From the Principal ......

Join us tomorrow for...

Year 4 and Aussie of the Month Assembly
at 2.30pm in the school hall.

Mother's Day
Thank you to everyone who contributed to our special Mother’s Day celebrations. The Year 2 Prayer Service was reverent and respectful and a credit to these young students and their teacher, Miss Cody Paterniti. Thanks to the Year 2 class reps and families for the lovely morning tea. Credit to the P&F for a fabulous first time Mother’s Day High Tea that was outstanding! Looking forward to next year’s event!

Busy Bee Saturday
Thank you to the families who contributed to last Saturday’s Busy Bee. For a smaller group we achieved so much! Unfortunately, we needed more help than we received and several jobs had to be held over, however those who did attend worked tirelessly. Please make a note for our next Busy Bee in Term 3 on Saturday 2 August for your much needed support.

Mums & Bubs
Everyone is welcome to join in our fun and enjoyable playgroup every Thursday morning from 9 – 11am. Today the group was learning about “Food Cents” with some great ideas on cooking on a budget. The workshop will continue next Thursday, 22 May as well so come along and join in.

School Photos
School Photos will take place THIS coming Wednesday, 21 May and Thursday 22 May, and WINTER UNIFORM is compulsory for Years 1 to 6. Students in the incorrect uniform WILL NOT be in the school photos so please note carefully:

• Boys & Girls must wear the school tie;
• top buttons of shirts must be done up and tie is straight;
• Boys must be in long grey pants that are the correct school grey for winter uniform;
• Girls and boys wear plain black lace-up or buckled school shoes without raised or platform heels or soles (i.e. No party shoes or black joggers);
• Boys and girls hair styles should be neat and tidy with hair below the shirt collar tied back with school coloured ties only.

On Wednesday ALL classes will be photographed including Kindergarten Gold and family photos. Pre-primary Gold and Kindergarten Blue students will be photographed on Thursday 22 May at the beginning of the day.

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.

Mary, Help of Those in Need
Holy Mary, help those in need, give strength to the weak, comfort the sorrowful, pray for God’s people, assist the clergy, intercede for religious.
May all who seek your help experience your unfailing protection.
Amen.
FREE Maggie Dent Workshop

Give your child the best start in life ....
With special guest Maggie Dent

Communicare invites all parents and community members to come along to a free special guest presentation by Maggie Dent titled:

“Wilma and Why the Basics Matter”.

Using the metaphor of a wise grandmother or aunty, Wilma the Wallaby, Maggie explores back-to-basics, common sense wisdom in her role as a guide for parents of children under six. She discusses what is essential for babies and toddlers and how meeting these needs allow children to thrive and be ready for school and life. Maggie is an engaging speaker who is credible and speaks with authority.

When Wednesday 21st May 2014
Time 9:00am - 11:30am
Register from 9:00am for a 9:15am start.
Where Champion Centre - 76 Champion Drive Seville Grove.

Morning tea provided and young children welcome. Bookings can be made by visiting Communicare’s website (www.communicare.org.au) or contact Hailey Osborne on 92515777 or email hosborne@communicare.org.au. More info see website http://www.maggiedent.com/ or search ‘Maggie Dent’ on Facebook.

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 aspect 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 3 CHALLENGE = enjoy fresh fruit in your lunchbox each day this week.

XAVIER FUNDRAISING ONLY

Only Xavier fundraising and sales are to occur on the school premises and with special permission of the School Principal. We understand that there are many worthy causes. Clubs and sporting teams also request fundraising activities, however, it is too difficult to support everyone, therefore we ask that it does not occur. Thank you for your cooperation.

God Bless.

Cathie Bauer
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2014

School Photo Package was sent home along with last weeks newsletter. Please remember to send order form and correct money in envelope provided on or before the photo day which is WEDNESDAY 21 May (for most classes) to your class teacher.

FAMILY PHOTOS - Please collect your family envelope from school office prior to Photo Day. Family photo order forms and correct money may be handed into the school office in a sealed envelope.

