Prayer for Lent

Jesus, you spent forty days in the hot dusty desert
to get ready to do your Father’s work.
Help us to get ready for Easter during the forty days of Lent.
Help us, during Lent to pray so that we can know you better.
Help us to forgive others, to say ‘sorry’,
and to make peace with everybody.
Help us to say ‘yes’ to others
so that we can follow you more closely.
In this time of Lent give us generous hearts,
To become better people, more helpful people, more moving people.

From the Principal ........

Harmony Day Assembly
Harmony Week is an opportunity for us to celebrate our vibrant multi-cultural school community. This year’s Harmony Day theme is ‘A World of Difference’. We will be celebrating our diversity through a special Harmony Week Assembly TOMORROW, Friday 21 March at 2.00pm. The assembly will be conducted by the Pastoral Care Councillors and will have some of our students and their families speaking about their family cultural heritage. We are encouraging as many students, staff and parents as possible to come dressed in their national or culturally significant dress on Friday 21 March.

PLEASE NOTE: Children will be dismissed from their classroom after the Harmony Week Assembly tomorrow afternoon. Please allow the teachers to take ALL students back to their classroom for the end of day prayer and dismissal. Help is required by parents to return the benches to the appropriate places around the covered area and outside. Your patience and assistance is appreciated.

Pupil Free Days/School Holiday Care
The School holidays are fast approaching and we understand that as working parents you can’t always get the time off. Xavier OSHC needs minimum numbers to operate during Pupil Free Days and School Holidays. It’s a place where your children will love to come and relax while playing in a safe environment with other children. During OSHC Vacation care we run many exciting programs for the children to participate in and have some fantastic incursions that all the children love! Pupil Free Dates: Thursday 10 & Friday 11 April 2014. Vacation care dates: Monday 14 April to Thursday 17 April 2014; Hours– 7am to 6pm. Please don’t hesitate to contact Lyn on 0431690277 or landline 93917016 or email: xavieroshc271@gmail.com to register your child/ren for these pupil free days & school holidays.

Enrol NOW for Kindergarten 2015
If you have a child who turns 4 years of age between the 1 July 2014 and the 30 June 2015 they are eligible to attend 4 year old Kindergarten next year in 2015. Enrolment forms must be completed for all children wishing to attend Xavier School (including siblings and those attending 3 year old kindergarten) and interviews will be conducted early next term. If you haven’t yet completed an enrolment form or know anyone who has an eligible child, please ring the school office on 9391 7000 or come in and collect an enrolment package immediately.
Parking / Kiss & Drive Reminders

Xavier School is committed to ensuring the safety of all children and their families. What about you? Please be patient and understand that we are trying to safely and conveniently assist you with collecting your children after school. We understand that sometimes the pickup in the afternoon can be a little slow but we are dealing with your children so please encourage them to move smartly to the pickup area or perhaps you can come a few minutes later as pickup is supervised until 3.20pm. Some very unsafe practices are abounding in our car parks and it will be very upsetting if someone is hurt! Following are some safety precautions that we need everyone to support:

- **8 km per hour** is the ONLY speed in the car park.
  (Some people are still speeding!)
- Traffic flow is **ONE WAY – KEEP LEFT** around the turning circle at the rear of the Church and school.
- Disabled Parking is for ACROD permit holders ONLY.
- There is NO **PICK UP & DROP OFF** in the front of the school – parents must park in a designated parking bay and come in to pick up their children.
- NO PARKING in front of chains and in areas without marked bays.
- Staff cars only in STAFF CARPARK at front of the school.
- **There is NO PARKING in the Kiss & Drive area at peak times.** (Do not get out of the car or stop and talk).
- **EVERYONE** is encouraged to reverse park as the only safest option for clear forward vision when pulling out.
- Do not reverse out into Kiss & Drive line from side parking bays during peak times.
- Walking on footpaths is the only safest option – not through carparks or behind Kiss & Drive.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

**Like us on Facebook:** The website address for XCPS on Facebook is [http://www.facebook.com/xavercatholic/](http://www.facebook.com/xavercatholic/)
The aim of the page is to compliment the school’s current communication methods, and is an excellent way of getting reminders of what is happening in and around our school. So LIKE us and follow us to keep up-to-date.

God bless

_Cathie Bauer, Principal_
Project Compassion 2014

2nd Week of Lent
Week 2 brings you the story of Deng

This week we meet Deng who is blind and had to flee his village during civil war, returning to his home village in 2005. Thanks to Caritas Australia’s partner, Hope Agency for Relief and Development, Deng and his family have received goats, chickens, fishing nets and a selection of seeds to plant. With your support, families like Deng’s can be confident of a more secure future and can rebuild their lives.

Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting the Project Compassion 2014 appeal.

Well done to the students at Xavier who have already started donating to Project Compassion 2014! Your generosity is appreciated!

Our total amount raised so far is $101

Gospel Reflection
2nd Week of Lent

In last Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus leads three of his friends to the top of a steep mountain, and what they find at the top makes the effort of the climb more than worthwhile. Jesus had begun to preach to the people, and wherever he went crowds would gather to listen. The only way to ensure that he would be alone with his disciples was to lead them to a place where no one was likely to follow them.

Peter, James and John saw Jesus being transfigured or completely changed in appearance. The Light of the World dazzled with God’s glory, which shone brilliantly from his face and his clothes. Jesus wanted to share this very special moment to give them a glimpse of God’s glory and then a taste of his unconditional love, which would strengthen them for the tough times ahead. God’s presence in our lives can transform our lives too. Lent gives us an opportunity to turn away from the distractions and cares of ordinary life, and look to Jesus.

Coming Events

21 March  Harmony Week Assembly @ 2pm
28 March  Yr 1G Prayer Service
1 April    11.10am Yr 6 Reconciliation
2 April    11.10am Yr 5 Reconciliation
3 April    11.10am Yr 4 Reconciliation
9 April    2pm - Easter Tableau in Church
**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!**

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**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 the first Tuesday of every month. This is an informal morning tea and will be in the OSHC meeting room.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. P & F Easter Chocolate and Seafood Raffles

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.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Please note there will be no meat served from the Canteen on Fridays during the season of Lent. Meat orders will be replaced by a vegemite sandwich.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL BANKING IS ON FRIDAY**

**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 on the 4th Sunday of every month.**
- **Mass at Schoenstatt Shrine** every Friday at 10.00am followed by morning tea.

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**SACRED HEART COMMUNITY FAIR**

40 Ovens Road, Thornlie

Come on down to the Sacred Heart Community Fair on Sunday 23 March. From 11am - 3pm there will be rides, a Kidz Zone, local wares, creative stalls, entertainment, international food court and sausage sizzle plus much more for the family to enjoy.

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**RIPPER READER PROGRAM**

Year One students enjoyed a visit from a Armadale Librarian promoting the Ripper Reader Membership Program. The Club was established in 2004 to help young children develop reading and language skills by visiting their local libraries, borrowing books and taking part in a range of activities.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the Williams family on the birth of their little baby daughter sister to Samuel (Year 3) and congratulations also to the Sony family on the birth of their little baby daughter sister to Ann (Pre-Primary Gold).