From the Principal ........

Holidays.....
Lord, we all love holidays.
We can sleep late in the mornings.
We can play games and listen to our favourite music.
We can see friends and relatives
whom we haven’t seen for a long time.
For a while we can forget the worries of school and work,
and our tired brains can take a rest.
Lord Jesus, thank you for this time.
But let us remember people we know
who may not be able to rest and play.
Help us not to be selfish at holiday times
and to think of how we can help at home.
For your sake,
Amen.

NAIDOC Week
We invite everyone to join us for our NAIDOC Week Whole School Mass at 9am TOMORROW - Friday 3 July in the church.
As a Catholic school, we are inclusive of all cultures and are pleased to celebrate National Aboriginal and Islander Week with the 19 Aboriginal students who attend our school. We are all responsible for making an inclusive Australia for everyone, so let’s be a part of it now.

End of Semester Reports
Formal end of semester reports will be sent home today, Thursday, 2 July 2015. The new reports are part of our SEQTA Student Welfare package which includes Attendance, Pastoral Care and Reporting.
These new reports indicate results for each Learning Area on a 5 point A-E scale for Years 1 to 6. If a child receives a “C” grade it means that they are achieving at the required level for that grade. A child who is on an Individual Learning Plan may have progress reported against the learning outcomes outlined in the plan and therefore, not using A-E scale.
The Pre-primary reports use Achievement Descriptors that summarise the standard of achievement in each of the report Learning Areas: exceptional; exceeded; expected; working towards; not yet demonstrated. If your child receives an “expected” it means that they are achieving at the required level for Pre-primary.
It is important to remember that not every child develops at the same rate and parents will do well to encourage their child, no matter how slow the progress, and assist them where they can to support their learning in a positive way.

Attendance
It was pleasing to note on the formal reports that quite a number of children have had ZERO half days absence ALL semester. Congratulations on your perfect attendance in the first half of the school year. However, it is very concerning that quite a number of children had greater than 20 half days absence which equates to two full school weeks, even if not taken consecutively. Even more concerning is the number of students who had 30 half days (equal to 3 full weeks) or more with some as much as 64 half days (almost 7 weeks!) away from school in one semester. Students need to be at school to develop the skills, knowledge and values that they will need to succeed in life. The amount of time a child spends away from school, regardless of the reason (even holidays during school term), impacts heavily on their achievement. Regular attendance must be seen as a priority by families to support their children’s learning. Students who have poor patterns of attendance are at greater risk of not achieving their potential. They may be disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life situations. The School Education Act 1999 requires that compulsory-aged students from Pre-primary attend school on EVERY DAY in which the school is open for instruction.

CALENDAR OF DATES
Friday 3 July
9am NAIDOC Week Mass
PP to Yr 6
TERM 2 Ends

Monday 20 July
PUPIL FREE DAY

TERM 3 begins
Tuesday 21 July
9am P&F Meeting
Wednesday 22 July
6pm School Board Meeting
Thursday 23 July
8am Folk Band
3-4pm Dance Troupe
Friday 24 July
8.10am Rock Band
9am Participation Mass
Yr 6 & Yr 1 Blue & Yr 1 Gold
Monday 27 July
Kindy Gold
8.45am Assembly
Tuesday 28 July
Bishop’s Religious Literacy Test
Yr 3 & Yr 5
Thursday 30 July
8am Folk Band
9am Xavier Mums & Bubs
3-4pm Dance Troupe
Friday 31 July
8.10am Rock Band
2.30pm Assembly Yr 2 Gold
Aussie of the Month (July)
Term 3

Students begin back at school next term on **Tuesday, 21 July**. We have two Pupil Free Days next term – Monday, 20 July and Friday, 25 September. Today, you should receive the Term 3 calendar either with your newsletter or via email. Please place it in a prominent position in your home for easy reference. We endeavour to do our best to inform families as much as possible of events and activities; however, things may change from time to time. Please make it your responsibility to check what is going on at your school.

**Interschool Winter Lightning Carnival**

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 students for their outstanding performance in the Interschool Winter Lightning Carnival last Thursday. Congratulations to the Year 6 Netball Team who won the Fever Cup and to the combined football team who won their grand final. A BIG “thank you” to Mr Sarsero, Mr Italiano, Mrs Hind, Miss Perie and Miss Reynolds for their supervision and assistance. A special “thank you” to Mrs Ricupero who coached the Year 6 team each Monday; and to Miss Perie and Miss Reynolds who coached the Year 5 team during the semester as well as on the day. We now have two perpetual trophies in our front office! Well done everyone!

