From the Principal

Anniversary Celebrations

The next two terms will be particularly memorable for the school community. The major 10th Anniversary celebrations will be held during this time, with a focus on week 6 of Term 3:

- Thursday, August 26  - Visit by Archbishop Phillip Wilson
- Friday, August 27  - Anniversary Xavier Day Celebrations
- Saturday, August 28  - The Inaugural Old Scholars Dinner

These events will be followed by a function for past and present staff members on Friday, September 10 and in Term 4, special events in conjunction with the end of year Presentation Evening, will conclude the Anniversary Celebrations.

Each of these occasions will provide an opportunity to reflect on the ‘Spirit’ that brought Xavier College into existence, has nurtured its development and continues to inspire it into the future. The College came into existence as a result of the will of the local community, determined to have a regional Catholic Secondary school established in Gawler. It took shape in the hands of a Salesian Priest who had a vision of what a school with a Don Bosco philosophy of education might look and feel like in the 21st Century. These actions were adventurous, they were missionary in nature, and the Xavier College of 2004 is testament to their foresight and commitment.

The Anniversary is also an opportunity to reflect on the identity of the College; it is aptly named after St. Francis Xavier, a 16th Century missionary Priest who took the message of the Gospel into new territories, who went where others had not been before. In a similar vein, the College provides a Catholic education in the region of Gawler, an education that has values and systems that are based on the teachings of Jesus. In this way the College motto ‘One In Christ’ becomes evident. The educational environment at Xavier is profoundly shaped by the philosophy of the founder of the Salesian Order, St John Bosco. In his time he also ventured down new pathways, prescribing an educational theory considered radical. For Don (Father) Bosco, relationship and mutuality lays at the heart of the educational process. He called upon teachers to have a profound respect for each student’s individuality and freedom. To achieve that, the educator must come to know and value each individual and be able to care for the mind, body, heart and spirit of each one. Teachers need to ‘walk with’ students on their voyage of discovery of the world.

Welcome

We welcome the return of Mrs Aurora Reid, who is back after having spent Term 2 as the English and SOSE Coordinator at Kildare College. We also welcome a number of new members of staff; Ms Ann Rowett (Horticulture/Science), Ms Julie Walker (SOSE), Mrs Elizabeth Schwarz (English) and Mr Roger Greenhalgh (Grounds).

Subject Choices and the Future!

Term 3 is characteristically a period during which there is increased focus on the future. For senior students the increasing pressure of external assessment requirements is a reminder that the end of their school year is rapidly approaching. With this comes a realisation that there is ‘light at the end of the tunnel’ and for the majority of students this leads to a growing confidence in their ability to successfully reach the end and spurs them on to greater efforts over the remaining weeks. For Year 12 students, SATAC deadlines also bring the future into a sharp focus.

During this Term students in Years 8-11 are asked to consider subject choices for next year and for most, this relates directly to concerns beyond school. Student information sessions are held during the course of the Term and Parent Information evenings are conducted for parents of students currently in Years 8 and 10. It is my hope that all students give careful consideration to the significance of the decisions they will be required to make and embrace the opportunities that lie before them.
ACADEMIC AWARDS LIST
SEMESTER 1/TERM 2 2004

YEAR 8
Cassie Boland
Jessica East
Remy Low
Jessica Power
Rebecca Ramsbotham
Caitlin Thackray
Charlotte Berrill
Lachlan Greenhalgh
Madeleine Hallion
Samuel Harnett
Shamika Moore
Peta Orchison
Ben Powell
Martin Ryan
Nicole Van Loggem
Emma Asher
Jessica Asher
Olivia Clasohm
William Coad
Becky Couzner
Liesel Dunstan
Elise Hillebrand
Jessica James
Meredith Lane
Kia-Lee Llewellyn
Lachlan Martin
Elizabeth Rex
Michael Trimboli
Emily Warren-Smith
Robyn Williamson

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Caitlin Hennessy
Rachel Kilpatrick
Victoria Lewis
Stephanie Moore
Khala Penrose
Caitlin Ripley
Holly Staehr
Courtenay Trainor
Amy Van Loggem
Jennifer Boland
Emily Callander
Brittany Connaughton
Chevonne Craker
Leanne Gajewski
Ashlee Hall
Ryan Holt
Samantha Kondraciuk
Kathryn Koslowicz
Ninette Noto
Russell Pascoe
Stacey Seal
Tara Behen
Sara Carlino
Shae O’Callaghan
Rebecca Pierotti
Hayden Stevens
Laura Kellond
Bonnie Marsland
Amelia Mitchell
Brendan Moore
Cassie Holness
Heather Lee
Taryn Ovenden
Lee Pirch
Leonie Turrell
Alisha Johns
Kimberley Tauchnitz
Zac Anebury
Rachel Gavini
Aaron Lange
Adam Shanahan
Joshua Siviour
James Vine
Ashlee Bloffwitch
Rebecca Butcher
Nikki Connaughton
Andrew Davidson
Ashleigh Drumm
Sarah Gavini
Mark Harris
Emily Harrison
Michael Krawczyk
Hannah Noble
Clare O’Reilly
Rosalie Quiniones
Shaylee Rogers
Lauren Smith
Amy Songer
Sharna Scutchio
Jozef Warren-Smith

YEAR 11
Krystle Aunger
James Harvey
Hannah Murdoch
Rebecca Sheath
Sam Thoday
Jarryd Woods
Brent Bloffwitch
Peter Coleman
Robert Keane
Gregory Oates
Chloe Russell
Matthew Seccafien
Karlee Taylor
Cassie Wall
Thomas White
Karina Brennan
Chanelle Donaldson
Cathy Grillo

YEAR 12
Sarah Nicholas
Daniel Keane
Lauren Barker
Craig Bergen
Jade Buckley
Megan Gum
Annette Pogas
Frank Chiera
Sarah Drake
Tracey Gajewski
Ellen Lane
Erin Leahy
Joanne Musolino
Keryn Pearce
Andrew Sandford
Alyce McKay
Renae Cawthorne
Jonathon Costa
Heidi Hampel
Luke Howard
Christopher King
Gemma McLean
Tamara Scutchio
James Tauchnitz
Amy Tucker
XAVIER COLLEGE
GAWLER

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
1995–2004

Invites you to our
Inaugural Old Scholars Dinner
Saturday 28th of August, 2004
at
The Gawler Arms Hotel
Murray Street - Gawler

3 Course Meal
Cost: $25.00
(Drinks not included)

Tickets available through the College Office
from July 26th to August 13th
Phone: 8523 0088

This evening will be a great opportunity to catch up with other past students and teachers.
It is hoped that through this gathering we will be able to create an Old Scholars Association as a formal way of maintaining a link between the College and its past students.
National Science week
To celebrate National Science Week this year, David Lampard, the Science host of Channel 9’s popular children’s show “Y?”, will present the amazing CSIR...OH! Science Show.

David will perform two shows on Wednesday 25th August at Xavier College. Both shows are one hour long. Participation will be required by all Year 8 and 9 students. The cost of the show is $4.00. It would be appreciated if Consent forms and money could be returned asap.

Each show uses ordinary objects in extraordinary ways to demonstrate scientific principles in an uncomplicated and enlightening manner.

The Siemens Science Experience
This year, 31 University campuses will be conducting The Siemens Science Experience for over 3000 students. Students in Year 9 who have an interest in Science, Technology or Engineering, and wish to attend a three day science activities program in one of the universities, are welcome to attend. There is no selection process – any interested Year 9 student is welcome.

This is a Youth Service project of Rotary and the program has the support of the Australian Science Teachers Association. Application forms are available from Mr Rehn or www.scienceexperience.com.au

WILLASTON CEMETERY
It is apparent that several students are currently walking to and/or from school via the Willaston Cemetery. Various works have been undertaken to protect the vegetation surrounding the heritage listed cemetery and it would appear that students are interfering with this work. In the first instance I would hope that all students would have the appropriate respect for community property, in particular sacred places of this nature. Another concern however, is the fact that students taking this route are obviously engaging in the dangerous practice of crossing the Gawler Bypass Road. The 110km speed limit on this road and the high volume of traffic make this practice extremely dangerous, I urge parents to insist that students use the overpass to cross the highway.

Tertiary Education Week
August 13 - 20

All Tertiary Education institutions will hold open days over the course of this week, with a particular focus on Sunday, August 15. Specific details as to when the various University and TAFE campuses will be open are available from the Year 12 Study room (G8).
Xavier College Year 10 student Josh Scott has been selected in the South Australian Under 18 Australian Ice Hockey Championships to be played next week in Sydney. Josh, who is still eligible to play Under 16’s, has also been picked in the Under 16 South Australian Ice Hockey team to play in the Under 16 Australian Championships in Brisbane in four weeks time. Josh, an outstanding goal-keeper, has been playing ice-hockey for nearly 12 years and practices and plays at the Mt. Thebarton Ice Dome.

