For many of us, on getting up on Saturday, the news of the attacks in Paris caused again a note of fear or frustration. Be it in Iraq or London or Bali, or in a plane in the air, or on the steps of an office in Parramatta, such violence has too often become part of life. The forces of violent intolerance appear to be on the rise in many parts of the world. The Middle East, parts of Africa, and the Ukraine feature almost daily in the news. We struggle too with the appropriate response to such violence, balancing security with civil rights, taking the fight to its bases, while addressing the causes of such violence.

In many of these conflicts religious difference constitutes an important element in the conflict. Some commentators point to religion as the cause of many of humankind’s wars. In a sense they are correct, as they would be also if they ascribed war to humankind’s quest for liberty, equality, justice, or even love. It is a paradox of the human condition that that which is noblest in the human often gives way to violence and intolerance. This of course does not negate the value of justice or liberty, any more than it does of religion. Christians look to the reality of sin and its impact on our humanity as the explanation for this paradox.
Naturally enough our media is fully of commentary and reactions to the events in Paris. How are we supposed to react to such an attack? I was struck by a post of a St Aloysius student on Facebook. Cormac wrote:

Today is a day where we need to refrain from accusing Islam and Muslim people in general for being people of hatred, terror and violence, because they most definitely are not. Today is a day where need to show to the disgusting human beings who committed these atrocious acts and who do not represent the values of Islam and the Muslim community in any way, shape or form, that we will not allow for hatred, terror and violence to breed further hatred, terror and violence. Today is a day where need to showcase our solidarity as a society and as a people.

So please, I beg of you, do not point the finger at Islam, point the finger at the evil people who were truly behind these attacks. The evil people whose only true faith is in the power of terror and violence. We need to show them that there is no power in terror or violence, that their faith is horribly misplaced.

May all those who tragically perished rest in peace and may their loved ones have comfort in this time of horrible grief.

Cormac speaks to what is best in us. Islam is a massive, diverse and complex reality in our world. There is much that is noble in the faith, and millions follow its precepts devoutly in their ordinary and peaceful lives. I would perhaps argue a little differently than Cormac, in seeing both ideological roots and religious motivation as realities in some elements of Islam, and thus take more seriously the religious foundation of IS in the extreme Islamic beliefs of a small but significant section of the Islamic world. I do suspect that Islam as a religious culture is yet really to face the challenge of our pluralist world. Nevertheless, Cormac’s central point about the nature of fear leading to attacks on all Muslims, or on a religion itself, is valid.

In contrast to Cormac’s comments, Pauline Hanson ‘hit’ the television arguing that Australians need to feel protected and that we should not take in the 12,000 Syrian refugees committed to by the Federal Government. Fear is a terrible counsellor. She conveniently ignores the fact that many of these refugees are themselves victims of IS, just as surely as those who were killed in Paris. This is partly an issue for our media that seems to ignore an ongoing record of atrocities by IS that almost weekly matches those witnessed in Paris. Hanson ignores the fact that many of the 12,000 will be from religious minorities that face genocidal attacks from IS – the Yezidi, Assyrian Christians, Druze and so on. She ignores the fact that each of the 12,000 will be processed by the government with background checks etc (a position different from that of the tide of desperate people pouring into Europe). There will be those who seek to exploit our fears to promote racist or isolationist views, which are both ignorant and dangerous. At the same time, the attack in Paris and community reactions to it, challenge those who argue for essentially an open borderers approach. They ignore the realities of legitimate fears and risk encouraging not only the rise of extremist political movements, but of putting in danger the very social cohesion of countries which is essential for the ongoing and successful resettlement of those in need. The reality is also that we ignore to our own peril the situation on the ground in Syria and Iraq. Military, political and diplomatic efforts need to continue for the sake not only of the peoples of Iraq and Syria, but also for all of us.

Nor can some of the issues associated with Paris be restricted to the geo-political level. They speak to our common human condition. Nobel laureate Alice Munroe’s insight that “there are no such things as big and little subjects,” resonates with me. “The major things”, she goes on to say, “the evils that exist in the world, have a direct
relationship to the evil that exists around a dining room table when people are doing things to each other.” We can all wear the faces of intolerance: cynicism, apathy and indifference, hostility and prejudice.

