.

The procedure for the Submission of Work at the Berwick Campus has changed this year with the introduction of SMS alerting parents to work not submitted by due dates. If your child does not submit work by the due date an SMS will be sent to parent’s mobile phone. Please ensure we have current details on our data bank.

Plagiarism is unacceptable, students caught plagiarising in Year 8 will be asked to explain as will the other student(s) involved, parents will be called and both parties will need to resubmit by a date set. Failure to do so will result in an ‘N’ – Unsatisfactory.
I also asked that students come to class prepared, armed with all required stationery, text and workbooks. The evening ended with a quick exploration of the College website: sfx.vic.edu.au and parents were encouraged with some recommended reading: He'll be OK by Celia Lashlie (Harper Collins Publishers) and Queen Bees & Wannabies by Rosalind Wiseman (Piatkus Publishers).

My thanks are extended to all parents and students and to my colleagues at St Francis Xavier College who took time out of their busy schedules to come and support the children in their learning journey.

FROM THE BERWICK CAMPUS
Ms Joanne Rock – Deputy Principal, Head of Campus

Congratulations!
On Thursday February 23, I was lucky enough to witness a really fantastic event that included everybody from the Berwick Campus – The Junior Swimming Carnival. It was such a positive, vibrant, community-focused event that ran so well, I just feel it necessary to congratulate everyone involved, from the organisers to the participants. We received great praise from the Monash Aquatic Centre staff for the behaviour of the students and the general organisation of the day. All Inter House competitions provide wonderful opportunities to develop and nurture House spirit and this was evident in the way students made contributions on the day. Those who contributed by competing in swimming events, barracking, entering the Points Swim, staying with their House as a show of strength, keeping their respective areas clean, etc. are to be congratulated for their contribution in fostering school and community spirit.

Congratulations and thanks to:
• Miss Amy Tivendale, Mr Ryan Shaw and the House Coordinators for organising the day,
• McDonagh House for winning the competition
• McKenna House for winning the House Spirit Award
• Ed Support staff and students for refreshments
• All staff and students for their involvement and contribution to ensure such a successful day.

Upcoming Events
Year 7 camps are coming up in a couple of weeks and I am sure that all students involved will have a great opportunity to get to know more people in their House and Year level. Miss Amelia Boyle, Miss Ashley McGuiness and Miss Laura Carney, with the support of the House Coordinators and staff, have worked tirelessly to make sure everything is organised and ready to go! I hope the excitement is building for what I am sure will be a memorable experience. I am looking forward to visiting again this year to witness for myself the wonderful opportunities camp presents to our Year 7 students.

Complaints from Residents of Ridgemont Drive
Sadly I have received complaints from the residents of Ridgemont Drive relating to deliberate damage being done to plants on nature strips and private property. I have asked students a couple of times this year to stop, but I am still receiving these complaints. Can I please ask any parent who parks along Ridgemont Drive who sees students from the College causing damage to residents’ gardens or property to contact me. I am so grateful to parents who call me to report such poor behaviour, as it allows us to hold our young people accountable for their behaviour. It also shows our students that we work together to get the best out of them. Remember, it takes a village to raise a child!

Drop off and pick up of students
This is a timely warning and reminder to all parents who drop students off – do so in the correct and clearly labelled areas for the safety and consideration of all. It has been reported to me by the staff who do morning yard duty on the basketball courts that there are some parents who are driving too fast in this area.

Please SLOW down when you are on College property to ensure the safety of the College community.
St Michael's Parish, Berwick hosted a Parish Life Expo last weekend after each of the Masses to feature the various groups and ministries active within the Parish. St Francis Xavier College was represented along with the other three schools within the Parish boundary. Thank you to Sorsha Johnson, Bernadette Barlow, Leah and Rachel Kloprogge for helping to host the St Francis Xavier College stand and answering the many enquiries about our College. Visitors showed much interest in the progress of our new Officer Campus and the extensive range of activities and events that form part of our large College life. A combined choir of school children of various ages from three of our feeder Parish schools within the Community: St Brigid’s Officer, St Catherine’s Berwick and St Michael’s Berwick was a crowd favourite as they performed for the visitors.

