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:

- **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.
- **After 10am, if a student is absent without notification, a parent will be phoned by the Youth Worker regarding the absence.**
- 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.
- **If a student arrives to school late, failure to sign the late book may result in a parent being phoned.**

**ROCK EISTEDDFOD FINALE**

Congratulations to everyone involved in the Rock Eisteddfod. An outstanding performance in the 2004 Final resulted in Xavier College receiving the Award of Excellence for Drug Awareness.
From the Principal

This Sunday is recognised on the Church calendar as ‘Social Justice Sunday’. It is used by the Council of Australian Bishops to highlight the greatest challenge that confronts our global community, the inequitable distribution of the world’s resources. Most Australian families share substantial wealth in comparison to the poor in our local community and when compared to the vast majority of families who live in neighbouring countries. Our willingness to assist those in need is not only a test of our Christian responsibility, but the only way of ensuring global stability and international peace.

One way the Xavier College community is planning to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves is through ‘OPERATION SWAGHI II’. From the beginning of Term 4 we will work to support the missionary efforts of the Salesians in the Solomon Islands, specifically the village of Swaghi. The College provided some initial financial support to the people of Swaghi last year and the pictures below show the impact of our efforts.

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The financial aid that Xavier College sent to Swaghi last year was used in two ways. Firstly to support the building of a new classroom and secondly to help the mothers to provide uniforms for their children. Through purchasing 3 sewing machines, the women have been able to not only provide uniforms for their own students but also established a business supplying uniforms and clothing to the other villages in the Mission. Xavier College has helped create the first business within the Swaghi village economy. The business is not only clothing many children, but is also providing an income for the village.

The following are extracts from a letter that was sent to the Xavier College community from three mothers from the Swaghi Catholic Community:

To our generous friends
Thank you very much for your wonderful assistance. It is very nice of you to have offered these gifts to our needy Catholic Mothers Union. The money was used to purchase sewing machines and now the mothers can sew clothes for themselves and their families. It has also enabled us to generate income through sales of the clothes.

The Chiefs and Elders of our community are also grateful.
We still dream of a better future and we do hope that you will one day visit us.
Once again thank you very much for your assistance and we wish you a good life in what ever you do.

Chairperson  Hellen Mae
Secretary  Sarah Ngelea
Treasurer  Goreti Pathea

The Salesians once again need our support to help the Swaghi community fund the building of their next classroom. During ‘Operation: Swaghi II’, each student will be asked to make a donation through their RE class.
A Review by Zac Jamieson.
On Tuesday, 7 September 2004, 11 Xavier College students met with Andy Griffiths, the author of children’s books such as The Bad Book, Just Tricking and Just Crazy. Andy Griffiths was speaking about his new and funny book called The Bad Book. He read some of his latest funny jokes such as Q. Why did the boy fall off his bike? A. Because his mum threw a fridge at him. Q. Why did the boy fail his maths test? A. Because his mum threw a fridge at him. Q. Why did the boy suffer multiple fractures, internal bleeding, crushed vertebrae, ruptured organs, brain damage, massive bruising and a sore thumb? A. Because he was hit by a truck. His speech was very interesting. We really liked the jokes he made. After he had spoken to us some of the Xavier College people went to Andy Griffiths and he signed all of the books we had bought. We very much liked meeting Andy Griffiths.

Zac Jamieson positions the poster advertising “Zombie Bums from Uranus” by Andy Griffiths, to maximum effect.

Foster carers wanted for overnight, weekend and longer term care. We welcome a range of people - people with or without partners, people retired or working. We can work around your lifestyle. Training, support and reimbursement provided.

Please call Rowena at Anglicare on 8256 2185.
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Youth Matters
Sunday September 26, 2004

Theme: Dialogue with young people on faith and life

Guest
Archbishop Philip Wilson
and
the launch of preparations for
WYD 2005 with reflections by pilgrims
from past World Youth Days

Official symbol of World Youth Day
Cologne Germany 2005

Come along ... be encouraged, challenged, affirmed, inspired ...
Cathedral Hall, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide
Commencing at 3.30 pm
Please join us afterwards for the monthly
“Celebrate Youth” Mass at 6 pm in the Cathedral.
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