Please send your children in full winter school uniform including correct hair attire, correct school socks, tie and school jumper. Children in band should have their instruments for band photos. All children must be at school on time as the photographer will be starting at 8.45am - (after the staff photo at 8.15am!) (Sports uniform can be brought in their school bag if they have sport on the day).

*Please note that Kindy Blue & Pre-Primary Gold photos will be taken on Thursday 22 May.

FACTION CROSS COUNTRY 2014

The faction cross country carnival will take place on Friday 23 May from 9:10am to 10:40am on the school oval for all the children in Pre Primary to Year 6.

It is a very challenging event and we would love as many parents there to cheer on the children. The champion boy and girl in each grade will receive a medal. Second to fourth will receive a ribbon. The top 5 boys and girls in Yr 3-6 receive a place in the interschool team for week 6.

The classes will run the following distances:

Pre Primary = 180m, Yr.1 = 250m, Yr.2 = 500m, Yr. 3 & 4= 800m, Yr. 5 & 6 = 1000m

Children are required to run in sport shorts, faction top and sneakers (no spikes).

Thank you, Mr Hamersley

TIPS FOR A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Physical activity is an important part of good health. Try to encourage your child to do something active each day, such as a hobby, play a game or be involved in sport.

For primary school children 60 minutes of activity is recommended each day, and no more than two hours of watching TV, DVDs or computer games.

To increase your child’s activity, try to:

• Limit the amount of time spent watching television for the whole family.
• Do something physical and active together.
• Go and watch your child play sports.
• Encourage daily activity, not just exercise.
• Use the car less – that means everyone!

God Bless.
Sacrament of Reconciliation Workshop Thursday 8 May

Thank you to all our students and parents who attended the Sacrament of Reconciliation Workshop last Thursday evening. It was great to see Mums and Dads both in attendance with their child and everybody participating wholeheartedly in the activities. We look forward to the Retreat at the Schoenstatt Centre on Tuesday 10th June and the First Reconciliation Celebration on Saturday 28th June at 10.00am.

Reminder!

Sacrament of Eucharist Parent & Child Workshop
Thursday 29 May @ 7pm

Students in Year 4 who are enrolled to make their First Holy Communion this year, are required to attend the Parent and Child Workshop on Thursday the 29th May at 7pm in the Parish Hall.
As well as learning about this beautiful Sacrament many of the practicalities relating to this special day will be explained. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Coming Events

29 May  
First Communion Parent/Child Workshop

30 May  
9am - Year 6 & PPG & PPB Participation Mass

4 June  
Life Link Day - Fundraising Event

8 June  
Family Mass - Pentecost Sunday

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Relax & Reflect

Literacy Tip of the Week!

The best way to encourage children to read is by looking at the pictures. The pictures are an important part of any book and children can talk about the story by looking at the pictures.
Please don’t ever cover the pictures up!
They are there to help children read!

Numeracy Tip of the Week!

Make flashcards in the shape of a triangle to show ‘number families’ – three numbers that include the two multipliers plus the product. On one card, for example, you might write a 3 on one corner of the triangle, a 12 on another corner and a 36 on the last corner.

Year 2 Mother’s Day Prayer Service
Friday 9 May

Well done to Miss Cody Paterniti and the Year 2 class for a prayerful and reverent prayer service last Friday to give thanks to all our Mothers, Grandmothers, Nannas, Auntes and Caregivers. We thank Deacon Patrick for leading us in prayer and his insightful words and reflection during the homily. Well done Year 2s on your outstanding reading! Thank you also to our beautiful choir for leading our whole school in the lovely singing, your voices were glorious!
MOTHER’S DAY P&F HIGH TEA
Friday 9 May

Thank you to all parents who worked so hard last Friday to organise a fabulous high tea for our mums, grandparents and friends! A wonderful time was had by all and soon we will announce the total amount raised for our school, keep a look out in the next P&F newsletter.

Lovely modelling Mrs Bauer!!

Beautiful fashions from FuMoso Armadale Shopping Centre

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.

St Francis Xavier, Armadale - MASS TIMES

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Mass at Schoenstatt Shrine every Friday at 10.00am followed by morning tea.

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Just a reminder that
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