



Often in the media we read about our sportsmen and sportswomen as role models. Apparently, the logic is that if a person, often through natural talent alone, can run faster than the rest of us, or kick and catch a ball with ease, then that person somehow by natural evolution is also exemplary in all aspects of their life. And by implication, we lesser, uncoordinated and clumsy mortals should all look up to them. As far as I can fathom, these sportspeople must have a unique, particular gene that enables them not only to kick a ball like Tim Cahill but also model their life on Mother Teresa!

For some reason, this 'skewed' logic does not hold true for people at the top of their field in the academic or scientific arena. When was the last time a stadium full of thousands of fans chanted the name of a Nobel Prize winner and 'shouldered' her off the field? Can you remember a time when the brightest of our academics was ever described as a superhero and had pages devoted to their achievements on either the front pages or the back pages of the newspaper?

Apparently the term was introduced by Robert Merton, a sociologist, in the late fifties. He spoke about reference groups, groups whose behaviour serves as a model for others. This was extended to reference individuals: "particular people that we imitate". Although the history is long forgotten, the term is now easily used to simply mean a person who inspires others to imitate his or her persona, values and goals.

I wonder what it is about our cultural psyche that makes us put our sportspeople on pedestals but not other achievers within our society? I wonder why as individuals we don't count ourselves as role models in our day to day experiences with one another?

The research is pretty clear on who the most significant role model is to a child: his/her parent. I know how true this is from my own childhood. As I have watched my own child grow into an adult, the reality of this rings true. As parents, we should never underestimate how powerful we are in our children's lives. Although our teenagers might be saying otherwise, this is not the case. As I once read, "If a child is to keep alive her/his inborn sense of wonder... she/he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with them the joy, the excitement and mystery of the world in which we live."

Who needs sportspeople as the 'only' role models? Your children's role models are right before them: you as their parent and we as their teachers. What an important, life changing partnership this is!

Yours in Xavier,
Tricia Maidens

It makes sense that the positive partnership that we create between parents and teachers has an affect on student learning. In the article, *The Power of Parent Involvement: Evidence, Ideas, and Tools for Student Success* by E.N. Patrikakou (DePaul University, 2008) the following important points are made:

Parent involvement: Does it really work?

Parents, teachers, and policy makers agree that parent involvement is an essential ingredient to children's learning.

Parent involvement and academic achievement

Research has indicated that there are positive academic outcomes stemming from parent involvement ranging from benefits in early childhood to adolescence and beyond.

Factors That Affect Parent Involvement

There are three broad types of parent involvement: Involvement at home; involvement at school; and home-school communication. Communication is the key element that shapes parent involvement activities at home and at school and enhances school-family collaboration. Two-way communication between home and school helps build an ongoing, productive, and trusting relationship between parents and educators, which increases parent participation in learning activities both at home and at School.

How to build a successful school-family partnership: Ideas and tools

Sometimes we take things for granted or we consider them self-evident when we should not. Many parents might be surprised to learn that research shows that they have such a strong influence on their children's and teenagers' education. Simply letting them know is an important first step. Given the realities discussed in the previous section, priority must be given to assisting teachers and parents in overcoming these barriers to establish effective partnerships.

Unexplained Absences – Notes sent home

A letter was posted home on Thursday afternoon to every student who has not provided a note for their unexplained absence this term. This letter lists each absence and requires details regarding the reason for the absence. Please ensure that this letter is returned via the Homegroup teacher.

If you have any concern regarding the absences listed please email pfinnerty@parra.catholic.edu.au

Thought for the Week

If you have a question or a concern, please let us know. A call or email today to the Homegroup teacher, followed by some discussion, can really assist your child to maximise their learning.

Lord of all kindness, we ask your blessing for the children in our care.

We ask for their comfort when their living is hard.

May they experience joy if they ever feel abandoned.

May they be blessed with strength to overcome challenges.

May they be blessed with friendship to allow them to grow in love.

Lord, we pray for all of our children,

that they may realise their dreams and live their lives in the fullness of your love and mercy.

May the healing touch of mercy be there for our children.

Let our hands be your hands,

our words be your words and let your mercy flow through all of us who have your children in our care.

We pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen



Thank you for your continued support,

Patrick Finnerty

From the Religious Education Coordinator

A reflection on the 20th Sunday in ordinary time Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

He replied, “It is not right to take the children's' bread and toss it to the dogs.”

“Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.”

Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

*God be good to you in all your days,
God be kind to you in all your ways.
God give strength to you when crosses lean,
God send light to you, the clouds between.
God give peace to you in times of strife,
God bless everything that fills your life.
God send joy to you when grief is o'er,
God make way for you at Heaven's door.*
(Brian O'Higgins)



Faith in our Future, Pastoral Plan for the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, 2014-2018

The vision of the Pastoral Plan for the Diocese of Parramatta states ‘*Faith in Our future has two basic goals for us in the next five years: to grow in faith and to share our faith ... To grow in faith is to grow in love of God. To share our faith is to love our neighbor and to invite them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, Lord of the Universe. In short, we must invite others to ‘come and see’ Jesus and ‘to tell’ His story.*

This vision is at the heart of the RCIA journey. Those who participate, whether they are Enquirers or seasonal Companions on the journey of Faith, experience their life enlivened by faith as they are drawn into a deeper relationship with God.

There are people waiting for the Good News of Jesus, perhaps members of your family, neighbours or friends, and we are called to be His witnesses (cf. Acts 1:8).

Kellie Robinson
Religious Education Coordinator

From the Leader of Administration

The process for electing the 2015 Student Representative Council is now well underway. This year, our procedure has changed a little to ensure we continue to elect students who are effective leaders within a group who represent the student body for the greater good. Recently we were treated to some outstanding speeches from those students who had nominated for Captain positions in 2015. These speeches were delivered with confidence and enthusiasm, highlighting the impressive leadership qualities that each student would bring to the positions. All present agreed that these speeches were of the highest quality and were a reflection of the fine leadership qualities our students possess. Congratulations to all nominees on an incredible and courageous effort. Special congratulations go to our newly elected Captains, *Bailey Macklinshaw* and *Chanelle Chahoud*, along with our new Vice Captains for 2015 *Alex Hazeem* and *Amy Zordoumis*.

We now begin the process of electing House Captains for 2015. Students have filled out a nomination form, citing three teachers to support their nomination. This will be followed by an interview process with House Leaders, before the process concludes with a short speech to all student members of the house. Students will vote for their house leaders at the conclusion of these speeches. Speeches for House Captain positions will take place at house meetings on Thursday 26th August. Once these positions have been filled, we will be starting the process of nominations for all other Year Groups. All nominees will be asked to give the names of three teachers to support their application. Nomination forms will be available for students at the conclusion of house meetings on August 26th. We are hoping to have our Student Representative council finalised by the end of term.

The Student Leadership team has achieved so much in 2014 and I would encourage all students to consider what leadership qualities they can bring, to what promises to be an exciting 2015 for the Student Representative Council.

Lee McCrorie
Leader of Administration

Student Transport—PVC Subsidy

Transport NSW recently advised schools of the launch of a new online service for families who wish to apply for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy. This subsidy is available to families who do not live close to public transport and are required to drive a student to a bus stop, or to school.

PVC Online will improve the process for families, making it simpler, with rapid confirmation to give families more clarity and certainty about their application.

Brochures (pictured) are available from the school office, or more information regarding eligibility is available for you to access at:

<http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc>

or call Transport NSW on 1800 010 123.

Moir Tomczyk
Student Transport Administration

When school is a long way from home

Find out if you're eligible for the PVC subsidy at transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

If you're not close to public transport and need to drive a student to a bus stop or school, the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy can provide twice-a-year payments to help you cover the expenses.

Can't get online?
Ask about the PVC subsidy at the school or call 1800 010 123 for more information.

To apply online and see full terms and conditions visit transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc

Now you can apply online for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy

From the Leader of Learning

*The illiterate of the 21st Century will not be those who cannot read and write,
but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn.* Alvin Toffler

Alvin Toffler is an American writer and futurist, known for his works discussing the digital revolution, communication revolution and technological singularity. He also proffers perspectives on education. Toffler believes the current system is inadequate to meet the needs of the future or to prepare children for the world of the future. He, and he is not alone in his thinking, believes the current system should be “shut down”. Why? Because, the current system was “designed [over a century ago] to produce industrial workers” to have “industrial discipline”. The world has changed significantly since the 1800s. The rate of change in the last 200 years exceeds that of the previous millennium exponentially. This rapid rate of change is primarily due to the computerisation of our world. Computers now do the work of industry; the factory line is a series of automated machines not humans. Many other tasks that were performed by manual human labour are now conducted by computerised machines. The world has changed but, by comparison, our education system has not.

This is an age of innovation and creation. Although it is unlikely that our system will change to the degree that Toffler is proposing, we do need to be constantly mindful that we are preparing our students for jobs that don't yet exist. The richest and most successful people in the world today, according to Forbes, are innovators and entrepreneurs. Bill Gates is currently No.1. As educators we need to be innovative in our teaching and flexible in our approach. We need to incorporate new technologies and allow students the scope to design and create. We need to teach students to take risks, to be wrong and experience failure in a supportive environment so they can learn from their mistakes and be successful. We need to teach them to go beyond the limitations of the classroom and imagine what is possible.

