Xavier News

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10TH ANNIVERSARY
XAVIER DAY

“A photo says a thousand words”

Xavier day celebrations commenced with a community Mass in the gymnasium. Fr Laurie (an original staff member), Fr Jim and Fr Germano lead our Eucharistic celebration as a strong reminder of what binds us together as a community and what was the primary motivation for the establishment of the College 10 years ago.

House morning teas were followed by an array of activities from camp cooking to jewellery making. A lunchtime concert and then a second round of activities followed and the magnificent weather complemented what was a wonderful day.

Rebecca Tucker singing “Avé Maria” during Mass on Xavier Day.

Procession during Mass on Xavier Day. Flag bearers are: Rhiannon Cavanagh and Darian Abley.

A Car Service session was provided on Xavier Day. Pictured are l-r Adrian Beacham, Rob Welsh, Tristan Von Allworden, Terry Russell, Jack Howard, Ainsley Conroy and Greg Bockelberg.

Music was a popular session during Xavier day. Pictured from l-r are:- Anthony Richards, James Jehle and Craig Drumm.

CALENDAR DATES

Sept 13th - Sept 17th
- Trial Exams Yr 12

Friday Sept 24th
- End of Term 3

Monday Oct 11th
- Staff PD Day
- (Student Free Day)

Tuesday Oct 12th
- Term 4 Commences

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“a school of the future in the present”
From the Principal
This newsletter is certainly full of highlights! It is indicative of the busyness of school life and the broad range of activities that form part of the learning process.

Visit by Archbishop Philip Wilson
The Archbishop is making a conscious attempt to make personal contact with the young people within the Adelaide Archdiocese. His approach is to speak informally with Year 11 students in each Catholic secondary school. His visit to Xavier included spending an hour and half with the Year 11 cohort, speaking briefly to them before responding to the numerous questions they posed about everything from life as an Archbishop to social justice issues and through to deeper theological questions about heaven and hell. This was followed by morning tea with the students, recess with the staff before a brief meeting with the College Executive.

Xavier Day
The front-page photos say it all: a great day was had by all! The way in which staff and students engage in all aspects of the day is reflective of a spirit filled community. Many thanks go to Ms Rawady and Mr Watson for their organisation leading up to the day.

Inaugural Old Scholars Dinner
Over one hundred old scholars, along with past and present staff members, gathered in the Gawler Arms Function Centre for an historic occasion, the first formal gathering of Xavier College Old Scholars. The evening was a very lively occasion with much reminiscing on school days. I was impressed with the number in attendance and their enthusiastic view about the possibilities of a Xavier Old Scholars Association. A number have already put their names down for the purpose of forming a committee.

Arts/Music Evening
The Music night has been a feature on the College calendar for a number of years and provides an opportunity for students involved in the music program to perform for an audience, many for the first time. This year the evening was expanded to be an expose of student work across the range of ‘The Arts’. Displays of student art work along with graphic design and multi-media presentations provided visual accompaniment to the musical performances. It was a wonderful night that was well attended by a receptive audience. Congratulations to Ms Meakin, Ms Piggott and all the teachers involved, the evening certainly provided strong acclamation for their work.

Knights of the Southern Cross – Year 8 Interschool Sports Carnival
Champions again! Congratulations to all Year 8 students who successfully defended the Knights of the Southern Cross Trophy. Established as a combined sports carnival between Xavier College, St Columba College and Thomas More College, the competition includes round robin tournaments in Basketball (boys and girls), Football (boys), Netball (girls), Soccer (boys and girls) and Table Tennis (mixed). Xavier won five of the seven tournaments.

Greet ‘Employer’s Breakfast’
Federal and State Members of Parliament, the Mayor of Gawler and representatives from a large number of the businesses that engage our students in ‘Structured Work Placements’ attended the annual Greet ‘Employer’s Breakfast’. Nearly 200 Xavier College senior students will have undertaken formal work placements over the course of the year and this event was a strong affirmation of the excellent relationships that exist between local businesses and Greet. A number of Xavier’ students assisted at the breakfast and Rebecca Foreman delivered an impressive presentation on the benefits that she has gained from her involvement in the program.

Welcome
I am pleased to welcome Mr Paul Belton to the Xavier College teaching staff. Paul’s most recent school based experience was as Director of Student Development at St Michael’s College, a position he held up until 1999. To some he may be better known through his exploits on the football field and more recently as Chief Executive Officer of the Port Adelaide ‘Magpies’. He will be teaching primarily in the areas of Religious Education and Mathematics. This position became available following the move of Mr Peter Cristarella to St Paul’s College.

In closing I would like to pass on the Archbishop’s thanks to all who attended the Memorial Mass for Fr Handley. The Archbishop was determined to preside over a Mass as an Archdiocesan acknowledgement of the contribution that Fr Handley made to the whole Catholic community of South Australia. He was particularly pleased that the Mass was well supported by families from the College. Again my thanks to Mr Watson and to all those directly involved in the Liturgy, especially to Rebecca Tucker whose rendition of Avé Maria was particularly moving.

