From the Principal

Throughout this Term, each House Mass will celebrate the life of St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesian Order. I participated in the Eucharist this morning with senior students from McCormack House and the liturgy was a significant testament to the devotions and works of Don Bosco. I was also impressed by the manner in which students were both attentive and engaging in all parts of the Mass.

St. John Bosco’s commitment to his God is expressed most clearly through his work with young people and through the leadership he provided for so many who embraced his theories about education. His personal devotions and practices served to educate and inspire others, none more so than his devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

Perhaps born out of the close relationship John Bosco shared with his own mother (together they opened their home to others so as to provide shelter, hospitality and a place of education and worship—which would ultimately become the ‘Oratory’), he described Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as “the founder and supporter of our works.” For Don Bosco, Mary represented a mother, a heavenly helper, the ultimate model of Christian life, under whose inspiration, and with whose help, one would gently be drawn into a life of virtue.

The celebration of the Feast of the Assumption is an opportunity to reflect on the role Mary plays in our lives. Patrick Laws SDB summarises the threefold role Mary plays in the life of the contemporary Church:

“She is prophetic, insofar as in Her submission to God, in Her divine motherhood she witnesses to the call offered to all men and women in Christ to share in his life; while in the perfecting in her the saving will of God-her assumption into heaven-she attests to the origin and destiny of the Church and of the individual believer, the final glory that comes from submission to the divine will.

She is inspirational in the way she lived and died in perfect harmony with God’s will, so that the triumph of Jesus’ death and resurrection is ‘real’ in her. She inspires our own desires to live godly lives, and reassures us that this is possible.

She is symbolic insofar as she is one who lived a life full of typically human cares and concerns, child-rearing, gossip, being a refugee, the violent loss of a child. She was not ‘protected’ from the ordinary situations of life, but through them clung to God in faith.”

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“a school of the future in the present”
The Scheme offers opportunities to a wide diversity of applicants, to ensure supported access to relevant tertiary studies. It is designed to award financial assistance of $5000 per annum for up to three years, to successful applicants in the disciplines of allied health, medicine, nursing, dentistry and business management. People with a disability or of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin are particularly encouraged to apply. Students are required to live and work in a rural area of South Australia on successful completion of their training, for a period equivalent to the scholarship funding.

Information detailing the Scholarship scheme, the application process and requirements can be found on the information brochure and application forms available in G8. Closing date for applications is 24 September 2004.

Application forms are also available in G8 for 2005 Quantity Surveying Scholarships. There are 15 scholarships available Nationwide and all students are welcome to apply. Applications close on the 31st
XAVIER COLLEGE KNOCK-OUT OPEN BOYS FOOTBALL

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Xavier College Goal Scorers: Liccione 3, Brown, Sankey, Walton, Gurskis 1

Xavier College Best Players: Harvey, Sankey, East, Baird, Liccione, Howard

The Xavier College Open Boys Knock-out football team booked a berth in the quarter-finals against Kadina High School with a 12 point victory over Thomas More College, played in cold, windy and wet conditions at Xavier last Wednesday afternoon. In a very even match throughout, Xavier coming home with the breeze (and the rain) were able to score three goals in the last quarter, while holding Thomas More College scoreless, to win by 2 goals. It was a fine performance from the Xavier team, as they went into the game very under-manned through injury and illness to a number of key players. Many really stood up and played extremely well, with James Harvey (in the centre), Kieran Sankey (on-ball), Leigh East (across half-back) and new-comer, Beau Baird (half-forward), leading the way. Other fine contributions came from Luke Liccione and Luke Howard.

XAVIER COLLEGE YEAR 10 KNOCK-OUT NETBALL:

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College 43
Xavier College 42

Unfortunately the Xavier Year 10 Girls KO netball team were defeated by OLSH 43 - 42 in a very exciting game. After a very good start, Xavier lead by 4 goals at quarter time and 7 at half time. However, OLSH came back in the third quarter to reduce the lead to 3 goals, and continued their run in the final quarter defeating Xavier by only 1 goal, which was scored in the last 10 seconds of the game. All put in a great effort, however particular congratulations needs to go to Tash Dunstan who played very well on an exceptional player. Team members included: Lauren Allen, Clare O’Reilly, Britny Connaughton, Alix Stanton, Nikki Connaughton, Tash Dunstan, Kathryn Koslowicz, Clare Bruggerman, Sarah Gavini, Chloe Williams.

XAVIER COLLEGE YEAR 9 KNOCK-OUT FOOTBALL

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In a very close and tight encounter, played in cold and windy conditions at Xavier College, Xavier went down to Thomas More College by 9 points. Xavier were without “gun” on-baller Danny Ross, injured in last week’s game and were further handicapped when Brad Dodman and Adrian Costa were both injured when they accidentally collided with each other’s head. Xavier, down by 13 points at half-time, saw Thomas More’s lead increase to 19 points early in the third term, before kicking 4 goals to actually lead by 4 points at the final change. Much good work was done by defender’s, Nick O’Reilly and Jamie Donaldson, while Brad Dodman, Adrian Costa, Michael Dimuccio and Ned Seccafein also had influence on the game. However, Thomas More College, with the use of the breeze, were able to manage 2-3 in the last term to run-out winners by 9 points.

Xavier Goal Scorers: Jarrod Irvine 3, Kyle Raven 2, Jackson Dare, Ned Seccafein 1.

Xavier Best Players: Michael Dimuccio, Brad Dodman, Ned Seccafein, Jamie Donaldson, Nick O’Reilly, Adrian Costa
For all uniform enquiries please phone the Uniform Shop direct on 85-214547. If not attended, please leave a message.

OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 3

Mondays

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursdays

Seasons for Growth Grief Program

Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Xavier College we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth that will commence in Week 1 of Term 4. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

Xavier College is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you require further information, please contact either Oreste Farrugia, our School Counsellor, or myself at the College.

Ms Michelle Rawady
Director of Students

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Tax Time - FREE help with your tax return

Have you earned a low income this year and do you need assistance with your tax return? A Tax Help volunteer may be the answer. To find out more, ring 13 2861 for free Tax Help assistance in your local area. This service is only available from July to October 2004.

If you are looking for an easy way to complete your tax return, look no further than e-tax 2004. It is provided free by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) and allows you to electronically prepare and lodge your tax return. Most tax returns lodged using e-tax are processed within 14 days. It even does most of the calculations for you. To find out more, visit the ATO website www.ato.gov.au

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