Intolerance can be addressed in a number of ways, beginning in ourselves and our own communities. Firstly we need to see and accept difference as a good. What a boring and mundane world we would live in if it were without difference; a world where we all had the same interests, abilities, personalities! Secondly, we can seek to understand others, be they another culture, another viewpoint, another personality. It is a great gift to be able to see the other side, to understand from where someone is coming. Thirdly, there is a virtue that St Ignatius was fond of; he used to stress that the Christian should look for the good in the other, rather than to look for the bad. Finally, we need to focus on the virtue of global solidarity, or as author Clifford Longley in the Tablet put it, “the mental habit of seeing the entire human race as one family, every brother and sister responsible for every other”. Longley refers to Pope John Paul II’s articulation of this principle of solidarity, and how, in the Pope’s thinking, limiting solidarity to one’s own kind was a kind of sacrilege, an offence against the deep religious conviction that every human being on the planet is equally loved and valued by God. In response to this truth John Paul II urged “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” Such a sentiment remains a bedrock principle of the Christian world view.

Here at Xavier our commitment to help shape “men for and with others” stems in part from the realization of our essential solidarity as human beings in our increasingly globalized world.

Chris Middleton SJ
generation, not to live in an era of mass destruction and annihilation. The pain and suffering endured by our great grandparents’ generation and their families would have been hideous.

Yet, last week, when I attended the Mass for Grandparents and the Feast of Saint Stanislaus at Kostka Hall, I also was filled with gratitude for all that our extended family does, so that the current and future generations of students are be able to flourish and prosper. A natural tendency among some humans when they feel pain is to seek revenge. As a Catholic community I would hope that we would first seek to understand before responding. And I hope that via a Xavier education, our students will respond to pain with a response that is life-giving rather than one that is destructive.

As the year quickly ‘gallops’ to an end and we launch into our season of ceremonies of awards, farewells and get-togethers, I would like to thank all our parents, students and staff for making such a positive contribution to building our community. There have been many highs this year and whilst there have been moments of pain, our first response always needs to be how are we going to fix this in the future. As the English poet, Alexander Pope said ‘To err is human; to forgive, divine.’

Blessings and peace for the coming week.

Chris Hayes
Principal

Xavier Celebrates...A Day on the Lawn - Postponed

Xavier Celebrates.....A Day on the Lawn
Please note this event has been postponed until further notice.
For any enquiries, email dayonthelawn@xavier.vic.edu.au

Marron Singers
The Xavier College Community Choir, the Marron Singers, will be performing their annual Christmas concert on Friday 27 November 2014 at 7:30pm in the Xavier College Memorial Chapel. We invite you to come along and enjoy a wide range of songs and Christmas carols followed by a champagne supper in the Crypt at the Senior Campus.

All proceeds are in aid of the Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda.

Please click here to view the PDF Flier.

Tickets are available now via Trybooking at http://www.trybooking.com/JJUV

Adult $20, Concession/Student $10, Children free.

Enquiries: Please contact MarronSingers@xavier.vic.edu.au
Next Open: Thursday 28 January 2016 1.00pm – 4:00pm and Saturday 30 January 2016 10.00am – 1.00pm or by appointment.

Wanted – good condition blazers. Good condition blazers are always in demand and sell fast. Please see portal for conditions of sale. Donations preferred. Items may be dropped at Senior Campus reception or at the uniform shop during open hours.

Venue: Tennis Centre Pavilion, Senior Campus, enter via Stratford Avenue
https://portal.xavier.vic.edu.au/Portal/services/uniforms/uniformshop

Uniform Shop Open Days for 2016 are on the portal.

Enquiries: Bronwyn Dean (0421 390 038) or Sue D’Amico (0404 039 516) or email jBCM.dean@bigpond.com

Campion Education Booklists

Booklists / Resource Lists 2016
Campion Education is the Official Back to School Supplier to Xavier College.

**Booklists / Resource List Online**

Booklists for all year levels can be viewed and submitted online via the College website.


Orders must be submitted by **Monday 7 December 2015** to ensure timely delivery.

**Benefits of submitting a booklist**

By using the online booklist / resource list service you are guaranteed to:

- Receive the correct books and stationery items
- Have priority access to all book and stationery stock
- Receive fast and efficient delivery
- Ongoing support from our customer service team

**Delivery of Orders**

All booklist / resource list orders will be delivered to your nominated address. Deliveries can be made to either a business or residential address. No post office boxes please.

Xavier College has negotiated a reduced delivery charge of $10 for all orders submitted by the due date. This charge includes any subsequent deliveries that may need to be made to cater for books that are published late.

**Late Booklist / Resource List Orders**

Any booklist / resource list orders submitted after 4 December 2015 will be charged at the normal delivery rate of $21.95.

**Retail Store**

If you do not wish to submit your booklist order online for delivery, you are welcome to visit Campion’s store located at 1/170-180 Rooks Road, Nunawading, 3131.

Stock of books and stationery for Campion’s retail customers will become available from the beginning of December.

**Refunds**

Books can be returned for a full refund provided that they are still in mint condition and they haven’t been covered or named up until the close of business on 19 February 2016.

**Queries**

Should you have any questions or queries please contact Campion direct on 1300 433 982 or in person at the store located at 1/170-180 Rooks Road, Nunawading, 3131.

**Headstart VCE 3&4 Booklist**

VCE 3&4 students have the opportunity to purchase their textbooks & stationery prior to the commencement of the Headstart Program on Wednesday 25 November 2015.

The Headstart VCE 3&4 Booklist can be viewed and submitted online via the College website.


**Delivery of Orders**
All booklist orders will be delivered via Australia Post to your nominated address. Deliveries can be made to either a business or residential address. No post office boxes please.

Boarders wishing to receive their booklist order at the College should include the following information in the address field – Xavier College Boarding House, Barkers Road, Kew 3101.

A reduced delivery charge of $10 will apply to all orders submitted by the due date. This charge includes any subsequent deliveries that may need to be made to cater for books that are published late.

**Late Orders**

Any booklist orders submitted after the cut-off date will be charged at the normal delivery rate of $21.95.

**Refunds for Headstart items**

Books can be returned for a full refund within 2 weeks of purchase provided that they are still in mint condition (not covered or named).

**Second Hand Book Sale**

The Xavier College Mothers’ Association will once again conduct a second-hand book sale to assist families with the purchase of texts for the 2016 academic year. We are most grateful for this service.

The sale of Years 9 – 12 text books will be held on: **Friday 27 November 2015**, from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm in Rooms D4 – D6 at the Senior Campus in the Keenan Wing, which can be found near the Hawkins Room.

**From the Archives**

After finding the boab nuts, Iggy and Frances are now going potty, finding a box with pottery shards, tile shards and old glass bottles from the Kostka archives.
Something is not quite right, the items don’t look like they belong in the same period of history. Iggy and Frances sort the items into categories of like for like. It looks like there are four separate types of objects in this one box: glass bottles, tile shards, ink bottles and pottery shards.

Oh look, under the wrapping, Frances has found some old display cards. Hmm, the glass bottles are noted as being ‘Assorted glass bottles (c. 1800) found on the Maldon, Victoria, gold fields.’ The ceramic ink jars are ‘(c. 1800) found at Platte Saline, Alderney, Channel Islands.’ and ‘…were most likely used by members of the Royal Enniskillen Fusiliers…on garrison duty…during the Napoleonic and French revolutionary wars…(and)...were readily purchase from the Regimental Quartermaster Store.’

The pottery shards are labeled as ‘(c. AD 50-65) collected from around the site of the Roman IX legion town of Durobrivae, which existed along the banks of the river Nene near present day Castor, Cambridgeshire, England.’ Also included are ‘A bronze ring and a dog’s tooth also found near Castor.’ Can you spot the bronze ring and dog’s tooth?

How these items came to be part of the Collection and how they relate to Xavier is still a mystery, but at least Iggy and Frances now know something about these items.

The College Archives are located in the refurbished cellars at the east end of the South Wing. Open M-F 8am – 4pm.

Contact the College Archivist on 9854 5360 or via email, Xavier.Archives@xavier.vic.edu.au

Catherine Hall
College Archivist
Xavier Social Justice Network

XSJN Volunteer Good News Story
MITA Immigration Detention Centre

Thanks to the generosity of a Kostka family a young Iranian doctor has a new start in Australia. A Kostka Mum met Azin last year during her visits to the detention centre. Azin was hoping to pass the Medical Board exams that would enable her to use her qualifications in Australia, so this very generous family paid for the books she needed to study for the exam. Last week we received the fantastic news she sat and passed her exam - and the offer of work! It was fantastic to share Azin’s excitement and then to ring the Kostka family to pass on her gratitude for such kindness. Visiting the detention centre comes with lots of heartache and sometimes great joy! (Thanks Fiona)

Maree Tierney

Ways you can get involved

St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Soup Van - Donating items for Christmas Hampers

Each year the Soup Van volunteers organise a Christmas party for the people they support during the year. On Sunday 13 December over two hundred people will gather at the Collingwood Town Hall to celebrate Christmas. For many this will be their only Christmas celebration. The volunteers are seeking support from XSJN and the wider Xavier College Community to donate Christmas items such as puddings, shortbreads, chocolates, mince pies or supermarket vouchers to the value of $20.

If you are able to assist please leave items (unwrapped) at Reception at each of the campuses by Friday 4 December or contact Patricia Bergin (0418528210 or patricia.bergin@energyforce.com.au).

If leaving presents at the College Campus receptions please place in box marked XSJN - SVdP Soup Van.

