From the Principal ........

Wishing a very happy Fathers’ Day to all dads and all those important father-figures in your families, who help and support their children in so many ways. May you be strengthened in the knowledge that your positive influence is so powerful in the role modelling of your children’s future and may God’s blessing be upon all your endeavours in the support of the children in your life. Have a great day this Sunday!

Father’s Day Celebrations – Tomorrow!
Fathers and or other male role models play a critical role in the development of children. The latest research indicates that fathers who are actively involved in raising their children can make a positive and lasting difference in their lives. In contrast, this same research reveals a number of potentially negative outcomes for children whose fathers are not involved. With the landscape of childhood dramatically altering over the past few years, impacted by the higher rates of single parent households, decline in stay at home parenting and the increase in new modes of working such as fly in fly out workplaces, has reduced the availability of male role models available for children to interact with and learn from on a regular and ongoing basis. As providers of good quality educational programs we are in the unique position to support children and families by ensuring our school offers a variety of skilled educators from both genders, as well as providing opportunities for fathers to participate in their children’s learning journey. So this Fathers’ day come along on Friday morning and take some time to share a memorable experience together.

Fathers’ Day Breakfast from 7.30am on the Junior Oval. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy this wonderful occasion in which we celebrate the fathers and the father-figures of our school community (even if it is mum for some children). The Parents & Friends will be selling freshly made BLT rolls with mayonnaise for $2 each. There will be an additional charge for Espresso and Muffin. Juice, tea and coffee will be available. Raffle tickets will be on sale during breakfast. There are some terrific prizes that will be drawn on the day.

Fathers’ Day Prayer Service from 9am in the Hall. Everyone, especially dads and important people in the lives of your children, are encouraged to join us (for about 20 minutes) as the Year 2 Gold students lead the school community in celebration and thanksgiving for our dads and other significant father-figures in our lives.

Uniform Shop Manager
Xavier Catholic School has employed a Uniform Shop Manager, Mrs Maureen Moore, to work part time in our school. Mrs Moore is a parishioner in our parish. We welcome Maureen who starts officially on Monday 7 September. We say a HUGELY THANKYOU to Mrs Karen McCagh who volunteered in the running of the uniform shop the past couple of years and all those who have assisted over a number of years. You are all truly appreciated!

**CALENDAR OF DATES**

**WEEK 8**
- Monday 7 September
  - Kindy Gold
  - 8.45am Assembly
  - 3-4pm After School Sports
- Thursday 10 September
  - 9am Xavier Mums & Bubs
- Friday 11 September
  - 8.10am Rock Band
  - 2.30pm Yr 2B Assembly (Aussie of the Month August)

**WEEK 9**
- Monday 14 September
  - Kindy Blue
  - 8.45am Assembly
- Tuesday 15 September
  - 9am P&F Meeting
  - 4pm Confirmation (Rehearsal in the Church)
- Wednesday 16 September
  - 11.10am Yr 6 Reconciliation
  - 6pm School Board Meeting
- Thursday 17 September
  - 9am Xavier Mums & Bubs
- Friday 18 September
  - 8.10am Rock Band
- Interschool Athletics Carnival at Xavier
- Sunday 20 September
  - 9.30am Confirmation/Xavier/Chi Rho Family Mass

**WEEK 10**
- Monday 21 September
  - Kindy Gold
  - 8.45am Assembly

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**Prayer for Dads**

We thank God for Dads, For their loving, For their gentleness, For the way they unwrap the world as a gift to their children, For their understanding of jokes and laughter and quarrels and tears, For their example and for the times they also need to be Mums.

We thank God for Dads, Who can be as young as their little ones, Who can listen, Who can ask questions, Who can talk about feelings, Who can claim failure, as well as success on the path of celebration, Who can show their children how to find the goodness of God in themselves and others.

We thank God for Dads whose sons grow up knowing that being a father is one of the best two things God invented.

Amen.
**Dogs in school**
Families are reminded that no dogs are to be brought into the school yard and that permission is required from the Principal to bring any animals onto school property. This is a legal requirement and one we are obliged to conform with.

**Toilets for adults**
In all of our toilet blocks there is a Universal Access Toilet (UAT also known as Disabled Toilets) that is available for adult use and for assisting younger siblings when required. Student toilets are for student use only. Thank you.

**Are you leaving?**
We need to know NOW if your children are not returning to Xavier in 2016! Enrolments are building for our school and we now have waiting lists in some of our year levels for 2016 even in the double stream! *If you are not or even if you may not be returning* next year we need to know your intentions now so that we can confirm whether we have a place of the many families who would love to come to our school. We are working closely with our new Catholic schools in Byford and Piara Waters to accommodate those families who wish to relocate to schools closer to their homes in these areas. Please email the school office admin@xavier.wa.edu.au urgently as soon as you have accepted a place in another school. Thank you.

**The Natural Genius in your Child**
The contribution made by parents, grandparents and foster parents to a child’s success in school and in life is enormous. When teachers and families work together the results that kids achieve are amazing. Accompanying today’s newsletter is an article by Andrew Fuller “Ten Ways to Promote the Natural Genius in your Child” that highlights some of the main things you can do to give your children a boost in how and what they can achieve in school.

**OSHC Vacation Care and Pupil Free Days**
*Friday 25 September 2015* (last day of Term 3) is a Pupil Free Day with Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) open. Bookings are available NOW but registration is essential. Vacation Care bookings are also essential for *Tuesday 29 September until Friday 9 October 2015* with OSHC available on site from 7am to 6pm (please note Monday 28 September is a Public Holiday). Information and registration for the October Vacation Care program is accompanying this newsletter and on our school website. *Students resume school for term 4 on Tuesday 13 October 2015*, so OSHC is open for the Pupil Free day on Monday 12 October 2015.

**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: WEEK 7**

**U** - UNDERSTANDING

At All Times

ASK FOR HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT!

Next week - Week 8:

**R** - RESPECT

At All Times -


**Where is Zippy this week?**

Which lucky class had Zippy for the whole week?

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!

**God bless.**
Cathie Bauer
Principal
Faction Sports Carnival

Harrison 1st - 1324
Walsh 2nd - 1288
Corcoran 3rd - 1255

Harrison took out a very close faction carnival at the school oval last Friday as students, spectators and teachers showed plenty of spirit in somewhat tricky conditions. Harrison won with a grand total of 1324 points followed by Walsh’s 1288, who were not far ahead of Corcoran on 1255. Corcoran made the early running and lead after the sprints. Harrison excelled in the middle part of the day and took maximum points in a number of the team games and despite Walsh charging home in the baton relays, they could not pip them at the post.

The students did a fine job of showing off what they have been working on throughout the term and making sure they performed their tasks to the best of their ability.

A big thank you also goes to the families who supported the children on and throughout the whole day, even in the wet.

Well done to the P&F for their work in making sure everyone got warmed up with hot drinks and stayed energetic with great food. Of course, I need to thank the teachers in performing their roles admirably and helping get the students ready for the big day. Mr Joe Sarseno PE Teacher

First Holy Communion photo proofs are available for viewing at the Parish Office. Order forms and envelopes are also available from the Parish Office. Money or cheques need to be sealed in the envelope with the order and will be collected by the photographer. The photos will be delivered back to the Parish Office or School.

Father’s Day

Please join us TOMORROW for our Father’s Day celebrations, starting with our Annual Father’s Day Breakfast at 7.30am and following our Father’s Day Prayer Service in the Undercover Area at 9am lead by Year 2G with all classes from Pre-primary to Year 6 attending. See you all there!

Sacrament of Confirmation

The students in Year 6 are looking forward to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 20th September in the Parish Church at the 9.30am Mass.

The Confirmation Rehearsal is on Tuesday 15th September in the Parish Church at 4pm and all students are expected to attend with a parent or their sponsor. Please refer to the practicalities information sheet given at the Confirmation Workshop last term.

If you have any questions about Confirmation please see Mrs Hind or Mrs Brooks.

Coming Events

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Interactive Tour of Lumen Christi College for Early Childhood Age Children
9.30-11.30am; Tuesday, 22 September 2015

If you are thinking of applying now for the future, we’d love to show you around.

There will be short interactive activities, especially for ages 3-8yrs, in Science, Maths, Dance, Music, Sport, Woodwork and a special story-time in the Library. Bookings are essential Ph: (08) 9394 9300
Book online at lumen.wa.edu.au.

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.

EARN AND LEARN
It’s back!
Remember if you receive some Earn and Learn stickers bring them to school and place them in the collection bin at the Office.

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.

INVITATION TO SFX PARISH QUIZ NIGHT
The SFX Parish Social Committee is holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 17 October after 6.30pm Mass.
Teachers and Parents are invited to a fun night at the SFX Parish Hall.
Cost $10 per head. (Bring your own drinks and nibbles). Tea and coffee provided.
(1st and 2nd prize) Tables of 8

THANKSGIVING MASS
You are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Mass offered for the Healing of Angela Freitas mother of Makaela, Liana and Heath Tuhakaraina at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Cnr of Carter and Dianne Street, Hamilton Hill, on Saturday 26th September at 6pm.

ATTACHMENTS
♦ The Natural Genius in your child (Andrew Fuller)
♦ Xavier OSHC Vacation Care Program (Oct 2015)
♦ OSHC Incursion/Excursion Permission Form
♦ Xavier OSHC— Information for Families
♦ OSHC Booking Form Form (Vacation Care)

Resilience Building from Birth to 25 with Maggie Dent
Venue: Serpentine Jarrahdale Grammar School
Corner Bishop and Soldiers Road, Mundijong
Date: Wednesday, 16th September 2015
Time: 6.30pm
Cost: Gold coin donation
RSVP: 12th September to the school on 9525 9140 or Mundijong Public Library on 9526 1133