From the Principal .......

Welcome back to the new school year!
Welcome back to all our families with a special welcome to all families new to Xavier School this year. Our school continues to grow as we now have over 360 students from K to Yr 6 and we look forward to working with you, their parents, in partnerships for learning. This year we have two classes of Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2, a combined Year 3&4 class and one each of Year 3 to 6. We especially welcome our new staff members to Xavier:

- Miss Julia Grant – Pre-primary Gold class teacher;
- Miss Brodee Reynolds – Year 2 Blue class teacher;
- Mrs Jo Wells – Library teacher;
- Mrs Nola de Sales – Japanese teacher; and
- Mr Joseph Sarsero – PE teacher.

Stage 3 Update
We received final occupancy for the new Kindergarten building on Friday just in time for the beginning of the school year. The landscaping is still to be completed and families are asked to ensure that young children are supervised around these areas. THANK YOU to the team of Mrs Susan Russell, Mrs Katie Closey, Mrs Lorna Saunders, Mrs Lorraine Twinn, Ms Ruth Malcman and Ms Pennie McIntyre for working extra hard including over the weekend to prepare for the start of school this week! Special THANKS to Mr Paul Bond for continuing to lend assistance to our school in his own time to prepare the kindy for use by relocating the bag hooks from the old Kindy building to the new one. The administration office extension and the new toilet block are still way behind completion as you can no doubt see. It is expected they will be completed by the end of this term.

Parking & Road Safety
Due to the continuing construction, there are some car-parking bays unavailable at the rear of the school. We thank you for your patience and understanding as well as courtesy to other families.

- A walking pace of 8 kms per hour driving in Church/School grounds AT ALL TIMES and not just during regular school hours.
- ONLY ACROD entitled drivers to pull into or park in blue “disabled” bays;
- Only STAFF have access to the staff car park directly in front of the school.
- REVERSE PARKING is the preferred option so you can drive forward with clear vision.
- Kiss and Ride is at the rear of the school with one way around keeping left.
- Name cards for front windscreen of cars help identify families for the Kiss & Ride. Send an email with your family name to admin@xavier.wa.edu.au if you require a name card.
- No parking on Church lawns or walking on gardens.

CALENDAR OF DATES
Friday 6 February
9am Whole School Mass & Commissioning of Staff
Welcome Back Movie Night
Monday 9 February
8.45am Assembly
Kindy Gold
8.30-9am Instrumental Music Sign-Up Session
Thursday 12 February
9am Xavier Mums & Bubs
Friday 13 February
8.10am Rock Band
Saturday 14 February
6.30pm Sacrament Commitment Mass
Sunday 15 February
9.30am Xavier/ChiRho Family Mass
Monday 16 February
8.45am Assembly
Kindy Blue
3-4pm After School Sports
3-4pm Netball Training
Tuesday 17 February
Shrove Tuesday
9am P & F Meeting
6pm School Board Meeting
Wednesday 18 February
9am Ash Wednesday
Whole School Mass
3-4pm After School Sports
Thursday 19 February
9am Xavier Mums & Bubs

Prayer at the start of a new school year
We start a brand new year of prayer and learning too.
We ask God’s blessing on us, for today and all year through.
We’re in a different class this year, which scares us just a bit.
The work may be much harder, and we’re worried we admit.
But Jesus you are with us and together we’ll do fine.
We’ll do the very best we can, and make good use of time.
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And bless our teachers too, dear Lord, for all their love and care.

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FREE Welcome Back Outdoor Movie Night
We are looking forward to welcoming everyone especially ALL our new families at this annual event organised and supported by the Parents and Friends committee. Every School family is invited to the Welcome back Movie Night and Family Picnic TOMORROW night – Friday 6 February 2015 from 6pm in the school grounds. Bring your own picnic dinner. BYO, picnic chairs and rugs, personal insect repellent, pillows and bean chairs. Join us on the school oval at 7.30pm for the free screening of ‘How to Train Your Dragon 2’. The P&F will have for sale: Cold drinks; Barista coffee; Xavier Family Movie Bags (incl. Chocolates, lollies & popcorn); and Popcorn. See you there! The Xavier School Grounds are entirely SMOKE-FREE and as this is a family event no alcohol please.

Mums and Bubs Playgroup
We invite ALL interested families to attend our Mums and Bubs Playgroup on Thursday mornings in our school to make new friends, learn some skills and have fun with your children. This supportive group will begin next week from Thursday 12 February 2015 between 9 – 11am each Thursday of the school term. Come along for a cuppa and join in this family friendly group. Everyone welcome!

Parent Information Night
Please keep the evening of Tuesday 24 February 2015 available to attend your child/ren’s school from 6.30pm as we have our very important Parent Information sessions for families of students from Pre-primary to Year 6. Childminding will be provided for families who absolutely need it for children 2 years and older on the night. Further details will follow soon.

Bicycle Riding by Students
We encourage our students to be independent, to be fit and healthy and so ride to school. It is generally acknowledged by Road Safety authorities that only children over 10 years of age should ride to school independently. They must wear a helmet and have a chain and lock to secure their bicycle to the bicycle rack. An adult should accompany younger children who wish to ride. Bicycle riders are not permitted to ride in the school grounds. A staff member is allocated on duty each afternoon to ensure the riders and walkers are crossed safely across Forrest Road.

