From the Principal ........

CAROLS NIGHT
Tomorrow 5 Dec 2014
EVERY CHILD in Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6 has a part in our annual Carols Night TOMORROW. ALL families and friends are invited to attend.

Students are to be at school by 5.45pm and assemble in their classroom.

The Performance will start at 6.00pm in the school hall.

All students will be expected to sit with their class group during the performance and stay until the end. The whole performance will take just over one hour.

The first item is our Pre-kindy and kindergarten children who will meet their parent/guardian near the rear office door immediately following their item.

BYO blankets and cushions if you wish to sit closer to the stage on the floor with younger children. Please note: Xavier School grounds are SMOKE FREE.

PARKING:
- Parking is only allowed in designated car parking bays in the school / church grounds (not in front of chains or in no parking areas).
- Only ACROD bays to be utilised for people who have ACROD permits.
- If the car park is full then overflow parking is available via the blue metal track located behind Xavier House.
- No parking is allowed on grass areas, paving or footpaths, so please ensure you arrive in sufficient time to park and have your children ready for the night.
- When leaving please keep to the bitumen road surface (no driving down embankments).

Transition/Orientation Day for 2015
This Tuesday 9 December 2014 all children from Kindergarten to Year 5 and many new families joining us for the first time will spend the whole school day from 8.40am to 3pm in their classroom for next year with their new teacher in preparation for 2015. Class lists will be up on Tuesday for all children to see which room they are in for 2015.

UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2015 FROM 9AM TO 1.00PM
Year 6 Graduation
EVERYONE is welcome to join the final Assembly with a tribute to our Year 6 students next Thursday 11 December at 9am in the school hall. We also invite all our school families to join us for the Graduation Mass for our Year 6 students starting at 7pm in the Church on Thursday 11 December followed by the Graduation ceremony in the Church hall. A reminder: to all our Year 5 families to please show their support by contributing to the supper and assisting to serve and clean up afterwards.

God Bless and Thanks
We say God bless and thank you to the following staff members moving on from Xavier this year:

Miss Cody Paterniti who will be travelling overseas, Christine Pitman has been seconded to the Catholic Education Office for one year and Mrs Monica Musulin will continue her leave in 2015. We also take this opportunity to thank Paul Bond our retiring School Board Chairperson for his commitment to the school board in the past six years.

Blessings This Christmas
There are many things to be thankful for over the year and there is no better time to thank God for all his blessings upon our community than during Advent as we hope and pray for the coming of Jesus into our hearts this Christmas.

God Bless.

David Hamersley,
Short Term Principal

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FEAST DAY
On Wednesday 3rd December at 9am, we celebrated the feast of St Francis Xavier, our Patron for the Parish and School. Francis Xavier lived a life so very different to ours. Yet his life is one we can relate to and even imitate. He was born in a Castle named, ‘Xavier,’ to a noble family and he enjoyed a very comfortable lifestyle. Francis went to university where he met Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. From that meeting, his life changed and went in an unexpected direction.

St Francis discovered that life was more interesting when God was allowed in and he began to follow the promptings from God. He realised that God had prepared him for the future, after graduating as a teacher. He used the skills of a teacher to effectively introduce people to faith. He developed a great love for people who were so different to himself, and gave everything including his life for the people on the other side of the world.

St Francis Xavier............Pray for us

Pupil Free Days & Vacation Care
Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) will be available onsite from 7am to 6pm on the following days:

Pupil Free Days – Monday 15 to Friday 19 December

The centre will be closed on Monday 22 Dec. 2014 to Friday 2 Jan. 2015.

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. For bookings ring Lyn Baxter on 0431690277 or email xavieroshc271@gmail.com.

Since canteen stocks are running low, we have put Ravioli and Hot Dogs back on the menu. Children can now order these items until stocks run out. Please also note that there is no Spaghetti Bolognaise.

Thank you for a wonderful year. Help will be required next year as the school is growing and so are the lunch orders. The last day for canteen is Friday 12th. Please note that there is limited stock left in the canteen and so children may be required to change their orders depending on what is available. Looking forward to lots of helpers in 2015.

LOST PROPERTY
The lost property bin located outside the canteen is over flowing with items of clothing, footwear, etc. Please come and check if any of these items belong to your children, before they are disposed off.

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.
St Francis Xavier Feast Day and Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea

Thankyou for helping us grow in 2014

WISHING YOU ALL THE BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.
—Sherry Anderson
Christmas Nativity Play held in the Church on Christmas Eve. Rehearsal dates are as follows:

Thursday 18th Dec 4-5pm
Monday 22nd Dec 10am
Final rehearsal Christmas Eve 10am (Wed 24th Dec)
Nativity play is before the Mass at 7pm – On Christmas eve (Wed 24th Dec)

LOST AND FOUND GOLD EARRING ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. PLEASE SEE GRETAL IN FRONT OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE - 
Hilbert - 

Wednesday, 24th December
St Francis Xavier Church
7.00pm: Carols & 7.30pm: Mass
11.30pm: Carols & 12.00am: Mass

Serpentine - 
St Kevin’s Church (outdoor event)
6.30pm: Carols & 7.00pm: Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY - 
Hilbert - 

Thursday, 25th December
St Francis Xavier Church
7.30am & 9.30am: Mass
No 6.00pm Mass at SFX

A Day with Mary
A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
44 Streich Avenue, Kelmscott
Saturday 6th December 2014
Programme 9am, ends at 5pm

Programme includes: Fatima Video, Procession and Crowning of Our Lady, Mass in honour of Our Lady with consecration of the Parish to Her, Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Sermon on the Eucharist, Rosary, Diving Mercy Chaplet, Meditations on the Passion, Benediction, Enrolment of Brown Scapular and imposing of Miraculous Medals, etc. For further info contact: Franciscan Friars on 94372792, Michele Carter on 94971775, Pin & Paul on 93132910.

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.

A huge thank you to all families who supported Book Club this year. Your purchases have enabled the school to raise approximately $1500.00 towards free resources this year for the library and classrooms. Thanks again for your support.

Trish Ricupero

ATTACHMENTS
1. Xavier Out of School Hours Care—January Program
2. P & F Newsletter
3. Letter to Year 5 parents