Xavier College's Year 8 Katie Thackray, an Under 13, competed recently in the 2004 ASA SCHOOLS 3.0 Km CROSS COUNTRY, held at the CBC Oval in Adelaide, and ran a very credible 12th position against girls well over a year older. Finishing only 1 minute behind the 3 place getters, Katie, who is eligible to run in the same event next year, can certainly aim for the winners medal. Well done Katie.

XAVIER COLLEGE YEAR 9 KO SOCCER TEAM

Coming off of a very comfortable victory over Faith in round 1, Xavier were confident in playing Trinity College in round 2. Basically, Xavier were comprehensively beaten by a very impressive Trinity side, 11-2. Getting away to a very bad start in gale force winds, Trinity had a goal on the board in the first minute of play. Xavier's Kieran McNally scored from a good solo effort at the 12th minute, however Trinity quickly responded with a further 3 goals before Sam Mullen again scored for Xavier at the 25th minute. Trinity then scored another unanswered 7 goals to win 11-2.

Xavier Goal Scorers: McNally, Mullen

Xavier Best Players: Aaron Fox, Kieran McGivern, Kieran McNally, Scott Lenton

XAVIER COLLEGE OPEN BOYS SOCCER

Defending Open Boys 2003 Soccer champions, Xavier College, were surprisingly knocked out in the second round of the championship by Paralowie High School, 2-1. Xavier scored first in the 20th minute when a fine ball from Matt Franklin, found Jonathon Pogus, who put it into the back of the net. From that point onwards, Xavier had more opportunities but couldn’t convert. Xavier hit the woodwork, shot from outside the box, failed to work the ball inside the box to effect more penetrating shots on goal and eventually saw the score level at 1-1 when Paralowie converted a penalty in the 25 minute of the second half. Paralowie then went on to score in the 32nd minute to go 2-1 up. Xavier failed to convert a penalty in the 34th minute and at the final whistle found themselves 2-1 down.

Xavier Goal Scorer: Pogus

Xavier Best Players: Chris Halkias, Bobby McGivern, Kraig Andrews.
Volunteers are urgently required in the Canteen to assist in the serving of food and preparation. NB no handling of money is required.

If you think you can help, please leave your name and phone number at the front office or telephone Karen on 85214517.

THE RAGE CAGE

The “Rage Cage” is a project that was put together by Elizabeth TAFE in conjunction with Playford City Council. The students will complete a fully operational recreational facility to be used by the community. The many activities incorporated into the “Rage Cage” include Basketball, skate ramps, in-line hockey, just to name a few.

The project was designed to give Secondary students an opportunity to harness their skills and abilities in an employment environment. Although the work is very hands on as opposed to the traditional classroom situation, there is also a strong emphasis on subjects like Maths and English. These subjects are necessary to carry out tasks such as calculating measurements and the reading of plans and following the instructions. The students are treated very much as an adult working in the construction field and with that comes a great deal of responsibility. The students have to learn how to use all the tools correctly and to an approved standard.

Full training is provided and the students gain experience by working on some smaller projects first, including the building of barbecues (as shown in the photographs.) The main trades that are covered in this project are: carpentry, welding and horticulture. On completion, the students will receive a Certificate 2 in their chosen field and also the possibility of securing an apprenticeship in those fields. The students involved so far have found it a very positive experience and a great confidence booster. It is hoped more projects like this can be developed in the future to enable more students to enjoy the positive and rewarding experience the “Rage Cage” has given them.

Wendy Goldfinch
Youth Worker

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

STS INFORMATION EVENINGS

In Year 12? What are you doing next year? Always wanted to be an exchange student, but you think its too late now, well it’s not! Closing date for applications to become as STS exchange student next January 2005, is October 15th, 2004. STS HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION are having two information evenings for high school students and their parents and friends to find out about the fantastic opportunity to become an exchange student to the country of your choice. Students can go on exchange in either January or August for a semester or a school year or for a term in Jan, April or Aug. Students are eligible from the age of 15 to 18 years of age so high school students from year 8 to 12 are invited.

Come along, no obligation, to one of our Information Evenings to be held in the Colonel Light Room of the Rydges South Park Adelaide Motor Inn, corner South and West Terraces, Adelaide on Monday, 2nd August or Wednesday, 18 August. Commencing at 7.30 pm each evening, students will have the chance to speak to returnees who have been on exchange and have all your questions answered about becoming an STS exchange student. For any enquiries and/or to make your booking please phone Kath Melbourne on 08-83711660, 9 am to 9 pm any day.