From the Principal ........

Please join us TOMORROW... in the Covered Area at 2.30pm for the Year 1G Assembly including Aussie of the Month for October. ALL welcome!

Remembrance Day Prayer Service
On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at 11am – WE WILL REMEMBER THEM. Remembrance Day marks the anniversary of the armistice that ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11 am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. Come along to our prayer service beginning at 10.40am in the covered area. The Year 4 students will lead us in a service of remembrance and prayer concluding with a minute’s silence at 11am. ALL welcome!

Lisa LSL

Mrs Lisa Brooks will be taking some Long Service Leave from this coming Monday, 9 November 2015 for the remainder of the school year. We wish Mrs Brooks all the best for a well-earned rest!

Drug Education Talk – Just say NO!
On Monday 9 November 2015 at 1.30pm in the Parish Hall all students in Years 4, 5 & 6 will be given the opportunity to hear the life-saving JUST SAY NO message by Jade Lewis. Just Say No is a 40-60 minute drug prevention presentation designed specifically for school students to help equip them with ways to overcome any challenge. Jade will deliver a responsible and powerful drug and alcohol awareness and prevention presentation that educates young people about the real dangers and consequences of drug use and equipping them with alternative ways to live a drug free, fulfilled, motivated life in a world full of temptations. In 2011 the P&F agreed to fund the presentation costs biennially so that students from Years 4 – 6 can hear this message prior to leaving Primary school. ALL parents and guardians (not just Yr 4 – 6 families) are invited and indeed encouraged to hear the talk along with the students. During the presentation, a DVD, a power point program and visual aids are used as well as some small group/ brainstorm activities. There will be time allocated at the end of the presentation for questions and answers. Parents are encouraged to stay behind and ask further questions.

World Teachers’ Day
In celebrating 2015 World Teachers’ Day last Friday, I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank ALL the staff at Xavier Catholic School. I offer my sincere gratitude to you for your commitment, dedication and professionalism. You enable the children at Xavier Catholic School to realise their God given potential. Christa McAuliffe, an American educator who tragically died in the Space Shuttle Challenge, uttered those well known words: “I touch the future... I teach”. This simple statement conveys the very importance of teaching. We can never underestimate the influences all who work in educating have on our young children. We are in a privileged position shaping the next generation. Next Friday, 13 November 2015 all the staff will enjoy a special Appreciation Lunch in recognition of World Teachers’ Day supplied and served by our hardworking P&F committee.
Pupil Free Days
NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 16 November as this is a PUPIL FREE DAY. Xavier School staff will be involved in Assessment and Reporting for student 2015 Semester Two Reports.

Annual General Meeting of Xavier School Community
Wednesday 25 November 2015
ALL families are encouraged to attend this very important meeting of our school community. It is important that at least one member of each family is represented. Xavier prides itself on being open to parent support and as such is committed to informing families of the operation of the school community. The evening begins with drinks & nibbles at 6:30pm in our school Multipurpose Hall with the meeting starting at 7pm and lasting for no longer than one hour. FREE child-minding for children from 2 years will be available in the Library for those families who absolutely need to use this service. The purpose of this meeting is for the School Board Chairperson to present the Annual School Board Report and the Treasurer to present the predicted school budget for the ensuing year. Elections are also carried out for members of the Board for the next two year period. Our current board members who are completing their Second two year term on the School Board are Martin Mahony, Russell McCagh and Ben D’Lima. With Kate Grljusich and Damien Slattery completing their first two year term. These five members may stand for re-election along with anyone else interested in trying for a position on the School Board for 2016. A passion to support Xavier School and an eagerness to be an active participant in your children’s school is required. Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month beginning at 6.00pm for approximately 2 ½ hours. You may self-nominate by completing a nomination form. Nomination forms will be attached to next week’s newsletter. Jon Slee remains on the School Board after only one year of his first two year term. The Principal’s Annual Report is also presented to the school community at this meeting including the announcement of Staffing allocations for 2016 including new and leaving staff.
The Parents and Friends committee also present their annual report as well as a summary of fundraising income and expenditure for the year. Each year the current P&F committee retire at the AGM and ALL positions become vacant i.e. President, Treasurer, Vice President, Secretary, committee members and Class Representatives. We also encourage more active volunteers if you wish to nominate yourself. Meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month at 9am.
YOU can make a difference by making a commitment.
Come along and show your support for your children!

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 4
P - PRIDE
At All Times
PUT YOUR THINGS AWAY IN THE CORRECT POSITION WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED WITH THEM!

Next week - Week 5:
R - RESPECT
At All Times -
TAKE TURNS AND SHARE CLASS EQUIPMENT!

Where is Zippy this week?

SUPER
Which lucky class had Zippy for the whole week?

KEEP WORKING HARD TO BE SUPER XAVIER KIDS!

Have you checked out our amazing SUPER display in the front office?
FULL OF FAITH

FAMILY MASS
ALL SAINTS DAY

Thank you to all the families who attended Mass last Sunday on the 1st November at 9.30am. The children read exceptionally well and the choir sang beautifully. Well done to everyone for making the Mass a wonderful and prayerful experience.

It would be great to see more Xavier families attend our family Masses throughout the year. Attending just one of these Masses a term shows support to our school and parish community as well as contributing to your child’s faith journey. Please try to make an effort as it always seems to be the same families attending and contributing to our St Francis Xavier Parish community. Thank you😊

Thanks to Mr Dave Hamersley and Mr Paul Leeder for leading the choir and cantors. Thank you to our families involved in the readings, offertory procession and collection, our altar servers and all the students in the choir.

YEAR 1B & YEAR 1G
EXCUSION TO BOUNCE

The Year 1B&G classes had a fantastic excursion to Bounce last Thursday, organised by Mrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Carrabs. The students loved participating in all the different activities and especially bouncing lots and lots on the many trampolines. Great participation by all students who were so well behaved and listened to instructions beautifully. Well done Year 1s!!

JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Over the last two and a half weeks we were lucky to have six Japanese exchange students join us at our school. We would like to sincerely thank the host families for offering hospitality and kindness to their student.

It was such a wonderful experience for all of us as we learned so much from each other. We hope long lasting friendships will be had with all students for years to come.

YEAR 6 EXCUSION TO SCITECH

The Year 6 class enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Scitech on Monday. They watched a show in the planetarium, visited the science theatre and looked at different chemicals which make light. The students also went to an exhibit called going places. A fun day was had by all!
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!
Teach your child the Three Safety Questions they need to ask themselves before doing any unsupervised activity:
1. Do I get a yes or no feeling from this?
2. Does an adult I live with know where I am?
3. Can I get help if I need it?

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.

ATTACHMENTS
1. How to Deal with School Anxiety Pt.2 Flyer
2. Letter to Parents—Year 2G
3. Letter Year 4,5,6 Drug Education

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.

Congratulations to the Mondon family on the birth of their brand new baby girl. Sister to Charlotte (3 YO Kindy).