The reality is that we will always, well at least for the foreseeable future, need tradies – brick layers, plumbers, electricians; and service personnel – wait staff, baristas (though in Japan you can buy coffee in a can from vending machines), hairdressers, shop assistants. However, it is both inspiring and daunting that we are raising and educating future innovators and entrepreneurs.

During the subject selection process for the Year 11 2015 cohort, an important part of the conversation is future direction so we can ensure students choose a pattern of study that allows for interest and future opportunity. The course of study they choose may, in the long term, have little relevance to their career; but along the way they will have opportunities to learn, unlearn and relearn a myriad of skills. Who knows, Bill Gates' predecessor may be a Xavierian.

Many blessings,

Alyssa Roach
Leader of Learning



If you would like to know more about Alvin Toffler
I recommend the following links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QCXCDYj6U4E>

<http://www.edutopia.org/future-school>

From the School Counsellor

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As a part of our overall commitment to the wellbeing of students the Catholic Education Office Student Wellbeing Team is presenting a Parent Information Evening on the issue of school avoidance.

School avoidance is an issue that can present in a variety of ways including:

- ◆ Your child often saying they do not want to go to school, with difficult behaviours each morning.
- ◆ Your child having regular absences or often attending for only part of the day.
- ◆ Your child often complaining of physical symptoms on school days, such as: stomach pain, headaches, nausea, tiredness.... and can't go to school.
- ◆ Your child saying they can't or don't need to go to school on certain days e.g. sports carnivals, excursions, camps or avoid subjects, exams and/or assessments.
- ◆ Your child not attending school for extended periods of time.

School avoidance is not uncommon however it can be difficult to manage and it can easily develop in to a major concern for parents, students and schools. We know the earlier it is recognized and responded to, the better the outcomes for the student in the long term.

The parent information evening is for parents who are concerned about their child's school attendance and want information and support to respond and manage their child's anxiety and school avoidant behaviour.

If you would be interested in attending please RSVP (details shown below), or if you would like further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on 4777 0900.

Kind regards,
Craig King
School Counsellor



Having difficulty getting your child to school?

Does your child often say they do not want to go to school?

Is your child absent for more than 1 day a fortnight or often attending for only part of the day?

For information and support to respond and manage your child's anxiety and school avoidant behavior, join us at the

Parent / Caregiver Information Evening

Where: Bede Polding College – Rifle Range Road, Windsor South

When: Tuesday 9th September, 7pm

RSVP: 4577 6455 (Bede Polding Office)

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HSC

ShowCASE

@ XAVIER

Please join us on Tuesday 26th August for our Yr 12 HSC Showcase. Where: Mary MacKillop Centre
Time: 5.30pm till 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be available. Musical performances begin @ 7.30pm
in the PAS.

XAVIER COLLEGE

WALKATHON

Friday, 12th September 2014

Time to get out there and gather more sponsors for this fun event.
House points to be had!
Prizes to be won!

Themes:

Yr 7—Disney

Yr 8—Celebrities/Famous People

Yr 9—Superheroes

Yr10—Movie Characters

Yr11—Friday 13th

Yr12—When I grow up ...

2014 Xavier Debating

Debating was alive and well at Xavier College this year with students from Years 7 to 11 taking an active role in two major competitions, with our debaters travelling from Campbelltown to Wentworth Falls for a good argument.

Catholic School Debating Competition (CSDA)

This year Xavier College fielded teams in the CSDA competition from Years 7 to 11 in Terms 1 and 2, and had the great pleasure of hosting several rounds at school. Our debaters performed admirably, dealing effortlessly with illness (FridayNightItis?), misadventure and weird topics to knock at the doors of the finals. Despite their best efforts at controversy (with our open team at one stage arguing that climate change was a myth) our brave and talented Year 9 team made it to the semi-final round, only to lose to the eventual competition winners from McCarthy Catholic College.

Blue Mountains Debating Competition

Celebrating the Bicentenary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains, Xavier College entered the Blue Mountains Debating Competition for the first time this year. This competition saw our Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 teams do public pitched pejorative battle against a wide variety of Blue Mountains schools: Korowal, Blue Mountains Grammar, St Columba's High School, Winmalee High School and Springwood High School.

The debates ranged in venues from the top to the bottom of the Blue Mountains, from Wentworth Falls to Llandilo, and were held during the school day with local classes as the audience. After debating at Winmalee and Blue Mountains Grammar, all teams were invited to our school for the final round, where three out of our four teams made it all the way to the semi-finals, with Years 7 and 9 making it through to the grand final. Unfortunately our teams were pipped at the post in the Grand Final but were awarded trophies as runners up.

Mr Rogan Jacobson
Xavier College Debating



Year 7 CSDA & Blue Mountains Competition Team:
Alyssa Simmonds, Eddie Balkin and Tayla Arkley



Year 9 CSDA & Blue Mountains Competition Team:
Rebecca Mifsud, Fujiya Babu, and Grace McCurley

Study Skills Tip for August

Having Set Times for Schoolwork

Many students when they come home from school end up just waiting until they might 'feel' like doing schoolwork, or else they drag the work out over the whole night. A much better way to work is to have set allocated times for schoolwork each night of two to three half hour blocks. During this time students should do homework first, then work on any assignments or upcoming tests, then use the rest of the time allocated for schoolwork to independent learning activities. All distractions should be removed during this time, so students learn to focus for 20-30 minute blocks of time.

Some of the benefits for students of having set times allocated for schoolwork are:

- You are more likely to do the work if you know when to start and when to end.
- You will be more effective when you remove distractions and learn to focus for 20-30 minute blocks.
- In all the times NOT allocated to schoolwork you can do whatever you like without feeling guilty about it.
- Having set times stops arguments between students and parents as everyone has agreed when the timeslots allocated to students will be.
- You know that you are definitely doing enough work for school.

Keeping schoolwork and personal life separate means you will be able to manage all of the distractions in your life and still complete your work for school.

Learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au. You can also print a sheet outlining independent learning activities (click on the More menu, then on Things to Print).

Our school's access details are:

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Password: 64success

Mrs Sandra Hazell

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Teacher Librarian



Kirinari students represent Xavier College at Futsal Gala Day

On Friday, August 1st, a group of Kirinari students represented Xavier College in a futsal Gala Day at Penrith Indoor Sports Stadium, Cambridge Park.

Sadly, not long after we arrived, Caroline was injured. We really missed her soccer skills.

Our first game was Against Niland School, ending in a 4-4 draw. Although we fought hard we couldn't break the deadlock. In our next game against Katoomba High, we were unlucky to lose 1-0. We dug deep against Nepean High in our third game and were dominant, with a 5-0 victory. Our final game was against Kingswood High and we finished the day with a convincing 6-0 2win. Everyone in the team played hard and had a great day. Our wins were inspired by Caroline.

The team members were *Jack Killen, Matthew Galea, Caroline Bellett, George Mansour, Brendan Sullivan, Naomic Baldacchino, Jake Weidle, Michael Trad, Jack Wenzel and Lachlan Ryan*. A big thanks to *Mr Sultana* for training and coaching us on the day.

Jack Killen
Year 12



Sports Report

Netball

Last week at Xavier College was a week for netball. On Wednesday 13th of August, our Junior and Intermediate girls teams represented Xavier at the NSWCCC Netball competition. This competition brought the best school teams from within NSW to Jamison Park and highlighted the depths of netball talent our children possess.

Unfortunately this year our girls teams did not win, however, they put up a wonderful fight and were very gracious in defeat. Thankyou to *Kate Sunter, Brooke Tremlett* and *Hayley Nelson* for umpiring on the day. Congratulations to the following teams and their coaches:

Junior Girls Team

Mackenzie Pelle
Clare Hardy
Natalie Berg
Amy Brabin
Hayley Broadhead
Kaitlin Dunk
Abbey Gordon
Courtney King
Abbey Hardy
Gabbie Brebner
Coach: *Mrs Thompson*

Intermediate Girls Team

Emily Kowal
Tahlia Scheffer
Olivia Desmond
Zoe Moon
Ashley Grech
Isabelle Desmond
Karla Blacklock
Olivia Broadhead
Alyssa Gordon
Coach: *Ms Kitchin*

On Thursday, August 14th, the Junior Boys netball team played their regional finals at the Anne Clarke Centre in Lidcombe. The boys knew they were in for a challenging day as their previous local competition only had one other team. Nevertheless, the boys played courageously, demonstrating excellent technique. Our boys progressed through the competition undefeated and beat Forrest High 10-5 in the grand final. The team will now progress to the State Finals next month.

Thank you to *Alyssa Gordon*, for umpiring, and to *Brooke Tremlett* for assisting in umpiring and coaching on the day. Congratulations and good luck to the boys: *Louis Angeli, Tom Brown, Trent Farley, Eric Fuller, Ethan Harris, Nic Masters, Ben Maton, Bailey McCurtayne, Caelum Morgan, Nick Tesoreiro*, and to their coach, *Mrs Stevenson*.



AFL

Last Wednesday, August 14th, also saw the Under 14 Girls AFL team played their regional finals at Blacktown. Some students in this team had never played before, while some had only watched it on television. However, their team captain, *Allison Curtis*, organised regular training sessions and ensured the girls were skilled up and fit for the day. To her credit, the team won the regional championship and progressed to the State final.

The team and their coach include: *Allison Curtis, Adina Brown, Taylor Newbould, Kaylee White, Tayla Bowman, Kaitlin Hansen, Lily Newbould, Britney Pelle, Larissa Portelli, Stephanie Dries, Lauren Thomas, Indii Newman, Mariah Edwards* and *Britney Jackson*. **Coach:** *Mrs Harrington*

PDSSSC Futsal

Four teams represented Xavier at the PDSSSC Futsal Tournament held at Cambridge Park sports stadium on the August 4th. The teams were coached by *Miss Ireland* and *Mr Penserini*. Both the boys and girls competitions were fiercely competitive but our students held their own. On the day our Junior girls team won their division and our junior boys, intermediate boys and intermediate girls all came runners up. A wonderful effort. A big thankyou to our referees for the day, *Lachlan Boi* and *Paula Mitchell*.

City to Surf success

Congratulations to *Joshua West* of Year 8 who competed in the City to Surf on Sunday, August 10th. Joshua achieved a personal best time of 1 hour and 3 minutes for this year's run, which was an improvement of 29 minutes on his time for last year. If Joshua could manage to decrease his time for the run by 18mins and 51 seconds, he'd be able to beat this year's winner, *Craig Motram*, who is an Olympic long distance runner!

Congratulations Joshua and best of luck in reducing your time for next year's run.

Ms Elissa Kitchin
Sports Coordinator



CAREERS UPDATE



Welcome to another big edition of Xavier Career News.

The 2014 Western Sydney Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expo is drawing closer!

With the support of the principal partner, apprenticepower, this year's Expo will again be held at Penrith Panthers Exhibition Marquee – Mulgoa Road Penrith on Tuesday September 2, 2014 with an expected 100 exhibitors on hand to discuss apprenticeship & traineeship opportunities.

The expo's principal partner and partners - Defence Force Recruiting, Nepean Careers Forum, TAFE NSW Western Sydney Institute and MTA Apprenticeships Plus - are working together to create an event that has evolved into one of the largest of its type in NSW.

The Western Sydney Apprenticeship & Traineeship is the showcase event of the year with a strong emphasis on raising the profile of apprenticeships & traineeships in Western Sydney.

General admittance for students and their families is 5.30pm to 9pm.

The early bird session 4.00pm to 5.30pm allows equity groups such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, disability, refugee and other target groups or students who are a little shy and would benefit from extra time with exhibitors before the main crowd.

Attached below is the expo flyer and a sheet of early bird passes for students who consider that this option is warranted.

For all the latest Expo news, keep your ears tuned to the radio coverage by 2UE, WSFM and The Edge from 25 August.

ADF Work Experience -

Please see details below for upcoming ADF work experience programs. If any students are interested please contact the work experience program (contact details are provided below).

HMAS Waterhen-Navy Careers Days: 3 September (Ref No 0885/14).

The day is an introduction into Navy life and its values as well as potential career opportunities available through the Royal Australian Navy.

Students will participate in tours, presentations and demonstrations from the following areas: Marine Technician, Electronic Technician, Boatswains Mate, Physical Training Instructor, Combat Systems Operator Mine Warfare, Coxswain and Medical section. A presentation by Defence Recruiting has also been programmed.

No. of Students: 15

Applications Close: 25 August

RAAF Richmond-Air Force Careers Day: 29 October (Ref No 0904/14).

Starting at 9 am and finishing at approximately 4 pm, students will participate in a variety of activities that demonstrate the different roles of Units and the variety of careers that are available in the Air Force. These include flying roles as well as ground support roles. A presentation from Defence Force Recruiting on the recruiting process has been scheduled. Successful applicants will be required to participate in a PT session as part of this placement, appropriate gym gear will be required to be brought on the day.

No. of Students: 22

Applications Close: 30 September

HMAS Waterhen-Navy Careers Days: 5 November (Ref No 0886/14).

The day is an introduction into Navy life and its values as well as potential career opportunities available through the Royal Australian Navy.

Students will participate in tours, presentations and demonstrations from the following areas: Marine Technician, Electronic Technician, Boatswains Mate, Physical Training Instructor, Combat Systems Operator Mine Warfare, Coxswain and Medical section. A presentation by Defence Recruiting has also been programmed.

No. of Students: 15
Applications Close: 24 October

All information regarding these placements can be found on the Defence Work Experience website at www.defence.gov.au/workexperience
Contact Geoff Metcalfe on 07-3233 4413 or email NNSW.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au

Jobjump

Want to receive the latest Careers News on what interests your son or daughter? Want to quickly find the information to help them with their choices? Go to Xavier College's up to the minute latest careers news at www.jobjump.com.au and watch the 3 minute video on the top right hand corner. Instructions are attached.

Our school's password is: hawks

JobJump Careers News

8 Ways to Study the Fun Way

<http://www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com/Survival-Guide/Surviving-Highschool/8-ways-to-study-the-fun-way-over-the-holidays.aspx>

The Australian Patisserie Academy

Niche programs of chocolate, bread, patisserie, sugar and cake design and decoration for a range of experience levels. Short, specialised course. Visit www.theapa.edu.au or phone 02 9448 6222

Australian Government Cadetships, Scholarships and Work Experience Opportunities

Agencies like Defence, attorney-general's, immigration.

<http://australia.gov.au/topics/employment-and-workplace/australian-government-jobs/cadetships-scholarships-work-experience>

tafenow Certificate III in Business

For a job as a junior office assistant, accounts receivable or payable clerk, data entry operator, personal assistant, receptionist or office administration assistant. Full details at <http://tafenow.com.au/bsb30412> or phone 1300 8233 669. Subsidies and Centrelink concessions available.

Whitehouse Institute of Design

VET in Schools program for 2015 Certificate III in Design Fundamentals with a choice of specialisations - Fashion Visualisation focus, Creative Direction Visualisation focus, and Interior Visualisation focus. A newly accredited Master of Design, directed to the next generation of creative leaders, added to Bachelor of Design and Vocational courses. Visit www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/

Apprenticepower

Apprenticepower places people looking for an apprenticeship with employers looking for apprentices.

Contact: 13 72 77 or <mailto:info@apprenticepower.com.au>

<http://www.apprenticepower.com.au/apprentices/apply/>

Scania Apprenticeship Program

World leader in automotive manufacturing in heavy transport.

P: 03 9217 3301 or E: apprentice@scania.com.au

<http://www.scania.com.au/career/apprenticeships/>



Careers

Important Careers information can be viewed online
Visit the Xavier College Moodle Careers website:
<http://learning.xavierlandilo.catholic.edu.au/Xavier/careers/>

JobJump Careers News advise the following dates for upcoming Careers Events:

Date	Faculty	Event
From Monday 4th August to Sunday 7th September 2014	Science VET Information and Digital Technology	National Computer Science School Challenge Students learn and compete on how to program throughout the duration of the task. https://groklearning.com/challenge/
Sunday 24th August 10am—3pm Cnr Hindmarsh Drv & Jerrabomberra Ave Symonston ACT	Science	Geoscience Australia Open Day Show case on work in petroleum, mineral, marine mapping, groundwater and natural hazard research. Contact: openday@ga.gov.au http://www.ga.gov.au/news-events/events/public-events/open-day
Monday 25th August and Thursday 28th August 10.00am and 6.00pm NIRIMBA TAFE College Block F		Western Sydney Institute Nirimba College Certificate III in Children's Services Information Session Contact: Liz Fleming on elizabeth.fleming@tafensw.edu.au Contact: Alissa Haddad on alissa.haddad@tafensw.edu.au
Tuesday 26th August 815-825 George St Sydney	PDHPE	Endeavour College of Natural Health: Massage Course Showcase http://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/
Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August	CAPA	Metroscreen Directing Performance Course This short course will give you the opportunity to put theory into practice by working with actors in the Metro Screen studio to gain hands-on experience. http://metroscreen.nsw.edu.au/course/DIRDIRACT
Sunday 31st August University of Sydney		TSFX Free Exam Preparation Lecture for HSC Students "Mastering the Exams" - optimise examination performance, cut down on study time. http://www.tsfx.com.au/?hsc-program=mastering-the-exams-series-3
Tuesday 2nd September	HSIE	S P Jain School of Global Management Open Day Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) is a global program run across 3 locations: Singapore, Dubai and Sydney, offering Marketing or Finance specialisations. To register, please email bbasydney@spjain.org. For more information please visit our website http://www.spjain.org/bba/index.aspx
Applications CLOSE 7th September	Maths HSIE VET: Financial Services/Human Services	5 Year Management Cadetship at UOW (Reference No: 25142) Year 12 school leavers: Experience given across Human Resources, Finance, Marketing, Audit, Policy & Governance and Student Administration. Majoring in Management, Marketing, Finance, Accounting or Business Information Systems. Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply. Contact: Deb Tetley, Professional Development Consultant on 4221 4646. http://www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships/ug/cadet/index.html
Friday 12th September 6.30pm Level 9, 28 Foveaux Street Surry Hills	VET Tourism & Events	College of Event Management Information Session Contact: 1300 725 846 or mail to: enquiries@coem.edu.au http://collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/campus/information-sessions
20th September 2pm—5pm 82 Cope Street Waterloo	CAPA VET Entertainment Industry	Sydney Film School Open Day Interested in a career in film and digital media industries? Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media courses on show. For the schedule/events and to RSVP, go to: http://www.sydneyfilmschool.com/school/important-dates/open-day.aspx Phone: (02) 96982244 or email: events@sydneyfilmschool.com.au



