Dearest Mother of Our Lord

Mother’s Day is a time to stop and reflect on all the love
Our mothers have shown us through our lives.
Sweet and Blessed Mother, guide our mothers
That they too may lead us to Your Son, just as you show us.
May they imitate Your love and devotion,
May we in return also be loving, patient, understanding
And supportive to our mothers.

Blessed Mother, we pray for all mothers—our own mums,
Our aunts, our grandmothers …...The living and the departed.
Amen.

From the Principal ........

First Reconciliation -TONIGHT
ALL families who have indicated that their child will receive their First Reconciliation this year MUST attend the parent/child workshop TONIGHT, 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
TOMORROW, 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. It has been suggested that with many sporting events happening in the morning it would encourage more families to attend and help with jobs in the afternoon! Your children value your contribution and it helps build a supportive community. EVERY family is asked to commit to at least one Busy Bee per year so this is the second one and it is hoped that we have our biggest and best busy bee ever so we can achieve even more together. If you are unable to help this term, perhaps you can send something for morning and afternoon tea for the workers; or offer your services to do some work around the school at another time more suited to your schedule.

Winter Uniform
Reminder to all families with students in Years 1 to 6, that the winter school uniform MUST NOW be worn from Monday 12 May 2014 until the last day of Term 3 (25 September 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 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.
National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
The 2014 NAPLAN tests will be conducted next week in Years 3 & 5. Tests will be conducted first thing each morning on Tuesday 13 May in Writing and Language Conventions, Wednesday 14 May in Reading and Thursday 15 May in Numeracy. **YOU can help to give your child the best advantage by making sure he/she has had a good nutritional breakfast, is as relaxed as possible and be on time for school.** If you have any concerns, please see your child’s class teacher, Lisa Brooks or myself.

**Enrol NOW for Kindergarten 2015**
Interviews for four year old kindergarten will be conducted in the next few 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.

**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 families who have continued to pack healthy food with little or no packaging each week. Each week we will be looking at targeting one thing to assist with this goal. Families are encouraged to take up the challenge and work towards promoting a good healthy lifestyle for their children now and into the future. **Healthy WEEK 2 CHALLENGE =** Well done to the families who are continually sending healthy lunches and snacks for their children. We have noticed a substantial increase in packaged foods in some children’s lunchboxes. This week we encourage you to use reusable containers with lids to help us reduce our daily waste. **Faction tokens for consistent healthy lunchboxes and reusable containers.**

**TSC Global Awareness Day**
Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) Global Awareness Day is next Thursday, May 15th. The aim of this day is to raise awareness of TSC and educate the wider community about the disease. TSC affects more than 3000 individuals in Australia and New Zealand and thousands more carers, families and friends who live with the impact of the disease. TSC tumors can grow in any organ of the body, commonly affecting the brain, skin, heart, lungs and kidneys. TSC can cause epilepsy, developmental delay and autism. There is no known cure for TSC. We would like to raise awareness at Xavier School as one our students, Liam McCagh, in Year 1Blue has this rare condition.

**Wishing all Mothers, Grandmothers, Step-Mothers, Aunts and Guardians a blessed Mothers’ Day and lots of love on Sunday!**

God Bless.
*Cathie Bauer (Principal)*
Thank you to all our Year 6s and Liturgical Councillors who took part in the Whole School Mass last Friday to welcome the new term. Special thanks to Father Kaz for celebrating Mass for us and to Mr Hamersley and Mr Leeder for leading the beautiful music. Special thanks also to our school Choir for leading our singing!

Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who attended Mass and celebrated the Eucharistic celebration with us. If you are able to support our school at our next Mass that would be greatly appreciated!

Sacrament of Reconciliation Workshop Tonight at 6.30pm

A reminder that our Parent and Child Workshop for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held tonight. 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. See you all there and we look forward to you and your child learning more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for them to receive the Sacrament on 28 June.

Litany of Thanksgiving

Chicktionary is a free chicken themed spelling and vocabulary-building word game. Children create as many words as possible out of seven letters. Completed words can be tapped to view their definition. There are multiple levels and children can choose a timed or untimed mode.

Rocket Math is the ultimate arcade experience with maths. Kids can make money by solving problems and building cool rockets. There are a variety of math games for kids disguised as ‘math missions’ in this universal free app. Parents will not mind their kids indulging in this game because hours of play lead to hours of sharpened math skills.

NUMERACY TIP OF THE WEEK!

PROBLEM SOLVING APPS

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the following Mums who help out each week and give up their valuable time to change the reading books for our students to take home; Kylie Agostino, Karla D’Lima, Kate Grilusich, Teresa Moro, Janice Parframent. We really appreciate you all taking on this role so that our teaching staff are able to continue using their time to focus on the teaching and learning programs.

You are all stars!!
CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP INCURSION - Tuesday 6th May - Years 1 - 6

The Year 1 to 6 classes each participated in an incursion from the Constitutional Centre of Western Australia. Each incursion was tailored for specific age groups and the below information explains more as to what was covered and taught. The students all enjoyed learning through hands on experiences and especially for the junior grades by the use of the animated and friendly puppets! The presenters commented on the fantastic behaviour of all students and were so happy to visit our school again following the incursions from last term.

PREJUDICE IN PARKESVILLE - Yr 1B & 1G & Yr 2
Prejudice is a prequel to Larfalot’s Letter. The program uses a big book and puppets to focus on the problem of prejudice in the new town of Parkesville and how the residents deal with this issue.

LARFALOT’S LETTER - Yr 2/3 & Yr 3
An introduction to Constitutions and Democracy. Using a big book with puppets, this program uses the imaginary town of Parkesville and its inhabitants to explore the concept of rules forming a constitution and the democratic process of voting to elect representatives. For Year 3, the program includes a role play – The Parkesville debate.

WHERE I LIVE - Yr 4
A new program which introduces the role of local government in Australia. It examines the need for rules at school and focuses on life and laws in the wider community. Students will participate in hands on activities – “fishing” to discover who their local council is, and the role of responsibilities of this level of government.

THREE LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT - Yr 5 & Yr 6
There are two versions of this program, one for Years 4/5 and another for Years 6/7. It is based around the role of government and the three levels of government in Australia. The program involves an interactive quiz that enables students to progress through the levels of government looking at how they came into being, the roles of each and their responsibilities.

Tuesday 13 May is the last day for book club orders. No late orders will be accepted. Thank you! 😊

School Banking

JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL BANKING IS ON FRIDAY MORNINGS

ATTACHMENTS

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.

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!