The Basket Brigade - Donate Toys and/or Volunteer

The Melbourne Basket Brigade is a small but dedicated force of local volunteers who want to make a difference to those in need at Christmas. They fundraise throughout the year and then in December pack and deliver baskets of food and toys to families in need. Volunteers are needed on Packing Day to pack and deliver the food and toys.

This year their goal is to give Christmas gifts to 500 needy families around Melbourne.

When: SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER
Where: Kostka Hall, Xavier College Brighton Campus - New St (near the intersection of South Rd)
Time: Volunteer Registration is 11am. It takes a couple of hours to wrap and pack so they are aiming to start loading vehicles between 2.30 & 3.30pm.

If you would like to help with this wonderful program, or need more information contact David.Taranto@xavier.vic.edu.au or visit melbournebasketbrigade@magicmoments.org.au

Upcoming Events
We have to realise that a true ecological approach **always** becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear **both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor**

*Laudato Si’* (49)

As world leaders meet to discuss the future of our common home at COP21 climate talks in Paris, you are invited to join the **People’s Climate March** and walk alongside millions of people in major cities around the world. Come along with your parish, family and friends for a colourful, vibrant, fun and united display of people power. Marches will be taking place across Australia from the 27 – 29 November in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Darwin and Hobart.

By marching together we will show that we want an end to fossil fuels and a planned transition to 100% renewable energy. We will march to call on our politicians support communities that are building a better, safer and fairer future for all. We will march because we must protect creation for the vulnerable and for future generations!

**Stand with the Catholic community and show you care!**

As part of the **Global Catholic Climate Movement** we are calling on Catholics around the world to “pray and mobilise as never before, to put into practice the Pope’s *Laudato Si’* message”. Cardinal Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council Justice and Peace, said recently: “The message of *Laudato Si’* needs to be integrated into the active commitment of citizens who organize to make the Pope’s message resonate in the halls of power and who demand courageous action on the part of leaders and negotiators in favour of the poor and of the planet. On Nov. 29, this is what hundreds of thousands of men, women and children will do in the Global Climate March...”

Please wear purple to the March as this colour will represent ‘many cultures, many faiths – one common home’. If you don’t have any purple clothes, why not visit a second hand clothes store and find something that has been pre-loved!


**Bronwen Kellett & Anne Turpin**

*X5JN*
Scholarships for entry into Years 7, 9 and 11 in 2017. Xavier

Examination Date - **Thursday 11 February 2016**

Location - Senior Campus, Xavier College

Scholarships will be offered for **students entering Years 7, 9 and 11 in 2017** and, as the following details describe, are available in a number of different categories:

- Xavier College Academic and Excellence Scholarships
- Xavier College Music Scholarships
- Old Xaverians’ Association – Boarding Scholarship
- Xavier College Foundation Scholarships
  - Benedict Burgess Memorial Boarders Scholarship
  - James André Boarding and Academic Scholarship
  - John Webb Scholarship

Each of the above categories includes boarding scholarships.

Closing date for all applications: **Friday 5 February 2016**

**Testing Date:** Thursday 11 February 2016

Notification of Results: **Not before 8 April 2016**

**Cost:** $130.00

For further information and registration please visit the website [www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships)

Diane Odgers
Registrar

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
The recent terrorist attacks in the Middle East and in Europe, particularly last weekend’s terrible events in Paris, have certainly left the world in a sense of shock. The recounting of these episodes, in detail, in the media is all consuming, giving rise to a feeling that unless action is taken quickly in response to these attacks then our world leaders will be considered ineffective or indecisive. Such terror, it is said, must be met with merciless action. On Sunday morning, I saw an alternative way of looking at the events of the world, a way that asks us to see God present and working in all of creation. A way that asks for reflection and discernment in order to discover and choose God’s will; to find the best path to travel considering all the competing values and priorities that bombard us. On Sunday morning I shared in the celebration of the Eucharist with our Year 4 students and families from Burke Hall and Kostka Hall at the Xavier College Memorial Chapel, Senior Campus. Watching these young girls and boys, who have spent their early schooling immersed in a world-affirming environment, it is not hard to have faith in the future of our world when a community lives with hope, compassion, and the knowledge that each one is personally known and loved by God.

Let us remember in our prayers those whose lives were lost or changed irrevocably by the actions of those unable to extend tolerance, understanding, or acceptance – in essence, love – to their fellow brothers and
sisters.

Peace and best wishes for the coming fortnight.

Peter Cooper
Director of Burke Hall

Dean of Early Years

Transition Programs

We believe that the opportunity to be a part of a kindergarten or school that is based on a loving and caring community is central to educating the whole person. The Early Years’ teaching staff will be meeting over the next weeks and in Week 1 of 2016, reviewing transition statements, reports, assessments and portfolios of work in order to meet the needs of each and every child as they move into the next year level. This is integral to ensuring that we prepare programs and learning goals to provide the children with the academic ability to succeed as well as develop the self-management, social and emotional skills to continue in their learning journeys.