Important Dates for 2014

Term 3

<i>Tuesday, 26th August</i>	<i>HSC Showcase, 5.30pm—7.30pm Music performances commence at 7.30pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, 27th August</i>	<i>Year 9 Mass, 9.00am</i>
<i>Friday, 29th August to Sunday, 31st August</i>	<i>Cattle Club at Penrith Show</i>
<i>Monday, 1st September</i>	<i>PDSSSC Oz Tag Gala Day</i>
<i>Wednesday, 3rd September to Wednesday, 10th September</i>	<i>Year 11 Assessment Block</i>
<i>Friday, 5th September</i>	<i>Years 7 to 10 Agriculture students Unischools Challenge</i>
<i>Friday, 12th September</i>	<i>School Walkathon NSWCCC Athletics Carnival</i>
<i>Monday, 15th September</i>	<i>Year 10 Religion Incursion</i>
<i>Tuesday, 16th September</i>	<i>Year 12 Twilight Retreat, 4.00pm</i>
<i>Wednesday, 17th September</i>	<i>Year 12 Graduation Mass, 11.00am Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, 6.00pm</i>
<i>Thursday, 18th September</i>	<i>Year 11 Society & Culture Excursion</i>
<i>Friday, 19th September</i>	<i>Term 3 concludes</i>
<i>Tuesday, 7th October</i>	<i>Staff Spirituality Day Pupil Free Day</i>
<i>Wednesday, 8th October</i>	<i>Students return to school Term 4 commences</i>

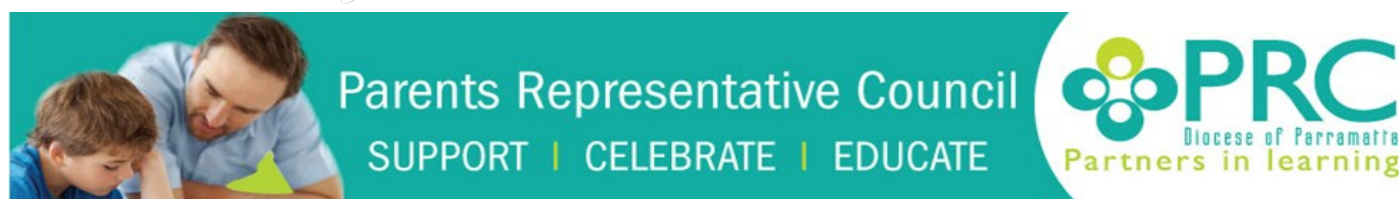
**XAVIER UNIFORM SHOP
AND
SECOND HAND SHOP**
TERM 3 OPENING HOURS
THURSDAY
8.00am - 4.00pm

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents are asked to notify the College if your child will not be attending school.

Phone: 4777 0900





Dr Andrew Martin

Anxiety and Children



Date: Monday 1 September 2014

Time: 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm)

Venue: St Patrick's Primary School
51-59 Allawah Street,
Blacktown

RSVPs essential to
prcparrevents@hotmail.com

Upcoming PRC Dates for Term 4 2014

Term 4 Wednesday 29 Oct 2014 7pm	PRC Presentation	PRC Welcomes Danielle Mantakoul Presenting Smart Start School Readiness	St Michael's Primary School 155 Reservoir Road, Blacktown South
Term 4 Monday 10 Nov 2014 7pm	General Meeting	PRC Welcomes Michelle Nolan, Coordinator Healthy Weight Promotion Team (Healthy children's Initiative) Health Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District and/or Jenny Plaskett, Live Life Well @ School Coordinator, Health Promotion, Western Sydney Local Health District Presenting Childhood Obesity/Healthy Eating	Diocesan Assembly Centre Cnr Flushcombe Road & Marion Street, Blacktown



faith in our future

PLANNING TOGETHER IN CHRIST FOR THE
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA



‘Marriage – A Vocation to Love’ Conference

The second diocesan Faith in Marriage Conference is organised by CatholicCare Social Services at Parramatta. Incorporating the Ray Reid Memorial Lecture about the blessing and graces of marriage, this conference is for married couples, engaged couples and any individual interested in marriage.

