The safety and well being of students is our highest priority. In order to ensure accurate communication between school and home, the following procedure for notifying the College about student absences will be adopted:

1. Notification of student absences via the designated parent phone-in line. The message bank will enable messages to be left at anytime overnight through to 9am. After this time it will be necessary to phone the College Reception using the College's normal phone number.
2. After 10am, if a student is absent without notification, a parent will be phoned by the Youth Worker regarding the absence.
3. The above procedure will supersede the requirement to write diary notes to explain absences, although a late arrival to school will still require a diary note.
4. If a student arrives to school late, failure to sign the late book may result in a parent being phoned.

The Canteen is in desperate need of volunteers. If you can spare three hours a week, fortnight or month it would be greatly appreciated. No handling of money. Serving and preparation of food only. If interested please phone our friendly canteen staff on 85-214517 or front office on 85-230088.
From the Principal

Where has the year gone?
Term 4 is here again and we are already engaged in the process of farewelling our graduating class and at the same time actively planning for 2005.

At the beginning of the year I suggested to Year 12 students that the year would pass quickly and that they should make the most of every moment. Many students have made a point of telling me that the message didn't sink in at the time but now they are left wondering where the time has gone. This experience is indicative of life in general and a reminder to us all that each moment passes so quickly and represents an opportunity that we won't ever experience again, each too precious to let slip by without embracing it fully. This will be all too apparent to parents fortunate enough to dance with their son or daughter at the Graduation Dinner.

The graduating class of 2004 will always be a particularly memorable group for me personally, being the first during my time as Principal at Xavier. I will however also remember them very fondly as being an outstanding group, they provided excellent leadership to the younger year levels, were enthusiastically committed to all aspects of school life and maintained a very strong and cohesive bond between themselves. Their retreat experience was one conspicuous example of their solidarity.

The host of end of year events for Year 12 students will each signal and celebrate the reality that they are but moments from beginning the next of life’s adventures, grappling with post school education, training, the workforce and all of the relationships that are framed in the journey of life.

For all students the remainder of Term 4 will also pass quickly and I encourage each to use the vast array of quality learning opportunities that will be available to them. I hope each student is inspired to maximise their potential. I am certainly looking forward to celebrating student achievement at the Arts moderation evening, the Food and Hospitality dinner, the Greet Presentation evening, at end of year House assemblies and of course at our special 10th Anniversary College Presentation Night (refer to the Term 4 dates listed on page 1).

The preparation for 2005 also plays a significant part during the term. The process of selecting new College Leaders has already commenced, subject and course selections for 2005 are almost complete with only some final counselling remaining to be done. The process of inducting the 2005 Year 8 cohort will also begin towards the end of term, and 207 young people will be introduced to school life at Xavier College.

Congratulations
Over the course of the last month three members of staff, Ms Sabrina DeRosa, Ms Melissa Bisa and Ms Wendy Goldfinch each celebrated their wedding day. On behalf of the whole school community I wish them and their respective spouse every happiness for the future.

At this time of the year a number of staff members accept new appointments at other schools and some are chosen for significant leadership positions in Catholic education. I congratulate each person on their new appointment and whilst each will be acknowledged in various ways at the end of the year, I would like to publicly announce the appointment of Mr Anthony Sutton to the position of Director of School Operations at Kildare College and the appointment of Mr Paul Belton to the position of Head of Senior School at Rostrevor College.

Mission Action – Operation Swaghi
In the last newsletter I made special mention of Operation Swaghi, our commitment to help improve the living conditions for the people of Swaghi, a small Salesian mission in the Solomon Islands. Year 12 students have started the operation very positively and have already raised nearly $1000. The focus will now shift to other year levels to support the appeal and really make a difference to the lives of others.

Rock Eisteddfod – Finale!
Following a very successful performance at the recent Rock Eisteddfod Final evening, at which the Xavier College team received the award of ‘Excellence for Drug Awareness’, the team was invited to perform as part of the pre-match entertainment at the Premier League Soccer Grand Final at Hindmarsh Stadium this Friday evening, October 29. Congratulations Mrs Both and all involved!

Lynn Martin
Principal
The Xavier College Pedal Prix Teams put the pedal to the metal when they attacked the 24 hour Australian International Pedal Prix event over the weekend of September 18/19 at Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge.

200 teams entered the hotly contested event totalling about 2500 riders. The junior team 2Fast4U consisting of Khye Nelson, Mark Harris, Eric Steeves, Leo Shackley, Adam Newton, Angus Bruggemann, Kieran Meaney and Bradley Wright completed a gruelling 500 kms including a number vehicle flips. The senior team XLR8 consisting of David Roberts, Sarah Drake, Heath Varcoe, David Courts, Simon Reichelt, Sam Angus and Michael Roberts completed a sensational 700 kms. Special thanks to sponsors Autopro Gawler, Neds Emporium, Gawler Windscreens, Carline Gawler, Old Bushmans Hotel, Steinborners, Signcraft, Holco and Tyrepower Mallala. Special thanks to Reto Gasser for his culinary delights and Mrs Harris for organising the catering.

Leo Shackley in action

For all uniform enquiries please phone the Uniform Shop direct on 85-214547. If not attended, please leave a message.

OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 4

Mondays
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursdays
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

If you have any necklaces or beads that are no longer fashionable or have come off their string or you just don’t want PLEASE donate them to be made into rosary beads to be sent to the missions.

All donations to be handed into the front office or the bookroom.

If you purchased FROM JULY 1 2004 check to see if you have one of he following models:

**Selected Dunlop and Malvern Star bicycle models**

If you have one of the affected bicycles, please return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.
Celebrating 10 Years of Catholic Education

10th Anniversary Wine and Glasses Order Form

A limited edition red and white wine and specially engraved wine glasses have been produced to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Xavier College. To acquire these once in a lifetime memorabilia items, please complete the form below and return with payment to Xavier College, PO Box 1566, Gawler, SA, 5118. Due to liquor licensing laws, the wine may only be distributed on one day. Please note that this date will be advised in the near future.

The red wine is a 2001 Shiraz Cabernet from the McLaren Vale region. Its characteristics are plum, chocolate and spice, blackberry-smooth and delicious. The cost is $15 per bottle or purchase 6 bottles or more at $14 per bottle.

The white wine is a 2002 Chardonnay from the South East of SA. Its characteristics are refreshing peach and melon. The wine won a Blue/Gold medal at the 2003 Sydney International Wine Challenge. The cost is $10 per bottle or purchase 6 bottles or more at $9 per bottle.

Please note, mixed purchases of 6 bottles or more will sell at the cheaper price per bottle.

Specially engraved 10th Anniversary wine glasses - $7.50 per glass

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