On Tuesday 1 December, students from the current 4 Year Old Kindergarten to Year 3 will have the opportunity to spend some time in their 2016 classroom, with their 2016 Homeroom Teacher. The Year 4 boys will spend the whole day in the Middle Years with the 2016 Year 5 staff and students.

Our 2016 Foundation (Prep) children have already had an opportunity to spend some time with their teacher, Mrs Catherine Davies, in their new classroom and spaces last week. Increasingly, there is evidence that a positive start to school sets children up for continued positive educational experiences and future life opportunities.

The Foundation (Prep) year is an important part of a young person’s education and it is an exciting first step for students in the early phase of learning. It builds on what students learn at home and in early education services before they start school and helps them to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes they need to be successful in Year 1 and the rest of their school years. The first transition to school session has been a positive and exciting day for all.
Year 4 Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist

The students and their families form Year 4 from Burke Hall and Kostka Hall celebrated a very special occasion on Sunday 15 November at the Xavier College Memorial Chapel.

Father Chris Middleton SJ celebrated Mass to acknowledge that our Year 4 students are now able to join fully in the sharing of the Living Bread and the Saving Cup in the Eucharist.
Important Dates

Text Box: EY Calendar, Term 4

Wed 18 à Friday 20 November  Year 4 Outdoor Education Camp
Thurs 19 à Monday 30 November

Swimming Program

Wednesday 25 November  
Athletics Carnival at Kostka Hall

Thursday 26 November  
Year 4 Celebration of Early Years Learning, 6:30pm

Tuesday 1 December  
Year 4 boys - Transition Day to Year 5

Wednesday 2 December  
Early Years Advent Celebration, 1:45pm

Thursday 3 December  
Feast of St Francis Xavier SJ

Friday 4 December  
Mass for the Feast of St Francis Xavier SJ, 9:00am

Last day for Students, 12:00 noon dismissal

Elena Serraglio  
Dean of Early Years

Dean of Middle Years

Expectations
With only a few weeks remaining in the year, it is important that all boys maintain their high standards in all aspects of their learning. This includes their home learning, uniform, organisation, attitude towards learning in class and on the oval, their attitude towards each other and general behaviour. We encourage boys to continue to strive to be the best they can be. This will pay off in the long run.

Celebration of Learning
As mentioned in previous newsletter editions and the email sent home last week, year level end-of-year celebrations will occur as follows:

Year 8 on Monday 30 November in Garnet Hall at 7:15pm
Year 6 on Thursday 3 December in Garnet Hall at 9:00am
Year 5 on Thursday 3 December in Garnet Hall at 11:00am
Year 7 on Thursday 3 December in Garnet Hall at 1:30pm

While this is a time to celebrate the students’ learning, it is also an opportunity to acknowledge academic excellence and endeavour. Each subject teacher nominates students for Excellence Awards based on the quality of students’ accomplishment across a wide variety of assessment tasks throughout the year i.e. students who have consistently achieved at an excellent level. Similarly, subject teachers nominate students for Endeavour Awards based on the degree to which each student has applied himself in completing set tasks. Teachers consider student’s attitude, level of dedication and approaches to learning. Learning Leaders and staff have been working hard behind the scenes preparing for these learning
celebrations.

**Transition Days**

By now you should have received notification in the post regarding the upcoming Transition Day for 2016. These days are essentially an opportunity to meet some of the staff and participate in year-level appropriate activities.

**Assessing and Reporting**

As you know boys are still completing assessments, tests and/or other academic tasks. The teachers are in the process of assessing, correcting, and providing feedback to boys regarding their learning. Teachers have commenced writing reports. These should be accessible on the portal during the first week of the holidays. This will be an excellent opportunity to sit down with your son and discuss his progress and then create learning goals for 2016.

**PAT Testing**

Over the next fortnight boys in the Middle Years will be completing their PAT Tests during their regular classes. These Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT), designed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) are an Australian, nationally normed series of tests designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students’ skills and understandings in a range of key areas. At the centre of each PAT test is a described proficiency scale, providing both quantitative and qualitative data on student performance. The PAT tests are ideal for understanding students’ current strengths and challenges, informing teaching and learning and monitoring progress over time (Australian Council for Educational Research, 2015). We will use these to assist us with our teaching and learning programs.