Lynn Martin
Principal
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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**FREE PARENT/CARER INFORMATION EVENING**

"YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK"

Information will include focus on issue of self harm and how to plan for safety with your young person.

A panel representing CAMHS, Shopfront, DECS and the Northern Division of GP’s will also be available to answer your questions

Resource Packs available on the night

Please choose which date you would like to attend:

- **26th October 2004**
  - 7 – 9pm
  - Playford Grenville Centre

- **16th September 2004**
  - 7 – 9pm
  - Gawler Health Service

**A light supper will be provided**

RSVP to CAMHS Northern Region:

Ph. 8252 0133

**Agencies involved:**

CAMHS  
Gawler Health Service  
DECS  
Relationships Australia  
City of Playford  
Shopfront  
(Northern Metropolitan CHS)  
Northern Division of GP’s

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**The Barossa District is hosting:**

**A sessions for parents and community members entitled:**

**DEMYSTIFYING ADOLESCENTS**

When: Thursday 21 October 2004, 7:00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.  
Cost: $15.00 (incl GST)

Where: The Vine Inn, Murray Street, Nuriootpa

**Presented by: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**

Described recently by the Sunday Age, as one of the country’s leading authorities on teenage behaviour, Michael is an Adolescent Psychologist working at the Albert Road Centre for Health in Melbourne. He specialises in the area of parenting adolescents and adolescent mental health.

Michael has worked in private practice as a family therapist, child psychologist and clinical psychologist, as an academic, researcher and he spent four years working as a political lobbyist.

Michael has extensive experience in the media having spent almost two years as Channel 7’s health psychologist on "11AM" - a morning television program that was shown nationally in Australia and in 2002 worked on the Today Show for Channel 9. In 2002 Michael was asked to be the official psychologist to Girlfriend Magazine, the largest selling magazine for young women in Australia. He has also recently been asked to advise the script writing team for the teenage soapy 'Neighbours'.

Last year Michael completed his first book ADOLESCENCE - A GUIDE FOR PARENTS, co written with Erin Shale now in its third edition. 2004 saw the publication of SURVIVING YEAR 12, a life manual written specifically to help students and their parents cope with the stresses of the final year of secondary school.

Registration will only be accepted with payment by **COB Friday 15 October ’04** to

Kate Lloyd: Level 1, Elizabeth House, Oxenham Drive, Elizabeth 5112

Cheques made payable to: Department of Education & Children's Services
**Open Boys Knockout Football v Kadina**

Xavier College carried on its good form in the Open Boys Football defeating Kadina at Balaklava Oval 21-9=135 to 9-6=60. On what was a great day for football, Xavier started the game very slowly and it wasn’t until the 10 minute mark of the first quarter that we registered our first goal. From then on it was all one way traffic with Xavier dominating in the ruck with Peter Curtis giving Keiran Sankey, Beau Baird and Kevin Smyth first use of the ball out of the centre and delivering to our forwards. Daniel Havelberg was outstanding at centre half forward taking at least 15 marks and kicking 3 goals, while Luke Liccione was not to be out done kicking 6 goals from full forward. Our back line held strong throughout the day and was led by Leigh East holding down their key forward and with the assistance of Daniel Hatcher and Scott Moss, Kadina were held to just 3 goals in the last half. With this victory, it is the first time the Open team have made it through to the Semi Finals.

**Best Players:** Havelberg, Walton, Liccione, L. East, Curtis, B.Griffiths, Smyth, Baird.

**Goal Kickers:** Liccione 6, Griffiths 4, Havelberg, Walton, Fedele 3, Sankey 2.

**Open Boys Knockout Football v MNSC**

Xavier College again travelled to Balaklava Oval, this time to play Mid North Secondary Schools in the semi finals to see who would advance to the final to be played at NAP Oval. In what turned out to be a one sided affair MNSC were too strong and skillful and defeated Xavier College, 16-13=109 to 5-5=35.

Xavier were shell shocked from the first bounce with MNSC dominating the centre square and scoring 2 quick goals within the first 2 minutes. Luke Howard battled well in the ruck and was getting first hand to the ball but their midfielders read the ball better. MNSC continued its form throughout the second quarter and at half time were leading Xavier 10-8 to 0-3. The second half was a little more competitive scoring 5-5 to MNSC 6-3.

**Best Players:** Sankey, Howard, Walton.

**Goal Kickers:** Griffiths, Lamont 2, Montgomerie 1.

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For the second year in a row the **XAVIER COLLEGE** Year 8 students won the annual sports carnival held between Thomas More College, St.Columba College and Xavier College.

Held last Friday, on a brilliant Spring day, all students competed in a very fair manner and seemed to enjoy themselves. To win the shield, Xavier College were successful in the netball, girls and boys basketball, girls soccer and table tennis. Xavier were runner-up in the boys soccer and football competitions.

A great deal of effort was put into the day by a number of middle school students who acted as coaches/managers and umpires and this helped to make the day a wonderful success. Many thanks, also, to the Knights of the Southern Cross organisation, for supporting this annual event.

**Rick Drewer:** Sports Co-Ordinator
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
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Opening Hours during School Holidays will be Monday 11th October:-

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm