HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES

Father, we ask you to send the Holy Spirit into our lives.
Open our ears—to hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen to us and in the people we meet.
Open our eyes—to see the needs of the people around us.
Open our hands—to do our work well and help when help is needed.
Open our lips—to tell others the good news about Jesus and bring comfort, happiness and laughter to other people.
Open our minds—to discover new truth about you and the world.
Open our hearts—to love you and all people as you have loved us in Jesus.
Amen

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

Please join us TOMORROW for...
...Participation Mass with the Year 6 and Pre-Primary Blue and Gold in the Church at 9am. These short half hour liturgies are part of the regular Parish weekday Mass schedule. ALL welcome!

Family Mass on SUNDAY
YOU ARE ALL INVITED to attend our last Family Mass for 2014 at 9.30am THIS Sunday 9 November in the Church. Students from Xavier School and the parish Chi Rho program will be participating more fully in the liturgy... be followed by the usual Sunday morning tea in the parish hall. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.

2014 School Dance
Friday 14 November from 5 – 7pm in the Parish Hall is the P&F End of School Year Dance! Entry is $5 per ticket, at the door, and includes a bottle of water, prize and a light snack. Extra snacks and hot and cold drinks are also available for purchase. Come along and enjoy the games and dance competitions. Parents must accompany all children. See you there!

Remembrance Day Prayer Service
On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at 11am – WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the armistice that ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Come along to our prayer service beginning at 10.40am in the school hall. The Year 2/3 students will lead us in a service of remembrance and prayer concluding with a minute’s silence at 11am. ALL welcome!

Pupil Free Days & Vacation Care
Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) will be available onsite from 7am to 6pm on the following days: Pupil Free Day – Monday 17 November
Pupil Free Days – Monday 15 to Friday 19 December
Vacation Care – Monday 5 January to Friday 30 January 2015
Opening is subject to numbers and therefore you are strongly urged to book now if you will be requiring this service. The cost is $55 per regular day and $65 per day with Excursion/Incursion with registration forms available on our website at www.xavier.wa.edu.au
Annual General Meeting of Xavier School Community

Wednesday 26 November 2014

ALL families are encouraged to attend this very important meeting of our school community. It is important that at least one member of each family is represented. Xavier prides itself on being open to parent support and as such is committed to informing families of the operation of the school community. The evening begins with drinks & nibbles at 6:30pm in our school Multipurpose Hall with the meeting starting at 7pm and lasting for no longer than one hour. FREE child-minding for children from 2 years will be available in the Library for those families who absolutely need to use this service. The purpose of this meeting is for the School Board Chairperson to present the Annual School Board Report and the Treasurer to present the predicted school budget for the ensuing year. Elections are also carried out for members of the Board for the next two year period. This year our Board Chairperson, Mr Paul Bond will have completed his three terms of office over 6 years commitment to our school. Our current board members who remain on the School Board are Martin Mahony, Russell McCagh, Ben D’Lima, Kate Grilusich and Damien Slattery therefore there is one position available on the School Board for 2015. A passion to support Xavier School and an eagerness to be an active participant in your children’s school is required. Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month beginning at 6.00pm for approximately 2 ½ hours. You may self-nominate by completing the nomination form. The Principal’s Annual Report is also presented to the school community at this meeting including the announcement of Staffing allocations for 2015.

The Parents and Friends committee also present their annual report as well as a summary of fundraising income and expenditure for the year. Each year the current P&F committee retire at the AGM and All positions become vacant i.e. President, Treasurer, Vice President, Secretary, committee members and Class Representatives. We also encourage more active volunteers if you wish to nominate yourself. Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month at 9am.

YOU can make a difference by making a commitment. Come along and show your support for your children! NOMINATION forms for the 2015 School Board and P&F Committee accompany this newsletter and on our website at www.xavier.wa.edu.au. Nominations are open to all parents/guardians of Xavier School and interested parishioners/community members by completing the appropriate form or by emailing admin@xavier.wa.edu.au. Please return ALL completed forms to the school office. Nominations must be in by close of business on Friday 21 November 2014.

Congratulations
A BIG congrats and well done to the selected choir and band students from Year 5 & 6 who performed in a concert for the residents of Dale Cottages in Armadale yesterday. The children sang like angels and that the residents were very impressed with their singing especially of the church hymns. They really enjoyed the band performances also and wanted to let everyone at Xavier School know how well behaved and a great advertisement that were for our school. Special thanks to Mr H for preparing the students and to Mr Leeder and Mrs Chabros for their help and professionalism before and during the performance. Thank you all for making us so proud!!

