St Francis of Assisi, Peace Prayer

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace,
Where there is hatred let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy…..

From the Principal ........

**Participation Mass**

Tomorrow, Friday 28 February, the Year 5 and the Year 1Blue and Gold classes will buddy up to attend the 9am Parish Mass in the Church just to be in the congregation without leading the singing or doing the readings. In this way the students fully realise that Mass can also be participated in by simply saying the responses and giving their mind and body in quiet prayer. We encourage and welcome our families to also join us to participate in this short 30 minute Eucharistic service.

**Year 6 Assembly and Councillor Badge Presentation**

TOMORROW please join us at 2.30pm in our Multi-purpose Hall for our first Assembly from our Year 6 class along with the commissioning, blessing and presentation of badges to the Student Councillors for 2014. Father Kaz will be our special guest and will bless and commission our 2014 Year 6 Councillors. Father will also be presenting our Aussie of the Month Awards for February.

**Did you miss the Parent Information Night?**

It was great to see so many of our families attend the parent information meeting on Tuesday night. Your children really appreciate your support. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the teachers for their preparation and presentations to their class groups and Lisa Brooks and David Hamersley for their organisation. Special THANKS to Christine Pitman and Bev Kelly for supervising the child-minding so that more families could attend this important evening.

If you did not attend your youngest child will receive a plastic sleeve containing your personal family records printout to be checked and updated and returned to the school IMMEDIATELY. There is also an Internet and Email Policy and a Photograph Agreement to be completed for each child and returned to the classroom teacher. The package also includes a copy of the new 2014 Family Handbook that we ask you to keep and refer to for relevant and up-to-date information regarding school organisation, procedures and policies.

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**Mass**

As a CATHOLIC SCHOOL, our prime task – in addition to good quality education, is to support parents in the education in faith of their children. We share the Church’s task of spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ while preparing our students to live full and productive lives as members of society. Please remember the commitment you made to assist your children to prepare for the reception of the sacraments including weekly attendance at weekend Mass. Each child preparing for a Sacrament this year received a special pin to wear reminding them and their families of their commitment to prepare fully for the Sacrament including weekend Mass attendance. Mass times are advertised on page 4 of our newsletter. All invited to our Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am on Wednesday 5 March in the Church.
Management of Student Behaviour
Everyone has the right to feel safe and teachers have right to teach – students have responsibility to follow school rules & class rules — as adults we need to allow our children to be responsible for their own actions and show respect for themselves, others and the environment. We need to work together to foster a climate of safety. Last night at the Parent Information meeting Xavier school launched on a journey of managing student behaviour through a positive approach that was further explained by consultant, Priscilla Carlisle. We have a team of staff members to support the development of a whole school plan and implement the positive behaviour structures across the school. However, we need the support of our families in partnership to assist your children to learn and develop the skills necessary to manage their own behaviour in a positive way.

Principal’s Conference
Next week, from Tuesday to Thursday, I will be away at the Catholic Primary Principal’s Conference in Broome along with 90 other delegates from Western Australian Catholic Schools and a few Catholic School principals from the Northern Territory. This is the first regional conference for Catholic primary school principals and a chance for us to visit our Kimberley colleagues instead of them having to always come to Perth. The theme of our conference is “Sharing stories...Envisioning the future” and includes an address by Bishop Saunders on the history of Catholic Education in the Kimberley; keynote address by Noel Pearson on “Effective Instruction: The Keystone to School Reform” in taking a school from good to great; many workshops and activities including celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass together and visiting Notre Dame University campus in Broome. Lisa Brooks and David Hamersley are responsible for the day-to-day running of the school during my absence.

Mums and Bub’s Playgroup
Every Thursday morning for ALL interested families to attend our Mums and Bubs Playgroup in our school to make new friends, learn some skills and have fun with your children. This supportive group meets between 9 – 11am of the school term. Each week there are fun art & craft activities, Rhyme Time and the opportunity to discuss parenting and career information with the ladies from Extra Edge. Come along for a cuppa and join in this family friendly group. Everyone welcome!

God bless
Cathie Bauer
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMIN REPORT

HEALTHY EATING AT XAVIER

Whole School Focus

As a whole school we are focussing on healthy eating as part of a healthy lifestyle. To support us in this, our school nurse, Helen Box spoke to families at the Parent Information Night about why this is so important and how families can be supported. Helen gave out some great handouts and explained how to pack a healthy lunchbox for your children at school. We were reminded that ONLY water is allowed to be consumed at school and the less processed and wrapped our food is, the better it is for us. Families are encouraged to seek help and advice if they require further support in this area. Many of the handouts Helen gave out on Tuesday evening are now in the foyer area of the school reception, so please feel most welcome to collect some of the flyers.

