Dear SFC Community,

It's been another hugely busy but rewarding week here at the College.

YEAR 7 2014 ORIENTATION AND BOARDERS SLEEPOVER
We were pleased to host 124 Year 6 students today for their Orientation into Year 7 next year. The previous evening, new boarding students assembled for a trial “sleepover”, having dinner with the other boarding students and sleeping the night in the dorms before joining the Day School with the other Year 6 students for the Orientation Day. I commend 2014 Year 7 Co-ordinator Miss Bianca Fonte for her excellent organisation. Thanks also to year 12 Co-ordinator Pat Handsaker, current Year 7 Co-ordinator Marni Milne, Mr Paul Werner, Year 9 Co-ordinator (Narrandera Bus Driver) and of course James Hopper and the entire boarding staff for their assistance.

Pictured above is the Year 6 Students, Peer Leaders, Miss Bianca Fonte (Year 7 2014 Co-ordinator) and Mr Seb Spina, Acting Principal in the ARC before the commencement of the Orientation Day activities. (Please see following page of more Orientation Day pictures).
YEAR 12 GRADUATION DINNER

What a privilege it was to attend the Year 12 Graduation Dinner last Friday evening at the Leeton Soldiers Club. Congratulations go to each graduating student and their families. It was a wonderful evening of celebration. A large staff representation is certainly testament to the positive student-teacher relationships which have been developed. My congratulations and thanks go to Year Co-ordinator Pat Handsaker for his work. On the evening, Pat gave the greatest thanks to his wife Kim for her meticulous organisation. Thank You Kim! If I could be so bold to include my final message to Year 12 (below) which I was able to express on the night.

“So, I give my final message to the graduating class of Year 12 2013. They’ve definitely been some moments to forget but many, many more fantastic ones. I believe the purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one. May you move into the future in this marvellous world with an open mind. May your dreams come true. May your futures be exciting. May you find true happiness.

And may our Lord bless you all and hold you safely in the palm of his hand.”
On Wednesday 20th November, Mrs Kim Robertson and I had the pleasure of taking our newly elected Student Leadership Team (pictured above) to Kildare Catholic College, to meet with the leadership teams (pictured top) from the 5 secondary Schools in the Wagga Diocese. A full day of workshops centring around public speaking, decision making and goal setting was complimented by an outstanding presentation by our own Bishop Hanna. This took place in the magnificent Mt Erin Chapel.

Bishop told us the “parable of the brick”. It went something like this:

“A rich executive was driving his expensive sports car through a neighbourhood late one evening when his car was struck by a brick thrown by a youth. The executive immediately stopped and apprehended the youngster, who surprisingly didn’t attempt to flee. He pushed the young thug against the wall of a building and told him he or his parents would pay a hefty amount to repair the sports car. The lad simply said, “thank God you stopped; no-one else would stop; my paraplegic brother has fallen out of his wheelchair and I’m not strong enough to pick him up.” The executive assisted the boy and his brother. They both looked him in the eye and expressed their appreciation. The boys went home, whilst the man returned to his car. He never did repair the damage to the vehicle. He decided to keep it as a reminder that no-one should ever have to throw a brick to gain the attention of someone in need.
PEER SUPPORT TRAINING FOR 2014

I’m also pleased to report the successful training of 24 Year 9 students as Peer Leader for the new Year 7 in 2014. These students undertook training under the guidance of Year 9 Coordinator Paul Werner and Year 11 Coordinator Kim Robertson; they were straight onto the job, working with the year 6 students during Orientation Day.

BOYS

Keyan Tuckett
Will Dalton
Izaac McDonnell
Travis Hattwell
Todd Pattison
Harry Leeds
Joe Grinter
Sam Cooper
Luke Wilson
James Morsanuto
Thomas Dore
Matthew Drinan

GIRLS

Mary Sandral
Genia Cowell
Joanne Irvine
Marilla Harper
Abbey O’Callaghan
Madeline Hogan
Imogen Pollard
Jessie Williams
Claire van Werven
Bethany Tyson
Evelyn Morris
Annabel Coddington

Surely, there’s no need to be hit by a brick to know that someone needs our help. A radical principle of Christianity is that my life is for others, which authentically expresses the command of Jesus:

“To love one another as I have loved you”

Thank You for your continued support,

Mr Seb Spina,
Acting Principal
BERG SHIELD REPORT

The St Francis Cricket team played Redbend Forbes in Round 3 of the Berg Shield at West Wyalong on Wednesday November 20.

