Welcome Back
Welcome back to the final school term for 2015. We extend a special welcome to our new families that have joined us recently. We thank you for joining us at Xavier and know you will be made to feel very welcome.

In-Term Swimming Lessons
Swimming lessons began this week and run daily until Friday 23 October 2015. Summer or sports uniform is acceptable to be worn to school every day however ensure the complete uniform is worn and not a combination of the two. ALL items must be clearly labelled. Staff members do their best to ensure all belongings are accounted for but cannot be held responsible for lost belongings.

Summer Uniform
ALL students are to be wearing Summer Uniform for Term 4 including the correct black school shoes and white school socks for girls and grey school socks for boys. Parents are reminded to abide by their commitment to the Uniform Policy and Dress Code of the school by ensuring that their children leave home each day correctly dressed and groomed. Thank you.

BUSY Bee
Next Saturday 24 October 2015 from 8am to 12noon. NOW is YOUR opportunity to spend some time helping out at your children’s school. We especially encourage our Year 6 councillors for their last opportunity to do something for their primary school prior to leaving at the end of the year. WE NEED YOU! It also helps to build community and enables greater opportunity for personal contribution. More information to follow in next week's newsletter. Make plans NOW to be there!!

Car Parking / Kiss & Drive
Families are reminded that there is NO PARKING in the Kiss & Drive area and because the dismissal bell goes at 3pm you are best to delay your arrival in this area for a few minutes to ensure the school bus can leave on time and your children are ready to get into your vehicle. If you wish to come earlier than after the 3pm dismissal bell time you MUST park your vehicle by reversing into a designated car parking space and walk into the school to pick up.

Enrolments for 2016
We are regularly having new enrolment enquiries for 2016. If you know your children are NOT RETURNING next year and you have not already done so, please inform me in writing immediately. Enrolments are still being taken for 4 Year old Kindergarten. If you know anyone who is interested in registering for any places in 2016 or they want to find out more please let them know to contact the school office on 93917000 for an information package.

Staff Changes
At the end of this school term, Mrs Maria Bradshaw will be leaving Xavier as she has been appointed to the foundation staff of Salvado Catholic College, Byford. We congratulate Mrs Bradshaw on her appointment and will officially farewell her later in the term.

PRAYER FOR PEACE
O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation. Renew for us the wonders of your mercy: send forth your Spirit that He may work in the intimacy of hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony. May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge.

CALENDAR OF DATES
Swimming lessons
Tuesday 13 October
To Friday 23 October

Friday 16 October
8.10am Rock Band

WEEK 2
Monday 19 October
Kindy Gold
8.45am Assembly
Japanese Students Start
Tuesday 20 October
9am P&F Meeting
Wednesday 21 October
6pm School Board Meeting
Thursday 22 October
9am Xavier Mums & Bubs
Friday 23 October
8.10am Rock Band
Saturday 24 October
8am-Noon Busy Bee
Monday 26 October
Kindy Blue
8.45am Assembly
First Aid Incursion PP,1,& 6
3-4pm After School Sports
Tuesday 27 October
Yr.4 Excursion—Perth Mint
Wednesday 28 October
3-4pm After School Sports
Thursday 29 October
9am Xavier Mums & Bubs
Yr.1B&G—Excursion
Friday 30 October
8.10am Rock Band
1.30-2.45pm P&F Obstacle Fun Run Challenge followed by prize presentation
Light it Red for Dyslexia

Today is “Light it Red for Dyslexia” day – a volunteer initiative to light significant monuments and landmarks across Australia in red for Dyslexia Awareness. This is a prelaunch for ‘Dyslexia Empowerment Week’ scheduled for 18 – 25 October 2015. Today the Perth Bell Tower was lit up in red through the Perth Support Group. The link to the Light it Red for Dyslexia event can be found at: http://dyslexiaempowermentweek.com.au/events/light-it-red-for-dyslexia/

Early Years Nature Playground Stage 1

The Xavier school community is embarking on an exciting project to enhance the natural play opportunities of our Early Years and OSHC outdoor environment. This major project is being completed with funds from the School Board, P&F and OSHC as well as in-kind labour and some materials from our school families. A playground committee has been formed including representatives from Kindergarten, Pre-primary, OSHC, P&F and the School Board to oversee the project. Further information will follow regarding plans for the area and the benefits of Nature Play to children in a digital age.

A wonderful start was made to Stage 1 by the Richins and Townsend families during the school holidays especially under very hot skies last weekend. The stream is now opened up, made safe and included in the play space in accordance with the City of Armadale approval standard. At this stage we will continue to move and construct the new fence line until it is ready for the next stage. Big thanks to everyone so far for help and looking forward to the progress ahead with our nature playground!

God bless.

Cathie Bauer, Principal

Parenting Tips

“I LOVE TO WATCH YOU PLAY!”

Kids love it when their parents are interested in them and their activities. They are not so keen when parents become coaches.

If you want your child to continue playing sport into adolescence and beyond then be an enthusiastic supporter, not an enthusiastic coach.

It’s hard for many blokes to restrict themselves to the support role as coaching is in their DNA. But that’s no excuse. And we need to learn better ways if we want our kids to continue to enjoy participating in sport.

So start practising, “I love to watch you play!”

There, that’s not so hard!

Research shows that kids under the age of ten predominantly play sport for two reasons—fun and friendship. Winning and playing well tend to be more important for (male) adults than kids.

Weekly XPBS Focus: WEEK 1

R - RESPECT
At All Times
RESPECT OTHERS’ GAMES BY NOT INTERFERING!

Next week - Week 2:
E - EFFORT
At All Times -
BE READY TO LEARN AND START WORKING IMMEDIATELY!

Where is Zippy this week?

THANKS MRS MOIR FOR MENDING POOR ZIPPY!

Zippy was loved so much last term from visiting many classrooms that he needed to be mended! Thanks to Mrs Moir for giving him tender loving care over the holiday break!
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY CONFIRMED

Congratulations to all students who were confirmed at our Mass on Sunday 21st September last term. Confirmation 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 the photos will be delivered back to the Parish Office.

TERM 4
SWIMMING LESSONS
WEEK 1 & 2

Swimming lessons began on Tuesday with all students taking part from Pre-Primary to Year 6. The students were all beautifully behaved and it was great to see all children having a go and enjoying being in the water. Keep up the excellent behaviour and great listening skills! 😊
GREETINGS FROM THE SHRINE
An exciting Formation has been planned for the weekend of 17th and 18th October. The theme and the aim of the two days is to make FATHER AND FOUNDER, Fr. Joseph Kentenich known and appreciated by more people. Therefore the formation will spread over two days!
The programme starts on both days:
Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October, 2015 at 10 am to 4pm.
On Sunday, which is at the same time, the monthly Covenant Sunday, there will be Devotion at the Shrine at 3pm. One person will be making the Covenant of Love and Coordinators in the Pilgrim Mother Apostolate will also be re-commissioned.
JOIN US FOR THIS FORMATION WEEKEND
(Please bring a plate to share for lunch)

PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS AT XAVIER
Ask your child what they have been learning in their Protective Behaviours lessons and take an interest!

TIP OF THE WEEK!
Explain the difference between dobbing and telling. Dobbing is to get someone into trouble - telling is because you feel unsafe.
CHILD PROTECTION NEEDS TO BE A PRIORITY FOR EVERYONE!

CRUNCH & SIP NEWS
WATER

Water is essential to your body... Doesn't it make sense to only drink the very best quality of water

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

MUMS & BUBS GROUP
STARTS AGAIN WEEK 2
TERM 4

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.

ATTACHMENTS
1. Sporting Club information.