From the Principal ........

First Reconciliation
This Saturday, 28 June 2014 at 10am in the Church our Year 3 students and some other children in other year levels will be making their First Reconciliation. Children receiving the Sacrament need to be at the Church by 9.45am. Family and friends are encouraged to come along and show their support.

Playground Equipment
For safety reasons and duty of care, students and siblings are not permitted on the playground equipment outside school supervision hours. Parents/Guardians are reminded that young children using the playground need to be fully supervised by an adult. Thank you.

Interschool Cross Country
Lightning Carnival
Year 5 & 6 students will be attending the Interschool Lightning Carnival tomorrow, Friday 27 June 2014, at Maida Vale Reserve from 10am to 2.30pm. Families are reminded to ensure they are at school by 8.30am as the bus will leave at 8.50am SHARP! Thanks to significant donations by G&M Concreting (Johnson Family) and Turf It (Richins Family) our Soccer, Football and Netball team members will wear our new soccer shirts, football tops and netball bibs. Team members are reminded to wear their faction top (or Yr 6 Graduation top) and bring their gold coin contribution for the use of the Interschool top, soccer shirt, football jumper and netball bibs that have been distributed today. The money collected will be used for laundering, replacements and additions when required in the future. Students also need to bring their recess, packed lunch and a water bottle, school jumper and school hat ALL clearly labelled.

Learning Journey/Open Night
ALL students in 4 Year old Kindergarten to Year 6 will be taking their families through their Learning Journey for Xavier families next, Wednesday 2 July 2014, from 3.30 to 6.30pm. This is an essential part of our Reporting Process and it is important that EVERY FAMILY comes for at least 30 minutes per child to actually see for yourself what your children know, can do and understand. We also have our annual Book Fair in the Library for those who wish to buy a book and support the library. Make sure YOU don't miss this wonderful family opportunity to see your child's learning before formal written reports are sent home on Thursday!
End of Semester Reports

Formal end of semester reports will be sent home next Thursday, 4 July 2014. It is ESSENTIAL that YOU FIRST READ the INFORMATION attached to your child’s report BEFORE looking at their results. It is important to note that all the learning that occurs for your child during the school day can never be fully reported in a summative report such as this. The information contained in this report should be considered alongside the other reporting strategies that our school uses in order to communicate with you about your child’s progress and achievement, social skills and attendance at school throughout the semester such as what you saw at the Learning Journey last night and discussions with your child’s teachers.

Vacation Care & Pupil Free Dates

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) will be operating during all days of the July School holidays and on the Pupil Free Day – Monday 21 July 2014 if there are enough students. You can book for these days NOW without attending any other time but registration is essential and Child Care Benefit is available for eligible families. Please see Lyn in the OSHC before and after school or check out the information on our school website www.xavier.wa.edu.au.

NAIDOC Week

Next week, Xavier Catholic School celebrates NAIDOC Week as a part of our diverse and inclusive cultural understandings within our community. Next term the whole school will be Growing Enriched Cultural Studies in Our School (GECKOS) with a focus on Aboriginal studies across the year levels from Kindergarten to Year 6. NAIDOC Week is the kick-off for these studies. We invite everyone to join us for our NAIDOC Week whole school Mass at 9am next Friday 4 July in the church.

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 9 CHALLENGE = try to have all this week’s food home-made! Staff members will continue to give faction tokens for healthy lunches and eating fresh fruit.

God bless

Cathie Bauer
Principal

BOOK WEEK PARADE - Wednesday 25 June

Thank you to all the parents, caregivers and grandparents who attended our Book Week Parade yesterday. Well done to all the students and parents who put a huge effort into all the book character costumes. Your time and dedication to this special school event is greatly appreciated and made the day extra special. Please make sure you take some time to visit our Book Fair in the Library!
**FULL OF FAITH**

**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

**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

**Life Link Day Fundraising Event**

‘Xavier Minute To Win It’!

Please visit the Life Link website to check out our photos and our recent successful fundraising event; http://www.lifelink.com.au/media/galleries/xavier-college-fundraising-event

**Comings Events**

28 June 10am - First Reconciliation in Church
2 July Schoenstatt Shrine 100yr Celebration Benediction @ 11am (8 Yr 6s attending)
4 July NAIDOC Week Mass @ 9am

**TEACHING & LEARNING AT XAVIER**

**LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK!**

**READING OUR WRITING**

A wonderful way to encourage children to read is by asking them to read back what they have written. Children’s stories help them connect with the text on a different level. They are able to learn high frequency words quickly as they become part of the child’s writing vocabulary.

**NUMERACY TIP OF THE WEEK!**

**PLACE VALUE FUN!**

Place value is one of the hardest concepts to master. By showing a number using ‘tens and ones’ children can see its value. Pop-sticks, matchsticks, Lego blocks, straws, even cutlery can be used. Just bundle some in groups of ten.

For example: 36 = 3 tens and 6 ones

**ANNUAL BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY**

Please take some time to visit our Book Fair in the Library next week during the following times;

- Tuesday 1 July
  - Lunch time 1.00-1.20pm and after school 3.30 - 6.30pm
- Wednesday 2 July
  - Lunch time 1.00-1.20pm and after school 3.30 - 6.30pm

**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 next week 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! 😊

**HOUSE POINTS RESULTS WEEK 9**

**HARRISON - 900**
**CORCORAN - 785**
**WALSH - 727**

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!
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

Quick Cash for Schools
$10,000 to be won !!!
Help Our School Win Cash

The West Australian is giving schools the chance to win part of $10,000 cash in the Quick Cash for Schools promotion.
On Saturday 21st & 28th June 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.

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.

ATTACHMENTS
1. P & F June Newsletter

The Genius Project – Over a cuppa

The Genius project is a short program which unpacks the essence of Pope John Paul II’s teaching on —what it means to be a woman. It is a mix of narration and interviews. This is a Catholic woman’s resource by Karen Doyle. To fully appreciate the content of this DVD it would be best to sit with a group of women—other mums—and watch the thirty minute session, then if you enjoy writing use the “Discussion Guide” booklet. Other wise the DVD could be discussed with the group, and then the “facilitator” will lead the sharing and introduce the questions.
This is an Australian Resource, and it is very modern (2014). If you are interested in viewing the DVD, and want to join with a group please let Helen know 9 399 2143, or let Karen McCagh (School P & F—0419 962 172).
If you want to purchase the (Journal) there would be a $20:00 charge. (this is not compulsory)
This DVD is not heavy theology, it is more of a thought provoking, and engaging look at the vocation of all women. The Xavier House can be used for this gathering, tea and coffee facilities are be available (Pre-school children/and babies welcome)
If we get enough interest we will organize a time that best suits everyone.