Dear SFC Community,

It’s been another incredibly busy, but productive week here at the College. It’s my privilege to take on the position of Acting Principal. We wish Mrs King a speedy recovery from her ankle surgery. My thanks to Shane Fuller (Acting Assistant Principal) and Mr Paul Werner (Acting Pastoral Care Co-ordinator).

I was able to speak to the entire student body at Assembly yesterday and I unreservedly congratulated them on the magnificent fundraising efforts this term. Our newly elected student leaders have really stepped up. I’m very proud that the College will again be able to make significant contributions to a range of world-wide charities. I affirm to leadership of Janice Drew and Peter McPhee, who have kept the students and staff well informed and motivated.

The Soup Kitchen today was a huge success (see photos of today and yesterday on Page 2). The canteen was closed, with the only food available being soup and bread or a bowl of rice. It was advertised as an activity in solidarity. Most of our students and staff have never truly felt hungry. Sure, there are days when we want food, but there is comfort in the reality of knowing that we are never that far away from our next feed. So hopefully, lots of people have felt that today. Again, thank you Ms Drew and Year 12.

Exams for Years 7-10 have begun. I urge all students to be well prepared for every exam and I wish them well.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Seb Spina
Acting Principal

Congratulations to Miss Kitty Neil on being the winner of the Malvern Star Bike Silent Auction as part of Tenison’s Mission effort.

Pictured left is Miss Neil with her prize, kindly donated by Mr Ian Pettit.
**2013 MONEY STUFF CHALLENGE**

Susanna Ratnam, Year 9 and teacher, Miss Kitty Neil attended a presentation day in Sydney last week for the “Money Stuff Challenge” organised by the Department of Fair Trading. Students were to complete a competition in Year 9 Commerce. Earlier this term Susanna was nominated for the People’s Choice award. And it’s with great pleasure that we acknowledge and congratulate Susanna as the winner of the REGIONAL AWARD which is a wonderful achievement. (picture at left is the official presentation to Susanna in Sydney and held in Sydney at the official presentation and left is Miss Neil & Susanna back at St Francis!)

**What is Money Stuff Challenge?**

Now in its 13th year, The Money Stuff Challenge has transformed a generation of students into savvy consumers. Every year the competition attracts more than a thousand students from schools across NSW.

The competition challenges students to be creative in researching and developing consumer messages using fun, interactive media and creative publicity that will appeal to their peers and quickly grab their attention. It is a fun and engaging way for students to learn about their consumer rights while meeting syllabus learning outcomes.

**Solidarity not Charity**

Look at the world through the eyes of those who struggle to have the basics in life. The dream of a ‘full life’ for those we call ‘the poor’ can only be realised if we play our part!

After many weeks of food, food and more food to raise money for Catholic Mission, the Leaders decided to go out with a last hoorah - with a difference!

In order to join in solidarity with the homeless both here in Australia and around the world, students were challenged to order a cup of soup or a bowl of rice for their lunch. The Canteen and Boarding Kitchen were very generous in their support of Missions all through the month and the Solidarity Soup Kitchen was no exception! Many thanks to Phil, Lyn, Liz, Wendy and Jenny. Mrs Scherret provided the new Coffee Shop to distribute the cups of rice – thanks to you too!

Well done to those who accepted the challenge and walked the walk by giving up their lunch and other goodies for the day. Thank you to the Year 12 students who worked to get this event happening and also thanks to the Hospitality students who helped prepare the soup. We hope the day helped you to learn a little ‘empathy’ – the Leaders are really keen to try a few more Solidarity activities in the future so...watch this space!

**Study Skills Tip for November - How do you study for a test or exam?**

**Part 1:**

A common form of assessment in secondary school is a test or examination. Unfortunately many students don’t really know how to study properly for a test. They just read their notes over and over and hope that the content will stay in their head. This is the slowest and most ineffective way of studying. Some students manage to get through on natural ability for a while, but in the end it is necessary to learn how to study effectively so students can achieve their personal best in an as efficient manner as possible.

