Welcome back everyone to Term 2 of the school year. Thank you for the welcome back and I truly have missed the genuine smiles and hugs from the children. The students have begun the term well and we are looking forward to a very productive and enjoyable term ahead. We are finally in our new facilities of Stage 3 completion of the administration and toilet block. So with the new kindergarten that was ready for the start of the school year stage 3 is officially completed. It has been a long time coming.

School Mass

Please join us tomorrow as a school community we welcome parents and parishioners to our ANZAC day Mass this Friday, 24th April at 9am. Fr Kaz will celebrate the Mass and our Year 3/4 class will be involved with the readings and prayers. This Mass is a special time as a school community we remember the soldiers of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACS) who landed and fought on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey early on the morning of 25th April 1915, 100 years ago during the First World War We look forward to seeing you all there for this special service.

Winter Uniform

Reminder to all families with students in Years 1 to 6, that winter school uniform is worn from now until the last day of Term 3 (24 September). The changeover period is for two weeks only and full winter uniforms must be worn by Monday 4 May. The Uniform Shop is open on Monday mornings from 8.30 – 9.30am and Tuesday afternoons from 2 – 3pm. All families are also reminded to comply with the School Uniform Code with no substitute items of clothing. Our wonderful Xavier families are asked to ensure their children are neat and tidy for the start of each day; check that top buttons of shirts are done up and tie looks straight; check that children have enough clean socks for the week and wear the correct socks with the correct uniform - grey socks for boys and girls or grey tights for girls.

Mother’s Day

Next Friday, 8 May, everyone is invited to our Mother’s Day Prayer Service conducted by Year 2B students at 9am in the multipurpose hall. This year the P&F have organised a special Elegant Morning Tea and fashion parade from 10.00 – 1pm at $25 per ticket. Registration forms are sent home today and also available from school office. Please return all raffle tickets for Mother’s Day Raffle as soon as possible. Raffle tickets can be purchased in the morning before the Prayer Service.

O God, we thank you for the courage and devotion of those who fought in the wars. We pray that their service may not be in vain, but that their spirit may live in us, so that we may ever seek liberty, justice and truth for all.

Be with those who still bear the suffering and pain caused by war; enable us to be caring of them.

Hear our prayer which we offer in the Name of the Prince of Peace, Christ our Lord.

Amen
First Reconciliation Meeting
ALL families who have indicated that their child will receive their First Reconciliation this year MUST attend the parent/child workshop next Thursday, 30 April at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Attendance is compulsory and please be on time to start at 6.30pm so the night is not too late for young children.

Netball Training Year 4 to 6
ALL students in Year 5 & 6 will be involved in the Interschool Lightning Carnival on Friday 25 June in football, soccer or netball as designated by Mr Sarsero. Netball training for students in Years 4 to 6 starts again on Monday, 4 May from 3 – 4pm. We encourage all Year 5 & 6 students who will be playing netball to come to training each Monday this term to improve skills and teamwork.

Healthy Environment at Xavier
As a whole school community our focus is on education for a healthy environment which includes food, drinks, sleep, exercise and looking after our environment. Last Monday, on the Pupil Free Day our staff where engaged in a workshop with Dr Michael Newton and Dr Stephen Kiely around our own health and personal well-being including nutrition, sleep, exercise and happiness. It is our endeavour to focus on being a healthy community where everyone has an opportunity to thrive. Congratulations to the families who have continued to pack healthy food with little or no packaging each week. We are all encouraged to take up the challenge and work towards promoting a good healthy lifestyle for ourselves and the children now and into the future. Pack a healthy lunch from home that is filled with ‘green’ choices everyday e.g. healthy filled sandwich/roll (especially wholemeal), fruit, reduced fat yoghurt, crackers with cheese and a bottle of water. (An insulated bag with a frozen ice brick will keep lunches fresh even in colder weather). Remember to avoid using food as a reward, bribe or show of affection to your children. Giving children lollies, sweets and other foods as behaviour rewards teaches them to eat in between meals and they can associate eating with fulfilling emotional needs, rather than eating for hunger.