**Home Learning Club**

This is a reminder that during each term on a Wednesday afternoon (3:30pm-5:00pm), there is an opportunity to complete home learning in a quiet learning space, the Middle Years library. If boys feel like attending, all they need to do is present themselves at 3:30 pm and sign themselves in. Please could parents of Years 5 and 6 boys sign their sons out when ready, but before 5:00 pm. While this is available to all Middle Years students most Wednesday afternoons throughout the term, the library is closed on the first and last Wednesday of the term.

*Brendan Fraser*
Dean of Middle Years

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**Dean of Operations**

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**Information for Parents at Xavier College**

A reminder to all Burke Hall families that an area has been developed to assist in finding relevant information relating to each year level.
On the Parents’ homepage (https://portal.xavier.vic.edu.au/Portal) you will find the following links:

**Information for Burke Hall Early Years**  
**Information for Burke Hall Middle Years**

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**Hats and Caps**

Boys may wear the white hat **or** the college black baseball cap, all of which are available from our official supplier, Bob Stewarts of Kew. Any of the above hats/caps should be worn on the following occasions:

- Morning break and lunchtime in Terms 1 and 4  
- During Physical Education classes in Terms 1 and 4  
- At all cricket and tennis practice and matches  
- At all outdoor venues

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**Booklists / Resource List Online**

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**Burke Hall Second-hand Bookshop**

The Secondhand Bookshop will run on the morning of the 2016 Transition day which is to be held on Tuesday 1 December in the Cottage. The times and dates for book drop off and collection are as follows:

- **Thursday 26 November**: Book drop off for 2015 Years 7 and 8 students from 9:00am to 11:00am  
- **Monday 30 November**: 2016 Year 7 and 8 students can collect ordered books from the Cottage from 9:00am to 11:00am  
- **Tuesday 1 December**: New families in 2016 can purchase books form the Cottage between 9:00am to 11:00am

**David Lanigan**  
**Dean of Operations**

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**Music News**
Since I last wrote there have been many events that need to be acknowledged:

Thanks to Justin Dwyer for providing the final round of Junk Percussion Workshops for our Year 8 students. These were engaging and interesting presentations that challenged the students’ ideas surrounding found objects as instruments.

Thank you and congratulations to the students who have completed AMEB Examinations. Special thanks to staff and parents for supporting our students during the exam process. The remainder of these exams will be completed in the next few days.

A number of extra rehearsals have been scheduled in preparation for the Burke Hall Semester Two Concert at the EHPAC. This has been to assist in the preparation of combined ensemble items, but has also allowed other groups, whose rehearsal day has been affected by numerous student free days at school, to prepare for this event. Thank you for your cooperation and support in getting your sons to these rehearsals. Information has been emailed to the parents of all boys involved in this Concert. Ticket sales opened on Monday 9 November, click here to access them. Demand for tickets is usually high, so please order early.

The inaugural Art Show Concert was held in Garnet Hall on Tuesday 27 October. This concert allowed smaller ensembles a performance opportunity in a different space surrounded by student art. The night was a great success and surpassed expectation. Thanks to all of the staff, students and parents involved. A particular thanks must go to Kathryn Mackieson, Edwina Mintern and Steph Watson for their support of this event.

Recently, we have held a Cello Concert and a Piano Recital. These are fantastic, less formal venues for students to perform prepared works, whilst listening to and learning from their peers. Thank you to Anna Kent and Tim Topham for organising these events.

On Friday 30 October, the Burke Hall Cantors, under the direction of Kerrin Hancock, assisted in the presentation of Mass for the students of the St Paul’s School. Thank you to Kerrin and the Burke Hall Cantors for this most important role.

Please check below for upcoming dates and performances:

Friday 20 November: 2016 Music tuition enrolments/discontinuation to be finalised.
Wednesday 25 November: The Burke Hall Semester Two Concert at the Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre.
Thursday 26 November: The Year 5 Music Program Concert held at the Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre.
Wednesday 2 December: EY Carols Service held in the Burke Hall Chapel.
Thursday 3 December: Celebration of Learning Assemblies.
Friday 4 December: Feast of St Francis Xavier Mass.

2016 Music Lessons

All students who currently learn an instrument at Burke Hall would have received a letter via email outlining the process for enrolling for individual lessons next year. The method has changed this year to streamline the process for both parents and staff. If you are unsure about any aspect of undertaking music lessons, please do not hesitate to contact the Music Office on 9855 4169. It is vital that you notify the Music Office,
Current Years 5, 6 and 7 students are invited to audition for Burke Hall’s 2016 Production of ‘High School Musical Jnr’. Students will be required to register their audition by emailing our Producer Ms. Wissell Catherine.Wissell@xavier.vic.edu.au with their name and homeroom. An audition form to complete and bring on their audition day plus music lyrics, will be sent to all applicants via return email. Each applicant is required to sing the chorus from ‘We’re all in this together’.