So here’s how you study for a test.
PART 2:

Here’s the longer version of how to approach your study for a test:

1. FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU CAN
Find out everything you can about the test. What topics are being tested, what types of questions there will be (multiple choice, short answer), how long the test will be, how marks are allocated.

2. ASK IF UNSURE
If you are not sure what you need to study or how to study make sure you ask your teacher until you are clear. If the opportunity arises, then ask in class; otherwise ask your teacher if you can see them before or after class sometime. If you are still not clear, ask your parents to give your teacher a call to clarify things.

3. MAKE SOME STUDY NOTES/SUMMARIES
As you begin to study for a test or exam one of the first things you need to do is to make some study notes or summaries. Review the section on Summarising on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au to learn more about making study notes.

The reasons we make study notes/summaries are:
- When you just read through things they don’t stay in your head very well. Even if you read through them over and over this is a very inefficient way of studying.
- By thinking about what is important and how you can write it down in a condensed form the info starts to move into your memory.
- This also helps you ensure you understand what you need to learn. When you start trying to reduce information to the key points you will quickly discover when you don’t understand something.
- Sometimes the information will be spread out over many many pages in your textbook and also be spread across a number of different places like sheets and exercise books or computers. Making summaries allows us to reduce the amount of pages we have to keep reading over by bringing everything we need to learn together in one place in an organised and easier to learn way.

4. ASK FOR HELP
If you came across things you did not understand or were not sure of when making your notes ask your teacher or parents for help. You may also like to show your teacher and parents the notes you have made to get some feedback from them about what you could do to improve.

5. LEARN THE NOTES
The next stage is to start getting the information into your memory. 
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You could test yourself in the following ways:
- Seeing what you can write down without looking at the notes and then checking to see which bits you got wrong.
- Seeing what you can say out loud without looking at the notes and then checking to see which bits you got wrong.
- Getting someone to test you.
- Making flashcards on things you need to learn in your notes and testing yourself on these.
- Writing a list of questions as you read your notes then seeing if you can answer them after you finish reading.
- Remember this great technique: look, say, cover, write, check!
6. REPEAT STEP 5 OVER AND OVER AND OVER
Repetition is the key to remembering things. So test yourself over and over on your notes until you find that you are starting to remember the information easily. This is why it is a good idea to start early and spread your study out over all the time before the test.

7. DO LOTS OF PRACTICE
This means you need to do as many different questions as possible to see if you can apply what you have learnt to different types of questions.
Ways you can practise:
- Your teacher may give you a revision sheet or a past examination paper to do.
- You could go back in your textbook and pick out questions to re-do, particularly ones you found hard.
- Your school library may have another textbook in a different brand or a study guide for that subject and you can do the questions in that book.
- You can re-do any exercises or activities you did during the topic.
- Some schools will put extra revision activities up on the school website for you to download.
- Some textbooks come with a CD with extra questions or a supporting website with extra questions.
- If you feel you have nothing to practice from (ie no questions to do to see if you understand the work) ask your teacher, or even ask your parent to buy you a book you could use to do questions from - most of the big bookshops will have an educational section.

Review the section on Active Studying on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au to find out other ways of learning and practicing. Regards, Mr Shane Fuller, Learning and Teaching Co-ordinator

YEAR 12 TERMINATION PROCEDURE
A reminder to all Year 12 students on completion of your HSC examinations and before your Year 12 Graduation on Friday 15 November it is a requirement that you complete a STUDENT TERMINATION FORM which is available through the new Library at the MLC Building. You will be given a print-out of any texts/resources you have on loan (this includes your SFC Netbook Computer & Accessories). Any texts/resources and/or Netbook outstanding must be returned to complete the student termination process. Please be aware that if all outstanding items are not returned, the cost of replacement will be forwarded to you for payment.

SRC 4 ON 4 BASKETBALL COMP
SFC’s first ever SRC 4 on 4 basketball comp has been a great success with teams playing each other at lunchtime throughout this week. The competition is mixed and each team has students from different year levels. The Grand Final will be held at lunchtime next Monday, with more pictures and the final results to be in next week’s newsletter. The feedback from students has been fantastic and we hope to make this an annual event.
Mrs Kirsten Fuller & Ms Monique Cowled, SRC Co-ordinators

SFC LIBRARY HOURS
Mon-Friday 8.30am opening. Closed lunch 1 and recess. Open lunch 2 except closed for Chess Club Fridays. Chess Club is Fridays Lunch 1 & 2.

