**Xavier News**

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From the Principal ........

**Swimming Lessons**
Swimming lessons finish tomorrow. Thank you to our wonderful staff for their supervision and care of the students during swimming lessons and on duty at various lunch breaks back at school. Thanks to Mr H for his overall coordination of the lessons and supervision. Special thanks to Mrs Nelson for attending all swimming lessons each day to ensure the needs of all students were met.

**Summer Uniform**
ALL students are to be wearing Summer Uniform for Term 4 NOW including the correct black school shoes and above the ankle 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.

**Lost Property**
Families are reminded to clearly label ALL items of clothing. Now that swimming is almost finished we have many items of clothing left behind. Labelled items are easily returned. There have been several cases lately of items that have been clearly labelled and maybe accidently picked up by other children. Items clearly labelled must be returned immediately to the correct owner. Whilst we do our best to return and find owners for lost property, we encourage all students to be responsible for their own belongings. Unclear labelling could result in long term loss of items. Thanks for your support.

**Family Mass – All Souls Day**
Next Sunday, 1 November, All Souls Day is a Family Mass for the students from Chi Rho and Xavier School who will be involved more fully in the ministries and the music for this Mass. This is a great opportunity to join the Parish community in praying for deceased relatives and friends as well as supporting the Catholic faith of your children. Please make an effort to be there and speak to Mrs Brooks if you would like your family to be involved.

**School Fee Statements**
The Term 4 school fee statements were sent out yesterday. You are asked to make payment a priority for this term before the final due date of Friday 27 November 2015. EFTPOS is now available in the front office for Cheque, Savings and Credit cards.

**Grounds and Gardens**
A HUGE THANKYOU to Fiona Cooke for organising and spreading the mulch in your “adopted” area of the front entrance and pathway into the school. The roses and gardens in the front are a really delightful entry statement that is commented on by many visitors and new families to our school. Your efforts and support are truly appreciated, Fiona!

**CALENDAR OF DATES**

**Swimming lessons**
Tuesday 13 October
To Friday 23 October

Friday 23 October
8.10am Rock Band
Saturday 24 October
8am-Noon Busy Bee

**WEEK 3**
Monday 26 October
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 Run Challenge followed by prize presentation

**WEEK 4**
Monday 2 November
Kindy Blue
8.45am Assembly
First Aid Incursion Yrs 2-5
Excursion to Scitech Yr 6
3-4pm After School Sports

**HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES**
Father, we ask you to send the Holy Spirit into our lives.
Open our ears—to hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen to us and in the people we meet.
Open our eyes—to see the needs of the people around us.
Open our hands—to do our work well and help when help is needed.
Open our lips—to tell others the good news about Jesus and bring comfort, happiness and laughter to other people.
Open our minds—to discover new truths about you and the world.
Open our hearts—to love you and all people as you have loved us in Jesus.

Amen
BUSY Bee
This Saturday 24 October from 8am to 12noon. If YOU have not assisted this year, NOW is YOUR opportunity. As this is the last Busy Bee for many of our Year 6 families, we encourage the Year 6 Student councillors to come along and lend a helping hand. WE NEED YOU! It also helps to build community and enables greater opportunity for personal contribution. Jobs include but are not limited to: (we would love to hear from anyone who has any tools or expertise in any of these areas or can assist in any way).

- Remove concrete kerbing from some lawn and garden areas no longer in use;
- Mulching internal gardens and trimming back around trees for easy mowing;
- Filling holes on grassed areas and making safe the playing spaces;
- Cleaning windows inside and out multipurpose hall & outside classrooms;
- Cleaning bag racks outside classrooms;
- General gardening and tidying around shrubs;
- Weeding the lawn;
- Removing cobwebs;
- Cleaning front verge of debris/rubbish;
- Whipper-snipping;
- Edging lawn areas;

We NEED LOTS OF PEOPLE to assist with these jobs around our school and would value your input so please come along and help rejuvenate our school grounds. See YOU there! ☺

Mums and Bubs Playgroup
This great group started again today for the term meeting each Thursday from 9 – 11am in the Kindergarten room. With so many new babies at Xavier we are hoping that more families will take advantage of this service to our community for families of children 0 – 4 years of age. Come along and talk to other families trying to bring up happy and resilient kids. All welcome!

Early Years Nature Playground Stage 1
Wow! Thank you to the several families who made a great start to this major project during the October School holidays. I do apologise for not realising that there were several families involved in this amazing effort to prepare the area for the start of term. Thanks a bunch to the Holland Family (Rick and Brodie with Kobie PPG & Tait 1B), Furk Family (Tracey and Christian with Cody 3 and Shianne PPB), Townsend Family (Clay and Julie with Harris 1G, Lucy PPG and Harvey KG), and Richins Family (Carlie and Ash with Mia 2B, Cooper 1B, Shannon PPB and Riley KG as well as Grandad Harding). Big thanks to everyone so far for help and looking forward to the progress ahead with our nature playground!

God bless.

Cathie Bauer,
Principal

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

Next week - Week 3:
S - SAFE
At All Times -

SIT AND EAT YOUR FOOD IN THE EATING AREA!

Where is Zippy this week?

Which lucky class had Zippy for the whole week?

KEEP WORKING HARD TO BE SUPER XAVIER KIDS!
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

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.

CATHOLIC MISSION FUNDRAISING EVENT

Thank you to all the students and staff who took part in the Pyjama Day on the last day of last term.

We raised $484 for Madagascar!

These funds will go towards basic needs and necessities for the people of Madagascar, all the basics that we take for granted! Thank you to each and every one of you for donating your spare coins and taking part in this fundraising event, we appreciate your efforts! This term we will be raising funds for the St Vincent De Paul Society.

We will have our annual Christmas Hamper drive and you will see more information as the term goes on in our future newsletters!

TERM 4 SWIMMING LESSONS WEEK 1 & 2

Swimming lessons continued this week with all students from Pre-primary to Year 6. The students are thoroughly enjoying all they are learning at swimming and it is fantastic to see so many children having a go and learning new water skills ready for summer!
**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!**

Praise your child. People who bully or prey on children choose those who they perceive as having low self-esteem.

**CHILD PROTECTION NEEDS TO BE A PRIORITY FOR EVERYONE!**

**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.**

There is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Melville Matsuri Flyer

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

**NEW OPENING DAYS/HOURS FROM TERM 4**

**Monday 8am-10.30am**

**Wednesday 1.30pm-4pm.**

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**SUMMER SPORT REGISTRATIONS**

A sporting flyer Summer Sport Registrations was sent out with last week’s newsletter. There is an additional sport now available. Please refer below:-

- **Sport:** BMX
- **Organisation:** BMX WA
- **Venue:** Briggs Park, Byford (Fri)
  Ray Owen Res, Kalamunda (Wed)
- **Contact:** Bmxsportswa.com.au

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**PLEASE NOTE TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY FOR BOOK CLUB ORDERS. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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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.