From the Principal ........

Welcome!
Welcome back to all our families with a special welcome to the many families new to Xavier School this year. We especially welcome our new staff members to Xavier:
- Miss Danielle Shires – Pre-primary Blue teacher;
- Miss Kirsty Davies – Year 1 Gold teacher;
- Mrs Lara Millar – Mathematics Specialist teacher;
- Mr Nori Kumagai – Japanese teacher; and
- Mrs Julie Townsend – Kindy Teacher Assistant. Also joining us again after a short break:
- Miss Cody Paterniti – Year 3 Blue teacher and
- Mrs Monica Musulin – Pre-Kindy teacher. Looking forward to a great year together!

FREE Welcome Back Outdoor Movie Night
We are looking forward to welcoming everyone especially ALL our new families at this annual event organised and supported by the Parents and Friends committee. Every School family is invited to the Welcome back Movie Night and Family Picnic TOMORROW night – Friday 5 February from 5.30pm in the school grounds. FREE Sausage sizzle or bring your own picnic dinner. BYO, picnic chairs and rugs, personal insect repellent, pillows and bean chairs. Join us on the school oval at 7.30pm for the free screening of ‘Inside Out’. The P&F will have for sale: Cold drinks and Popcorn. See you there! The Xavier School Grounds are entirely SMOKE-FREE and as this is a school family event no alcohol please.

We start a brand new year of prayer and learning too.
We ask God’s blessing on us, for today and all year through.
We’re in a different class this year, which scares us just a bit.
The work may be much harder, and we’re worried we admit.
But Jesus you are with us and together we'll do fine.
We’ll do the very best we can, and make good use of time.

And bless our teachers too, dear Lord, for all their love and care.

ESSENTIAL - Parent Information Night – KEEP THIS DATE
It is vitally IMPORTANT that EVERY family, with children in Pre-primary to Year 6, have at least one parent/guardian attend the Parent Information Evening on Tuesday 9 February 2016. Please MAKE EVERY EFFORT to attend so you can support your child’s education in an informed and positive way. EVERY child is different just like every teacher is different and every year is different! Please come along and hear ALL the relevant information first-hand for yourself! The meeting begins at 6.30pm in the Undercover Area. It is vital that you hear procedures, expectations, student management plans and information regarding your child’s year at school. Each family will also be receiving a package containing the Family Information for 2016, along with several forms to be completed to update school records. PLEASE come prepared to complete these forms if possible on the night!

A child-minding service for families that absolutely need it because they would otherwise not be able to attend (obviously preferred for children to be at home with other family members if possible) is being provided in the school library by school staff. We cannot accommodate very young children (under 18 months) or children who are extremely upset at leaving their parent.

Prayer at the start of a new school year
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CALENDAR OF DATES
Friday 5 February
Welcome Back P & F Sausage Sizzle
Monday 8 February
Kindy Blue & Gold
8.30am Instrumental Music Sign Up Session
Tuesday 9 February
6.30-8.30pm Whole School Parent Information Night
Wednesday 10 February
Ash Wednesday
9am Whole School Mass
Thursday 11 February
3-4pm Dance Troupe
Saturday 13 February
8am to 12noon Busy Bee
Monday 15 February
3-4pm Netball Training
Tuesday 16 February
9am P & F Meeting
Wednesday 17 February
6pm School Board Meeting
Thursday 18 February
3-4pm Dance Troupe
Friday 19 February
2pm—Yr.6 Assembly & Student Councillor Commissioning & Aussie of the Month—February
Saturday 20 February & Sunday 21 February
Sacrament Commitment Masses:
Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 9.30am, Xavier/ChiRho Family Mass
Instrumental Music Tuition

THIS Monday morning, 8 February from 8.30am we have a sign up for Instrumental tuition regarding learning drums, guitar, keyboard, vocals and piano at our school. These lessons are conducted at the school by private tutors from WAAM with payments being made directly to the tutors in advance each term. Costs and conditions vary depending on type of instrument and whether lessons are conducted individually or in a group, but all are very affordable. **If you are interested in your child learning a musical instrument please come along on Monday morning.**

Ash Wednesday School Mass

Our first Mass for the school year will be Ash Wednesday this week on 10 February in our Church at the 9am parish Mass. Please come along and spend an hour with us as a community as we begin the season of Lent and ask for God’s blessings on our new school year and all our families. EVERYONE is welcome, so please join us!

Parking & Road Safety

- We thank you for your patience and understanding as well as courtesy to other families.
- A walking pace of 8 kms per hour driving in Church/School grounds AT ALL TIMES and not just during regular school hours.
- ONLY ACROD entitled drivers to pull into or park in blue “disabled” bays;
- Only STAFF have access to the staff car park directly in front of the school.
- REVERSE PARKING is the preferred option so you can drive forward with clear vision.
- KISS & RIDE is at the rear of the school with one way around keeping left.
- EXTRA PARKING especially on kindergarten days (Wednesdays, Fridays & even Mondays of the term) follow the construction road beside the Church entry around to the rear of the school.