Enrol NOW for Kindergarten 2016
Interviews for four year old kindergarten will be conducted this term to attend our family friendly Parish school close to home. If you have a child who turns 4 years of age between the 1 July 2015 and the 30 June 2016 they are eligible to attend 4 year old Kindergarten in 2016. Enrolment forms must be completed for all children wishing to attend Xavier School (including siblings and those attending 3 year old kindergarten). If you haven’t yet completed an enrolment form or know anyone who has an eligible child, please ring the school office on 9391 7000 or come in and collect an enrolment package immediately.

Cathie Bauer
Principal.

On Wednesday 22 April the Communication Councillors: Jaxon, Jeffery, Renae and Cooper represented the Xavier School community at a special ANZAC Day service at Memorial Park in Armadale to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. The service included schools singing songs from 1915 and stories of local men who chose to join the A.I.F. Our councillors also laid a wreath at the foot of the ANZAC memorial in the park and enjoyed being part of the day celebrating the bravery of the men and women who defended our country in time of war.

Great Sleep Habits include:
1. Regular bedtimes. Kids may fight this, but be regular during the week and let kids stay up a little later on weekends.
2. A wind-down time of at up to 45 minutes prior to bed. This includes, removing TV and other stimuli, calming children down, and limiting food intake (and caffeine for teens).
3. Bedtime routine such as story, teeth-cleaning that signalled psychologically that it is time for sleep.
4. Keeping bedrooms for sleep and not for TV or devices. Bedrooms that resemble caves seem to be recommended.
5. Maximising the 3 sleep cues of: darkness (cave-like bedroom), lowering body temperature (baths can be good for this) and melatonin (work within their cycle).
Thank you to each and every family for your generous contributions to Project Compassion last term.

**Our total amount raised was $826**

Your generosity is appreciated!

If you still have your Project Compassion money box at home please return to school as soon as possible.

Thank you!

**LIFELINK FUNDRAISING**

This term our Social Justice fundraising event will be held on LifeLink Day, Wednesday 3 June. We will give you more information as to what we will do to raise funds in the upcoming newsletters.

The LifeLink Day Schools Initiative was established in 1999 to...

- To promote understanding of the Church’s response to people in need within the community;
- To instil in Catholic students attending Archdiocesan Schools, a sense of responsibility for caring for those less fortunate;
- To provide education and information of the work the LifeLink social service agencies, which help many thousands of Western Australians in need each year;
- To encourage a “practical demonstration of Faith” by asking students, teachers and schools to organise a special fundraising event for LifeLink Day, with the proceeds aiding people in real need within the community.

Well done to all students on your excellent behaviour so far this week, keep working hard to be awarded Super Tickets so you can be awarded a Super Certificate!

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**Sacrament of Reconciliation Workshop Thursday 30 April 6.30pm**

A reminder that our Parent and Child Workshop for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held next week on Thursday 30 April. The workshop starts at 6.30pm and will be held in the Parish hall, please be on time. All children enrolled for this Sacrament must attend the workshop. Please read the accompanying letter and return the attendance slips to Mrs Bradshaw or Miss Johnson before next Thursday night, thank you ☺

**ANZAC DAY MASS TOMORROW!**

A reminder that our whole school Mass will be on tomorrow at the Parish Church at 9am, with our Year 3/4 class leading us in the prayers and readings. Please make an effort if you are available to attend Mass and join us in prayer and reflection for our ANZACS!
SAVE THE DATE—7th & 14 May 2015
Xavier Mums & Bubs—First Aid Course
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, on these two dates from 9.30am to 12.30pm in Xavier House. Creche available if necessary. Please register at amanda.bowen@westnet.com.au

Please not that Book Club is due back on Tuesday 5 May. No late orders will be accepted.

Congratulations to our first and second SUPER kid postcard winners: Sigourney and Corey. Well done!!

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking is on every Friday morning at 8.00am in the undercover area. If you have any queries please see Michelle Johnson or Sherelee McGregor.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Term Calendar
2. P & F Mother’s Day Raffle
3. Mother’s Day Gift Shop
4. Mother’s Day Elegant Tea Party
5. Reconciliation notes (selected)

Xavier Catholic School is ALLERGY AWARE
NO NUTS ALLOWED!!

STAFF CARPARK
Parents please be aware that the staff parking area is strictly for staff only at all times. Please do not park in this area.

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.