**July Vacation Care & Pupil Free Day**

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) will be operating during all days of the July School holidays and on the **Pupil Free Day – Monday, 20 July 2015**. You can book for these days NOW without attending any other time but registration is essential and Child Care Benefit is available for eligible families. Please see Lyn in the OSHC before and after school or contact her on 0431690277.

I will be travelling in the far north of our State in the Kimberley region for the school holidays, including three weeks leave, returning Monday, 10 August in Week 4 of next term. Mr Hamersley will be in charge of the day-to-day running of the school during this time.

I wish all the children, staff and families who can get a break, a relaxing holiday together filled with lots of fun and sleep-ins!

**God bless.**

*Cathie Bauer, Principal*

**YBC MOVIE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2015—6-8PM**

**WHERE:** Xavier House

**Featuring G or PG Movie Adult Supervision**

**ADMITTANCE:** Year 6-Year 12

**COST:** $2.00 (Payment at the Door) Includes Popcorn, Hot Chocolate, Marshmallows.

Bring warm clothes, pillow and a FRIEND

Please RSVP sfx6112@westnet.com.au

**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.

**Weekly XPBS Focus:**

**P - PRIDE**

**At All Times**

**TELL THE TRUTH!**

**Next Term Week 1:**

**U - UNDERSTAND**

**At All Times** -

**WALK QUIETLY AROUND THE SCHOOL!**

**Where is Zippy this week?**

**What show did Zippy see this week?**

**Which lucky class had Zippy for the whole week?**
FULL OF FAITH

TEACHING & LEARNING AT XAVIER

INTERSCHOOL LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

Xavier participated in a highly successful Lightning Carnival last Thursday at Maida Vale Reserve. Two teams, the Year 6 netball and the football, took out wins in the Grand Final, much to the joy of all involved as a fine reward for their efforts. Soccer finished equal seventh with Matthew Gibney after a final game draw, while the Year 5 netballers got better with each outing to finish sixth.

Pleasantly, the students thoroughly enjoyed their sporting experience and have felt that they have improved since we began training in Term 2. Not only did our teachers report back that our Year 5 and 6s acquitted the school in fine style, other schools’ Physical Education teachers remarked about the quality and spirit of our winning teams.

Even without Grand Final wins to show, all of our students had a terrific day as they demonstrated great teamwork and an ability to play to the set tactics. This was particularly evident with our Year 6 netballers, whose defensive diligence meant that the highest score they gave up in a 25 minute game was just 7 goals. The footballers tackled and pressured the opposition’s ball carrier all day and chose to do all those little defensive-minded things, rather than the showy spectacular stuff.

Well done to all the students, who represented Xavier Catholic School with aplomb and to the teachers who helped our four teams.

Mr Joe Sarsero
Physical Education

NAIDOC WEEK

Week 11
29th June - 3rd July

Wadumbah Dance Group

The students from Kindy Gold to Year 6 attended an Incursion by the Wadumbah Dance Group. The performance was amazing and the students experienced a wonderful array of dance, storytelling and ancient culture. Below are some photos that captured the event.

NAIDOC WEEK MASS 2015

All family and friends of Xavier Catholic School are invited to celebrate Mass with our community for NAIDOC WEEK 2015 tomorrow in our Church.

Date: Friday 3rd July 2015
Time: 9am
Where: St Francis Xavier Parish Church

Yr 3 & 3/4 Assembly

Well done to the Year 3 and 3/4 classes for a wonderful assembly last Friday. It was great to see the students act out the different parables and make us realise the important messages we receive from the Bible. Great acting and singing Year 3s and Year 3/4s!
MAY & JUNE AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Renae Ricupero (Year 6) and Jacob D’Lima (Year 2) for both being awarded the Aussie of the Month awards on the 29th May and to Korishna (Year 5) and Dylan (Year 3) for being awarded the Aussie of the Month awards for the month of June.

All students are positive role models amongst their peers, show a generosity of spirit and have demonstrated great leadership skills!

Well done Renae, Jacob, Korishna & Dylan!

LOST AND FOUND IN THE CARPARK

LEADLENSER Head Light found in Car Park.

Please contact Gretal at the office on Ph: 9371 7000.

St Francis Xavier, Armadale - MASS TIMES

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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.

Nature Play WA
Father’s Day Weekend Adventure

5 - 6 September 2015
Manjedal Scout Camp, BYFORD

http://www.natureplaywa.org.au/the-great-family-father-s-day-weekend-adventure

Mums & Bubs Group

This great group of families with young children continue to meet and support each other in the difficult job of parenting whilst giving their children the opportunity to socialise and play with others in a safe and friendly environment. EVERY Thursday the group continue to meet from 9am in the Kindy Gold classroom.