Welcome Back to Term 3

Welcome back to all our students, staff and families. A special welcome to our new Pre-Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Katherine (Katie) Closey. Mrs Closey works part time in the early years at St Munchin’s, Gosnells and previously taught the 3 Year olds at Forrestdale Community Kindergarten. We know you will make Mrs Closey feel very welcome in our Xavier community. If the good start to Term 3 is any indication, we are in for an excellent term of hard work.

Sad News

The Xavier community extends its heartfelt condolences to the Good Shepherd community on the tragic loss of their staff member, Mrs Edel Mahady, who was aboard flight MH17. For 14 years Edel was the Bursar/Office Manager at Good Shepherd, Kelmscott and was a highly regarded and valued member of her school community. For all the passengers and crew of Malaysian Flight MH 17 we pray, "Eternal rest give to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen".

Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop

All Confirmation candidates and at least one parent/guardian must attend the Confirmation parent & child preparation workshop scheduled for next Thursday 31 July 2014 at 7pm in the Church hall. This is also where all the information regarding the Confirmation ceremony will be discussed.

Mums and Bubs Group

This great group of families with young children continue to meet and support each other in the difficult job of parenting whilst giving their children the opportunity to socialise and play with others in a safe and friendly environment. Next Thursday, 31 July, the group are meeting in the Bunnings Nursery (Armadale Road) at 9.30am with the view to buying seedlings to plant back at school in the Mums & Bubs raised garden bed behind the kindergarten. ALL WELCOME to join in and get into some nature activities! The group will continue to meet each Thursday from 9 am in the Pre-kindergarten room.

Stage 3 Building Update

Site works for our new Kindergarten building began during the second week of the school holidays on the school oval. The site is clearly and securely fenced with access to the site from a crossover between the trees on Forrest Road. This exciting new extension to our growing school is only part of the Stage 3 build which also includes a new toilet block near our current Year 4 classroom and extension to our Administration building. We will keep you posted of developments as they occur.
Busy Bee

ALWAYS the second SATURDAY of the term: Come early from 8am until 12.00pm NEXT Saturday 2 August 2014. Even for one hour is helpful! ALL families are encouraged to come along and lend a hand. It would be great to see some families with young children and some new families. If you haven’t been along before please come and join in the community spirit. A list of jobs to be completed will be in next week’s newsletter. Morning tea is organised by the Parents & Friends committee, so any donations of cakes, scones, muffins or biscuits gratefully received. Children are encouraged to help too and receive faction tokens for their efforts!

National Quality Standard (NQS)

At our pupil free day on Monday, all of our staff was given a brief rundown by our Kindergarten teachers (Mrs Saunders & Mrs Russell) of what is involved for our Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2 staff in their compliance with the seven standards outlined in the NQS. The form of assessment of the quality of education and care for children 0 – 8 is part of a national accreditation process to ensure young children are receiving the best possible support in their development.

Xavier Positive Behaviour Support (XPBS)

Most of our pupil free day was spent working together as a staff group on our whole school Positive Behaviour Support program. Our plan is to work together as a whole community on what positive behaviours we want to see in our school; to articulate them in a fun and exciting way; to promote them visually around our school and to explicitly teach these positive behaviours to all students from Kindy to Year 6. We have established a working party of school representatives who have met and who will continue to keep the focus on positive behaviour support at Xavier. More information to families out soon.

Performing Arts Festival 2014

The opening Mass for the Annual Performing Arts Festival of Catholic Schools and Colleges took place today, in St Mary’s Cathedral, Perth and was celebrated by Bishop Don Sproxton. Mrs Brooks and myself took eight of our student councillors as student representatives for our school. This year we have entered 4 sections in the Catholic Schools’ Performing Arts Festival – with details of the performances below and an open invitation to all: Bible Reading by 3 of our Year 6 students (Morgan Rees, Michaela Allen & Jonathon Williams) will take place on Monday 28 July 2014 at the CEOWA Chapel in 50 Ruislip Street, Leederville. Entry fee is a gold coin donation. The Liturgical Movement Group will take part in the Christian Dance section of the festival on Thursday 7 August 2014 from 11.30-12.30 at Mercy College, Koondoola. Entry fee is a gold coin donation. The School Choir and the Year 5 Class Choir will be performing from 1.15 to 2.30pm on Wednesday 13 August 2014 at St Benedict’s Church in Applecross. All welcome for a gold coin donation upon entry.

The Junior and Senior Dance Troupes will be performing at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Friday 22 August 2014. Families of children in Dance Troupe and any families who would like to attend will need to purchase their own tickets that are NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE from Ticketek (132849 or www.ticketek.com.au ) for $20 Adults & $15 Students. Students in the performance are not required to purchase a ticket. Dance Troupe began again for the term after school today. It is essential that EVERYONE attends EVERY session as we approach our performance.

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The NED Show

“There’s a Champion in every kid! On Wednesday 30 July we have a whole school Incursion, The NED Show. NED stands for “Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best” which fits in perfectly with our School focus on Positive Behaviour Outcomes. After the show there will be the chance for children to purchase Yo Yo’s and several other items and these will be on sale at the school for a period of 5 days. Children who purchase Yo Yo’s will be able to bring them to school on specified days and learn new tricks with the help and guidance of Mr Hamersley.

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
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On Tuesday 29 July, the Year 4 students will attend a Retreat at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale. This retreat forms part of their preparation to receive the Sacrament. If your child is not receiving the Sacrament they are still required to attend as it is a whole class excursion that links to the Religious Education Unit of Work that is being taught this term. Sent home with all children today is a form outlining the details of the day. Parents are welcome to attend this day. Please return the permission note by Monday 28 July. Thank you 😊

THE BISHOPS’ RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT 2014

At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year Three, Year Five and Year Nine students in Catholic schools in Western Australia will take part in The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment during next week.

The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment is developed by the Catholic Education Office. The assessment process involves a series of standardised tests used to diagnose students’ knowledge and understanding of the Religious Education curriculum. Students’ faith is not assessed.

The test is comprised of a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. The student assessment workbooks in Year 5 and 9 are externally marked by teachers employed by the Catholic Education Office of W.A. Once marking is complete school and student reports are produced. Schools use the students’ results in conjunction with other school based assessments in Religious Education to make judgements about student performance and learning in Religious Education.

The school will forward on your child’s report and student assessment workbook. Please contact your child’s teacher or Mrs Bauer, if you have any concerns.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP

Next Thursday evening in the Parish Hall, all students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take part in a Parent and Child Workshop. The meeting begins at 7pm and will last for approximately one and a half hours.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday September 21 at the 9.30am Mass. The practicalities of this important Sacrament will be given out at next week’s workshop.

NAIDOC WEEK MASS 2014

Last term on Friday 4 July the whole school celebrated Mass to recognise and acknowledge NAIDOC Week 2014. Special thanks to all the amazing students who took part in the procession, offertory procession, readings, altar serving, singing and managing the power point during the Mass. Special thanks to Mr Hamersley and Mr Leeder for leading our school Choir and cantors; the singing was superb!

Thank you also to the parents and family members who attended the Mass, it was great to see you there and being involved in the celebration of the Mass!

JUNE AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Michaela Allen and Jamie Hughes (Year 6 students) for both being awarded the Aussie of the Month awards at our last Assembly.

Both students display excellent leadership skills and a willingness to always be a part of our Xavier community.

HOUSE POINTS

RESULTS FOR TERM 2

HARRISON - 979
CORCORAN - 968
WALSH - 896

Congratulations to Harrison house for earning the most amount of faction tokens last term. The students in Harrison were rewarded with extra play on the last day of last term and earned two prizes from Mr H’s prize box!

Well done to all of you for your excellent behaviour last term!
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