Parish Primary Schools
Recently, I have had the pleasure of visiting our Parish Primary schools with current Year 7 students who have returned to their past primary school: Keely O’Hehir and Jacob Charabie returned to St John’s, Koo Wee Rup, Ashley Cherrett, Nathan Perrone and Rebecca Daly to St Catherine’s Berwick; Mary Davine and Alexander Pradel to St Michael’s Berwick, Emily Anlanger and Anthony Billing to Trinity; Tegan Davis and Harrison Dunn to Mary MacKillop Primary School.

These students related their Term 1 experience of transition to St Francis Xavier College and were there to answer the many questions from the Year 6 students about secondary school. The Year 7 students performed their role as “College Ambassadors” most capably and were a credit to both the College and their Primary School. The visits continue next week to our other Parish Feeder Schools presenting information about enrolment at both our Berwick and Officer Campus for 2013.

Year 7 Enrolment 2013….REMINDERS
Parent Information Evening … Thursday March 22 – 7.30pm., Beaconsfield Campus Hall

College Tours
Berwick Campus – 6.00, 6.15, 6.30 & 6.45 pm prior to the Year 7 Information Evening to be held at Beaconsfield Campus.
Beaconsfield Campus – 6.15pm, 6.30 6.45pm and 7.00 pm. prior to the commencement of the Information evening.

Additional Tours of the Berwick Campus will be held: Monday March 19 and March 26 at 9.15. All Tours commence from Administration.

Tours during the rest of the year: First Monday of the Month at 9.30 am or by appointment.

Final closing date for Applications for Year 7 enrolments is Friday March 30, 2012. It is essential that all enrolment applications for places in Year 7 2013, be submitted by this date.

College Tours
Rather than having specific Open days for visitors to come into our College, we offer visitors the opportunity to come into our College to view how each Campus operates on a normal school day.

Students in Year 9 and 10 have been appointed to act as College Tour Guides and hold the important responsibility of representing the student body to parents and outside visitors. The new Tour Guides for 2012 have recently received their badges and have already been busy conducting tours, particularly at the Berwick Campus.

Tour Guides for 2012 are:
Berwick Campus: Alicia Hayden, Hayden Johnson, Susan Shaw, Matt Stephens, Daniel Marshall, Nicole Antolos, John Attard, Katelyn Martin, Rachael Bechet, Chris Pradel, Jordan Pereira, Monica Ergnini, Kiara Ricupito, Adam Rawlings, Trisha-Marie Perera and Joyce Alferez
Beaconsfield Campus: Mikaela Miller, Justin Cherrett, Rebecca Jackson, Liam Whelan, Monica Denuyl, Francis Fanchette, Hailey Schreurs, Lukas Perryman, Alexandra Delaney, Alexander Marinelli, Jayden Harrison, Morgan McGrath, Alyssa Williams, Joshua Sutherland, Renee Aurish and Russell Rosario.

Cardinia Shire Council Youth Services are currently offering the following programs:


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.

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)

ST. CATHERINE’S COUNTRY FAIR

Saturday 24th March - All welcome!!
10am-4pm
HEAPS OF STALLS, RIDES, CRAFTS, FOOD
Fun for all ages!!!

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
DURING 1st TERM HOLIDAYS

Saturday March 31 – 9.00 am-12.00 pm
Tuesday April 10 – 8.30 am- 4.00 pm
Thursday April 12 – 8.30 am- 4.00 pm
Saturday April 14 – 9.00 am-12.00 pm

SUBSCRIBE TO THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER
Go to [sfx.vic.edu.au](http://sfx.vic.edu.au) then click on “News & Events” then “Newsletters” then “Subscribe” and fill in the information

St. Francis Xavier College, 2012 – Educating in Peace and Justice
The last two weeks have been busy in the Sports Department with the senior and junior House Swimming Carnivals, SIS sport, Lunchtime sport and SIS Swimming Relays. It has required all staff and students to play a role and contribute to making these events possible. Thank you to all the teachers, the maintenance men, and also the students for their participation.

The Senior Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday February 21. Congratulations to Burgess House for being our overall winners for 2012. Also to Gallagher House for winning the House Spirit Award. Listed below are the results of the day, our year level champions and also new records set by Olivia Raiti, Alexander Collingwood and Mark Ayre-Beasley.