Redbend won the toss and elected to bat on a green deck. Captain Todd Pattison was key to keeping Redbend to a miserly total of all out for 62 off 25 overs. He picked up the impressive figures of 2 for 3 off 5 overs; other bowlers to impress were Jameson Booth 1 for 2, Tyh Evans 1 for 8, Tom Dore 2 for 10 and Will Ryan 2 for 16. Will Dalton was very clean behind the stumps taking three catches and only conceding 1 bye. A number of smart catches were taken by Tyh Evans, Nathan Lanham and Ethan Fletcher. Captain Pattison and strike bowler Sam Cooper will partake in intensive catching practice at our next training session.

Chasing a small total can sometimes be difficult; however, the opening partnership of 24 from Nathan Lanham (9) and Ethan Fletcher (11) had the team moving in the right direction after 7 overs. With the fall of Fletcher, Jacob Headon-Doidge (25 not-out) made his way to the crease, his innings included some powerful hitting and sharp work between the wickets. Todd Pattison (9 not-out) hit the winning run. St Francis scored 65 off 12 overs losing only 2 wickets.

The big win moves St Francis into the fourth round against Bathurst or Orange. (Travis Doyle, SFC Coach)

SFC WEBSITE REVAMP

At the start of the year it was decided that we would create a new and improved College website. We saw a need to update the information that was available to students, parents, staff and the community. The website forms a public face of the school and we felt it no longer adequately captured what we do. The new website will have 2 parts: one accessible to the general community and a locked part available to staff and students using gmail logins.

The SFC website launch will be towards the end of the term so stay tuned! Mr Shane Fuller, Website Co-ordinator

YEAR 10 AND 11: ACCESSING YOUR GRADES FROM THE BOARD OF STUDIES

To access your grades and generate a PDF eRecord, log in to My Details on http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/

Grades will be available on the following dates:

- Year 11: Wednesday, 13 November 2013
- Year 10: Wednesday, 11 December 2013

Mr Shane Fuller, Learning and Teaching Co-ordinator

Year 7 Mass

St Joseph’s Church, Leeton
9 November 2013 @ 6pm
Tuesday
Early Tuesday morning we boarded our bus and began our long but nonetheless memorable trip to Sydney. Late that afternoon we arrived at our destination and checked into our hotel. Within five minutes of being there we had already managed to smash a stack of tea cups and plates multiple times on the floor, we all agree that this was an unforgettable moment on the trip but accidental of course. We then walked to St Mary’s Cathedral through the beautiful Hyde Park, where we each had our own personal and spiritual experience. The Cathedral was breathtaking inside as well as out, from the architecture to the beautiful mosaic floors and stained glass windows. We were lucky enough to witness and become involved in a mass at the Cathedral that was unlike anything we’d ever taken part in, especially when Nicola, Laura and Ben were invited to sing in the vespers. After mass a short break was had at our accommodation and we ventured to Darling Harbour for dinner. The night was magical, full of delicious food, street dancers and great company.

Wednesday
Early Wednesday morning we set off by bus to a Jewish Synagogue where Rabbi Jacob gave us a guided tour of how a Jewish Synagogue service unfolds. We were lucky enough to observe the sacred Torah Scrolls up close, leaving us to feel extremely privileged to be allowed into this significant building. Thomas’ birthday was today, which was pretty special to spend in Sydney. Next after suffering bus troubles we journeyed by foot to our Jewish Lectures with Sandy Hollis. These Lectures were based on aspects of Jewish Marriage and The Hassidim, which will come in handy when studying for our HSC next year. Once that was done we were given a Jewish style lunch which was a tasty, new experience for us individually. Late that afternoon we walked to the famous Bondi Beach and soaked in its wonderful views and on the way managed to spot Buddy Franklin as well as Timomatic and Matt Corby lookalikes. Then we were lucky enough to visit Sydney’s Jewish Museum, which was absolutely indescribable, providing us with a new insight into Judaism and the Holocaust. We were fortunate enough to hear the story of a Holocaust survivor named Francine, which was one of the most moving experiences we had ever had. We thank her very much for sharing with us her story, educating us, touching many hearts and leaving us feeling blessed for the lives we have. We then went back to our hotel and made our way to our ferry to Manly. In Manly we all enjoyed delicious meals. Then it was off to the ferry to head back to the hotel, overlooking the city lights on the water, sharing a birthday cake and singing happy birthday to Thomas.

Thursday
Early Thursday morning we travelled by bus to begin our Islamic based day, starting off at the Gallipoli Mosque in Auburn. We were given a guided tour around the synagogue grounds learning about many Islamic rules as we went through. We then moved through to the inside of the synagogue, which was absolutely and utterly breathtaking. The entire ceiling was intricately hand painted and the chandeliers draped around the room, leaving us in awe. It was here we asked questions in relation to Muslims and their beliefs. Then we got a little lost and spent what should have been a walk up the road, a long time walking in circles. Nevertheless we ended up at an Islamic based Café where we enjoyed a traditional Islamic lunch and each other’s conversation. From lunch we headed to Islamic lectures where we learnt about Islamic sexual ethics. We then listened to a Muslim man speak about his pilgrimage to Mecca and he shared with us his strong connection to his Islamic faith. His personal experience was very educational and interesting, allowing us to visually imagine his journey. Late that afternoon we caught the train back to our hotel and split into groups. We were able to have dinner and then go to either Darling Harbour and the movies or shopping in the city central area. We each enjoyed our purchases at the shops as well as the awesome street dancers. After our leisure time was up we headed back to our hotel, packed our bags and went straight to sleep to begin our early start back home the next day.

Thank you
On behalf of SOR2 we would just like to say thank you to Mrs Tabain, Mr Rowe, Mrs Iannelli and Mr Hopper for allowing us to take part on such a spiritual and personal experience, we appreciate all that you have done. We each learnt extensive information on Judaism and Islam, which will benefit all of us next year. Thank you also to our peers for making our trip lovely and memorable.

Written By
Olivia Deen, Matilda Harriman and Emily Mallon
Year 9 Religion Class
Visit to Assumption Villa
ADVANCED NOTICE FOR YEAR 9 RETREAT – THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2013

Year 9 Retreat is coming up on Thursday 28th 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?

 CFL 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

 CFL 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

CANTEEN ROSTER: Week 8 Term 4

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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

ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC, OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

Would you like to learn something about the Catholic Faith?

You are welcome to come along to the

INQUIRY NIGHTS

Beginning THURSDAY 13 February, 2014 at 7.30pm – Madonna Place

Ph: Fr Anthony Dunne 0269532099, leetonparish@gmail.com
Mary McPhee 0409 748 872, mary.mcgrath@bigpond.com
**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.

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**WANTED TO RENT AS OF 2014**

A farm house between Leeton and Narrandera for a family

Please phone Rhonda on 0488 483 989

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**Bush Children’s Education Foundation**

**Applications for Secondary Boarding Bursary for School Year 2014**

Secondary Boarding Bursaries are designed to help needy, remote area families of NSW cover the gap between the accommodation costs at a country Boarding School and assistance received from the Federal Government’s AIC Allowance (Assistance for Isolated Children), and/or the NSW Government’s LAFHA (Living Away From Home Allowance). Families whose children are weekly boarders are ineligible to apply.

**Conditions:**

Parents of application/s must consent to the school providing overall performance data at the end of Term 2 to the Board of the Bush Children’s education Foundation of NSW.

**Notes:**

1. Parents will be required to provide a copy of their last Tax Assessment Notice (single page)
2. All questions must be answered.

*If you are interested to know more or in completing an application please contact the SFC Office for an Application Form. NB: Faxed or emailed applications are not acceptable..... Applications close 7 February 2014*

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**Medicare Teen Dental Voucher 2013 - EXPIRES DECEMBER 2013**

Narrandera Dental Centre is now able to bulk bill Teen Dental Vouchers. The Medicare Teen Dental Voucher must be used for a preventative dental check. A preventative dental check is made up of an oral examination and, if necessary, the dentist may:

- take x-rays
- provide a scale and clean
- provide a fluoride treatment
- give oral hygiene instructions
- provide advice about diet
- seal pits or cracks in a tooth (fissure sealing).

Call Narrandera Dental Centre on 6959 3055 to make an appointment. Your voucher and Medicare card must be presented at your appointment to be able to bulk bill.