Attendance

It is not okay to stay away from school for any reason except legitimate illness and extreme family circumstances. Any unexplained absence and extended holidays during school time even with a note of explanation are all considered illegal by the Department of Education and the Federal government, and may mean fines to families who do not send their children to school. We are legally responsible to report now via an electronic program all absences every day including continual lateness to school. Please make sure you are compliant with this legislation and please assist by contacting the school before 9am of the day of absence. Please also send a note upon return even if you have been contacted by phone from the school, thank you!

Attention!

NEW MEDIC FORMS

We now have new Medic Alert forms for students who have allergies/anaphylaxis/asthma etc. If you have not updated your child’s medication procedure and have not received a new action plan from your GP, please do so immediately. Please see Mrs Cardoz in the front office for a new form unless you received one at the Parent Information evening on Tuesday.

It is imperative we are kept up to date with your child’s medication needs in the event of an emergency.
Thank you!

FIRST AID
Hannah, Antonio and Brent, hospitality given by Leeder and Mr Hamersley, our readers; Tahlia, Mass extra special; our amazing choir led by Mr big thank you to the following people who made our Well done to all the students who took part in our We have counted the prayer pledges from all Masses and are proud to say that out of 69 students preparing to make a Sacrament this year, 67 students were in attendance. Thank you to all of you, your support is appreciated 😊

Well done to all the students who took part in our Xavier/Chi Rho Family Mass on Sunday at 9.30am. A big thank you to the following people who made our Mass extra special; our amazing choir led by Mr Leeder and Mr Hamersley, our readers; Tahlia, Hannah, Antonio and Brent, hospitality given by Nicole and Natasha and the power point operated by Daniel and Bailey.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS 5 March

Next Wednesday 5 March at 9am, all families and friends are invited to join us in the Church for our whole school Mass to mark the beginning of Lent.

At our Ash Wednesday Mass we will hear the Gospel story from Matthew which reminds us of the three ways in which we can renew and strengthen our lives during the season of Lent; pray, fast and give alms. Jesus reminds us, however, “Do not make a big show of it”. This is a call to focus on others.

This Gospel passage focuses on the move away from ourselves to others with love and compassion.
**P & F NEWS**
The P&F wish to apologise for a typing error in the Monthly Newsletter.
The donation kindly received from the Agostino Family was from McDonalds Forrest Lakes. We wish to thank them once again for their generous and continued support.

**COFFEE AND CHAT MORNINGS**
Are you NEW to our school OR would you like to have a coffee, chat and catch up with friends?
We welcome everyone to come along to a 'COFFEE AND CHAT MORNING', straight after school drop off on Tuesday 4th March. This is an informal morning tea and will be in the OSHC meeting room.

**Deaths!**

**Reminders from our Family Handbook**

**BIRTHDAYS**
Birthdays will be celebrated simply here at school within the classroom and at assembly. Please note that due to our Allergy Aware policy children are not permitted to bring in any food treats or other party favours for the class to celebrate their birthday. This way families are spared undue expense, it removes the pressure placed on all children to bring something in, treats are saved for home celebrations and children are spared eating extra unnecessary sugar here at school!

**BE ALLERGY AWARE**
Xavier Catholic School is ALLERGY AWARE
NO NUTS ALLOWED!!
Please note: Uncle Toby’s muesli bars contain almonds - even the Choc Chip ones!
And no peanut butter or nutella!

**Canteen News**
Please note there will be no meat served from the Canteen on Ash Wednesday 5 March and every Friday during the season of Lent. Meat orders will be replaced by a vegemite sandwich.

**Just a reminder that School Banking is on Friday Mornings**

**Parking**
- A walking pace of 8 kms per hour driving in Church/School grounds;
- ONLY ACROD entitled drivers to pull into or park in blue “disabled” bays;
- Only STAFF have access to the staff car park directly in front of the school and the six bays along the fence behind the canteen.
- Reverse parking is the preferred option so you can drive forward with clear vision.
- Kiss and Ride is at the rear of the school with one way around keeping left.

New families who would like a name tag for their car during Kiss-N-Drive, may request one by ringing the school office on 93917000.

**World Day of Prayer**
When: Friday 7th March 2014
Time: 10.00am
Place: Armadale Seventh-day Adventist Church
Cnr Wungong & Ninth Roads, Hilbert
EVERYONE WELCOME

**St Francis Xavier, Armadale - Mass Times**
Saturday: 8.00am, Vigil Mass 6.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm
Monday: 8.00am
Tuesday: 7.00pm
Wednesday: 9.00am
Thursday: 8.00am
Friday: 9.00am

**St Kevin’s, Serpentine**
Sunday: 9.00am (Note: there will be no Mass at St Kevin’s on the fourth Sunday of the month.)
St Maria Goretti Church in Jarrahdale on the 4th Sunday of every month.
Mass at Schoenstatt Shrine every Friday at 10.00am followed by morning tea.