Program: Opening & Blessing – Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP;
Ray Reid Memorial Lecture – Dr Ryan Messmore;
Keynotes – Prof Neil Ormerod and Ms Jo Lamble.
Speakers will share their insights, observations and experiences for building and enriching marriages.

Date: Sunday 24 August, from 9.30am-4.30pm.

Venue: Edith Angel Hall, Our Lady of Mercy College, Ross Street, Parramatta.

Registration: \$25 per person (\$50 per couple) includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea (payable prior to the Conference).
To register, tel (02) 9933 0222, marriage@ccss.org.au

Faith at the Fiddler

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to come together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the warm and friendly atmosphere of Sydney’s most famous pub. This month’s speaker is Fr Brendan Purcell. Topic: ‘From Big Bang to Big Mystery – Human Origins in light of Creation and Evolution’. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta.

Date: Thursday 28 August 2014, from 5pm-7pm.

Venue: The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill.

Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

‘Cake & Cuppa’ with the Poor Clares

Come along to an open afternoon ‘Cake & Cuppa’ with the Poor Clare Sisters at their new property at North Richmond. Spiritual accompaniment is readily given and there is a self-contained Guest Hermitage available at present.

Date: Saturday 30 August, from 2pm-4pm.

Venue: The Poor Clare Monastery, 96 Brahma Road, North Richmond.

Inquiries: tel (02) 4571 4610, pclares@tpg.com.au

‘Life, Family & Freedom’ – World Congress of Families

At the **Regional Meeting** of the **World Congress of Families** in Melbourne His Eminence, Cardinal Raymond Burke, will give the keynote address: ‘Natural Law and Conscience – Key to Freedom and to the Integrity of Marriage and the Family’. Other speakers include Most Rev Peter Elliott, Auxiliary Bishop to Southern Region, Archdiocese of Melbourne, and the Hon Bernie Finn MLC. Preregistration is essential.

Date: Saturday 30 August 2014, starts 9am.

Venue: **St Patrick’s Parish Hall, 16 Childers St, Mentone, VIC.**

Registration: Babette Francis tel (03) 9822 5218, babette@endeavourforum.org.au

The Bishop’s Father’s Day Appeal – Caring for Those Who Cared

Pope Francis tweeted, “Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ’s heart.” Some of our shepherds have retired from active ministry and the Clergy Support Foundation was established to assist them in their retirement. Your contribution the Bishop’s Annual Father’s Day Appeal for Retired Priests is a way of acknowledging the priests who have ministered throughout our Diocese over the years and are now in need of assistance. Please give generously to this tax-deductible appeal.

Dates: Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September.

Make a donation online: www.csfparra.org.au

Community News...

HOLY FAMILY EMERTON Celebrates 10 years

All ex students and families are invited to join us for the day
(Ex students are asked to wear school uniform on the day)

Thursday, September 18th

Mass at 9.30am

Morning tea for parents and guests.

Special assembly to reminisce followed by a complimentary sausage sizzle.

RSVP: School office on 96289232 or mgoracz@parra.catholic.edu.au

ST JOSEPH'S KINGSWOOD YOUTH GROUP

S.K.Y. (12-17 years old)

Wednesdays, 3-5pm (during school term)
Parish Hall, 12-22 Richmond Road Kingswood

Socialise in a safe Christian environment

U-TURN YOUTH MINISTRY
(SERVANTS OF JESUS)

GAMES; TALKS; REFLECTIONS; SOCIALS; YOUTH MASSES

Parish Office 4721 4080



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend
Relationship enrichment for married couples

12th—14th September 2014
(7th—9th November 2014)

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings: 02 4283 3435 or
wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

Information: www.wwme.org.au

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**TRIVIA
FUNDRAISING
NIGHT**

Saturday August 30th 2014
7pm for a 7.30 SHARP start!

St Marys Band Club
Great Western Highway St Marys

\$150 for a table of (max) 8 people
includes a platter of hot finger food per table.

Loads of fantastic prizes up for grabs
including lucky door; silent auction and raffles plus
heads & tails, whisky bottle coin toss and
lucky number.

To book your table please register at:
<http://www.jdrf.org.au/fundraisingpage/>
tab=0&ref=405#sthash=11pGcW0LTSYAmi.dqbs
Click donate and add your table name.

For more information contact:
Julie on 0402 109 602 or
Shane on 0408 230 894.

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