Open 4-5pm (Mon-Thurs) for Boarders Rec time and for Day students to study after school with a note from Guardian. Any questions please refer to Mrs Hammond or staff at the Library.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.
Psalm 27:14
NEW ST JOSEPH’S PARISH MASS TIMES

The new Mass Times effective from 17 November 2013 at St Joseph’s Parish Leeton is:

Saturday @ 6.00pm
Sunday @ Yanco, 8.00am
@ Leeton, 10.00am (1st Sunday of month is Italian flavour)

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

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What have you been doing recently? We would love to hear your news!
In addition to stories about our past students, it is important to include what is happening with our current students/families as well as our past so please phone, email or fax any news you would like to share with the College Community to Mrs Briggs at the College Office at office@sfcww.catholic.edu.au

WE LOVE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

At SFC we are striving to maintain an accurate database of contact details for all past students to ensure ongoing effective communication with the thriving wider community. If we do not have your current email address, please email it to us at office@sfcww.catholic.edu.au or pettit@ww.catholic.edu.au

SATURDAY EVENING LITURGY AT ST JOSEPH’S LEETON

On Saturday evening, 9 November at 6.00pm Year 7 students are responsible for Mass at St Joseph’s Leeton. Students will participate by reading, singing and participating in the offertory procession.

It would be wonderful if all Year 7 students could make an effort to come along with parents/carers & family and share Mass together as a year group. Students/Families from other year groups are also encouraged to come along and participate.

Each year group is expected to lead Saturday Evening Mass once a year and it is a wonderful opportunity to engage in school service. Thanks, Mrs Marni Milne, Year 7 Co-ordinator
## JUNIOR EXAM TIMETABLE - UPDATE

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BIDGEE BEATS 2014 – VOLUNTEER EVENT TEAM

The Bidgee Binge Program, Leeton Shire Council and Leeton Youth Committee will be holding an OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL on 15 March 2014 in Leeton. This will be a large scale regional festival featuring local, regional and national acts.

We are seeking 20 people between the ages of 16 – 24 to be part of the official event team. Their will a requirement from those selected to meet regularly between December 2013 and March 2014 to organise, promote and co-ordinate the music festival.

Key meetings you will need to be available for include:
- November 27 5:00pm-6:00pm
- December 11 5:00pm-6:00pm
- January 15 5:00pm-6:00pm
- February 12 5:00pm-6:00pm
- February 26 5:00pm-6:00pm
- March 5 5:00pm-6:00pm

Successful applicants will receive:
- Opportunity to shape this exciting event
- Event team kit (t-shirt, hat and more)
- Experience in events management and production
- Certificate of Acknowledgement from Bidgee Binge and Leeton Shire Council for your contribution.
- Free entry into music festival (you will be required to do set-up, pack up and event work on the day)

Send an expression of interest to bidgeebinge@itg.net.au and cc jacksong@leeton.nsw.gov.au and outline your response to the following:
- Why do you want to be part of the “Bidgee Beats” event team?
- What skills and experience do you bring to the team?
- Please include your name, age, phone number and email address

Expressions of interest must be received by midnight of Monday November 18th 2013

BIDGEE BEATS 2014 – LOGO COMPETITION

The Bidgee Binge program, Leeton Shire Council and Leeton Youth Committee will be holding an outdoor music festival on March 15th 2014 in Leeton. This will be a large scale regional festival featuring local, regional and national acts.

We want you to design our logo; this is a great opportunity to have your design featured on all marketing material for the event. The creator of the winning logo will receive two tickets to the music festival.

- The logo must feature the festivals name “Bidgee Beats” and have reference to the year 2014.
- Entries must be received by midnight of Monday November 11th 2013.

