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

**First Holy Communion & Family Mass**
Thank you to Father Kaz and the St Francis Xavier Parish community for the prayerful First Holy Communion and Family Mass on Sunday. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderfully, welcoming Eucharistic community in which to celebrate. We ask for your continued prayers for all the First Holy Communicants as it is with the support of their community that our young people are nurtured in their faith journey. Thanks especially to Aoife Johnson, Ryan Italiano and Lisa Brooks and all the staff who contributed in any way towards this memorable celebration. Thanks also to David Hamersley, Paul Leeder and the students who sang in the choir. We really appreciate the help of the Year 3 class reps and families who ensured the morning tea was ready and who set up, cleaned up and waited on tables. Thanks to everyone who contributed a plate of food to share.

**Let Kids be Kids**
In our fast-paced day and age with instant communication and children being exposed to adult information it seems children are growing up quicker and without the age-appropriate skills to deal with life. I do believe we need to focus back on “childhood” and allowing our kids time and space to be just kids! Our kids are struggling with simple things that are learnt slowly as they take small steps in life towards each new stage – teenage life and adulthood. It is very concerning the number of children who are unable to work out for themselves how to solve a simple problem in life such as having a little squabble, argument, fight with their friends/peers and bouncing back from this without adult interference. It is precisely because they have had no experience with doing such things and learning to build relationships through experimentation and taking risks, that they cannot cope with simple issues amongst themselves. A couple of issues that have become particularly prevalent in our community that I would encourage families to consider include standing back a little from protecting them from every little hurt they experience by allowing them time and space to solve situations themselves; and holding back from allowing children to hear and witness conversations and acts that are for adults only and most not suitable for little ears or eyes. This week I have attached two very short and worthwhile articles (Solving your own problems and When your child is accused of bullying) for you to read and consider in the difficult job of parenting in this day and age. Please remember that we are here for educating your children in every aspect and when we work together great things happen!

**Playground Supervision**
Families are reminded that our school playgrounds are not supervised before and after school and therefore children (including siblings) are not allowed to play on them out of school hours. Please note that it is parental responsibility to strictly supervise their own children outside of school supervision hours before 8.15am and after 3.20pm (or 4pm for supervised school activities).
Performing Arts Festival 2014
The Junior and Senior Dance Troupes will be performing at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre this coming 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 from Ticketek (132849 or www.ticketek.com.au). Students in the performance are not required to purchase a ticket.
The Year 6 class choir will be performing at 1pm at The Vasto Club in Balcatta next Thursday, 20 August 2015. Families are welcome to attend with a small charge at the door.

God bless.
Cathie Bauer, Principal

LUNCH — FACTION
SPORTS DAY
All children and families will need to bring their own picnic lunch for our Faction Sports Day on Friday, 28 August 2015. Canteen will be open as usual for STUDENT orders ONLY. P&F will have a stand for morning tea with food for sale to families. Please note no sausage sizzle will be supplied.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The Uniform Shop would like to advise that we are now completely stocked with Winter uniforms, including Windcheaters and Tracksuit pants.

First Holy Communion
First Holy Communion photos are available in the Church for viewing.

Remember if you receive some Earn and Learn stickers bring them to school and place them in the collection bin at the Office.

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:
U - UNDERSTANDING
At All Times
CO-OPERATE WITH OTHERS;
SHARING, TAKING TURNS, LISTENING!

Next week - Week 4:
P - PRIDE
At All Times
PUT YOUR THINGS AWAY IN THE CORRECT POSITION WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED WITH THEM.

Where is Zippy this week?

Which lucky class had Zippy for the whole week?
Last Sunday, 41 children from our parish received their First Holy Communion. This celebration was a very special day for the children. It was also a very important time for their families, their teachers, the school and the parish community.

Special thank you to; Father Kaz and the Parish Sacramental Team; your contribution to our celebration was greatly appreciated. Congratulations Miss Aoife Johnson (Year 3/4 teacher) and Mr Ryan Italiano (Yr 4 teacher) for their work in preparing the students for this special day.

The children enjoyed the celebratory cake and beautiful morning tea following the Mass. A big thank you to the parents who brought a plate to share and to our P&F representatives for helping with the morning tea.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Next Tuesday 18th August the Year 6 class will attend a Retreat in preparation to receive the Sacrament. A letter was sent home about the retreat with your child earlier in the week. Please remember to drop your child off at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale between 9am and 9.25am, ready for a 9.30am start. All permission slips need to returned ASAP to Mrs Hind, thank you.

SHINE A LIGHT BOOKWEEK INCURSION 2015

Students from Kindy Blue to Year 6 attended an Incursion from Perform Education Musicals, “Shine A Light” on Tuesday 11th August. The performance featured a selection of the Children’s Book Council 2015 Shortlisted books and explored self-esteem with the theme BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD! The incursion was enjoyed thoroughly by all students!
**XAVIER POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR PROGRAM (XPBP)**

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!**

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**Where is Zippy this week?**

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**WEST COAST EAGLES VISIT!**

On Monday we were lucky to have Dom Sheed, player from the Eagles Football Team visit our school to present the Eagles Cup to the Yr 5&6 Interschool Football Team. Well done to Jaxon and Amato for their wonderful speeches!

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**Enrol NOW for Kindergarten 2016**

Interviews for four year old Kindergarten are being organised NOW. **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 have not 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.

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**VacSwim Holiday Swimming Programs**

Enrolments for October programs opened on 3 August and close on 30 August 2015. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. Vac-Swim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. This year there has been a small price increase from $10.00 per enrolment to $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now $34.50). **For further information and online enrolment please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.**

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**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.**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Principal’s Digest, 2. Wine & Cheese Night

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**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.