Join Us TOMORROW for...

The Year 2/3 & Year 3 Participation Mass at 9am in the Church with everyone always welcome to join us for this short 30 minute Eucharistic Service.

The Special Japanese Language focus Assembly at 2.30pm in the Covered Assembly Area. All welcome!

Safety in the School Car Park
Thank you to those families who consistently drive slowly and safely in our school car park. It is great to see the improvement in drop off and pick up routines. Special thanks to families using the service road for parking especially at peak times. The school bus parking is working really well and your continued cooperation is truly appreciated assisting with the smooth and safe flow of traffic.

Following are our safety precautions that we need everyone to support:

- **8 km per hour** is the ONLY speed in the car park.
- 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.
- Disabled Parking is for ACROD permit holders ONLY.
- **There is NO PARKING in the Kiss & Drive area at peak times.**
- Do not reverse out into Kiss & Drive line from side parking bays during peak times.

EVERYONE is encouraged to reverse park as the only safest option for clear forward vision when pulling out.

Walking on footpaths is the only safest option – not through car parks or behind Kiss & Drive.

Staff cars only in STAFF CARPARKS at front and rear of school near our fence.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

Hand and Air Sanitisers
The School Board recently approved the installation of antibacterial hand sanitiser dispensers in each classroom and the canteen along with organic air sanitisers in each toilet block. This initiative is to support the need for a consistent approach to a more hygienic school environment.

Thanks
Thank you to Paul and Ann Bond for cutting and clearing the fallen tree on the oval at the rear of the Year 5 block. Your time and hard work over a couple of weekends is really appreciated. Thanks also to Mr David Hamersley for helping clear away the wood and branches.

From the Principal ..........
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 8 CHALLENGE = try something new in the lunchbox that is homemade, healthy and nutritious.** Staff members will continue to give faction tokens for healthy lunches and eating fresh fruit.

Catholic Education WA to provide Education Services on Christmas Island
Catholic Education WA has signed a contract with the Federal Government to become the designated and sole provider of education to children in detention on Christmas Island. The contract has resulted from an initial request by the Bishops of WA and has the full support of the Catholic Education Commission of WA. Sent with today’s newsletter is a letter to parents from the Director of Catholic Education explaining Catholic Education of WA’s response to Christmas Island.

Kindergarten 2015
Interviews for four year old Kindergarten have begun. **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 new webpage? [www.xavier.wa.edu.au](http://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

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May Aussies of the Month
Congratulations to Liam Johnson (Yr 6) and Danielle Poppen (Yr 4) for winning our May Aussie awards.

**Liam** - “Is a positive role model and has a fair sense of play. He is always willing to help and has a great level of determination. Liam has an amazing ability to overcome adversity.”

**Danielle** - “Is an excellent role model to her peers and encourages others to follow the school rules and do what is right. Danielle is always willing to be part of the Xavier community by being involved in liturgies.”

Year 2/3 & Year 3 Assembly
Miss Aoife Johnson’s and Mrs Maria Bradshaw’s Year 2/3 and Year 3 classes entertained us all at last Friday’s assembly with a range of actions, stories and fantastic songs. Well done to both classes for the beautiful singing and reading!

Year 5 and 6 Lightning Carnival
Maida Vale Reserve, Friday 27 June

The Lightning Carnival will take place next Friday at Maida Vale Reserve. It will start at 10am and conclude at 2pm. The students will be playing netball, football and soccer and all will wear, for the first time, our new Xavier tops and bibs. Once again we would like to express our thanks and acknowledge the great support shown by the School P&F and two parent businesses; G&M Concreting (Johnson family) and Turf-It Garden Supplies (Richons family) who have made the purchase of our new uniforms possible. All parents are welcome to attend and cheer on our Xavier teams.

Parenting Ideas

“Emotions spread faster than any disease. A smile or a panic will spread through a group of people far quicker than any virus could.” Seth Godin. Godin was referring to the workplace when he wrote this sentence, but he may as well have been talking about families. Family tone is usually impacted by the emotions and mood of parents.

**Anger** creates tension especially when it simmers just below the surface. Kids go into their shells when anger is near, because they feel unsafe. Fear accompanies parent anger.

**Grumpiness** makes kids switch off parents. It’s also contagious, spreading around a family like wild-fire.

**Scepticism** leads to cynicism and a hardening of the empathy arteries. Scepticism is sneezed, spreading germs everywhere.

**Gratitude** spreads quickly, lifting everyone who receives it. Family tone quickly lightens when gratitude is expressed.

**Calm** falls on a family like blanket instantly increasing family security and contentment. It too spreads but quietly.

**Enthusiasm** lifts the spirit, making everything seem possible. Most children are naturally attracted to enthusiasm, as it offers hope and inspiration.
Our PPB class participated in a beautiful and reverent prayer service lead by Father Kaz and Mrs Budz. It was fantastic to see so many parents and family members in attendance to show support to the PPB class. Well done to all of the Pre-Primary students for your lovely singing and reading!

NAIDOC WEEK MASS 2014
All family and friends of Xavier Catholic School are invited to celebrate Mass with our community for NAIDOC WEEK 2014.

Date: Friday 4th July 2014
Time: 9am
Where: St Francis Xavier Parish Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
All parents and friends of our students in Year 3 & selected classes receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation are invited to attend this very special event.

When: 10am Saturday 28th June 2014
Where: St Francis Xavier Parish Church

Literacy Tip of the Week!
Read to your child everyday!

Studies show that regularly reading out loud to children will produce significant gains in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and the decoding of words. Whether your child is four years of age or twelve years of age, it will increase their desire to read independently.

Numeracy Tip of the Week!
Number Hunt!

Have a number hunt as you drive. Each child looks for numbers on signs and houses and adds them as you travel. The older children add the numbers as they go and try to be the first to reach 100.

We are all working hard at Xavier!

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 on Thursday 3 July.

Please make a note in your calendars for our Learning Journey/Open Night on Wednesday 2 July from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Your child will show you some of the amazing work and activities that occur during their day.

We are looking forward to seeing you all then! 😊

Our Year 5 students; Ben and Sofia are working hard during rotations and are doing some terrific learning on our new iPads. Keep up the fantastic work Year 5s!

House Points Results Week 8

Harrison - 794
Walsh - 602
Corcoran - 592

Keep working hard to be awarded house tokens!
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!

Coming Events

20 June
Year 2/3 & 3 Participation Mass
10am - First Reconciliation in Church

28 June
Schoenstatt Shrine 100yr Celebration
Benediction @ 11am (4 Yr 6s attending)

2 July
NAIDOC Week Mass @ 9am

4 July
NAIDOC Week Mass @ 9am
School Entry Health Assessment program for Kindy Kids

All children in Kindy are offered School Entry Health Assessments by the Community Health Nurse. This is a program run by the Department of Health, and is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of each child at the beginning of school life. At Xavier Primary School, the Kindy assessments starts in Week 10 Term 2 and will continue until Week 7 Term 3. The assessments are simple, standard tests which are non-invasive, quick and easy. The tests screen for problems which can be addressed, if picked up and treated early. The tests include:

- Vision checks;
- Hearing and ear health checks;
- Developmental evaluation according to parent responses on the form;
- Teacher and nurse observations;
- Height, weight and body mass index (BMI) (if parents tick the box on the form);

Any other health, development and wellbeing concerns raised by parents.

Please note, the screening tests indicate if there may be a problem – they do not diagnose a condition. If the test results for your child suggest there may be a problem, the Community Health Nurse will ring you to talk about further assessment and possible referral.

A word about weight...

Our modern society makes it very easy for children to gain too much weight too quickly. About a quarter of Western Australian children are overweight by the time they start Kindy. It is so common that it is difficult to tell what is ‘normal’ any more. If parents have ticked the appropriate box on the form, the Community Health nurse will measure height and weight, and calculate body mass index (BMI). This is a simple score which may suggest that families need to think about a few lifestyle changes for children, such as; more active play, walking to school, smaller food portions, less treats, less screen time can make a positive difference to children’s overall health. These changes can be discussed with the Community Health Nurse.

I look forward to working with you and your family. Please ring if you wish to discuss anything to do with the School Entry Health Assessments.

Helen Box, Community Health Nurse
0434070416

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.

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.

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.

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.

2015 SCHOLARSHIPS - Aranmore Catholic College

Aranmore Catholic College, is offering several Academic, Netball and Rugby Scholarships for students entering high school in 2015.

For further information and to apply, please visit the College website: wwwaranmore.wa.edu.au.