**From the Principal ........**

Wishing a very happy Fathers’ Day to all dads and all those important father-figures in your families, who help and support their children in so many ways. May you be strengthened in the knowledge that your positive influence is so powerful in the role modelling of your children’s future and may God’s blessing be upon all your endeavours in the support of the children in your life. Have a great day this Sunday!

**Fathers’ Day Celebrations**

**Friday 5 September 2014**

Fathers and other male role models play a critical role in the development of children. The latest research indicates that fathers who are actively involved in raising their children can make a positive and lasting difference in their lives. In contrast, this same research reveals a number of potentially negative outcomes for children whose fathers are not involved. With the landscape of childhood dramatically altering over the past few years, impacted by the higher rates of single parent households, decline in stay at home parenting and the increase in new modes of working such as fly in fly out workplaces, has reduced the availability of male role models available for children to interact with and learn from on a regular and ongoing basis. As providers of good quality educational programs we are in the unique position to support children and families by ensuring our school offers a variety of skilled educators from both genders, as well as providing opportunities for fathers to participate in their children’s learning journey. So this Fathers’ day come along on Friday morning and take some time to share a memorable experience together.

**Fathers’ Day Breakfast from 7.30am in the Multipurpose Hall.** Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy this wonderful occasion in which we celebrate the fathers and the father-figures of our school community (even if it is mum for some children). The Parents & Friends will be selling egg & bacon rolls for $2 each with all refreshments provided by the P&F. Raffle tickets will be on sale during breakfast. There are some terrific prizes that will be drawn on the day.

**Fathers’ Day Prayer Service from 9am in the Hall.** Everyone, especially dads and important people in the lives of your children, are encouraged to join us (for about 20 minutes) as the Year 3 students lead the school community in celebration and thanksgiving for our dads and other significant father-figures in our lives.

**Fathers’ Day Gift Shop** with $5 and completed form children may select a gift from the P&F shop when called for with their class after recess.
Reporting – Three Way Conferences
Please do not miss this opportunity for your child to talk to you about what they have achieved and show you their work and how they have developed in their learning! These conferences will be set up in 15-20 minute time slots between the child, the parents/guardians and the teacher moving between a maximum of four conferences occurring at the same time. Please check the schedule on your child’s classroom windows. We have scheduled one block with early evening times to cater for working parents on Wednesday 24 September 2014 from 3.30 – 6.30pm. However, there will be a variety of other morning and day timeslots depending on the teacher’s availability and number of children in the class.

2015 Enrolments & Families Leaving
We are currently conducting enrolment interviews for families who have made application for their children to attend Xavier School next year. If you know that your children in Pre-primary to Year 5 will not be attending our school in 2015 please put this in writing to me immediately so that we are able to plan our classes for next year effectively.

3 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten 2015
Our 3 Year Old Pre-Kindergarten programme is extremely popular and is currently full for 2014 with a waiting list. Enrolments will soon be processed for 2015. Children must have turned three years of age to attend Pre-Kindergarten, however you may put in an application at anytime. Early application is a better guarantee of a place once your child turns three years of age, however precedence is given to those children who turn three between 1 July 2014 and 30 June 2015. Enrolment forms are available from the office.

Pupil Free Days
Friday 26 September 2014 (last day of Term 3) is a Pupil Free Day with Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) open. Bookings are available NOW without attending any other time but registration is essential and Child Care Benefit is available for eligible families. Vacation Care bookings are also essential for Tuesday 30 September until Friday 10 October 2014 with OSHC available on site from 7am to 6pm (please note Monday 29 September is a Public Holiday). Students resume school for Term 4 on Monday 13 October.

Faction Athletics Carnival
What an amazing day we finally had yesterday for our carnival! The students all performed so well and showed some outstanding sportsmanship along with great skill. A BIG thanks must go to the wonderful Xavier staff who all contributed magnificently. Special thanks to Mr Goulter for running the carnival so well after just joining us recently. Thanks must go especially to Mr D for his efforts to get things set up and to all those who assisted with this and the packing away. Thanks also to the terrific P&F members who kept everyone happy with hot and cold drinks as well as cakes and lunches. It is this community spirit that makes Xavier such a great school!

God bless.
Cathie Bauer, Principal
**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION**

Please note the following important dates for the students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of this term;

- **Tuesday 9 September 4pm** - Confirmation Rehearsal in Parish Church
- **Tuesday 16 September 4pm** - 2nd Rehearsal and Fr Kaz talking to all students about the Sacrament
- **Wednesday 17 September 11.10am** - Reconciliation in Parish Church
- **Sunday 21 September 9.30am** - Confirmation Mass

Enrolment Card Sheets are now overdue, please return them to Mr Jonathan Cox ASAP. Thank you! 😊

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**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTO PROOFS AVAILABLE**

First Holy Communion photo proofs are available for viewing at the Parish Office. Order forms and envelopes are also available from the Parish Office. Money or cheques need to be sealed in the envelope with the order and will be collected by the photographer. The photos will be delivered back to the Parish Office or School.

