From the Principal ........

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Thank you to the parents who attended the Information Night on Tuesday past. The teachers worked hard preparing the information that was presented and I’m sure if you work together then your child will complete a successful year. I would like to acknowledge the teachers for working such a long day for the benefit of their students.

BUILDING UPDATE
The builders are running behind schedule but hope to make up some time over the upcoming weeks. The new admin area and toilet block should be completed in approximately 5 weeks time and fully functional by the commencement of term 2.

LONG WEEKEND
This coming Monday is Labour Day and children are not to attend school.

YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY, COUNCILLORS COMMISSIONING AND SCHOOL CAMP
It is an exciting time for the Year 6 students over the upcoming week. Tomorrow they will present their assembly and also the Councillors will be commissioned. All reports are that they have made a wonderful start to the year as school leaders and the high expectations being placed on them are being fulfilled. We are fortunate to have such an exceptional group of student leaders in the school. On Wednesday 4 March they leave on their school camp which will provide them with a number of educational, physical, social and spiritual challenges. From what I have witnessed over the past two weeks they will thrive on these opportunities.

Mums and Bubs Playgroup
Every Thursday morning for ALL interested families to attend our Mums and Bubs Playgroup in our school to make new friends, learn some skills and have fun with your children. This supportive group meets between 9 – 11am of the school term. Each week there are fun art & craft activities, Rhyme Time and the opportunity to discuss parenting. Come along for a cuppa and join in this family friendly group. Everyone welcome!

God Bless.

Peter Yensch
Acting Principal

CALENDAR OF DATES

Friday 27 February
8.10am Rock Band
2pm Year 6 Assembly - Student Councillors Commissioning & February Aussie of the month

Monday 2 March
Labour Day Holiday

Wednesday 4 March
Year 6 Camp
3-4pm After School Sports

Thursday 5 March
9am Xavier Mums & Bubs Year 6 Camp
3-4pm Dance Troupe
Friday 6 March
8.10am Rock Band
Year 6 Camp

Monday 9 March
8.45am Assembly
3-4pm After School Sports
3-4pm Netball Training

Wednesday 11 March
3-4pm After School Sports

Thursday 12 March
9am Xavier Mums & Bubs Interschool Cricket Carnival (Yr.6)
3-4pm Dance Troupe

Friday 13 March
9am Participation Mass (2B & Year 5)

Monday 16 March
8.45am Assembly
3-4pm After School Sports
3-4pm Netball Training

Lord,
Protect us in our struggle against evil.
As we continue the discipline of Lent,
Make this season holy by our self denial.

Father,
You taught us to overcome our sins by prayer,
fasting and works of mercy.
When we are discouraged by our weakness,
Give us confidence in your love.

Father,
Through our observance of Lent,
Help us to understand the meaning of your Son’s death and resurrection,
And teach us to reflect it in our lives.

FAMILY DETAILS UPDATE

Just a reminder to return your Family Details Update Sheet. Please note that in the absence of these we are unable to update your current records. So please return these to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you.
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.

COFFEE AND CHAT MORNINGS
Are you NEW to our school OR would you like to have a coffee, chat and catch up with friends? We welcome everyone to come along to a ‘COFFEE AND CHAT MORNING’, straight after school drop off on the first Tuesday of every month. This is an informal morning tea and will be in the OSHC meeting room.

FASTING AND FEASTING DURING LENT
Lent should be more than a time of fasting
It should also be a joyous season of feasting
It is a season in which we can:
Fast from emphasis on differences ....
feast on the unity of all life
Fast from thoughts of illness ....
feast on healing power of God
Fast from words that pollute ....
feast on words that clean
Fast from discontent ...
feast on gratitude
Fast from anger ....
Feast on patience
Fast from pessimism ....
Feast on optimism
Fast from worry....
Feast on trust
Fast from complaining....
Feast on appreciation
Fast from hostility....
Feast on friendliness
Fast from bitterness....
Feast on forgiveness
Fast from discouragement....
Feast on hope
Fast from suspiccion ....
Feast on charitableness
Fast from idle gossip ....
Feast on silence or find a word of praise.
Fast from self-concern .... Feast on care for others
Fast from personal anxiety .... Feast on the power of God

Adapted from Knightlife

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Please see Mrs Lisa Brooks in the office or email if you are available to be a volunteer in the classrooms. We are needing parents, grandparents and or aunts and uncles who are available for a scheduled period of time, usually during the morning blocks for Literacy. You will need to be available once or twice a week (or more!) usually from 9 til 10.30am.
Please note that siblings and young children are not allowed so that you are able to give your full attention to the students you are working with.
Volunteers are placed in classes that are not the same class as your child and Mrs Brooks will go through with you the expectations and procedures as soon as you let us know you are committed.
We look forward to hearing from you and please know your time and efforts at Xavier are very much appreciated.
Email Mrs Brooks - brooks.lisa@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Attention!
MEDIC FORMS
Our Medic Alert forms need to be filled out for students who have allergies/anaphylaxis/asthma etc. If you have not updated your child’s medication procedure and have not received a new action plan from your GP, please do so immediately. Please see Mrs Cardoz in the front office for a new form unless you received one at the Parent Information evening on Tuesday.