**Audition Dates:**
- Current Years 5 and 7 students – Monday 23 November 3:15-5:00pm approx.
- Current Year 6 students – Tuesday 24 November 3:15-5:00pm approx.

**Audition Place:**
The Drama Dungeons, Burke Hall.

**Call Backs along with the new Years 5 and 7 student auditions will happen at the start of 2016.**

Click here to see the flyer for more info!

*Andrea Hamilton*
*Drama Coordinator*
Junior Debating has come to a close for another year. The final round of the debating was hosted at Genazzano. As always, the hospitality was gracious and our young people presented themselves extremely well for competition. The topic for debate was, "That private cars should not be allowed in Melbourne’s CBD." Much lively discussion was exchanged and creative ideas presented and pulled apart, as is the nature of the game. At this stage however rebuttal is an area that requires further development, however all boys promise they are working on this skill at home over the dinner table.

The adjudicators all commented on the quality of the debates and the skill and impressive manner in which our students prepared for the event. The boys are to be congratulated on the time and effort they put in to making sure they were well rehearsed, their arguments robust and their delivery confident and assured, but respectful.

We thank the following students for representing our school:

Year 6 Team

**XC Affirmative (winners)**  V **GENAZZANO**
- Charlie Amad  (BS)
- Lucas Boyle
- Leo Moore

**MGS (winners)**  V  **XC Negative**
- Luke Girdlestone
- Will Troy
- Ambrose Meehan (BS)

Year 7 Team

**XC Affirmative (winners)**  V **MGS**
- Tom Croagh
- Nick Voitin
- Oscar MacIsaac

**SACRE COEUR V XC Negative (winners)**
- Daniel Malaxachevaria
- Jack Francis  (BS)
- Sam Barnett

It was a most successful day, three out of four teams were victorious and three of our young men were awarded Best Speaker. We offer a special wish of congratulations to Charlie Amad, Ambrose Meehan and Jack Francis for their outstanding performance on the day.
Afternoon tea was enjoyed in the warm sun under the shade of the canopy in the Genazzano gardens. The young people replenished themselves with lovely sandwiches and muffins and mingled gently to finish off a very pleasant event.

We thank Mr Buckler for accompanying the students on the bus and for making the outing possible.
Year 5 Robotics is continuing to be a feature of new age learning at Burke Hall. It has become an increasingly important feature of education, as the technology of robotics is already integral to professions such as Medicine, Defence, Engineering and Architecture.

Each class of Year 5 students begin the unit by linking Astronomy and Robotics via a discussion of NASA’s latest developments. The possibility of a human visit to Mars in the near future is certainly an exciting idea for the imagination of Year 5 students.

This year students have made some impressive progress in a new Robotics course, which includes a new emphasis on the link between Science and Technology. Year 5 students are now given the opportunity to use computer skills to program robots to complete tasks such as moving into a parking bay and navigating around a maze. This requires students to calculate angles and distances to achieve their tasks. The feat of being able to guide the robot from start to finish gives the students a sense of pride in their achievement. Robotics is now a pillar of modern education. Students need to have the skills inherent in robotics to be prepared for our new age of technology.
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It has been a fantastic year for the Burke Hall Fathers’ Association as we have enjoyed strong attendance at our marquee events and sought to establish new initiatives including our mentoring program. Accordingly I invite all fathers to attend our AGM, to be held on Tuesday 24 November commencing at 6:00pm outside the Garnet Hall with a BBQ, and the AGM to follow. All places on the committee have been largely filled so your attendance doesn’t necessarily mean taking up a position.

I look forward to a chat as we celebrate the start of the festive season and discuss opportunities for the Association in 2016. Please register your interest for catering purposes by clicking here.

John Clark
President
Burke Hall Fathers’ Association

Burke Hall Mothers’ Association

2015 AGM
The new committee was appointed at the AGM on Tuesday 10 November, but we still have the Care Group Coordinator position vacant and would welcome anyone who would like to join the general committee. I would like to thank the entire committee of 2015 for their encouragement and assistance. Our workers on the Second Hand Uniform Shop, our Year Level Coordinators, our class representatives, the Executive Committee, the Care Group and the general committee allow this association to function. I would particularly like to thank all outgoing members of BHMA and welcome the new members for 2016. A list of committee members for 2016 will be posted on the school portal within the next week.

End of year functions
The end of year function season has started. Remaining dates are:

Friday, 20 November - Year 7 Parents
Saturday, 21 November - Year 6 Parents
Saturday, 28 November - Year 5 Parents

Middle Years’ Celebration
The Middle Years’ Celebration for students finishing Year 8 is to be held on the evening of Monday 30 November. Thank you to all the Year 7 boys and their parents who have volunteered to help on the evening.

Welcome Drinks - 2016
Please save the date for Welcome Drinks to be hosted by BHMA in conjunction with BHFA on Saturday 6 February, 2016.

In 2014 the XCMA became involved with the Twentieth Man Youth Fund's Back to School Program. This Program provides support to disadvantaged students by recycling secondhand textbooks, calculators, stationery and laptops. This year the BHMA would like to join the program.

Last year, all the books that were wrong editions or where the book became a new edition were all donated to this organisation. In summary, a total of 267 students benefitted from Back to School in 2015. The gender breakdown of the 267 students was 118 girls and 149 boys - the program supported children from Year 3 to Year 12, as well as Pre-apprenticeship and SEDA.

As you will also appreciate educational textbooks have a shelf life and at some point become outdated. These books are not thrown away but are sent to PNG to be distributed to schools in the Highlands of the Province of Morobe where there is a great need for children to learn.

So please do not throw out your old textbooks or calculators. We can go through them, box them up and arrange collection to the Twentieth Man Youth Fund Back to School Program.

Books can be left at any time in the boxes in the Cottage at Burke Hall or the Hawkins Room at Senior Campus.

We will be available to assist you with your drop-off at the following times should you require any assistance:

Thursday 26 November, 9:00 to 11:00am
Monday 30 November 9:00 to 11:00am
Tuesday 1 December 9:00 to 11:00am

Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact:
Geraldine Nicholas - 0409 1821 369 or gernic0904@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the BHMA.

Kath Toohey
President
Burke Hall Mothers’ Association
The uniform shop will be open for extended hours on Transition Day, Tuesday 1 December. We will be open from 8:30am till 12:30pm, then again from 2:00 till 4:00pm. Come in and get your sports bags and any summer uniform items you may need for the New Year. We also have blazers and spray jackets.

If you want to have an end of year clean out, bring along any uniform items that no longer fit and either donate them to us or we can sell them for you. Just remember if you want us to sell them for you, you will need to print the labels from the portal and attach a label to each item.

We hope to see you.

If you have any questions, please call Suzanne Lee on 0438 783 533.

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**Tuckshop Roster**

Thursday 19 November  
Clair Shadbolt and Elvia Russo

Friday 20 November  
Laurette Kairouz and Kate Cotter

Monday 23 November  
Catherine Ivak and Sandra Amalfi

Tuesday 24 November  
Christina Nealon and Kate Bennetto

Wednesday 25 November  
Tania Lewis and Nicky Vergano

Thursday 26 November  
Gabrielle Silvers and Di Guiney

Friday 27 November  
Jenni Wheelahan and Clair Alexander
Monday 30 November          Clarie Macrae and Nuala Callan
Tuesday 1 December          Katie McLean and Sarah O'Brien
Wednesday 2 December        Margaret Cass and **TBA**
Thursday 3 December         Mandy Salisbury and **TBA**

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers for your help this year. Have a safe and happy Christmas with your families and friends.

Debbie Rossi has very kindly offered to coordinate the tuck shop roster for next year so for any future enquiries please contact Debbie Debbie@debbierossi.com.au

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**Recipe of the Week**

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![Zucchini and Haloumi Fritters](image)

**Zucchini and Haloumi Fritters**

**Ingredients** - makes 18 small bite size patties

- 6 medium size zucchinis coarsely grated
- 200 grams Haloumi coarsely grated
- 120g (1/2 cup) fresh ricotta
- 1/3 Cup Polenta
- 100 grams Self Raising Flour
- 2 Spring Onions thinly sliced
- 1 Bunch dill chopped
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1 Egg
- Sea Salt and pepper to season
- Vegetable oil to shallow fry
- Lemon wedges to serve
- Greek Style Yoghurt to serve

**Method**

Coarsely grate zucchinis, then place in a sieve over a bowl and toss with 1 teaspoon sea salt. Coarsely grate haloumi and place in a separate bowl with ricotta, s/r flour, polenta, spring onions, dill, egg and lemon zest.

Stir until well combined and season with pepper.

Tightly squeeze handfuls of grated zucchini to remove excess moisture, then add to haloumi mix add salt and pepper to taste and stir well.

Heat 2cm oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Drop 6 heaped tablespoons of mixture into the pan, flatten them and fry for 2 minutes or until golden underneath. Turn fritters over and fry for a further 2 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Drain on paper towel, transfer to an oven tray and keep warm.
Repeat with the remaining mixture in 3 more batches.
Serve with lemon wedges topped with Greek style yoghurt.