**Senior House Swimming Carnival Results**

1st Burgess (1,172)
2nd Mckenna (1,009)
3rd White (990)
4th Gallagher (880)
5th Thomas (811)
6th Mcdonagh (809)
7th Synan (795)
8th Schneider (771)

**Year Level Champions**

Year 7 Female Champion – Charlotte Pittard (BUR)
Year 7 Male Champion – Blake Hutchins (SYN)
Year 8 Female Champion – Erena Koukounaras (GAL)
Year 8 Male Champion – Cort Wynen (BUR)
Year 9 Female Champion – Natalie Ricchetti (SYN)
Year 9 Male Champion – Taylor Lindsay (SCH)
Year 10 Female Champion – Caitlyn Collingwood (BUR)
Year 10 Male Champion – Mark Ayre-Beasley (MCK)
Year 11 Female Champion – Olivia Raiti (WHI)
Year 11 Male Champion – Kalen Murrian (MCK)
Year 12 Female Champion – Alexander Collingwood (BUR)
Year 12 Male Champion – Samuel Grimshaw (GAL)

On Friday February 23 the Swimming Squad went to the new swimming complex at Noble Park for the SIS Swimming Relay Competition. With beautiful weather, the friendly meet allowed students to compete in a number of relays and gain practice for the SIS Swimming Carnival at MSAC on March 14.

We have begun training for SIS Cross Country on Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in preparation for the Cross Country season in Term 2. If you are interested please see Mr Steven Murphy or myself (Ryan Shaw) for a permission form.

**2012 Aerobics**

Aerobic Training starts next week on Tuesday mornings 7.30am – 8.30am and Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm – 4.30pm leading up to the Aerobics Competition on May 20. See Ms Kerry Little for more information.
“The Journey So Far” Evening for Year 11 Students 2012

Tuesday May 8 – Beaconsfield Campus – 6.45pm- 9.00pm

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

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

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

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

Further details will be sent home over the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Timothy O’Meara on 9707 3111 or via email, tomeara@sfx.vic.edu.au

Super Rugby Comes to St Francis Xavier College
Nick Jewell – Year 11

The newest Super 15 franchise, The Melbourne Rebels, hosted their very first ever Family Day at Visy Park in Carlton on Sunday February 26, 2012. A part of the ethos of the franchise is to build a strong bond with the community. Mitch Inman one of the Rebels newest recruits has been attached to St Francis Xavier College as our Rebels ambassador. This means that both school squads (1st XV and U16s) will greatly benefit from Mitch’s experience throughout the season.

On Sunday I was lucky enough to be chosen to represent the College at the Rebels Family Day. I was fortunate enough to present Mitch with his 2012 playing jersey. Throughout the day there was plenty of opportunity to meet all the players who were quite happy to give me tips to improve my game.

This was an amazing experience and I look forward to spending time with Mitch and the Rebels throughout the year.
OUR PARISH MASSES

Berwick:  
Sat. 6.00 p.m.  
Sun 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.

Narre Warren:  
Sat. 6.00 p.m.,  
Sun. 9.15 a.m., 11.00 a.m. & 6.00 p.m.

Pakenham:  
Sat. 6.00 p.m.  
Sun. 9.00 a.m., 10.30 a.m.

Koo Wee Rup:  
Sun. 9.30 a.m.

Iona:  
Sun. 11.00 a.m.

Lang Lang:  
2nd & 4th Sunday of each month  
at 5.00 p.m.

Nar Nar Goon:  
Sat, 6.00 p.m.

Maryknoll:  
3rd & 5th Sunday of each month  
5.00 p.m.

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.

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

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!
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: 21st 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: ______________
WHERE CAN I FIND OUT ABOUT COURSES AND CAREERS? The Careers Centre is the obvious starting point, however, there are many other places to obtain information. There are CAREER EXPOS, university and TAFE Open Days, Career Events held during the year, and Website to check.

