CALENDAR OF DATES

Friday 2 May
9am Whole School Mass

Monday 5 May
8.50am Assembly
3-4pm Netball Training

Tuesday 6 May
9am Coffee & Chat Morning (for parents) all invited 9am-12noon Constitutional Incursion – Civics & Citizenship Yr.1 to 6 3-4pm Liturgical Dance Group

Wednesday 7 May
9-11am P & F Mother’s Day Gift Fundraiser for students

Thursday 8 May
9am Xavier Mums & Bubs 3-4pm Dance Troupe 6.30pm Reconciliation Parent/Child Workshop

Friday 9 May
8.10am Rock Band 9am Mother’s Day Prayer Service (Yr.2) & Morning Tea 1-3pm P & F Mother’s Day High Tea, Fashion Parade & Raffles

Saturday 10 May
8am to 12noon Busy Bee

Sunday 11 May
Mother’s Day

Monday 12 May
8.50am Assembly
PPB & PPG Excursion to Yule Brook Homestead 3-4pm After School Sports 3-4pm Netball Training

From the Principal ........

Welcome back everyone to Term 2 of the school year. The students have begun the term well and we are looking forward to a very productive and enjoyable term ahead. Please join us tomorrow, Friday 2 May for our Whole School Mass to start the second school term with our Liturgical Councillors and Year 6 students reading. Please join us as we pray for blessings on our school and families for this new term.

First Reconciliation

ALL families who have indicated that their child will receive their First Reconciliation this year MUST attend the Parent & Child Workshop next Thursday, 8 May at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Attendance is compulsory and please be on time to start at the earlier time of 6.30pm so the night is not too late for young children.

Mother’s Day

Next Friday, 9 May, everyone is invited to our Mother’s Day Prayer Service conducted by our Year 2 students at 9am in the multipurpose hall. This will be followed by the Year 2 class morning tea for the students and their families. This year the P&P have organised a special High Tea and fashion parade from 1 – 3pm at $20 per ticket selling fast! Registration forms were sent home last term and also available from the school office. Please return all raffle tickets for the Mother’s Day Raffle as soon as possible. Raffle tickets may be still purchased in the morning before the Prayer Service.

Garden Upgrade & Busy Bee

A HUGE THANKYOU to Ashley and Carlie Richins and their company Turf It for their generous donation of expertise, labour and resources and the tremendous job they did removing the hedges and scrubs from the front and side path areas of our school just prior to the end of term.

Winter Uniform

Reminder to all families with students in Years 1 to 6, that the winter uniform is worn from now until the last day of Term 3 (25 September 2014). The changeover period is for two weeks only and full winter uniforms must be worn by Monday 12 May 2014. The Uniform Shop is open on Monday mornings from 8.30–9.30am and Tuesday afternoons from 2–3pm. All families are also reminded to comply with the School Uniform Code with no substitute items of clothing. Parents/guardians are asked to ensure their children are neat and tidy for the start of each day; check that top buttons of shirts are done up and tie looks straight; check that their children have enough clean socks for the week and wear the correct socks with the correct uniform - grey socks for boys and girls or grey tights for girls with the winter uniform.

The Value of a Smile

It costs nothing but creates much.

It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give.

None are so well off that they can get along without it,
And none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home,
fosters goodwill in business, and is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged,
sunshine to the sad, and nature's best remedy for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen,
for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away.

To smile then is to look at others with the eyes of Christ.

To know how to love them and smile at them,
through our tears if need be, is to breathe in advance the atmosphere of Heaven.
Enrol NOW for Kindergarten 2015
Interviews for four year old Kindergarten will be conducted in the next few of weeks. 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 in 2015. Enrolment forms must be completed for all children wishing to attend Xavier School (including siblings and those attending 3 year old Kindergarten). 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.

Thankyou
A BIG THANKS to Cornelia Stanford for washing and ironing the meters of black curtains from around the stage. We are really appreciative of the assistance of many of our families who quietly help out behind the scenes.

The Twins have Arrived
We are happy to announce that Mrs Jaye Wilkie (previous PPG teacher) gave birth to very teenage but healthy twin girls - Milly Cyn Wilkie born 1868g & 43cm and Poppy Shar Wilkie born 2313g & 46cm on Thursday 19 April, 2014. Mother and babies are doing very well and are getting lots of attention and love.

Netball Training Year 4 to 6
ALL students in Year 5 & 6 will be involved in the Interschool Lightning Carnival on Friday 28 June in football, soccer or netball as designated by Mr Hamersley. Netball training for students in Years 4 to 6 starts again THIS Monday, 5 May from 3 – 4pm. We encourage all Year 5 & 6 students who will be playing netball to come to training each Monday this term to improve skills and teamwork.

Healthy Environment at Xavier
As a whole school community our focus is on education for a healthy environment which includes food, drinks, sleep, exercise and looking after our environment. Congratulations to the healthy environment which includes food, drinks, sleep, exercise and looking after our environment. Congratulations to the Xavier Village (Yr 6 Teacher) on his recent wonderful piece on Social Netiquette for young people. This reminds us that we now have to help kids transfer social niceties from the offline world into the digital environment. Understanding your child’s developmental journey makes it easier for you to meet their emotional and psychological needs. In the past, most parents had good intuitive developmental knowledge as families were bigger and there were simply more kids around. Now in small families, we lack knowledge that comes from both experience and exposure to children, and so can be flummoxed by behaviour, which is developmentally appropriate.

Healthy WEEK 1 CHALLENGE = Pack a healthy lunch from home that is filled with ‘green’ choices everyday this week e.g. healthy filled sandwich/roll (especially wholemeal), fruit, reduced fat yoghurt, crackers with cheese and a bottle of water. (An insulated bag with a frozen ice brick will keep lunches fresh even in colder weather). Remember to avoid using food as a reward, bribe or show of affection to your children. Giving children lollies, sweets and other foods as behaviour rewards teaches them to eat in between meals and they can associate eating with fulfilling emotional needs, rather than eating for hunger.

Royal Commission
As you are aware the Royal Commission is in Perth from Monday 28 April. In its work to date, the Commission has uncovered many harrowing stories from around Australia of abuse that are both shocking and difficult to hear. As a faith community it has never been more important for us to stand together and support our colleagues, friends, parents and students past and present who may have been a victim of, or affected by, child sexual abuse. Please find attached a personal letter from Tim McDonald, the Director of Catholic Education, in support of our school community during this time and providing some important information.

God Bless.

Cathie Bauer
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMIN REPORT

THE NEW RULES OF PARENTING
The world has undergone such rapid change that old parenting rules and mantras that may have served us well no longer seem to apply.

We need new rules and new ways of looking at the parenting landscape to make sure we remain relevant and successfully meet the new challenges of raising kids.

Let’s examine five old rules, see why they are not working and, importantly, what can we put in its place.

Old rule # 1: Cognitive ability was the key to future success
When kids face success all the time, and we make life easy for kids we set them up for failure. When life gets tough they falter.

New rule # 1: Character strengths as well as cognitive smarts help kids succeed
It’s not cognitive ability alone, but character strengths such as grit, self-regulation and social intelligence that will determine kids’ success. These character strengths are forged under hardship and duress.

Old rule # 2: Self-esteem was the key to healthy development
Healthy self-esteem development has been central to children’s success over the past few decades. Somehow we’ve lost our way and gone overboard putting all sorts of strategies in place, such as removing the score board in children’s sport. Protecting kids from such realities does them few favours.

New rule # 2: Self-awareness is the key to healthy (long-term) development
Kids with high emotional intelligence have great self-awareness. They can recognise emotions. The have developed a language around emotion. Are they…….concerned, cautious, worried, fretting or feeling overwhelmed?

Old rule # 3: Perfect was worth doing.
Who has a low risk-taker in the family? Risk aversion is linked to perfectionism.

New rule # 3: Imperfect is ok
We need to develop growth mindset in kids. Intelligence is not fixed, but malleable. We can get smarter. There are many ways that our imperfect selves learn.

Old rule # 4: Kids had to learn about the adult world
Parenting has always been about been gradually exposing children to the adult world so kids had to learn about the world of adults.

New rule # 4: Adults need to become familiar with kids’ worlds
We’ve now reached the age of digital parenting. In our new Parenting Ideas Magazine Catherine Gerhardt has written a wonderful piece on Social Netiquette for young people. This reminds us that we now have to help kids transfer social niceties from the offline world into the digital environment.

Old rule # 5: Parenting strategy needed to be psychologically & philosophically sound.
Many of the parenting mantras we’ve grown up with have focused on a particular parenting philosophy (To smack or not to smack) or psychologically sound principals (Does smacking harm or help in a psychological sense?). This old way of accessing parenting strategy is limiting.

New rule # 5: Parenting strategy needs to be developmentally appropriate.
Understanding your child’s developmental journey makes it easier for you to meet their emotional and psychological needs.

Congratulations to Mr Jonathan Cox (Yr 6 Teacher) on his recent engagement to Crystal! Wishing them all the best from The Xavier Village
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS TO WELCOME THE NEW SCHOOL TERM

Tomorrow at 9am is our first whole school Mass of the term which will be celebrated in the Church. Our Year 6s and Liturgical Councillors will lead the Mass. All parents and grandparents are invited to join us. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Sacrament of Reconciliation Workshop Thursday 8 May 6.30pm

A reminder that our Parent and Child Workshop for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held next week on Thursday 8 May. The workshop starts at 6.30pm and will be held in the Parish hall, please be on time. All children enrolled for this Sacrament must attend the workshop. Please read the accompanying letter and return the attendance slips to Mrs Bradshaw or Miss Johnson before next Thursday night, thank you 😊

LIFELINK FUNDRAISING

This term our Social Justice fundraising event will be held on LifeLink Day, Wednesday 4 June. We will give you more information as to what we will do to raise funds in the upcoming newsletters.

The LifeLink Day Schools Initiative was established in 1999 to...

• To promote understanding of the Church’s response to people in need within the community;
• To instil in Catholic students attending Archdiocesan Schools, a sense of responsibility for caring for those less fortunate;
• To provide education and information of the work the LifeLink social service agencies, which help many thousands of Western Australians in need each year;
• To encourage a “practical demonstration of Faith” by asking students, teachers and schools to organise a special fundraising event for LifeLink Day, with the proceeds aiding people in real need within the community.

LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK!

WHITEBOARD FUN!

Whiteboards are a fun way for children to learn new words. Ask your child to write their sight words or spelling words quickly, in large letters, in small letters, in multi colours and several times.

NUMERACY TIP OF THE WEEK!

TIMES TABLES!

The website below has lots of ideas as to how to encourage your child to learn their times tables in a fun and interesting way. There are many games, such as times tables snap and times tables memory to help your child learn these important number skills.


THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Thank you to Mrs Ann Bond for covering hundreds of new books during the holidays. We have purchased many new titles from Oxford Literacy for our guided reading collection. Thank you Ann for your time and effort, it is greatly appreciated!

Thank you also to Mrs Karla D’Lima for checking off the books, stamping them and adding the titles to our data system, thank you so much!

These books are just a sample of what we have purchased!
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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By Rachael and Tahlia

School Banking

JUST A REMINDER THAT
SCHOOL BANKING IS ON FRIDAY
MORNINGS

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!

ATTACHMENTS
1. Canteen Winter Menu
2. Reconciliation Letter - Parent & Child Workshop
3. Letter from the Director CEO

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