FOOTPRINTS

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. “Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you’d walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don’t understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.”

The Lord replied. “My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

From the Principal ........

STAFF CHANGES
The School Board was informed at its meeting last month of the resignation at the end of this term of our Pre-Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Amanda Bowen. We thank Amanda for everything she has done to support the Xavier community over the past five and a half years especially for her passion for Early Childhood Education, facilitating the Mums and Bubs weekly program and establishing the successful Pre-Kindy program. We wish her all the very best and God’s blessings for the future. Amanda will continue to support our Year 6 students with the Human Sexuality education unit that is taught in partnership with Mr Jonathan Cox which occurs later in the year. The Pre-Kindergarten position for Semester two has been advertised and we will advise our school community of our new teacher in due course.

We welcome Mrs Valerie Chambers to our teaching staff for the remainder of this term. Valerie will be a full time teaching assistant to work alongside one of our Year 2 students. We also welcome Miss Dylennie Cresswell to our teaching staff for the remainder of this term. Dylennie will be our part time teaching assistant in Year 1Gold. Welcome Valerie and Dylennie.

PENTECOST SUNDAY FAMILY MASS
Please join us this Sunday for our Family Mass at 9.30am in the Church. Students from Xavier School and the Parish Chi Rho program will be participating more fully in the liturgy by doing the readings and leading the singing. It would be great to see as many families as possible at this Mass. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the parish hall. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea (place in the Parish Hall before Mass). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

SCHOOL BUS Pick Up Zone WARNING
For student and staff safety, the regular Public Transport Authority School Bus that drops off and picks up Xavier students from our school will be returning to its designated position at the rear of the school which started this week. Car drivers are reminded that the school bus has right of way at all times. Under no circumstances must the school bus be cut off or blocked from entering or exiting its position at the rear of the school. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Families are also reminded that there is NO PARKING in the Kiss & Drive area and because the dismissal bell goes at 3pm you are best to delay your arrival in this area for a few minutes to ensure the bus can leave.

CALENDAR OF DATES

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| Friday 6 June | 8.10am Rock Band  
9.30am Interschool Cross Country @ Good Shepherd |
| Sunday 8 June | 9am Family Mass  
Xavier/Chi Rho |
| Monday 9 June | 8.45am Assembly  
Constable Care Puppet  
Incursion Kindy - Yr 6  
3-4pm After School Sports  
3-4pm Netball Training |
| Tuesday 10 June | Yr 3 Reconciliation Retreat  
@ Schoenstatt Shrine  
3-4pm Liturgical Dance Group |
| Wednesday 11 June | 3-4pm After School Sports |
| Thursday 12 June | 9am - Xavier Mums & Bubs  
3-4pm Dance Troupe |
| Friday 13 June | 8.10am Rock Band  
2.30pm Year 2/3 & Year 3 & Aussie of the Month Assembly |
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on time and your children are ready to get into your vehicle. If you wish to come earlier than after the dismissal bell time please park your vehicle by reversing into a designated car parking space and walk into the school to pick up.

**Interschool Cross Country**

Selected team members from Years 3–6 will be competing against 9 other Catholic schools at the Interschool Cross Country tomorrow, Friday 6 June 2014, at Good Shepherd Catholic School, Kelmscott from 10am. Students will travel by bus to and from the venue. Families are welcome to attend. The Good Shepherd P&F will be selling hot drinks, cake and a sausage sizzle for spectators (not for students). We ask that spectators respect that whilst students are in the care of Xavier staff and in the interests of fairness to all, families do not approach students in the bay or buy them extra food/drinks. As usual, **all team members will be lent a Xavier top for the carnival with a gold coin contribution** expected towards additions and replacements in the future. Tops will be distributed at the Uniform Shop by Mr Hamersley and Mrs Moir today and tomorrow. **Students are reminded to bring their school jumper and hat as well as a full water bottle and healthy recess & lunch ALL clearly labelled.** (NO canteen orders please as we will not be back in time for lunch).

**Change of Assembly Date**

Due to our Cross Country Interschool Carnival tomorrow we have decided to cancel our Year 2/3 and Year 3 Assembly and Aussie of the Month announcements. This assembly is now postponed until next Friday 13 June in the undercover area at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there and sorry if this has caused any inconvenience.

**Interviews for Kindergarten 2014**

Interviews will be conducted in the coming weeks for Four Year Old Kindergarten places in 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 four year old Kindergarten in 2015.** 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. Parents of students who are already enrolled will be contacted shortly for an interview time.

**Vacation Care in July Holidays**

Xavier Outside School Hours Care is operating on the July School Holidays. Bookings are essential and need to be lodged as early as possible. **Vacation care dates:** Monday 7 July to Friday 18 July 2014; **Hours** – 7am to 6pm; **Fees** – $50 per day & $60 on days with incursions and excursions (child care rebates). Please don't hesitate to contact Lyn to register your child/ren on 0431690277, landline 93917016 or email: xavieroshc271@gmail.com.