CAREER EXPOS
• The Age VCE and Careers Expo is from Thurs 3 to Sun 6 May at the Caulfield Race Course
• The National Careers and Employment Expo: 18/19 May at Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
• The Herald Sun Career Expo is on 27 – 29 July
• Engineering Careers Expo is 2-7pm, Thurs 29 Mar, Etihad Stadium; www.engineeringexpo.org.au

OPEN DAYS
University and TAFE Open Days are a great source of information as attendance at these provides the opportunity to speak to staff and see facilities. (If you plan to apply for a course requiring an interview, folio presentation or audition as part of the application process, attending really is essential). Generally 10am-4pm:
• Sat 23 June – Holmesglen
• Sun 24 June – Victoria Uni
• Sat 4 Aug – Monash Uni (Berwick, Gippsland, Peninsula)
• Sun 5 Aug – La Trobe (Albury Wodonga); Monash (Caulfield, Clayton, Parkville)
• Sun 12 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Melbourne); Deakin (Warrnambool); Melbourne (Parkville & Southbank); RMIT (Uni and TAFE)
• Sun 19 Aug – Deakin (Geelong campuses); La Trobe (Bendigo); Swinburne (Uni & TAFE)
• Sun 26 Aug – Australian Catholic Uni (Ballarat); Ballarat Uni; Box Hill Institute; Deakin (Melbourne Burwood); La Trobe (Melbourne Bundoora)

CAREER EVENTS
Various Career Events run throughout the year. Starting very soon is the annual ‘At Monash’ Seminar series. These give you a head start when considering where a university degree can take you. What/When (all 6.30-8pm): Info: 1800 Monash/9903 4810; Register/ locations: www.monash.edu/seminars/checkbld
• Trial-a-Trade day at William Angliss Institute, offering 14-18 year olds the opportunity to experience foods and hospitality careers (eg chef, baker, barista or patissier); When: 9.30am-12pm, Sun 18 March; Where: William Angliss, 555 La Trobe St, Melbourne; Cost: $28.00; Info/registration: 1300 264 547 or www.angliss.edu.au/trial.
• Experience environmental science and engineering day at RMIT. Undertake interactive workshops in environmental engineering, urban planning, environmental science and geospatial science; When: Thurs 5 April; Cost: Free (incl lunch – a bargain); Info/register: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays; Call: Clare, 9925 3699; more ‘Get Real Experience’ activities coming in arts/design, computing, marketing and medical sciences (info soon)
• What Really Happens After High School? Find out by being a uni student for a day at La Trobe Uni. which is opening its doors, inviting Yr 10 - 12s and parents to ‘Experience La Trobe’. Join in workshops, find out about student life and check out the campus. It’s free, entertainment and lunch provided. When: Fri 13 April and Tues 3 July (holidays); Where: La Trobe (Bundoora); Register (and check sessions at Bendigo and Albury-Wodonga): www.latrobe.edu.au/experience.
• The Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine is holding a Career Information session offering insights into career opportunities in the forensic sciences. When: 12:30 - 4:00pm, Fri 13 April; Where: VIFM Lecture Theatre, 57-83 Kavanagh Street, Southbank; Registration form located at: http://www.vifm.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Registration-Form-13-April-20121.pdf. For info. visit: http://www.vifm.org/events/16/vifm-careers-information-afternoon/. No seats for parents.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY LEARNING HUB OPENS IN DANDENONG – The Deakin Learning Hub in Dandenong opened in February, providing the opportunity for students for Melbourne’s south-east to undertake the Bachelor of Health Sciences using an innovative approach known as community-based learning. This links the classroom experience with input from relevant community groups and local industry. Students study online, but with access to academic staff via the hub, who provide support, advice and guidance. Students study at a time and location convenient to them with the hub providing computer resources and access to Deakin’s library and other online resources. Where: Level 3, 237 Lonsdale St, Dandenong; When: Business hours, Mon-Fri; www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs/hsd/dandenong.
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE

From the Principal

March 6, 2012

Dear Parents

ELECTION OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COLLEGE BOARD

In order to ensure a continuity of experience on the College Board, parent representatives are elected for a two-year period with the possibility of one further term of two years. This year there are elections for two Parishes.

The Parishes which require election of a parent representative this year are:

NARRE WARREN: presently represented by Mr M Scammell (eligible for re-election)
IONA/MARYKNOLL: presently represented by Mrs L Hester (eligible for re-election)

Nominations are therefore requested for these two positions.

The attached Nomination Form must be returned to the College, duly completed, no later than 3.30p.m. Monday March 19, 2012. This will enable a ballot to be conducted with voting closing at 3.30p.m. on Wednesday April 18, 2012 at 3.30p.m.

The successful candidates will be expected to attend the meeting of the Board on Tuesday April 24, 2012, and thereafter once per month (normally on a Wednesday evening).