DANCE TROUPE IS BACK!!!
We operate in the school hall from 3 – 4pm on Thursday beginning on Thursday 19th February in Week 3. The program is open to all students in years 2 to 6, however there are limited places so those who return their notes first will be given priority. It is not necessary to have previous experience in dance and all levels of experience are welcome. We aim to have a lot of fun! Please note the change of date from that stated in the Term Planner. We will now start on Thursday 19th February instead of the week earlier. Permission slips will be sent out this week so please return them as soon as possible.

Going to School: Practical Tips
A new year sometimes means new routines for families. Getting your children ready for school in the morning is not meant to be a marathon, but it does get better with some discipline and practice! Here are some practical tips to assist you and your family ease into the day-to-day routine of school:

- Have a set bed time and routine on school nights that allows a minimum of 10 hours of quality sleep. Reading a nightly bedtime story at any age is guaranteed to assist sleep and education.
- Organising clothes and belongings the night before can save a last-minute rush in the morning.
- Label ALL items CLEARLY so that maybe they won’t lose everything they own – and if they do then it is much easier to return.
- Allow enough time in the morning for a healthy, nutritional breakfast and model eating breakfast too! Children who help get their breakfast are more likely to eat it.
- Have a specific place for school bags, lunch boxes & drink bottles, parent notes, uniforms, etc to prevent upsets at home and school when your child can’t find something.
- Try getting to school between 8.15 and 8.30am (except Kindergarten) so that your child is able to meet with others in the covered area and be ready to go to their classroom independently.
- Pack a healthy recess and lunch that we help your child stay alert and meet their energy needs during the day.
- It is worth checking that your child has everything needed before leaving for school in the morning and also before leaving school for home in the afternoon.

Please also read attached letter addressed to Parents/ Caregivers from the Executive Director of Catholic Education.

God bless

Cathie Bauer, Principal

Fee Discounts for Pension/Health care Card Holders
All families who hold a valid Pension/Health Care Card are reminded to produce a copy to the school office by Friday 13 February (before 9am at the latest), if you wish to obtain the discount on your school fees. Please note that discounts will not apply if we do not have a current copy and further discounts will not be processed until Term 2.

Wanted
Year 2 Gold is in need of your old Digital Cameras. We are looking at Photography as an interest topic and Free Time option. Please drop any working cameras (and accessories) off to us. Thanks.
FULL OF FAITH

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
TO WELCOME THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR &
COMMISSIONING

Tomorrow **Friday 6 February** at 9am is our first whole school Mass which will be celebrated in the Church. We will celebrate and reflect upon our school Motto, ‘Growing in Wisdom.’ All parents and grandparents are invited to join us. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2015**

We are a parish school which exists to provide a Catholic education for our students. Preparation for the Sacraments is Family Focused, Parish Based and Catholic School supported. This means that the school supports the Sacramental preparation through the use of the Religious Education units. Catholic schools teach about the Sacraments, but do not initiate the children into our faith community. This is the role of the family in the parish setting. The Parish organises the Sacramental programs to support parents in handing on their faith to their children.

This year in our parish we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** in June, the **Sacrament of First Eucharist** in August and the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in September. For students in Year 3, 4 and 6, notes will be sent home next week with information regarding the Sacramental program. **Please read through all the information and return the enrolment form to class teachers no later than Friday 13th February.**

**SACRAMENT COMMITMENT MASSES**

All students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are to attend the Masses on the weekend of **14 February at 6.30pm or 15 February at 9.30am.** At the Mass both the parents and children will be asked to pledge that they will take part in the preparation for these Sacraments. They will hand in their pledge to Father Kaz and receive a special pin that the children can wear to show they are in preparation to receive the sacrament.

YEAR 3 SELFIE RECOUNTS

Mrs Bradshaw’s Year 3 class have created amazing ‘Selfie Portraits’ of their holidays and with detailed recounts. Julie, Alex, Emily and Mia are ‘SUPER XAVIER KIDS’ and have produced beautiful work below. Excellent work Year 3’s!!
Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Bookclub 2015. The first issue of Bookclub has been sent home. This is due on the 19th February. Please ensure that orders are placed by the due date as no late orders will be accepted. Your bookclub purchases supports the school by gaining credits towards Free Resources. Delivery is approximately 2 weeks after due date. If order is a surprise or a birthday gift, please make a special note for order to be held in office and you will be notified for collection.

Many thanks.

Trish Ricupero

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 Church in Jarrahdale on the 4th Sunday of every month.

Mass at Schoenstatt Shrine every Friday at 10.00am followed by morning tea.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Thank you to all parents who are ensuring their children are at school before the 8.40am official start of school day. Parents/guardians are required to ring the school or inform the teacher before 9am to report their child’s absence. Your cooperation as always is appreciated.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Term Calendar all families
2. Canteen menu & Volunteers notice
3. Letter from Executive Director Catholic Education

LOST AND FOUND......Gold Bracelet in carpark.
Please see Gretal in front office.

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Canteen News

The new menu has gone home with your child today. Due to our student numbers increasing we are asking for volunteers to help in the canteen. A roster will be placed on the board outside the canteen for Friday. Thanks for your support.

BYO PICNIC DINNER from 6pm.
FREE Movie ‘How to Train your Dragon 2’, starts at 7.30pm
FOR SALE: Cool Drinks, Assorted chocolates, Lollies and Popcorn.
Please remember to bring your picnic blankets, aero guard and something comfy to sit on: pillows, chairs, bean bags, etc.

2015 WELCOME BACK MOVIE NIGHT
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ATMOSPHERE AWARE

Xavier Catholic School is ALLERGY AWARE
NO NUTS ALLOWED!!
Please note: Uncle Toby’s muesli bars contain almonds - even the Choc Chip ones!
And no peanut butter or nutella!