God Bless.

Cathie Bauer, Principal
**SACRAMENTAL PHOTO PROOFS AVAILABLE**

Confirmation and Communion photo proofs are available for viewing at the Parish Office for one more week. 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 the photos will be delivered back to the Parish Office.

**XAVIER & CHIP RO FAMILY MASS**

Our Family Mass will be celebrated this Sunday 9th November at 9.30am. This is an event that we are all looking forward to! The Family Mass offers the parish and the school the chance to experience being the Catholic Church that is called to worship God together and to get to know one another better. Thank you to the wonderful students who have offered to help out on the day, your help is appreciated!

**Important Notice for all Choir Members**

All children in the school choir are asked to sing at the Family Mass this Sunday 9th November at 9.30am. We appreciate you supporting our Catholic traditions and look forward to hearing your amazing voices!

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal**

St Vincent de Paul Society makes a Christmas Appeal each year to help those families that do not have the means to celebrate. Xavier Catholic School will be taking part in the 2014 Christmas Appeal.

Our efforts will contribute to local families being helped. What we collect to make Christmas Hampers will be going directly to needy families in our community of Armadale who have called upon the St Vincent de Paul Society recently.

**DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**, e.g. tinned Christmas puddings, biscuits, fruit mince pies, long life juices, fruit cakes, cereal and dried fruit will be needed. Each class will have a basket to fill, so talk to your children about what they would like to donate by 10th December. Your generosity and kindness is greatly appreciated.

**TEACHING & LEARNING AT XAVIER**

**XAVIER POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR PROGRAM (XPBP)**

**S** - Always act in a **SAFE** way.

**U** - **UNDERSTAND** others have the same rights as you.

**P** - Show **PRIDE** in all you do.

**E** - **EFFORT** - Always do your best.

**R** - **RESPECT** yourself, others, property & the environment.

The students who won the “Super Hero/Character” competition last term will be busy over the next few weeks to finalise the design with a graphic designer. Hopefully by the end of the term you will see around the school our “SUPER” mascot displayed!

All students from all grades are now encouraged to come up with a catchy “RAP/SONG” to support our Xavier Positive Behaviour Program. You may enter the competition as a whole class, small groups or individually. The competition closes in Week 6, Friday 21st November and entries will perform their rap/song on Monday 24th November during morning Assembly. Make sure you incorporate all of our values from SUPER! This rap/song will be the school’s “SUPER” song that the whole school will learn and will be sung at all Monday morning assemblies to get you motivated for the week ahead as we are reminded to be positive and be “SUPER XAVIER KIDS”!!

We are looking forward to hearing your raps/songs, GOOD LUCK!

**HOUSE POINTS RESULTS FOR TERM 4 WEEK 4**

**WALSH - 101**

**HARRISON - 118**

**CORCORAN - 120**

Keep working hard to be awarded gold cards!

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!
Parenting Tips.....By Michael Grose

Visual management is a redundancy strategy that promotes greater independence, while reducing children’s 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 to point them in the direction of the roster from time to time.

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 teacher 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.

If visual management is a new concept, then I suggest you start slowly rather than go cold turkey. Rosters and to-do-lists are perhaps best places to start. You’ll be amazed how many times you can manage visually rather than with your mouth, once you become attuned to the idea.

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**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.

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**Free or Low Cost Activities for Parents and Young Children FIFO Parents and Children:**

For FIFO families with young children to meet other families in the same situation as you and discuss what it’s like to parent in a FIFO family. Mondays at Challis Child & Parent Centre, Braemore St Armadale. Contact Laura on 0409 782 684.

**Stepping Stones**: for families with a child aged up to 12 years on the Autism Spectrum or seeking a diagnosis. Playgroup, parent support and school holiday activities. Wednesdays at Armadale Community Family Centre, Challis Dve, Armadale. Contact Emma on 0417 095 281.

**Young Parents Chill Space**: for parents aged under 25 years and their children. Meet other parents close to your own age. Tuesdays at Evelyn Gribble Centre, Ninth Ave Brookdale. Contact Kim on 9497 4794.

For more information contact Communicare on Ph: 9497 8521

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Congratulations to the Fuery family on the birth of their little baby boy, brother to Jack Fuery (Kindy Blue).

Congratulations also to the Gonzales family on the birth of their little baby girl, sister to Jayden Gonzales (Kindy Blue).