Mary, Mother of God:
You trusted and accepted God’s will in your life,
You believed that nothing was impossible with God.
You carried God’s word to others,
Not just as an idea, but as a living reality.
You are a model for us to follow—a woman for all seasons.
Help us in our lives to have a firm belief and trust in God.
Help us in sharing our faith and carrying God’s word to all around us
As we use your example to show those around us our beliefs in action.
Mary please protect and care for us always.
Amen.

From the Principal .......

Assembly
Tomorrow is the Year 1 Gold Assembly in the Multipurpose Hall along with the Aussie of the Month presentation for August. Please come along and join us from 2.30pm.

Three Way Conference Night
Wednesday 24 September 2014 from 3.30 is the day set aside for late conferences for working parents with the last one finishing at 6.30pm. However, there may be a variety of other morning and day timeslots depending on the teacher’s availability and number of children in the class. Please add your name to the timetable in your child’s classroom and show how much you value your child’s efforts and see how they are progressing by making a time to review their work and collect their portfolio. 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! New students arriving during a semester may be given only a modified portfolio depending on amount of time in the classroom prior to arrival at this school.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Jeffery Farrell (Year 5) for gaining a full Indigenous Scholarship to Trinity College to commence in Year 7 in 2016 and for all his high school years to Year 12. Well done, Jeffery!

Interschool Athletics Carnival
Next Friday, 19 September, we are hosting our Regional Interschool Athletics Carnival here on our senior oval. This will involve four other small schools and Xavier. Please pray for fine weather! Students involved from Years 1 – 6 have already received a separate letter from Mr Hamersley. Full Xavier sport uniform, including shorts and school hat are to be worn on the Interschool Athletics Carnival. All participating students will borrow a Xavier Interschool shirt for a gold coin donation. With so many visitors to our school PARKING is going to be at a premium so I ask that you consider carpooling on this day and parking on the edge of the back road leading to the oval with the entrance just past the Church main entrance. Spectators must BYO your own chairs, rugs, etc... The P&F will be running a food, cake and drink stall including the coffee machine for spectators only. Junior students in Years 1 – 3 will need to bring their packed healthy recess as usual which they will be eating in between events so NO canteen for recess for juniors. Senior students in Years 4 – 6 will need to bring their packed healthy lunch as usual which they will be eating in between events and NO canteen for lunch orders for seniors.

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.
Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s annual Fathers’ Day Breakfast. It was great to see so many fathers, grandfathers and families take the opportunity to bring their children to school early to celebrate time together. Special thanks to the Parents and Friends committee for their fantastic organisation. Thanks also to those who cooked the breakfast; to Anna D’Rozario for cooking the scrambled eggs; to the suppliers of the food – bacon, eggs and buns; to Mr D for setting up early and cleaning away; to those that contributed to the raffle donations; and to ALL who helped in any way. It was also terrific to see many families were able to stay with us for the Prayer Service presented by our Year 3 children. Special thanks to Mrs Bradshaw for preparing the Year 3 class to lead us in prayer. Also to Michelle Pardini (Getaway Outdoors and mum of Dion in Year 2) for Racing home last Wednesday and bringing back more shade tents for the Pre-Primaries at our Faction Carnival.

Sickness at School
Colds and Flu are common at this time of the year. Children with symptoms indicative of influenza and other respiratory infections, e.g. fever, cough, muscle and joint aches/pains, runny nose and sore throat are advised to stay home as usual until fully recovered. For good health and to stop the spread of germs we are encouraging the children to wash hands with soap and water and cover their mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing. We also have hand sanitizer stations in every room and encourage students to use one spray upon entering the classroom after each break. A written note explaining reason for absence from school should be sent to class teacher upon return. However, children who are missing consecutive days of school due to illness should get a doctor’s certificate for school records.

In-Term Swimming Lessons – Term 4
Please complete the registration form accompanying today’s newsletter and return it immediately to the class teacher. These lessons are part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum of our school and as such are compulsory for all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 (except on written Medical exemption). Lessons commence from Monday 13 until Friday 24 October 2014. The aim of the swimming lessons is not only to teach the children water safety and aquatic skills, but also to encourage independent life skills such as moving safely around water, listening to and following instructions, sun-safe habits, and changing quickly under the supervision of a teacher. These lessons are conducted by qualified swimming instructors from the WA Department of Education and Training at the Armadale Aquatic Centre with your children being well supervised by Xavier School staff members travelling to and from by bus and whilst at the aquatic centre.

Please do not send any money – swimming lessons are part of the term 4 school fees. Some families will be sent a letter of payment for these lessons if school fees are in arrears.

God Bless,
Cathie Bauer
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMIN REPORT

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AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS
Please note that there will be no After School Sports for the rest of this term. Children will have to be picked up promptly at 3.00pm on Monday and Wednesday.
CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Only two weeks until 32 children from our Parish are confirmed. We ask that you continue to pray for these young people as they prepare to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

Next Tuesday 16 September is our 2nd Confirmation Rehearsal. The rehearsal is in the Church at 4pm sharp!! During this afternoon Father Kaz will be talking to all the candidates in the Parish Church. It is compulsory for all candidates to attend and this afternoon is for Father Kaz to see if the students are prepared to receive the Sacrament. They will be needing to come prepared with their knowledge and ready to answer his questions about this important Sacrament. This afternoon also gives us the opportunity to have a second rehearsal and to ‘fine tune’ the final components of the Confirmation Mass.

If your child is reading at the Mass, they will have their part to practice at home, please encourage them to be well prepared and ready for their special role.

On Wednesday 17 September in preparation to receive this important Sacrament the children will attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11.10am in the Church.

The Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 21 September at the 9.30am Mass in the Church. Please note it is important you do not park in the garden beds or damage any property in the Church grounds. Parking will be available at the front and rear of the Church.

A photographer has been booked for the celebration and will be available to take individual and family photos in the Parish Hall from 8.45am.

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

Thank you to all the fathers and grandfathers that came along to the Father’s Day Breakfast last Friday. The morning was very enjoyable and relaxing and it was great to see our students spending valuable time with their dads! Special thanks to the P&F for organising the event; setting up, cooking, cleaning and packing up, and to Mrs Anna D’Rozario for cooking the scrambled eggs! Thank you to all of you for your time and effort! Very much appreciated!

HOUSE POINTS RESULTS FOR TERM 3 WEEK 8

HARRISON - 682
WALSH - 677
CORCORAN - 622

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!
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,