God bless,

Lisa Brooks
Assistant Principal

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**Enrichment at Xavier**

Our Enrichment Programme has started this term with Mr Hamersley taking a group of students each week from Yr 3 to Yr 6 to complete a variety of activities during class time. It is important to highlight that this programme is not for students who are “Gifted” it is an extension programme for specific children who have been identified by the teachers that have inquiring and logical minds that would benefit from further development in the areas covered by Mr Hamersley. The group can also include children who may benefit from a boost to their confidence or self esteem that the activities will provide. The areas the group will focus on will also change from term to term as will the specific make up of the individuals in the group.

**Netball Umpires**

We are after someone who can umpire Netball at our Interschool Lightning Carnival which is being held at Maida Vale Reserve on Friday the 27 June. The lucky person will be required to umpire four games between 10am and 2pm, if you are able to help please let Mr Hamersley know this week.

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**GETTING TO KNOW OUR YEAR 6 COUNCILLORS**

**Tahlia Hackett**

What do I like being a Liturgical Councillor? To help those who are poor.
What is your ambition in life? Travel Agent
What is your favourite subject? Religious Education and English.
What is your favourite food? Anything Nonna cooks!

**Michaela Allen**

What do I like being a Liturgical Councillor? Getting to help raise money for charities.
What is your ambition in life? To become a teacher.
What is your favourite subject? All subjects.
What is your favourite food? Potato and pasta.

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Please keep Cooper Richons (PPB) in your prayers and thoughts as he is recovering in hospital, after an accident. Love and prayers to the Richons family during this difficult time.

God bless!
Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the Eucharist Workshop last Thursday evening. It was great to see parents and students participate wholeheartedly in the activities during this special one on one time as our students learned more about this wonderful Sacrament! Your continued support during your child's important preparation time is appreciated, thank you!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday 10th June, the Year 3 students will attend a Retreat at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale. This retreat forms part of their preparation to receive the Sacrament. All children in Year 3 received a letter today outlining the details of the Retreat. Parents are welcome to attend this day. Please return the permission note by Monday next week. Thank you 😊

Coming Events

8 June  Family Mass - Pentecost Sunday
10 June  Year 3 Reconciliation Retreat @ Schoenstatt Shrine, Armadale
13 June  PPB Prayer Service
18 June  11.10am - First Reconciliation Practice
20 June  Year 2/3 & 3 Participation Mass
28 June  10am - First Reconciliation in Church

This term our Social Justice fundraising event was held yesterday in the undercover area. Thank you and congratulations to Mr Jonathan Cox and the Year 6 students for organising a terrific whole school event to raise the much needed funds for Life Link Day 2014. Your generosity and kindness is very much appreciated! Thank you for your donations. We raised a total of $252
**BOOK FAIR**

Book Fair Week Parade is on Wednesday 25 June and students are encouraged to dress up as a character from a book they enjoy.

Book Fair Shop opens Tuesday 24, Wednesday 25, Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 July.

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**INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Good Shepherd Primary School
Arbuthnot Street Kelmcott
Friday, 6 June 2014 10:00am
Morning Tea and Sausage Sizzle
Sausage Sizzle $2.50
Cans of drink $2.00
Combo $4.00
Hot Drinks $2.00
Cakes and Slices 50c - $3.00
Available for purchase

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Reconciliation Retreat Letter - Year 3 students
2. Book Fair Flyer

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**BOOK FAIR**

**BOOKCLUB DUE NEXT THURSDAY 12 JUNE.**

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**MUMS & BUBS**

You are welcome to join Mums & Bubs on Thursday 12th June for a conversation about the important topic of Screen Time for children. Lots of information and resources will be available to share.

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**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. 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 Student – Healthy School WEEK 6 CHALLENGE = Aim for NO packaging all week and instead have home prepared items in reusable containers and fruit.**

**House tokens are awarded to those students with healthy lunch boxes and for those students who choose to eat their fruit first at recess!**

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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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**CONNECTING WITH THE REASON**

We are all very busy, but well done--- to those parents who are starting the day with a visit to the Church. Everyone knows that we need balance in our lives. Rushing from job to job without stopping to reflect on the meaning or purpose of our non stop action—we are like the hamster running on a wheel. When getting things done, is more significant than the question ---Why am I stressing to get this thing done? Or why is it dominating my thoughts?

If you are feeling as if you are chasing your tail - running like crazy from place to place, hardly stopping to catch your breath.

Do your mind and soul a favour- Call into the Church. Stop for a few minutes. Sit quietly for a short while and listen to God. – the Church is open all week – If the front doors are shut just walk round to the office doors and pop in that way. If these doors are locked – just ring the bell!

If any mum would like to explore “The Genius project” a four segment DVD. Exploring - what it is like- to be a Catholic woman today – Please speak to Helen 93992143.

The Weekday morning Masses are 8am on Monday and Thursday and Saturday. Wednesday and Friday Mass is at 9am and Tuesday is evening Mass at 7pm.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the Holland family on the safe arrival of Jai. A baby brother for Tait (PPB) and Robie (KG). Jai was born last week on the 27th of May, 2014 weighing 7lb 5oz. God bless you Jai and welcome to the Xavier community!

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**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, ARMADALE - MASS TIMES**

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**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.