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**CATHOLIC MISSION FUNDRAISING EVENT TERM 3 GUESS THE AMOUNT OF LOLLIES IN THE JAR COMPETITION**

This term our school will raise the much needed funds for Catholic Mission Australia to help the country of Jamaica, where the people there are threatened with violence and crime.

Our Year 6 Liturgical Councillors have organised a “Guess the amount of lollies in the jar” competition. **Thank you to all of the families and students who have donated bags of lollies and jars, all very much appreciated!**

Please bring in your spare coins to have a guess. We have a range of entries from 10cents to 50cents a guess, so bring in your coins now to try your luck to win a jar!

The competition is being held out the front of the undercover area each lunch time until all guesses have been filled.

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**ATTENTION!!! GRAPHIC DESIGNER NEEDED!!**

We are in need of a graphic designer to assist us with our winning “Mascot” and refine the design for our Xavier Positive Behaviour Program. If anyone has contact with a graphic designer to lend their services to our great school please let Mr Hamersley know as we would really appreciate the support, thank you!

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**EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHRISTIAN SERVICE AT XAVIER**

We are very lucky to have several Year 9 students from Emmanuel Catholic College, visiting our school to complete their Christian Service every Tuesday morning for one hour. The students listen to our Year 1 students read and support in the classroom during Literacy Dedicated Time. Our Year 1 students love having the older students in their classrooms, especially with how patient and kind they are when they help with reading instruction.

Thank you Year 9 students from Emmanuel!

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**KINDY - ‘ROSIE’S WALK’**

If you go into our Kindy classroom you will see an amazing display of the picture book; ‘Rosie’s Walk’. The students had lots of fun creating art work and going on their very own Rosie’s Walk!

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**HOUSE POINTS RESULTS FOR TERM 3 WEEK 7**

**HARRISON - 668**
**WALSH - 639**
**CORCORAN - 576**
Relationships Australia—Parent—Child Connection

Raising children should be one of life’s greatest experiences, but as any parent knows, it is not an easy task. People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence. Topics include:

- Developmental stages of children and temperamental traits
- Different parenting styles
- Need for boundaries and rules, the giving of instructions and the consequences, both negative and positive, of withdrawing attention
- Understanding behaviour patterns and communication
- Need for positive self-esteem and resilience
- Environmental influences
- Discipline that works

WEST LEEDERVILLE

22 Southport Street, cnr Cambridge Street
Monday 25 August, 1, 8 and 15 September
Monday 17, 24 November and 18 December

Relationships Australia….Building Stronger Families …..a course for the whole family

The six week course is designed specifically for families with children over the age of 10. Inclusion is the key, and any adult involved in the parenting process is invited to come along and learn the skills needed to keep your family healthy. Parents learn how to be leaders and role models. Children learn how to be special and also how to belong. This course is based on the work of George Doub and Florence Creighton, authors of Survival Skills for Healthy Families. Participants learn:

- Three basic skills: speak, listen and cooperate
- How to build on the strengths in their family
- Six rules for successful family meetings
- Society’s rule on abuse and neglect

WEST LEEDERVILLE, 22 Southport Street,
Cnr Cambridge Street

Thursday 30 October, 6, 13, 20 and 27 Nov. and 4 Dec.

Let’s Go to Big Kid’s School

9.30-11.30am; Tuesday, 16 September

Interactive Tour of Lumen Christi College for Early Childhood Age Children

Bring your gorgeous little ones along to our special interactive tour of Lumen Christi. As many of you are thinking of applying now for the future, we’d love to show you around. Our regular tours are a bit boring for younger children, so we’ve decided to invite our future students to a morning of fun at the Big Kid’s School instead. There will be short interactive activities, especially for ages 3-8yrs, in Science, Maths, Dance, Music, Sport, Woodwork and a special story-time in the Library.

Book online today at lumen.wa.edu.au. Bookings essential as places are limited. t: (08) 9394 9300, c: lumen@lumen.wa.edu.au

PERTH WALK

FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

Sunday 19th October 2014 at Burswood Park

Join us to help raise awareness of Food Allergies and Anaphylaxis of Children in WA. One in 10 babies will have a Food Allergy or Allergy of another type — Medication, Insects, Environmental, or Foods and Additives are the main culprits of allergies which can cause Anaphylaxis. The 6km Walk from Burswood Park will be the first for Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia in WA. Monies raised by the walk will be donated to the charity to help with further awareness campaigns, and support for people dealing with Allergies and Anaphylaxis.

Walk begins at 10:30am with a sausage sizzle afterward at Burswood Park. For more info go to the link above or Scan this QR Code into your Smart Phone.

Registration is $10 – all participants will receive a sample bag with goodies from our sponsors. Pre-Register on http://perthwalk4allergy.wix.com/perthwalk4allergies or on the day from 9:30am.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Insights—Being a Great Dad.

VACSWIM OCTOBER PROGRAMS 2014

Enrolments for October programs opened on 1 August 2014. For further information and online enrolment please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon

Open Day

Saturday 6th September, 2014
10.00am - 3.00 pm

Please visit the website at www.cacbindoon.wa.edu.au or contact the Registrar on 95765500, for more information.

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.