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From the Principal ........

First Holy Communion & Family Mass
We invite the whole school community to help celebrate the First Holy Communion of children from our school and parish on Sunday 9 August 2015. This is always a lovely Family Mass and your support of the students and their families is most appreciated. Mass begins at 9.30am and all students who wish to sing in the Choir are invited to come along and sing for this special ceremony. Looking forward to seeing as many families as possible come along and join us. The ceremony is followed by the cutting of a special cake for our Communicants and morning tea for everyone in the school covered assembly area. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

Holy Communion Rehearsal
Next Tuesday, 4th August, the children involved in celebrating their First Holy Communion on Sunday 9th August will have their rehearsal at 4pm in the Church. If you are involved it is important that you attend the practise so you are familiar with the procedures that will happen at the Sunday Mass.

Performing Arts Festival 2015
Congratulations to Ben Mahoney, Nicole Spurrier, Breanna Escoto and Sophia de Guzman for their wonderful Bible Reading on Tuesday at the CEWA Chapel. It is always a difficult job to stand in front of an audience and speak to such a large group of people, you all did the school and yourselves proud!

The Year 6 Choir will be performing from 1.00 to 2.30pm on Thursday 20 August 2015 at The Vasto Club in Balcatta. All are welcome for a gold coin donation upon entry.

The Junior and Senior Dance Troupes will be performing at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday 19 August 2015. Families of children in Dance Troupe and any families who would like to attend will need to purchase their own tickets that are NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE from Ticketek (132849 or online from www.ticketek.com.au) for $20 Adults & $15 Students. Students in the performance are not required to purchase a ticket. It is essential that EVERYONE attends EVERY Dance Troupe session on Thursdays at 3-4pm as we approach our performance.

Enrolment Process
Pre-Kindergarten enrolments can be taken any time; however, the child must have turned three years of age prior to commencement. Pre-Kindergarten is currently full for 2015 with a waiting list. We are taking enrolments for next year for children who turn three before 30 June 2016. These children are eligible for 3 Year old Pre-Kindy. Enrolment is based on date of birth, however the earlier an enrolment is made the greater the chance of getting a place.

4 Year Old Kindergarten letters of offer for 2016 have been sent out to families who have had an enrolment interview. Enrolments are still available so if your child turns 4 years of age before the 30 June 2016 they are eligible. An enrolment interview is essential.

Pre-primary is automatic entry for children who have attended our 4 year old Kindergarten.

God Our Father
Open our eyes to see your hand at work,
In the splendour of creation,
Touched by your hand, our world is holy.
Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,
To share your blessings with our brothers and sisters
And to experience the joy of life in your presence
Amen
There is no need to complete an enrolment form or attend an interview. Pre-primary is compulsory for a full five days for every week of the school year.

See you at our Year 2G and Aussie of the Month Assembly tomorrow at 2.30pm in the covered assembly area.

God bless.
David Hamersley, Acting Principal

Sip n Crunch News
Dieticians indicate that we should no longer follow the old Food pyramid that we were familiar with growing up. We need to LIMIT our Animal/Dairy and Grain product intake and INCREASE our intake of Vegetable products to achieve a state of optimum well being.

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:
S - SAFE
At All Times
WALK WHILE YOU ARE INDOORS!

Next week - Week 2:
R - RESPECT
At All Times -
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM STAFF MEMBERS!

Where is Zippy this week?

Which lucky class had Zippy for the whole week?

Good Parenting
Here are 3 (of 10) mindsets for parenting success:

1. **Believe in your child**
   This is easy if you have a child that matures early and who has talents you value, or one who easily achieves anything he or she puts his mind too. But it’s a different story if you have a child who struggles at school or to make friends, or just has a different interest to you. Your belief in your child’s abilities is revealed through your expectations, your body language, even the expression on your face.

2. **Look for the best**
   What you focus on expands so if all you see is misbehaviour, weakness and poor performance then you’ll get more of those things. Set your antennae for children’s strengths, abilities and social behaviours and you’ll invariably get more of those.

3. **Think long term**
   If you want your child to become independent then don’t do everything for him or her; you need to teach them some skills so they can become self-sufficient.
   Awareness, teaching and opportunity are the main requirements for kids to pick up these skills. They need to be aware of what can be done. They need to acquire the skills but some take more teaching than others. They also need the opportunity to put things into practice.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE

On Wednesday 5th August in preparation to receive this important Sacrament the children will attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11.10am in the Church.

The First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 9th August at the 9.30am Mass. Please note it is important you do not park in the garden beds or damage any property in the Church grounds. Parking will be available at the front and rear of the Church.

A photographer has been booked for the celebration and will be available to take individual and family photos in the Parish Hall from 8.45am.

Important Notice for all Choir Members

All children who would like to sing in the school choir at our First Holy Communion Mass are required to be at Church on Sunday 9th August at 9.30am. Parents are requested to bring their child/children to the Church no later than 9.15am. We appreciate you supporting our Catholic traditions and look forward to hearing your amazing voices!

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL OPENING MASS
Friday 24th July

Mrs Brooks along with four Arts Councillors (Breanna, Hazel, Rosie and Sofia) attended the opening Mass for the Performing Arts Festival at Infant Jesus Parish in Morley last Friday 24th July at 10.00am. The students represented the school with pride and wore their school uniform respectfully. The students very much enjoyed the parts of the Mass that were performed. A liturgical dance was performed at the beginning of Mass and the Gospel was acted out for the congregation.

LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK!

A wonderful way to encourage children to read is by asking them to read back what they have written. Children’s stories help them connect with the text on a different level. They are able to learn high frequency words quickly as they become part of the child’s writing vocabulary.

NUMERACY TIP OF THE WEEK!

Make a Hundreds Chart.

On a grid or graph paper, write the numbers 1-10 in the first row of squares, 11-20 in the second row, and so on until you complete the 91-100 row. Then use the chart to locate and colour the multiples of different numbers. Try multiples of 3, for example. The products are always 3 digits apart.

Have your child colour in the squares that show these products. The pattern will show “skip two numbers, colour the next.” Colour multiples of other numbers and talk about the patterns.

PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL
Bible Reading - Tuesday 28th July

Congratulations to our four Year 6 students who took part in the Bible Reading section of the Performing Arts Festival on Tuesday. Well done to Ben, Breanna, Nicole and Sofia who read beautifully and articulated the bible stories in a wonderful manner. The students, all achieved great results!
How many SUPER tickets have you earned so far this year? It's great to see class charts getting many, many ticks next to names for the amount of tickets students have earned!

KEEP WORKING HARD TO BE SUPER XAVIER KIDS!

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!
We would like to say a huge thank you to our volunteers who help out in any way every week to support our teachers and students. Your help is appreciated and we love having you help in our school every week!

BOOK CLUB:  Book club is due this Friday. Please note no late orders will be accepted.

LOST AND FOUND
- Pair of OPSM Red metal frame glasses left in the school office.
- Also gold bracelet found in the car park.
Please see Gretal in the office.

TEE-BALL, LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, MACHINE PITCH BASEBALL, SOFTBALL

2nd, 16th, 30th August  2pm – 4pm
13th September 9am – 4pm
20th September OPEN DAY 1pm – 4pm
IF you have any further enquiries please visit www.akstrikers.com or ring Kelly Giddens – 0450734287

LIBRARY BOOK FAIR SUCCESS
Thank you to the Xavier families for supporting our Annual Library Book Fair. With your generosity, the Library was able to purchase a huge selection of new books to the value of $900.

This is a photo of some our new additions.

Thanking you once again for your support.

Mrs Wells and Mrs Kelly

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.