When I’m Happy

God, my father, you give me happiness.
Teach me not to be selfish when I have something to be happy about
But to share it with those who are sad or discouraged.
Teach me how to enjoy being happy to the fullest
So I will have many good memories
To last all my life.

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

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons finish tomorrow. Thank you to our wonderful staff for their supervision and care of the students during swimming lessons and on duty at various lunch breaks back at school. Thanks to Mr Hamersley for his overall coordination of the lessons and supervision. Special thanks to Mrs Nelson for attending all swimming lessons each day to ensure the needs of all students were met.

Summer Uniform

ALL students are to be wearing Summer Uniform for Term 4 NOW including the correct black school shoes and above the ankle white school socks for girls and grey school socks for boys. Parents are reminded to abide by their commitment to the Uniform Policy and Dress Code of the school by ensuring that their children leave home each day correctly dressed and groomed.

Lost Property

Families are reminded to clearly label ALL items of clothing. Now that swimming is almost finished we have many items of clothing left behind. Labelled items are easily returned. There have been several cases lately of items that have been clearly labelled and maybe accidentally picked up by other children. Items clearly labelled must be returned immediately to the correct owner. Whilst we do our best to return and find owners for lost property, we encourage all students to be responsible for their own belongings. Unclear labelling could result in long term loss of items. Thanks for your support.

BUSY Bee

This Saturday 25 October from 8am to 12noon. If YOU have not assisted this year, NOW is YOUR opportunity. As this is the last Busy Bee for many of our Year 6 families, we encourage the Year 6 Student councillors to come along and lend a helping hand. WE NEED YOU! It also helps to build community and enables greater opportunity for personal contribution.

Parents who would love to assist us this weekend at our Busy Bee where we are going to prepare some ground to increase playing areas for our children to enjoy.

A bobcat, verti mower and lawn cutter from Coates Hire has been sourced from one of our great families and if you are able to spare some time to assist us during the morning then we will be able to complete this small but vital task.

We are also in need of a tipper truck to dispose of some shrubs at a nearby property, so if you have one, or are able to provide one, this would be great and really appreciated so please call Paul Bond on 0427462360 by Friday afternoon.

We have many more jobs to be undertaken (see page 2), so the more help the better and there is no better way to meet other like minded families. As this is our last busy bee for the year, your support is appreciated by our school community.
BUSY BEE JOBS INCLUDE:

• Remove all the remaining rosemary bushes around the junior oval to extend the size of the oval
• Remove the good lawn from the stage 3 toilet block site to use in this oval extension.
• Cleaning windows inside and out multipurpose hall & outside classrooms;
• Cleaning bag racks outside classrooms;
• General gardening and tidying around shrubs
• Removing cobwebs;
• Cleaning front verge of debris/rubbish;
• Whipper-snipping;
• Capping off and repairing reticulation;
• Cleaning creek at front of the school...

The removal of the bushes near the Pump House is also on the agenda to prepare for the extension of the Early Years (PK-PP) nature playground.

We value your input so please come along and help rejuvenate our school grounds. See YOU there ☺☺ ☺☺

No ACCESS through School Office
As the rear of the administration area is a construction site and as there is limited access through the office itself, families are asked to use the side gate access instead of coming through the building. The gate will be closed but unlocked so please CLOSE THE GATE on entry and exit!

Year 6 Retreat
Our Year 6 students will participate for the first time in a new retreat designed specifically to support the Religious Education unit on Human Sexuality. This day will be facilitated by Mrs Amanda Bowen with assistance from Mr Cox at Emilie House of the Schoenstatt Sisters on Tuesday 28 October. Year 6 parents are encouraged to stay for the first 15-20 minutes of the day at 9.30am to help support their children by being informed and finding out ways to ensure good communication into the future.

Mums and Bubs Playgroup
This great group started again today for the term meeting each Thursday from 9 – 11am in the Pre-Kindy room. With so many new babies at Xavier we are hoping that more families will take advantage of this service to our community for families of children 0 – 4 years of age. Come along and talk to other families trying to bring up happy and resilient kids. All welcome!

Enrolments for 2015
We are regularly having new enrolment enquiries for 2015. Some classes are full! If you know your children are NOT RETURNING next year and you have not already done so, please inform me in writing immediately. Enrolments are still being taken for double classes in 4 Year old Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2 for next year as well as vacancies in Years 3 & 4. If you know anyone who is interested in registering for any places in 2015 or they want to find out more please let them know to contact the school office on 93917000 for an information package.

God Bless.
Cathie Bauer, Principal

Kelmscott Show
A BIG thanks to Mrs Pitman and Mrs Kelly for the amazing display set up for Xavier in the Schools’ Display at the Kelmscott Show last weekend. The display certainly showcased our wonderful school and all that our students are involved in. The support of Mrs Briggs is also much appreciated.

Schoenstatt 100 Years Celebration
Thank you to the fourteen Year Five and Six students (and Sigourney Slee in Year 1G) who attended the centenary celebrations of the Schoenstatt Movement by participating in their Jubilee Mass and assisting with the hospitality at the Shrine last Sunday. You wore your uniform with pride and represented our school well. Thanks to Mr Cox for assisting the students on the day and to their families for the support.

HOUSE POINT RESULTS FOR TERM 4 WEEK 1
Keep working hard to be awarded house tokens!

HARRISON - 2
WALSH - 0
CORCORAN - 3
Walk to School

Yesterday, a great event was organised by City of Armadale and it was fabulous to see many of our families take advantage of the opportunity to participate in a healthy breakfast and walk to school. Thank you to the Xavier staff who participated in the breakfast and walk and special thanks to those who stayed back at school for supervision of the students who could not participate. The children had a fun filled time as can be seen from the photos here below.
Isaac Bowles from Kindy Gold will be dancing on Telethon with his mum and dance class which is Ballroom Basics, on Sunday 26th October at approx 9am. Stay tuned.

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 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

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

PARENTING TIPS........
If your family is functioning well, then you should be able to manage kids primarily by using visual cues rather than always using your voice, which can turn kids off. Unfortunately, few parents understand this so they use their voice to manage their children. That often leads to problems such as parent-deafness, shouting and ignoring. Management-by-voice is a dependency strategy. Kids rely on you to remind them, so they become dependent on you. Visual management is a redundancy strategy promoting greater independence, which reduces their reliance on you.

Here are three ways to bring more visual management into your parenting:

1. Help Rosters: It’s the roster rather than you that does the reminding. The only thing you may need to do is point them in the direction of the roster.

2. Jobs list: Want kids to help in a busy patch? Then write all the jobs that need doing on a board or on paper and ask kids to do them when they can, and tick them off once they are done.

3. Cue your kids to behave well: Teachers intuitively know how to praise kids with a smile or manage them off with a stern look. Great teachers save their voices for teaching and problem-solving, rather than management. See how often you can use a hand or facial gesture to get cooperation. And resist saying anything you don’t have to.

Michael Grose

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.