It is imperative we are kept up to date with your child’s medication needs in the event of an emergency.

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!
Project Compassion 2015

1st Week of Lent

Week 1 brings you the story of Eric & Ma

Married couple Eric and Ma had an unprofitable farm and limited diet before they engaged in training at the Tutu Rural Training Centre, supported by Caritas Australia. Now they have a successful farm, a sustainable income and food for life.

Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting the Project Compassion 2015 appeal.

Food For Life

Well done to the students at Xavier who have already started donating to Project Compassion 2015! Your generosity is appreciated!

Gospel Reflection

1st Week of Lent

In this week’s Gospel story we hear the story of how Jesus spent forty days praying and fasting in the desert. Jesus was preparing himself to begin his mission of sharing God’s Word with the people. By going into the desert, Jesus found himself in a simpler place stripped of everyday distractions and surrounded by peace and stillness. Spending time alone with God in prayer gave Jesus the strength and faith he needed to begin preaching to the people. At the end of that time, he was filled with the “fire” of God’s Spirit.

Jesus spent forty days in the desert to be closer to God. During Lent, we can find ways to do the same. Lent is a time for...loving God more, saying sorry, finding hope and forgiveness, cleaning up our lives and making new beginnings.

13 March
9am Yr 2B & 5 Participation Mass

20 March
Yr 1G Prayer Service

20 March
Harmony Week Assembly @ 2pm

HOLY WEEK

31 March
11.10am - Yr 6 Reconciliation

1 April
11.10am - Yr 5 Reconciliation

2 April
11.10am - Yr 4 Reconciliation

2 April
2pm - PP-Yr 6 Easter Tableau in the Parish Church

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.

It is wonderful to see all students starting the year off in such a positive way! All students have begun the school year by working hard and being ‘Super Xavier Kids’!

This Monday at Assembly we announced that Caitlyn, Hannah and Danielle’s song was chosen as our Super Song. Congratulations to these Year 5 girls for your hard work and originality. We will be learning this song as a whole school over the next few weeks.

Keep working hard to be awarded Super Tickets!

STUDENT COUNCILLOR

Year 6 Student Councillor Speeches

20th February

Congratulations to all Year 6 students who presented an individual speech to persuade us as to why they should be chosen as a student councillor with responsibilities in a particular area of the school. All speeches were well articulated and entertaining! Congratulations to all of you and we look forward to next week’s Assembly when the student councillor’s will be announced.
PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

It has been great to see our students start the year very keen for Physical Education lessons. I’ve been stopped by children saying, “What are we doing for sport today?” or “We will see you for Phys Ed after lunch” shows how much enthusiasm they have.

Registration dates for winter seasons will be occurring around now so keep your eye out for information around your area for sports like hockey, soccer, Aussie rules, netball and rugby just to name a few. For years 1-3, these sports and others such as gymnastics, dance, tennis and basketball (at recreation centres) run term-long programmes that focus on fundamentals and are a good way for child (and parent) to dip their toe in to see if an activity fits in to everyone’s busy schedule.

If you are a volunteer of a junior sporting club, I would be happy to promote your registration dates within the school newsletter and can be sent details at sarsero.joe@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Sporting Schools After Schools

Cricket Pilot

In conjunction with Cricket Australia/ WACA and Sporting Schools (programme taking over from Active After Schools Care), 24 Xavier students started their six week programme on Friday afternoon. This will run until the final lesson on 27 March.

CA will be in regular contact with me regarding the content of the programme as they are working hard to make sure skill development and enjoyment for the children sit side-by-side.

The WACA are still trying to ascertain whether the children get a t-shirt (I’ll keep you informed when I know more) but the looks on the students’ face when they got their prize packs including a bag, bat and ball were priceless!

Mr Joe Sarsero,
Physical Education Teacher

Communicare is inviting local families to provide feedback on how they can support families through Communities for Children activities over the next four years. A community survey is available on Survey Monkey. Any person who completes the survey can go into the draw to win a $100.00 gift voucher. Surveys that can be completed by hand are available, or you can call Communicare in Armadale on 9497 8521 and do it over the phone. All responses will remain confidential and the results will be made available to the community.

The survey can be accessed here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CfC_community_survey

JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL BANKING WILL CONTINUE EVERY FRIDAY AT 8.15AM IN THE UNIFORM SHOP.

CRUNCH & SIP

Well done to all the students who have diligently brought in their container of fruit or vegetables for Crunch and Sip on a daily basis. Crunch and Sip is a set break to eat fruit or salad vegetables and drink water in the classroom. Students re-fuel with fruit or vegetables during the morning or afternoon – assisting physical and mental performance and concentration.

ATTACHMENTS

P & F Newsletter—Issue 1

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.

MUSIC LESSONS at Xavier Catholic School

Students who book in for piano and guitar lessons BEFORE 10th March will receive the first lesson for only $1! PLUS go in the draw to WIN a music scholarship valued at over $800. Email or Phone us now to register your child before this offer runs out: admin@waam.net.au or 0433 268 133.