For further information please contact Leeton Shire Council Community Services Division on 69530955

Please send a jpeg copy of your logo to bidgeebinge@itg.net.au and cc jacksong@leeton.nsw.gov.au
MACKILLOP SHIELD NOMINATION

It is the time of year again when we ask for nominations for the award of the MacKillop Shield to be presented to the recipient at Speech Night. This award is given each year to a person who has made a significant contribution, over and above the call of duty, to the College Community over the past twelve months. Please complete the RETURN SLIP at the end of the Newsletter, filling in the name of the person you would like to recommend - parent, student, teaching staff, ancillary staff, volunteer worker - and return the form in an envelope marked “MacKillop Shield Nomination” to the College Office no later than Wednesday 20 November 2013.

LEETON REPRESENTATIVE BASKETBALL
TRIALS FOR 2014 TEAMS
GIRLS & BOYS

U12  BORN 2003 & 2004 – 4.30pm
U14  BORN 2001 & 2002 – 5.30pm
U16  BORN 1999 & 2000 – 6.30pm
U18  BORN 1997 & 1998 – 7.30pm

TUESDAY – 12 NOVEMBER, 2013
(Players MUST attend if interested in playing in teams for 2014 season)

WHAT TO BRING: A BASKETBALL AND DRINK BOTTLE
Enquiries: Lisa Schmetzer 6953 6365 or Kerren Barnes 0428 516 690

Round 1: Feb 22–23 Riverina, Round 2 March 22–23 Bathurst
Round 3: 12 & 13 April Riverina, Finals Orange date TBC

Arrive 10 minutes before start time…

ST FRANCIS DE SALES REGIONAL COLLEGE, LEETON
2014 MACKILLOP SHIELD NOMINATION

Name of nominated person: __________________________________________________________
Nominated by: ______________________________ Signature: ______________________________

Reason for Nomination:
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A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES AS A REQUIREMENT OF ENROLMENT OF YOUR SON/DAUGHTER/CHILDREN ANY CHANGES TO A STUDENT'S RESIDENTIAL OR POSTAL ADDRESS ALONG WITH PARENT/CARER/S CONTACT NUMBERS, EMAILS ETC MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE COLLEGE OFFICE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY. PLEASE PHONE, EMAIL OR FAX YOUR NEW DETAILS TO THE COLLEGE OFFICE ON 02 6953 3622, office@sfcww.catholic.edu.au or Fax 02 6953 5087

BACKYARD ASHES will screen in Leeton on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 November at our Roxy Theatre. The 2 Rotary Clubs are hosting a 'Fair Dinkum' Theatre Party on Saturday 16 and all proceeds will go to the 'Bush Fire Appeal'.

The cast includes Leeton's own Jake Speer & Stephen Holt both of whom will be special guests at the theatre party together with the writer and director Mark Grentell.

It has been a real coup to get this fantastic movie for Leeton the week after the world premiere.
A FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE HELD BY THE RMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL, ON WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 6:30PM AT NARRANDERA LIBRARY.

The two hour course, HELPING LEARNER DRIVES BECOME SAFER DRIVERS, will offer parents and supervisors hands-on advice on how to provide the most effective driving practice for learner drivers.

Parents and supervisors of novice drivers have a crucial role to play in making our roads safer, and that is why the RMS has developed a course to better support them.

The course will cover topics such as:
  - New laws for learner and P-Plate drivers.
  - How to use the new Learner Driver Log Book
  - How to plan on-road driving sessions.

Parents and supervisors who have attended this course found it boosted their confidence, helped them better plan driving sessions and allowed them to share experiences with other parents and supervisors.

Bookings for Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers course are essential and can be made by calling Jo Wilson-Ridley from Narrandera Shire Council on 69 59 5589 or 0427 886 433.

Jo Wilson-Ridley, Road Safety Officer, Narrandera and Murrumbidgee Shire

ST FRANCIS DE SALES REGIONAL COLLEGE, LEETON

~~UPDATE~~

Day/Bdr Students NOT returning to St Francis in 2014

Name of Student/s & 2013 Year Level/s who are NOT returning in 2014:

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Print Parent/Carer Name:  ____________________________________________________________

Parent/Carer Signature:  Date: