The Season of Lent

Jesus, you spent forty days in the hot dusty desert to get ready to do your Father’s work.

Help us to get ready for Easter during the forty days of Lent.

Help us, during Lent to pray so that we can know you better.

Help us to forgive others, to say ‘sorry’, and to make peace with everybody.

Help us to say ‘yes’ to others so that we can follow you more closely.

In this time of Lent give us generous hearts,

To become better people, more helpful people, more moving people.
Dear Parent or Caregiver,

Language Perfect is a new online language vocabulary tool that Xavier Catholic School is integrating into its languages curriculum.

With such limited class time, Language Perfect enables students to focus on vocabulary learning at home. This means as teachers we can spend more time teaching grammar, and applying this vocabulary in context. It also allows the teacher to monitor your child’s progress and pass this feedback onto parents.

The resource has been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools from around the world, with notable impacts on student motivation, grades, and even on the number of students who continue with their language learning!

Students gain points for every word they learn, they can therefore compete against their friends in a fun, educational and safe environment at their own pace.

Key features:

- Native speaker pronunciation
- Multiple testing modes: improves reading, listening, and writing skills
- Instant feedback: scoreboard and competition aspect
- Access from anywhere: at school, at home, on holiday etc...

Languages: Chinese, French, German, Greek, Indonesian, Italian, Latin, Japanese, Maori and Spanish. You are welcome to visit their website for more information - www.languageperfect.com.

We hope that you can see the value for your child, and encourage them to actively engage in the programme at home either on a computer, iPad or android device.

If you have any questions about this program don’t hesitate to contact Mrs de Sales or Mrs Leeder at school.

Thank you in advance,

Mrs Nola de Sales & Mrs Trish Leeder
Language Teachers
Xavier Catholic School
FULL OF FAITH

Project Compassion 2015
2nd Week of Lent
Week 2 brings you the story of Mariama

Mariama is raising her daughter in a country that suffers widespread poverty and inequity. When her little girl became malnourished, she received life-saving food and care at a Nutrition Centre, supported by Caritas Australia.

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

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

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’!

Keep working hard to be awarded Super Tickets!

HOMEWORK SATCHELS

Please make an effort with your child by returning their homework satchel every day.

As mentioned at the parent night, it is imperative to your child’s development that they read every night. Levelled books for Years 1 to 4 students are changed every Monday and Thursday and already we have students who are not returning books and or doing their nightly reading.

Please support us by building a routine with your child and independence skills by encouraging them to have their bag packed and all that they need for school the following day.

Let’s work together in partnership for the benefit of your child!

Year 6 Assembly & Student Councillors Commissioning - Friday 27 February

Congratulations to the Mrs Hind and the Year 6 class for organising and providing a wonderful Assembly last Friday. The Year 6 students led the Assembly beautifully by explaining scenes that may happen in and around school and as leaders of the school how they would deal with these situations as councillors. A job well done to all of you and we look forward to the fine leadership skills from every Year 6 student during this school year.

Gospel Reflection
2nd Week of Lent

In last Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus leads three of his friends to the top of a steep mountain, and what they find at the top makes the effort of the climb more than worthwhile. Jesus had begun to preach to the people, and wherever he went crowds would gather to listen. The only way to ensure that he would be alone with his disciples was to lead them to a place where no one was likely to follow them.

Peter, James and John saw Jesus being transfigured or completely changed in appearance. The Light of the World dazzled with God’s glory, which shone brilliantly from his face and his clothes. Jesus wanted to share this very special moment to give them a glimpse of God’s glory and then a taste of his unconditional love, which would strengthen them for the tough times ahead. God’s presence in our lives can transform our lives too. Lent gives us an opportunity to turn away from the distractions and cares of ordinary life, and look to Jesus.

Coming Events

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
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.

Nurturing Kids’ Hearts and Souls
This seminar will focus on exploring the unspoken dimension of raising healthy children - the nurturing of children’s hearts & souls. Children are struggling in the modern world and in this seminar parenting author and educator Maggie Dent will show you why and what can be done to help parents raise healthy, happy kids. Maggie will explore EQ and SQ (the emotional and spiritual equivalent of IQ), the role of imagination, intuition, play and how to strengthen the human spirit in your home.

Hosted by the Como and South Perth Primary Schools’ Parents & Citizens Association:
Where: South Perth Community Hall, Cnr Sandgate St and South Terrace
When: Wednesday, 11th March 2015
Time: 7pm-9pm (doors open 6.30pm)
Cost: $25

Maggie Dent
www.maggiedent.com
quietly improving 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.

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Students who ride, walk, scoot or skate to school on Friday 13 March will go into a draw to win the following prizes:

1st Prize: $50 Voucher for Jet Cycles
2nd Prize: Bike Helmet
3rd Prize: Bike Lock