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

LENT
We are now only a few weeks away from the most significant event of the Liturgical Year, Easter. When we have special events coming up we usually spend time preparing for them. Our time for preparation at the moment is called Lent. During this period of Lent we need to start preparing for Easter by taking a little bit of time each day for Prayer and Reflection.

SIGNIFICANT FEAST DAYS
Next week we have two very significant Feast days. On 17 March we celebrate the Feast of St Patrick and on March 19 the Feast of St Joseph. These are two very important Saints who have inspired many influential people to do great things in Catholic Education in Australia.

HARMONY DAY
On Friday 20 March the school will recognise Harmony Day. This is a day where we try to recognise the many different cultures that have come to Australia and to celebrate the fact that we can live in Harmony with one another. The diversity of culture will be recognised at school by students being able to wear parts of their National Dress and colours. If children do not have a national dress but wish to participate they may wear the Harmony Day colour of orange. At the assembly a number of student will tell us about their country of origin. Along the same theme Friday 20 March is also National Day Against Bullying. This will be spoken about at school during the week.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Tuesday 31 March has been set aside as parent interview evening and we would appreciate it if you can complete a time slot for this day. Teachers will provide appointment sheets shortly. Most teachers are also willing to provide times on other days during week 8 and 9. The most important thing is that you make a time to see the teacher so that you can work as a team in supporting the progress of your child/children.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY
The Armadale Council is trying to promote health and well being by encouraging children to ride or walk to school this Friday 13 March. The council has several prizes to be won for students who participate. Please remember that students who ride to school must wear a helmet and if under 10 years of age should be accompanied by an adult.

P & F MEETING
The next P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday 17 March commencing at 9.00am. At the last meeting there was a wonderful turn out from the parents and it will be great to see many parents there again at the next meeting.

God Bless.

Peter Yensch
Acting Principal.

CALENDAR OF DATES

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St. Patrick’s Day Prayer

Feast Day—Tuesday 17 March

God our Father,
You sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to the people of Ireland.
By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim your love to all men.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
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.

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.
Thank you!

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!

YEAR 6 CAMP DWELLINGUP
4TH, 5TH & 6TH MARCH
The Year 6 class along with Mrs Hind, Mr Italiano, Mr Hamersley and Sr Sandra all attended Camp in Dwellingup last week for three days. From all accounts the students were all perfectly behaved and participated in the activities with enthusiasm and courage. The students had a tremendous time and stay tuned for next week’s newsletter to read some wonderful recounts.
FULL OF FAITH

Project Compassion 2015

3rd Week of Lent

Week 3 brings you the story of Karen

This week we meet Karen, a First Australian living in a remote rural community. Like many, she can’t always afford or access healthy food. At Centacare Wilcannia-Forbes, supported by Caritas Australia, Karen gained the skills she needed to provide healthier food for her family.

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

Well done to the students at Xavier who have donated to Project Compassion 2015!

Our total amount raised so far is $196.50

Your generosity is appreciated!

WHAT YOUR DONATIONS CAN DO

$20 could improve access to drinking water for a family of 7 in Niger by providing a 105 litre water container!

EASTER TABLEAU

The PP to Yr 6 students will prayerfully and reverently re-enact the Easter story through song and word. Please feel most welcome to join us in the Church for this beautiful reflection at 2pm, Holy Thursday 2nd April.

Please know this is not a performance and if you have the time come along to pray and reflect with us!

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 behaving 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!

HOMWORK 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!

LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK!

TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE STORY

The best way to encourage comprehension of a book and gain an understanding of what your child is reading is by simply talking with them and asking lots of questions about the story.

NUMERACY TIP OF THE WEEK!

GAMES TO HELP OUR NUMBER KNOWLEDGE

Playing lots of different games at home will help your child to develop their number knowledge. The following games are some suggestions; Monopoly, Snap, Snakes & Ladders, Memory Match/Number Game, Dominoes & Yahtzee.

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
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Thursday: 8.00am
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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.

Little Flowers Girls Club
A group for young girls aged 5-11 who would love to learn what it means to be a Catholic girl and eventually a Catholic woman. Within the meetings the girls will hear, share and learn about our Role Model-The Blessed Virgin Mary, our patroness-St Thérèse of Lisieux, and different Saints of the Church. They will enjoy a craft activity together and shared afternoon tea.
Saturday 21 March, from 2-4pm, at Shoenstatt Shrine. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share.
We are looking to meet once every 6 weeks. Any questions please call Antoinette Donegan 0438 981 043.
God Bless!
netty616@hotmail.com

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

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.

Monday 16 March is the last day for book club orders. Please note that no late orders will be accepted.

ATTACHMENTS
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