Xavier News

Prayer for the Week

The more you give, the more you get,
The more you laugh, the less you fret.
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you love abundantly.
The more of everything you share,
The more you’ll always have to spare.
The more you love, the more you’ll find
That life is good and friends are kind.
For only what we give away
Enriches us from day to day.

From the Principal ........

Join Us TOMORROW for...
The Pre-Primary Blue Prayer Service at 11am in their classroom. This will be followed by the traditional class morning tea.
The Year 2/3 & Year 3 rescheduled Assembly at 2.30pm in the Covered Assembly Area including the Aussie of the Month presentation for May. All welcome!

MORNING ROUTINES
Mornings are often chaotic, particularly in households where both parents work or in the homes of sole parents. Both parents and children generally have a great deal to do to prepare for the day. It is most important that children get to school on time so they can make the most of their learning experiences. Attention-seekers and dawdlers often find mornings are an ideal time to keep their parents busy with them. Many morning difficulties arise due to a lack of understanding of the roles to be performed. Most children, even young ones, are capable of doing their morning tasks without parental interference, yet we so often take those responsibilities away from them.

SOME IDEAS TO GET THE MORNING WORKING FOR YOU
Establish a clear routine. With your children’s help – work out an order of activities that everyone understands.
Place the morning activities on a chart or even a photo chart. Charts help younger children and boys who are ‘organisationally challenged’ to go through their routine activities.
Identify the jobs that you and your children are to do. Children should be able to do routine tasks that directly involve them, such as preparing their cereal, clearing dishes away, dressing, washing themselves and preparing school bags.

Slow starters can prepare the night before. They can lay their clothes out or just make sure their bag is packed.
Be aware of possible distractions and get rid of them. Some children become absorbed in television; some spend an eternity carefully choosing their clothes, others dawdle over just finding something clean to wear. Television, if it’s to be watched, can be turned on when children are ready for the day. Clothes can be chosen and laid out the night before.

Avoid covering for children’s misbehaviour. If you are suffering due to their refusal to cooperate, or because they are moving slowly, then put the responsibility for misbehaviour where it should be – with the children. Stay out of their way in the morning and refuse to be drawn into their arguments or nag them to hurry up. Allow them to experience the
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 7 CHALLENGE = Encourage your children to help or prepare their own lunch & recess snacks. Staff members will continue to give faction tokens for healthy lunches and eating fresh fruit.

Canteen News
Mrs Sue Richter has recently introduced some new menu items this week that are selling fast at the Canteen at recess times. Some of the new menu items for recess are; banana and raspberry slice, zucchini slice and chocolate muffins! These new menu items sold out quick smart on Monday and Wednesday this week and apart from being so very healthy and good for us they are absolutely delicious! All new items are priced at $1 each. If you have any questions at anytime please feel free to ask Sue in the canteen or better still come along and volunteer for canteen roster!

Kindergarten 2015
Interviews for four year old Kindergarten are being conducted now and those with applications in will be called for an interview. 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.

Have you checked out our amazing new webpage? www.xavier.wa.edu.au and don’t forget to LIKE us on Facebook to keep up-to-date with important school news.

God bless
Cathie Bauer
Principal

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

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY 2014
Congratulations to all of the students who represented our school at last Friday’s Interschool Cross Country Carnival at Good Shepherd Catholic School, Kelmscott. Out of 10 schools, Xavier Catholic School came 6th. Congratulations to all students for trying their best and representing the school with beautiful behaviour and exceptional manners, well done!

CURRICULUM INFORMATION REPORTS 2014
As you are aware there was information for Reporting in the family pack given out at the Parent Night in Week 4 of last 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 the Semester 1 Reports are sent home at the end of this term.

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.
Our Year 3 students along with Mrs Bradshaw, Miss Johnson and Mr Hamersley attended the Schoenstatt Shrine for their Reconciliation Retreat. Sister Lisette told lots of stories and made the day so much fun. Father Kaz also talked to the students about forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The students will receive the Sacrament for the first time on Saturday 28 June at 10am.

Well done to those of you who are displaying the appropriate behaviour, wearing your uniform with pride and eating healthy food at recess and lunch! Keep working hard to be awarded house tokens! Well done to all of our students and keep working hard and doing your best work right until the end of term to achieve the best results you can!

To read in a more phrased and fluent manner, children need to group words together. Model how words can be put together & get your child to repeat. Make sure you direct them to commas for half breaths & full stops for full breaths, so they pace their reading. This is how children develop expression & intonation.

The Making Math More Fun website is a fantastic resource to support your child’s numeracy development at home. The site has printable activities and online e-books to download. Visit this wonderful website today! www.makingmathmorefun.com

All of our amazing teachers are working so hard to finalise testing and assessments for our Semester 1 reports that will be sent home in week 10, Thursday 3 July. Our students are working diligently and the majority of students are on task and giving 100% at all times.

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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.

MUMS & BUBS

Kaelee Koprowicz, Student Speech Pathologist and Chris (Speech Pathology student) will be attending the Mums and Bubs group on Thursday, 26 June 2014 to have an informal discussion on the following topics:
- Language development
- Speech sound development
- The nature and treatment of stuttering

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Loom Band Workshop

The loom band craze is still on and we have now decided to start a workshop every Wednesday at 1pm in the undercover area with Mrs Nelson. So grab your loom band and start looming with us. The best place to buy Loom Bands is from Rave in Armadale: $10 for a six bags.

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 an evening Mass at 7pm.

WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

The WA Academy of Arts and Music invites you to attend our 2014 Winter Inter-School Concert! Held on Sunday the 29th of June 2014 it will be a wonderful day filled with beautiful music and fun for the whole family.
Our annual inter-school concert is an integral part of a child's musical development, we here at WAAM encourage you to come along and help support these gorgeous, blossoming young musicians! I would ask you to post the attached poster around the school, in the office etc. and please do encourage your staff and parents to come along to the concert, this a wonderful event will be bringing together eight different schools!

The concert will be held at the East Fremantle Football Club on Sunday the 29th of June 2014, the concert will be kicking off at 2.30pm with a special performance from our tutors, tickets for the concert are $10.00 for an adult and $5.00 for a child, or $25.00 for a family pass (two adults and two children).

Food and drinks will be available as the East Fremantle Football Club is a licensed establishment. Please find a parent information sheet, registration form and a copy of the poster attached to this email. If you have any questions, or if you would like to purchase tickets please do contact us via email or on 9314 1110.

The West Australian is giving schools the chance to WIN part of $10,000 in the Quick Cash for Schools promotion. On Saturday 21st and 28th a coupon will be published in The Weekend West and each coupon collected will give our school an entry into the draw to win part of $10,000.

THE MORE COUPONS COLLECTED THE MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

Please collect as many of these coupons as you can from your friends and family and bring them into school to our collection point in the front office!

Thank you for your support!

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
Saturday: 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.