CALENDAR OF DATES

Friday 28 March
8.10am Rock Band
11am Year 1G Prayer Service
2.30pm Year 5 Assembly & Aussie of the Month

Monday 31 March
8.45am Assembly Parent/Teacher interviews as per class timetable

Tuesday 1 April
11.10am Year 6 Reconciliation
3.30-7pm Parent/Teacher Interview Night

Wednesday 2 April
11.10am Year 6 Reconciliation
3.30-7pm Parent/Teacher Interview Night

Thursday 3 April
9am Xavier Mums & Bubs
11.10am Year 4 Reconciliation
Interschool Cricket Carnival
Year 6 at Raphael Park, Victoria Park
3-4pm Dance Troupe

Friday 4 April
8.10am Rock Band
9am Easter Bonnet Parade
11am & 1.30pm
PP—Year 6 Yarra Yaakin Performance

Join us tomorrow for...
Year 1G Prayer Service at 11am in their classroom, followed by a class morning tea in the school hall.
Year 5 & Aussie of the Month Assembly at 2pm in the school hall.

Shared Car Park
Our car park is a shared facility between the School and the Parish. As such, there are times when we will be called to be understanding of each other’s needs. The Parish regularly show this understanding to the school when we have whole school events using all the parking spaces even when there is a parish Mass and Father Kaz turning on the large car park lights for us during night events. TOMORROW, Friday 28 March, there are two funerals in the Church – one at 10.30am & the other from 1.30-3pm that will impact on available parking at these times. Please be aware, during such times as these and when parking is tight that there is further parking on the service road behind the school that is accessed in between the trees just past the Church entrance. Vehicles can angle park in off the service driveway and up near the school oval. Thank you in anticipation of your support and understanding.

Gardens
Due to the generosity of some of our school families, we are currently undergoing a garden make-over at the front of our school that will save us significantly in funds for labour, expertise and resources. This saving through community generosity will enable us to beautify our entry statement that will also blend more harmoniously with the gardens of our Parish so that the whole frontage looks much more symmetrical. Whilst there may be some minimal disruption we know that the finished statement will be worth a little discomfort.

School Climate Survey
Thank you very much to the many families who have completed their survey. Others are reminded to please complete their survey online or on the survey sheet provided by TOMORROW! Please return your completed hard copy of the survey NO LATER than 9am TOMORROW, Friday 28 March. Thank you for helping us to improve the quality of our school.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
It is expected that every family will ensure they have arranged a meeting with their child’s teacher to examine progress, discuss concerns and set goals before the end of term. Interview timetables on the classroom windows are filling up. Also available, this coming Tuesday night, 1 April from 3.30 – 7pm (last interviews from 6.30pm) for working parents and dads to attend. These interviews are not for children. Please make sure you arrange for your children to be supervised (perhaps share supervision with other families and watch each other’s children if necessary whilst in interviews).

Lord,
Protect us in our struggle against evil.
As we continue the discipline of Lent,
Make this season holy by our self denial.

Father,
You taught us to overcome our sins by prayer,
fasting and works of mercy.
When we are discouraged by our weakness,
Give us confidence in your love.

Father,
Through our observance of Lent,
Help us to understand the meaning
of your Son’s death and resurrection,
And teach us to reflect it in our lives.

From the Principal .........
Monday Morning Assembly
Every Monday morning we gather as a school community in the school hall to welcome the week with a prayer together, a reflection on the Sunday Gospel, sing our National Anthem and hear some messages. Students who arrive at school late and after assembly has begun are asked to join the assembly immediately and not be taken to their classroom. We also insist that out of respect during the singing of the National Anthem EVERYONE stands still, faces the flags and waits until it has finished before proceeding on their way.

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.

After School Activities
Netball training and After School sport have finished for this term. Netball will commence again in Week 2 of Term 2 from Monday 5 May 2014 and continue until the Lightning Carnival in Week 9 on Friday 27 June. All students in Years 5 & 6 will be attending the Interschool Lightning Carnival and it is so valuable to attend the training if they will be playing netball. Please consider joining the netball training next term. Interschool teams also include football and soccer. Dance Troupe will continue one more week this term finishing on Thursday 3 April. They will also begin on the first week back next term and then every Thursday in the term from 1 May to 3 July 2014. The Liturgical Movement group have their last session for the term this Tuesday 1 April and return again next term in week 2 on Tuesday 6 May.

Are you helping your children thrive?
“As a parent myself, I’ve learned that all the wisdom and love in the world doesn’t necessarily protect you from parenting in ways that hold your children back from thriving, gaining independence, and becoming the leaders they have the potential to be,” writes Kathy Carprino in her Forbes article, “7 Crippling Parenting Behaviours That Keep Children from Growing into Leaders.”

1. We don’t let our children experience risk.
2. We rescue too quickly.
3. We rave too easily.
4. We let guilt get in the way of leading well.
5. We don’t share our past mistakes.
6. We mistake intelligence, giftedness, and influence for maturity.
7. We don’t practice what we preach.

View the full article online and see how you can help your children to thrive!

Cathie Bauer, Principal
Project Compassion 2014
3rd Week of Lent
Week 3 brings you the story of Archie

This week we meet Archie who for most of his life, he lived with his parents and nine siblings beside the Plaridel River in the Philippines, an area prone to flooding and typhoons. An emergency resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped the family resettle into permanent and secure housing away from the flood-prone river.

*Please donate to Project Compassion and help vulnerable families living in unsafe environments to resettle into secure housing where they can start to have hope for the future!*

Well done to the students at Xavier who have

Donated to Project Compassion 2014!

Our total amount raised so far is $166

Project Compassion Fundraising Event

Please join us for our Project Compassion Market on Tuesday 8th April from 2 - 3pm in the Undercover Area.

We are asking for donations of healthy cakes, slices, scones, muffins and bags of popcorn for each class to sell at their stall. We ask that when you donate any food items they come clearly labelled with ingredients and covered securely. Please be mindful that we are ALLERGY AWARE, so no food items with any type of nuts or nutella.

Thank you 🙏

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful school and community event as we raise the much needed funds for Project Compassion 2014!

Easter Tableau

The PP to Yr 6 students will prayerfully and reverently re-enact the Easter story through song and word. Please feel most welcome to join us in the Church for this beautiful reflection at 2pm, Wednesday 9th April. Please know this is not a performance and if you have the time come along to pray and reflect with us!

Coming Events

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**Literacy Tip of the Week!**

**Talk to your child about the story**

The best way to encourage comprehension of a book and gain an understanding of what your child is reading is by simply talking with them and asking lots of questions about the story.

**Numeracy Tip of the Week!**

**Games to help our number knowledge**

Playing lots of different games at home will help your child to develop their number knowledge. The following games are some suggestions; Monopoly, Snap, Snakes & Ladders, Memory Match/Number Game, Dominoes & Yahtzee.

**Curriculum - Reporting 2014**

As you are aware there was information for Reporting in the family pack given out at the Parent Night in Week 4 of this term and we would like to use the newsletter to continue to give you information regarding the changes that are taking place this year so you are well informed before Semester 1 Reports are sent home at the end of Term 2.

Below are some important points to take note of for future reference;

- All Catholic Schools in WA are required to use the A - E grade descriptions from Semester 1, 2014.
- The reporting policy indicates that the allocation of a grade for an individual student should describe the level of achievement that is expected for their year level at that point in time.
- Xavier is now reporting against the WA Curriculum (Australian Curriculum) in the English and Mathematics Learning Areas and we are making some transitions to other Learning Areas throughout this year.
- It is important to note that the ‘C’ Grade Standard is set based on where all students in the state sit in that particular year level.
- Your child will be making progress against the Curriculum no matter what and your child’s teacher will inform you of how your child is performing and progressing through the following ways throughout the year; Parent/Teacher Interviews, Learning Journeys, Three Way Interviews and Semester 1 & 2 Reports.
FREE KIDS BOOT CAMP AT SIENNA WOOD!
If you’re looking for something to keep the kids busy this school holidays, why not register them to participate in the FREE kids boot camp session at Sienna Wood in Hilbert on Thursday 17th April from 11.30am – 12.30pm. Run by fully qualified instructors, kids will participate in team building and coordination activities while parents of registered kids will be entitled to a FREE coffee from the mobile coffee van on site. Kids must be 6-12 years old to participate and there are only 30 places available so you’d better get in quick! **Registrations are essential** and close 10/4/2014. For more information and to request a registration form, please email bootcamp@stockland.com.au

**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.

Do you want to learn more about your relationship with your child?
Do you ever wish that your child came with an instruction manual?
Do you wonder if there are other ways to help teach your child appropriate ways of behaving?
If so, then this is the course for you!

**Circle of Security Parenting Workshops**
**Term 2, 2014**
**WHEN:** 9:00am-12pm
**Wednesday 21 May, 28 May, 4 June, 11 June**

**WHERE:** Notre Dame Parish Hall Cloverdale
**COST:** $30 (includes workshop materials, crèche & morning tea)

**For more information contact:**
Samantha Blackburn-Read,
Consultant Senior Psychologist
PH: 9251 1805 or E: blackburnread.sam@ceo.wa.edu.au

Or to register
**CONTACT:** Notre Dame Catholic Primary School
6272 7100
**Registration is essential and places are limited**

**An information session prior to the start of the program will be held on**
Wednesday 7 May 11am – 12 noon
Notre Dame Parish Hall
All welcome
**Registration for information session is not necessary**

**ATTACHMENTS**
1. P & F March Newsletter
2. P & F Bulb Fundraising

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**Pupil Free Days/School Holiday Care at Xavier**
The School holidays are fast approaching and we understand that as working parents you can’t always get the time off. **Xavier OSHC needs greater than 10 students 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 excursions 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. **REGISTRATION MUST BE CONFIRMED** so contact Lyn on 0431690277 or landline 93917016 or email: xavieroshc271@gmail.com immediately if you require this service.

**Gospel Reflection - Gospel of St John (2:13-25)**
3rd Week of Lent

The Gospel this week retells the story of how Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. The story reminds us that sometimes to go to the depths of the well...finding God in all things... where they affect us – love, pain, death, decision, joy, – we find God. God is near when we are near to ourselves, even in shame and sin. We thirst for meaning in life, for knowing we are totally loved, for community and companionship – this is the offering of God. The living water is the holy Spirit. We thirst for inclusion – the disciples in this story did not want Jesus talking to a woman. So much of the religion of the time separated people. In the depths of the well we are all equal. In the well we see everyone and can rediscover our common roots – and a big one is we are children of God. And you find the mercy of God in the well. As we go into depths of prayer and ourselves we are open to mercy. We may puts all sorts of conditions on God’s mercy and forgiveness. God doesn’t number sins but forgives them and covers them over with love. At the bottom of the well is the water of mercy. The face of a bighearted God with a smile and an inviting face...to spread to the world like the woman did. Of the mercy of God, Pope Francis says – “there is no sin or crime of any kind that can erase from the mind or heart of God even one of the children he has created”.

**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.