Friendly Reminders

*For the safety and duty of care of all our students and their families:*

- Children are not allowed to arrive at school prior to 8.15am, unless attending Outside School Hours Care.
- Everyone is to remain seated in the covered area on arrival to school until duty teacher dismisses children to their classrooms when doors open at 8.30am.
- Parents/guardians collecting children during school hours are to attend the office first for an authorised green Release Slip.
- Parents/guardians collecting children after school are to remain in/near the covered area for the bell to go and not congregate noisily in the area around the classrooms.
- NO playing on the school playground before or after school.
- Clearly label ALL belongings.

**First Day at Xavier**

Well done to all of our amazing students for starting off term 1 with such ease and confidence. We had many happy and smiley faces during our first morning! Well done to all Xavier staff for their hard work ensuring we had such a smooth start!

**Newsletters for 2016 will now be sent home fortnightly!**

As we are trying to be environmentally friendly, we will now be reducing our paper usage and printing. Newsletters will be sent on a fortnightly basis. Please update your details with Mrs Gretal Cardoz via email to receive your fortnightly newsletter in your inbox. We encourage all our families to support our sustainability at Xavier. Our school website and face book page will be updated regularly to assist us all with communications.

God bless,

*Cathie Bauer, Principal*
We are a parish school which exists to provide a Catholic education for our students. Preparation for the Sacraments is Family Focused, Parish Based and Catholic School supported. This means that the school supports the Sacramental preparation through the use of the Religious Education units. Catholic schools teach about the Sacraments, but do not initiate the children into our faith community. This is the role of the family in the parish setting. The Parish organises the Sacramental programs to support parents in handing on their faith to their children.

This year in our parish we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in September, the Sacrament of First Eucharist in August and the Sacrament of Confirmation in September. For students in Year 3, 4 and 6, notes will be sent home today with information regarding the Sacramental program.

Please read through all the information and return the enrolment form to class teachers no later than Friday 12th February.

If you have any questions please see Mrs Lisa Brooks.

All students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation are to attend the Masses on the weekend of 20th February at 6.30pm or 21st February at 9.30am. At the Mass both the parents and children will be asked to pledge that they will take part in the preparation for these Sacraments. They will hand in their pledge to Father Kaz and receive a special pin that the children can wear to show they are in preparation to receive the sacrament.
Hi Everyone,
Welcome to Bookclub 2016. The first issue of Bookclub has been sent home. This is due on the 15th February. Please ensure that orders are placed by the due date as no late orders will be accepted. Your bookclub purchases supports the school by gaining credits towards Free Resources. Delivery is approximately 2 weeks after due date. If order is a surprise or a birthday gift, please make a special note for order to be held in office and you will be notified for collection.

Many thanks.
Trish Ricupero

**ATTACHMENTS**
1. Term Calendar
2. Canteen menu
3. Sacramental letters—Years 3, 4 & 6
4. Dance Troupe letter—Years 2-6

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**BE ALLERGY AWARE**

Xavier Catholic School is ALLERGY AWARE
NO NUTS ALLOWED!!

*Please note: Uncle Toby’s muesli bars contain almonds - even the Choc Chip ones!
And no peanut butter or nutella!*

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**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

Thank you to all parents who are ensuring their children are at school before the 8.40am official start of school day. Parents/guardians are required to ring the school or inform the teacher before 9am to report their child’s absence. Your cooperation as always is appreciated.

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**CANTEEN SALES DURING LENT**

Please be reminded that Canteen will not sell meat items on Fridays during Lent and on Ash Wednesday. The first Friday during Lent is the 12th February. If students order meat they will be given an alternative.

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER TO USE THE NEW CANTEEN MENU.**

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**2017 Intake** – we are currently interviewing and finalising students for this intake so if you have families yet to enrol, please ask them to contact Alyce Del Simone urgently on 9394 9300 or email delsimoa@lumen.wa.edu.au

• **2018 Intake** – applications for admission now required as interviews will begin in Semester 2, 2016. Music and Academic Scholarships are closing soon. If you know of any talented children who may benefit from the scholarship, applications and information are available from http://web.lumen.wa.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships

• Information on Aboriginal Bursaries to be announced soon.

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**429 St Francis Xavier, Armadale - MASS TIMES**

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**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.

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**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.

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**Weeks 1-2 XPBS Focus:**

**S** - **SAFE**

Outside Areas

STAY OFF EQUIPMENT
BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL!