Dear SFC Community,

We are all aghast this week at the horrific scenes coming out of the typhoon devastated regions in the Philippines and Vietnam. Unconfirmed reports suggest at least 10,000 people are dead in the central Philippines province of Leyte after Typhoon Haiyan hit the region. About 70 to 80 per cent of the province was destroyed by the super storm, one of the most powerful on record. In Vietnam, more than 600,000 people were evacuated as Haiyan, which moved out of the Philippines and into the South China Sea on Saturday, made landfall there early on Monday.

Up to four million children could be affected by the disaster in the Philippines, according to the United Nations Children's Fund. Of course, it is at times like this that the best and the worst of human nature emerges.

Hundreds of police and soldiers have been deployed to contain looters in Tacloban in the Philippines, the devastated provincial capital of Leyte, with gangs stealing consumer goods such as televisions.

Australia will give $10 million in humanitarian aid for the Philippines in the aftermath of typhoon Haiyan. Prime Minister Tony Abbott has written to Philippine President Benigno Aquino expressing Australia's condolences and pledging assistance. Foreign Minister Julie Bishop described the destruction in the country as a "disaster on a massive scale" as she announced the aid package on Monday afternoon. Please note the link to Caritas Australia following......

We at SFC have spent the past month fundraising for world-wide missions. We've celebrated the magnificent generosity of our wonderful community. Now, I urge everyone to not simply sit back and feel as though our work is done. We have a privileged life and the capacity for real change. Let us continue to be generous with our donations and open minded to issues of social justice and peace. Teachers are making excellent preparations for the introduction of the national curriculum into some areas in 2014. This week, the teaching staff have been working on an analysis of NAPLAN data, to ensure key aspects of Literacy and Numeracy have been addressed in their programs.

I was deeply moved to receive the following article via email this week. This is role modelling. This is mentoring. This is teaching!!!

Pope Francis kisses a disfigured man - and shows politicians the lost virtue of humility

Is this a publicity stunt?

No, because it expresses more than an empty gesture ever could.
Pope Francis blesses a man, suffering from neurofibromatosis, in Saint Peter’s Square at the end of his General Audience in Vatican City.

We live in a world of image-conscious leaders, hair primped, faces artfully powdered, photo opportunities carefully devised. The art of image is generally assumed to be both modern and false: the term spin doctor was unknown in Britain before Tony Blair’s team made it part of the language. Yet for all the sophistication of modern political style, Pope Francis is showing by his superior example how tired, unconvincing and alienating such methods have become.

Francis has renovated a damaged brand not in years, but months. He has turned the image of the papacy and by extension the Catholic Church upside down in less than a year. His papacy already seems destined to be remembered as special – and yet his communicational triumph has not been achieved through carefully constructed PR techniques. It is not spin. Its methods are medieval and its magic is simple.

This week’s images of the pope kissing and praying with a man severely disfigured by illness are truly gothic. I do not say that intending to belittle or caricature the condition, apparently neurofibromatosis, from which this man who attended the pope’s general audience in the Vatican is suffering. What is gothic is the return to 13th-century values in this picture of a Christian leader showing humility and charity by physically interacting with someone visibly sick and visually different from those around him. St Francis of Assisi, whose name Pope Francis has adopted, was a master of simple, powerful popular gestures: he invented the Christmas crib and reputedly preached a sermon to the birds.

http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/nov/08/pope-francis-kisses-disfigured-man

Thank you all for your continued support.

Ms Seb Spina
Acting Principal

How you can help people affected by Typhoon Haiyan

Please donate to the Caritas “Typhoon Haiyan Appeal” to deliver essential aid to thousands of families in need. Your generous donation will help families with emergency relief and will also help them recover for the longer term. Here are just some examples of what your dollars could do:

DONATE NOW – www.caritas.org.au
$30 could provide crucial sleeping kits to keep two families warm
$50 could provide four families with vital cooking kits
$105 could provide three families with essential water and sanitation kits
$460 could provide four families with much needed emergency shelter

What is Caritas doing to respond to the need?
So far Caritas worldwide has committed more than $1 million to relief efforts through its member organisations. Caritas Australia has committed $100,000 so far.

On the ground response
Caritas is providing:
- Water supply (water tanks, treatment, trucking)
- Emergency Shelter (tarpaulins, simple building materials)
- Water Sanitation and Hygiene kits, Non-food items (blankets, mats etc)
- Up to 20,000 tarpaulins are being forwarded for emergency use
- 1 million water purification tablets to help 16,000 families.
- Another 18,000 emergency shelter supply kits, 5,000 water, sanitation and hygiene kits, and 5,000 non-food item kits are also being delivered.

You can donate through www.caritas.org.au

LEARNING AND TEACHING REPORT
On Monday 2 December 2013, Year 10 will be involved in a compulsory seminar on All My Own Work. This is a NSW Board of Studies program that covers plagiarism, copyright, working with others, scholarship principles and acknowledging sources.

On Friday 6 December, P3 and P4, students will sit the mandatory test associated with this program. Students progressing to Year 11 must satisfactorily complete this program and test in preparation for 2014.

