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.

From the Principal ........

**Easter Holidays**
With the focus on the upcoming holidays it is important to not totally forget the importance of Holy Week. Holy Week allows us to remember the agony, the passion and eventually the new life of Christ.

**Solemnity of the Annunciation**
On Wednesday 25 March we celebrated the Annunciation. The feast commemorates the visit by the Angel Gabrielle to the Virgin Mary during which she informed her that she would give birth to Jesus, the Son Of God.

**Term 1 School Holiday**
I would like to remind parents that the last day of term for students is Thursday 2 April. Students resume school for term 2 on Tuesday 21 April.

**Congratulations**
The Catholic Education Office has been advised that 25 Catholic schools achieved an above average NAPLAN gain, compared to other similar schools. It is very pleasing that Xavier is one of these schools and a credit to all the hard work of staff at the school. Well done.

**Thank You**
- I would like to thank Nora Derchow for kindly doing our Welcome To Country for our Harmony Day Assembly. Also thank you to the students who presented information about their country of origin. Their presentations had a positive impact on all the students.
- Thank you Kate Grljusich for making her time available on Saturday for the installation of cabinets in the Kindy storeroom and for helpers in putting together storage units for the Kindy sheds.

God Bless.
Peter Yensch
Acting Principal.

**YEAR 3 LENTEN PROMISES**
If you visit the Year 3 classroom you will see their very insightful Lenten Promises! Great job Year 3s! Well done!!
What’s best about being a Liturgical Councillor…..
Olivia: 'I get to help out'
Ken: "I like helping Teachers and doing the Powerpoint"
Riley: 'I like doing the Powerpoint'

My Favourite Subject…..
Olivia: "R.E of course!"
Ken: "Maths"
Riley: "Japanese"

Fav Food?
Olivia: "Pizza"
Ken: "Any burger!!"
Riley: "Banana bread"

What I want to be when I grow up…..
Olivia: "A fashion designer"
Ken: "A professional soccer player"
Riley: "A video game designer"

Child and Parent Centre Challis

If you feel you need support to have a more positive approach to parenting at home, then you may be interested in the session below. The Positive Parenting Program sessions are facilitated at the Child and Parent Centre at Challis Primary School in Armadale. Please ring the below number to make a booking.

PPP Developing Dealing with Disobedience Discussion Group
Tuesday 31st March
9:30am-11:30am
Crèche provided
To book in please call
9498 3580

Located at Challis Early Childhood Education Centre
40 Braemore Street
Armadale

Occupational Therapy Handy Hints
Understanding and experiencing sensations a child feels with their hands is an important part of being able to write, draw, dress, eat, play. The goals are for your child at 3-4 year old are to detect the differences between hot, cold, wet, dry, rough, smooth, sticky, non-sticky, long, and short. You could have a bucket of warm and cold water to wash their hands before a meal. You could also make sticky goo and compare it to play-doh. You could also have a sand-art activity (the child puts glue onto paper and covers it with sand) and compare this to normal paper. The possibilities are endless! The messier your child’s hands, the more successful their experience was!

Speech & Language Tip of the Month
Follow Your Child’s Lead
During play time, watch what your child is interested in and play with what they choose. This will encourage language development around topics that they love, and help them to learn new words!

To keep up to date with the Child and Parent Centre Challis join our parent email list please contact Louise on 9498 3580 or Louise@parkerville.org.au or even better pop in for a cup of tea.

NETBALL & DANCE TROUPE
MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL NETBALL AND DANCE TROUPE ON THURSDAY WILL NOT RUN IN WEEK 9 DUE TO PARENT MEETINGS AND THE END OF TERM.
FULL OF FAITH

Project Compassion 2015

5th Week of Lent
Week 5 brings you the story of Christian

This week we meet Cristian who lives in a remote Andean village in Peru. Caritas Huacho is helping farmers like Cristian to grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable fruit crops which will provide a secure income and a wide variety of food for life.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 and help farmers in Peru grow and harvest sustainable crops, providing their families with food for life!

Food for Life

Lent 2015

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

Our total amount raised so far is $460

Your generosity is appreciated!

WHAT YOUR DONATIONS CAN DO

$75 could provide ingredients so that eight mums can learn how to cook a healthy family meal in Australia.

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!

Easter Celebration

Please join us next Wednesday 1st April for the Easter Bonnet Parade at 9am on the Junior Oval.
The P&F will also announce the winners for the Easter egg raffle draws. Everyone is welcome to join us and younger siblings are particularly encouraged to wear their Easter bonnets!

Please get started with helping your child make and create their own special Easter bonnet at home.

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.

We are starting to teach to our Matrix (our list of expected behaviours that form our SUPER Framework) and you will soon notice around the school these expectations and rules. In the photo we see Julie, Emily, Cody and Dechlann all walking on hard surfaces. Please support us by encouraging your child to follow our SUPER expectations.

Lent from Ash Wednesday

Please return your family project compassion money boxes by next Wednesday

Mr Chris Hunt will be collecting all money boxes on Holy Thursday so we really need your collections in by Wednesday 1st April. Please encourage your child to return full project compassion boxes into school and give generously! We appreciate your support!

As a school and parish community we have raised a total of $5070! This is an amazing contribution and let’s all try to increase this amount and give kindly! Thank you!!

Coming Events

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
PARISH FAMILY BIG BREAKFAST
St Francis Xavier Social Committee is holding a “Parish Family Big Breakfast” on Sunday April 26th, after the 7.30am Mass, and also after the 9.30am Mass, in the School undercover area.
Tickets are—$10 Adults and High School aged children. $5 Primary School children.
Tickets are for sale in the Church foyer after all Masses 11th & 12th, and the 18th & 19th April only.
(No door sales—for catering purposes)

DENTAL CLINIC
Neerigen Brook Dental Therapy Centre will be open the first week of the school holidays and closed the second week re-opening Monday the 20th of April.
For emergencies in the second week please contact West Byford on Ph: 9550 6006.

“LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS”
Holiday Activity Morning for “Little Friends of Jesus” (5-8yr olds).
Come & join us for some fun!
Wednesday 8th April
Time: 10am-12Noon
Please register your interest at the Parish Office Ph: 9399 2143

SAVE THE DATE—7th & 14 May 2015
Xavier Mum’s n Bub’s were the successful applicant for a Sienna Wood Community Grant. The money is to used to offer our wider school community the opportunity to attend a First Aid Course. More details to come once they have been finalised.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS 2015

Tuesday, 31st March
8.00am - Mass (instead of 7.00pm)
5.45pm - Meet in the car park to travel to >
7.00pm - Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Thursday, 2nd April - Holy Thursday
8.00am - NO Mass *
7.30pm - Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Adoration until Midnight

Friday, 3rd April - Good Friday
9.00am - No Mass *
10.00am - Stations of the Cross - Hilbert
10.00am - Stations of the Cross - Jarrahdale
10.00am - Stations of the Cross - Schoenstatt
3.00pm - The Lord’s Passion - Hilbert
3.00pm - The Lord’s Passion - Serpentine

Saturday, 4th April - Easter Vigil
8.00am - No Mass *
10.45am - Blessing of Easter Food
11.00am - 12 noon - Confessions
6.30pm - No Mass *
7.30pm - Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, 5th April - Easter
7.30am - Mass - Hilbert
9.00am - Mass - Serpentine
9.30am - Mass - Hilbert
6.00pm - No Mass *