Dear SFC Community,

Daniel Charles Ridgwell
SFC, 2002-2007

We were saddened to hear on Wednesday of the sudden death of ex-student Daniel Ridgwell formerly of Narrandera.

Daniel was a member of our SFC Year 12, 2007 class.

Daniel lost his life in a house fire in Wagga in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

He was a lovely young man, gentle and always the quiet achiever.

Daniel’s ambition to work in the aviation field was realised in his work with Rex Airlines, where he was based with their Wagga operation. Daniel was so passionate about flight and flying that he sought and received his pilot’s licence while he was still a student with us in Year 10.

I was able to make phone contact with his mum, Glenda and expressed condolences to her. Daniel’s father Ken, his brother Chris (also a former student) and the extended family & friends. Glenda spoke of Daniel’s love of St Francis during his time here.

I assured Glenda that our thoughts and prayers are with her and the family at this very sad time.

Rest in Peace Daniel.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent being a time of preparation. At this time of the year it is easier to get caught up in the demands centred around Jesus’ birth rather than his return. I urge you all to understand that this preparation time is important. Let us reflect each week in the lead up to Christmas on what we can do to help others....

Lord, make us an instrument of your peace.
During this time of advent, help us to bring peace, hope and love to all that we meet.
Amen

Mr Seb Spina
Acting Principal
FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER DETAILS

A REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES the Annual Awards Night (akas Speech Night) will be Friday 13 December at 6.30pm in the College Hall. The last day of school for all students is Friday 13 December.

Friday 13 December will be a normal school day for all students. Boarding Students are invited to remain at school after 3.30pm under Staff Supervision and travel home with their parents/carers after Speech night. Tea will be given to boarding students that remain. Speech Night will commence at 6.30pm sharp in the College Hall and is expected to finish between 8.00pm and 8.15pm.

NB: There will be NO boarders’ buses operating on this day.
The last bus run for 2013 will be on MONDAY 9 DECEMBER 2013 from Home to Leeton.

ST FRANCIS COLLEGE RAISES $18,000 FOR MISSIONS!!!

Over the four weeks of October, traditionally Catholic Mission Month, Staff & Students at St Francis College, Leeton raised $18,130 for the poor of the world – an amazing amount from a very generous Community.

School Leaders conducted the daily collection by visiting the Pastoral Groups of their respective House. Each of the four Houses would also run a fundraising event one day in each week. With the appeal of food, the fundraiser focused on the selling of various culinary delights: donuts, small cakes, slushies, sausage sizzle, sausage rolls (homemade) etc etc.

On the Friday of the final week, a meal of rice and/or soup was prepared. Students were urged to leave their lunch at home and to not buy from the Canteen. Instead they were encouraged to have just the rice or soup in solidarity with the homeless and poor of the world.

Generous staff and students prepared, cooked and served the basic fare. Many responded to this call for solidarity and over $1,300 was raised as a result.

Needless to say, such a large amount of money would be impossible to raise without the co-operation of the entire College Community. At the forefront of this were our College Leaders (pictured above with Mr Peter McPhee and Ms Janice Drew) who faithfully visited daily every Pastoral Group, they urged their charges to respond generously and they initiated House Fundraising events. Staff modelled generosity and acted as motivators in each Pastoral Class.

The ‘school counter of monies’, Denise at the College Office was ‘all consumed’ for the month in counting every one of the 14,138 dollars.

Tenison House was the leading House with $4,100. Congratulations to Alice Halden and Matt Wilson (their effective Leaders), Henschke House was in second place raising $3,498, then Lacey House with $3,381 and finally Champagnat House with $3,159.

For a School Community still impacted by the after effects of drought, a late October frost that has wiped out much agricultural production and a sluggish economy, it is all the more amazing that each student on average gave over $6.00 per week thus enabling over $14,000 to be donated by SFC to the poor of the world.

Mr Peter McPhee, Mission Convenor
Aviation Museum -

We began our trip at 7.30am from St Francis taking three buses with most of us yawning while talking for the almost two-hour trip while others took photos because we all looked so good that early in the morning.

We arrived at the Temora Aviation Museum and had recess on the front lawn and searched the Gift shop. We split up into two groups, half continuing on the bus into the main streets of Temora to start the Amazing Race, the other half staying at the Aviation Museum to explore with our guide and teachers. We had a booklet and learnt some really amazing things about the planes in World War II and the stories of the students that attended the Flight School that has been transformed into the Museum. We learnt about the Tiger Moth, a plane from World War II which still flies today and we also learnt that ‘no we are not allowed to sit in it’. After this we were joined by the other group to have lunch at the ‘Mess Hall Area’ and discuss what we had done, and to add another four layers of sunscreen. We then split again into our two groups swapping activities.

Amazing Race -

We went back on the bus for the short trip to the main street. We assembled on the lawn at the public park and got into small groups of four, we were then told the rules and to pick a team name. Then we all got our first puzzle, after it was put together it revealed an old building, a map or clue. Throughout the afternoon we were running up and down the main street to get the answer to the questions whether it was to locate this historical place and photograph it, or re-enact the scene of the gold mining. Well, except for when Mrs Iannelli stopped us for photos. After finding the answer to the clue we reported back to Miss Cooper or Mr Pulver and our next puzzle was given. As the competition heated up the tension built, everyone wanted to win the prize… Chocolate!!

After this exhausting race we got to have free time, most people looked at shops and got drinks, but almost everyone went to Dan’s Lolly Shop. We got giant lollipops, bags of long sour straps, red frogs and we were full of sugar! We then all reported back to the park at 2:15pm and were told the winners. Finally, we were bussed back to the Aviation Museum where the other group came back on the buses which were taking us home. We arrived back in Leeton at 4:30pm.

A huge thankyou to the teachers who organised the Excursion, and to the teachers who came to take all of Year 8 on this fun trip.

By Courtney Cell & Georgie Cope
WORK EXPERIENCE

A huge congratulation goes out to all Year 10’s that have completed their work experience. The feedback from the employers was outstanding. As a College we are very proud to hear such great things about our students. Work Experience proves to be such a valuable program. It gives the students real-life experiences and some even gain full time employment from it. It is a very rewarding part of my job to see so many students enthusiastic and proud of themselves for participating in the whole experience.

Thank-you to the team of teachers I had in assisting in program. A huge thank-you to Mrs Cathie Petulla who does so much administration work towards the program. Your patience and efforts are really appreciated. Thank-you!!!

ENGINEERING SHOW CASE

I had a team of 4 Engineers from University of Sydney and a practising Engineer present and promote Engineering as a great career avenue to explore. This was a great opportunity for our interested students to attend and gain a better understanding of what engineering has to offer.

Below are a few pictures of the students designing and building a floating house on a narrow budget. The students were amazing with their ideas. The competition was to see who could design a house that could hold the most marbles before sinking. 213 was the record!!!

Mrs Michelle Wood, Careers Advisor
YEAR 9 PASS CLASS

On Wednesday 27 November, Mr Rowe’s Year 9 PASS (Physical Activity and Sports Studies) class visited St Joseph’s Primary School Leeton. On arrival we were met by 60 enthusiastic and excited kindergarten students. Our aim was to further develop the fundamental movement skills of the kindergarten students.

Fundamental movement skills are skills developed from an early age such as: overarm throw, skip, hop, sprint run, dodge, catch, vertical jump, side gallop and two-handed strike, and are essential skills needed in many activities that the kindergarten students will complete throughout their lives. We split up into 12 groups, consisting of either - one or two PASS students and 5 or 6 kindergarten students. Each of the Year 9 groups focused on one of the fundamental movement skills and designed an activity to teach and further develop the skills of the kindergartens. The kindergarten students completed a warm-up followed by a circuit of all the activities, helping them to achieve an all-round calibre of skills.

Our thanks to Mr Rowe & Mrs Skewes for accompanying us to St Josephs and to the Staff & Students of St Joseph’s for allowing us the opportunity to complete a component of our studies.

Written by Mary Sandral, 9T2

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 ar 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 pettitii@ww.catholic.edu.au

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Sue Armstrong

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Week 9 Term 4 – TT1

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MATHS TUTORING available for Years 7-12;
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TUTORING available for Years 11/12
If interested phone Lachlan O’Callaghan on 0438 870 758
Available to commence tutoring immediately
WANTED TO RENT AS OF
2014
A farm house between Leeton and Narrandera for a family
Please phone Rhonda on 0488 483 989

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.

An untold story of love, toil and triumph

From The Edge
FROM THE EDGE

Heartfelt stories of growing up in the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. Experiences testing the resolve of people. A powerful examination of the human spirit.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are advised that this film may contain scenes and voices of deceased persons.

Feature & Documentary Local
Aboriginal Film Council
Envy Theatre Leeton: 7 December 2013
6.30 pm free entry and refreshments

Tennis over the Summer
Free for High School Aged Players
During December and over the holidays the Narrandera Tennis Club is offering high school aged players the opportunity to come to our club and play tennis on Saturday afternoons for free. This is a great chance to get some friends together and come along and play a few sets.
Players and parents are also encouraged to come and talk about new competitions for young people commencing in February 2014.
Call into the club at 1pm Saturdays or phone Marcelle Steele on 0478097985 or Tony Pearson on 0408 696 588
(no tennis on 21/12/13, 28/12/13 & 4/1/14 due to Christmas/New Year Break)

The Narrandera Tennis Club

ST FRANCIS STUDENTS
DAY & BOARDING STUDENT INTENTIONS FOR 2014

Would any family who knows now that their child/children are not returning to the College in 2014 please NOTIFY THE COLLEGE OFFICE AT YOUR EARLIEST via phone on 02 6953 3622 or email Mrs Briggs at office@sfcww.catholic.edu.au at your earliest and no later than Friday 13 December 2013.

At this stage, we are having trouble accommodating boarding applicants and day applicants in some classes. Knowing of present students who are not returning would help in the task we have ahead of us.

NB: a number of boarding families have not returned their child/children’s intentions for 2014 – your urgent attention to this would be appreciated.
D Briggs SFC Office

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
Beginning on Thursday 13 February 2014 at 7.30pm at Madonna Place, Leeton
Contact Fr Anthony Dunne on 02 6953 2099 or email leetonparish@email.com or
Mary McPhee on 0409 748 872 or email mary.mcgrath@bigpond.com
PACE Parental and Community Engagement Program Leeton

The PACE Program will encourage, educate and inform parents of the benefits of participating in their child's education.

Family Fun Day Expo! A Free Family Event

- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Kids Amusement Rides and Jumping Castles
- Face Painting
- Art and Craft
- Traditional Indigenous Games
- Service Providers attending with Information on Family Services and Education

Free Transport - Pick up and Drop off points
- 3pm - Whilton Shop (Beneramboh St)
- 3.20pm - Wamoon Public School (Sounderson Rd)
- 3.30pm - Wattle Hill Shop (Across from Park)
- 3.40pm - Willabong Pre School/Childcare (Valencia St)
- 3.50pm - Park View Shop [Melaleuca Ave]
- 4.10pm - Wamoon Public School (Sounderson Rd)
- 4.25pm - Wattle Hill Shop (Across from Park)
- 4.35pm - Willabong Pre School/Childcare (Valencia St)
- 4.45pm - Park View Shop (Melaleuca Ave)

Tara Wright Coordinator

02 6937 1355 02 6931 8125
tara.wright@anglicare.com.au

All Community Members welcome to attend number 1 oval, next to Basketball Stadium
Saturday 14th Dec 2018
From 4pm to 7pm
Opening ceremony commencing at 5pm

ANGLICARE RIVERINA
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

Narrandera’s Farmers X’mas Market

PRODUCE & CRAFT

1st December 2013

at The Shady Gum Nursery
Car Park 9am - 12noon

Hey KIDS
Santa is coming to Market on the Lion’s Train with LOLLIES for everyone!

LION TRAIN SHUTTLE
ON THE HOUR (SEE MAP FOR ROUTE)

All produce home-grown by local Cooks & Gardeners All craft goods handmade

Vendors welcome contact: Annie on 02 69591780

Celebrate the Premiere of Hit Australian TV Series: "The Santa Con"...Supported by Gaby U-Kieffe & Ryan Blundin... a true Aussie Comedy with a heart on a stick.

JED APPLETON
LIVE AND ACOUTIC
FOLLOWED BY A DANCE PARTY WITH
SOME BLONDEY!

TUES DEC 3
ROXY THEATRE
ENTRY $5
ALL AGES ALCOHOL FREE
FINGER FOOD PROVIDED

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