Those eligible to vote are parents residing in a particular Parish who have a child or children attending the College.

The Board would like to express its appreciation of the efforts of the current parent representatives for their endeavours over the 2010/2011 school years and trust that parents will appreciate the necessity in making nominations, of ensuring that this high standard of representation is maintained over 2012/2013.

Please Note:

NOMINATION TO BE RETURNED BY: Monday March 19, 2012
VOTING CLOSES 3.30PM: Wednesday April 18, 2012

PAUL G. DESMOND
(Principal)
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE BOARD ELECTION

NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARISHES OF NARRE WARREN & IONA/MARYKNOLL

This Nomination Form must be returned to the College NO LATER THAN 3.30PM ON MONDAY MARCH 19, 2012 in an envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Lesley Lancaster, Returning Officer.

I wish to nominate ____________________________ (BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE)
from the Parish of ____________________________
for the position of parent representative on the College Board of St. Francis Xavier College.

NAME: ______________________________________
SIGNATURE: _________________________________
DATE: ______________________________________

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PERSON NOMINATED

I, ____________________________, accept the above nomination for the position of parent representative on the College Board of St. Francis Xavier College.

NAME: ______________________________________
SIGNATURE: _________________________________
DATE: ______________________________________

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE
Educating in Peace and Justice
2012
Dear Parents

The Parent/Teacher/Student interviews need to be booked online. This will give parents the opportunity to view all available times and to choose those which are most suitable.

Interviews will be held at the following times:

Thursday March 29: 2.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday March 30: 9.30am – 1.00pm

To book interviews for your child simply go to the following web address and follow these simple instructions:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Now you can book school interviews for the times that suit you. Simply enter the school code listed here and press “Go”.

You will be guided through three simple steps and a few moments later you will get an email confirming your interview times.

First enter your name, your child’s name, and your email address.
On the next page, select the teachers you wish to meet. First select the subject or year and then choose from the list of teachers.

You will see a timetable showing when the teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. You can return to the site and change your interviews as necessary until the close of bookings.

The system will be open from 9.00am Friday March 16 to 4.30pm Wednesday March 28, 2012.

For parents who do not have internet access, computer kiosks will be available at Reception at both Campuses. Students who have written permission from their parents may also have access to these kiosks.

If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a particular teacher, parents will need to contact the subject teacher directly to arrange an alternative interview time.

Parents wishing to change their interview time/s after the closing date should contact the College directly on:

- **Berwick Campus**  Phone: 9702 6588
- **Beaconsfield Campus**  Phone: 9707 3111
- **Officer Campus**  Phone: 5943 3600
Monday 20 February 2012

Catholic Education welcomes consultation on Gonski Review detail

Catholic Education looks forward to examining the detailed recommendations of the Gonski Review and the Australian Government’s response to ensure they meet the needs of every student in Catholic education, the Executive Director of Catholic Education, Stephen Elder, said in response to the release of the Gonski Review today.

“The government has recognised that families already face financial pressures in relation to school fees. Catholic education will now analyse the report to ensure it does not put further pressure on Catholic families and the fees they pay,” said Mr Elder.

“The final report of the Gonski review has confirmed what many parents know – Victoria has a very good schooling system and Catholic education plays a very important role.

“I welcome the government’s commitment to detailed and extensive consultation on the recommendations of the review. We look forward to working constructively with the government to test the proposals in the Gonski review.

“The Gonski review has recognised that Catholic schools in Victoria operate with lower resource levels and less government funding compared to government schools. On average Catholic schools receive less than 80 cents for every dollar in government funding for government school students.

“Including fees from parents, Catholic schools operate on around 90% of the cost of education in a Victorian government school. There is a lot of work to be done before we can be confident that we will have a funding model that meets the needs of every student.

“If the government delivers at least the current level of funding to Catholic schools with increases that keep pace with government school costs and avoids school fee increases, it will go a long way to ensuring the needs of students are met.

“Parents and teachers will welcome the possibility that students with a disability and special needs would receive the same level of government funding regardless of the school they attend.

“This policy change would likely allow Catholic schools to welcome thousands of students with disabilities and special needs that have previously been discouraged by the huge funding disparity between Catholic and government schools.”

Further information from David Ahern, Catholic Education Office Melbourne, Media, on 9267 0228 or 0418 351 383.