Regards,
Mr Shane Fuller, Learning & Teaching Co-ordinator

CCC CRICKET TRIALS
On Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November 2013, James Morsanuto, Year 9 and Hugh Collins in Year 7, attended NSW CCC Cricket Trials in Sydney.

It was a difficult two days as it rained heavily, causing the two games to be cancelled and the boys attended two intense net sessions. They were lucky enough to have four hours in the Sydney Cricket Ground professional nets. They were also invited to watch the English Test Team train in the same nets!! It was a great experience.

UNIEXPERIENCE – UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
I received an e-mail from my careers advisor about a “uniexperience” day at the University of Melbourne. I applied to this day because I’ve always loved the city and I thought what a great opportunity to see what university life is like. Thinking that I probably wouldn’t get in I hoped for the best, a few weeks later I received the e-mail from the University of Melbourne saying you’re invited and I was super excited for the day. The experience went for two days and I even got a key to my own room! I had the privilege of meeting current university students at the University of Melbourne as well as the other year eleven students that attended the experience. We all attended a master class in engineering in a lecture theatre which I found very different from high school teaching. On the second day I had the opportunity to attend a course information session of my choosing. So because of my passion for science I choose Science and Biomedicine, in these sessions I received an abundance of information from professors. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would recommend students to be active in applying for “uniexperience” days as they are very informative and beneficial to helping decide upon future studies.

Setelia Turner
4 on 4 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS!

After a week long battle on the basketball court, Jacob Hopper, Katie Halden, Tom Savage and Lachie Kennett took out the prestigious first ever SRC 4 on 4 Basketball Challenge. They faced a formidable opposition in Todd McLean, Jazlyn Barnes, Ryan Dunn and Peter Chatwin. Both teams displayed fantastic teamwork on Grand Final day and put on a good show for the many spectators.

Well done to all participants and a big thanks to the SRC team for their help as well as thanks to the wonderful spectators and DJs for their support throughout the competition. We look forward to an even bigger & better championship next year!

Mrs Fuller & Ms Cowled

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CAREER NEWS

Hi All!

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have finished all their exams. A new journey is about to begin. Don’t hesitate to call or email me if you need my help over the next few months.

Year 12 know by now if they have been successful with their early entry into a university course of their choice. If they have been successful they must place that particular course as first preference for the December round offers. Once they have done that they can accept the offer from UAC and then place another course as first if they wish too for the Main round offers. Please refer to the UAC guide for further information on offers. www.uac.edu.au

YEAR 10:
Year 10 start their work experience next week. Well done on organising your placements. The students have found work experience opportunities all over Australia. A team of teachers will be assisting me on checking up on all of the students via a phone call or visit to the work place.

I hope year 10’s have a great week and use this week as a valuable experience.

I would like to give a huge thank-you to Mrs Cathie Petulla who has done so much work for the Work Experience program. Your efforts and assistance is really appreciated. Regards, Michelle Wood, Careers Advisor.
Fusion Day Trip !!!!!  *****BIG FUN DAY OUT*****

Massive climbing wall.... Huge flying fox fun..... down by the Edward river.....

Scare and challenge yourself!!!! Come make new friends!!!! Come and hear someone young sharing their life story so far!!!!

Where... Deniliquin

When..... Sat Nov 16th leaving Narrandera Tourist Information Centre at 8.00am back @ 8.30pm

Cost ..... $35 and money for tea at maccas

Get permission notes from the school library and more information if you need it from David Polhill 69592730 or Fbook Fusion Riverina Day trips.

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)

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR YEAR 9 RETREAT – THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2013

Year 9 Retreat is coming up on Thursday28th November 2013. Boys and girls need to bring swimmers as they will be involved in some water activities. Permission note to follow in Week 7.

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

CONTRIBUTION TO SFC NEWSLETTER

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 pettiti@ww.catholic.edu.au

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**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.

**Safer Divers Course**

This Safer Drivers Course has been designed by the Roads and Maritime Services (formerly the RTA) to establish safer driving practices for learner drivers under 25 years old who already have 50 hours real driving experience.

- Improve their own levels of safety when driving, by learning how to manage road safety risks.
- Increase current driving skills and acquire new ones through a combination of classroom learning and practical supervised instruction from a professional driving instructor.

After the successful completion of module one and two of the course the learner will receive a twenty hours reduction in their log book (from 120 hours to 100 hours).

NRMA Safer Driving are facilitating this course on December 5th.

The course will be held at the Leeton Shire Library for a total cost of $140.

Course numbers are limited to twelve people with a minimum of nine people required to run the course.

For further information and booking visit the NRMA Safer Driving website at: [http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au](http://www.nrmasaferdriving.com.au) or visit the NRMA office.
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:  __________________
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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Date: ____________________

MATHS TUTORING AVAILABLE FOR YEARS 7-12;
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TUTORING AVAILABLE FOR YEARS 11/12
IF INTERESTED PHONE 0438 870 758
AVAILABLE TO COMMENCE TUTORING IMMEDIATELY

MORUNDAH MARKET DAY

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER

10AM – 2PM

OVER 30 STALLS

CAFÉ AVAILABLE

If you would like to have a stall or
would like more information,
please contact Paula Trengrove on 0428 371 275.