IN MEMORIUM

POPE JOHN PAUL II
1920 TO 2005

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From the Principal

As a Catholic school we form an integral part of a global community, the Catholic Church – the word church means a community of believers with a common faith – and like any group, structures play a role in binding the community together. In the case of the Catholic Church the role of the Pope is of great significance.

The Papal role is central to what connects 1.3 billion Catholics worldwide, structurally and even more importantly, in terms of its spiritual leadership. The Pope represents the presence of Jesus Christ on earth, as successor of St Peter.

Pope John Paul II has been Pope for 26 years and is the 3rd longest serving Pope in history. He will be remembered by Catholics for his strong and unwavering stance on the dignity of every human being and on the value of life. He will be remembered by the global community for the role he played in uniting Europe and bringing down the Iron Curtain that figurative separated East and West and the Berlin Wall, which literally stood between East and West Germany for much of the 20th century. Similarly, he will be remembered for his efforts to bring world religions together in dialogue and for his ecumenical role within the Christian Churches.

His determination to travel to all corners of the globe was unprecedented and despite his age, he made journeys to 129 countries to speak to communities throughout the world.

A death experience makes a community stop and reflect on who we are and to focus on the things that hold us together. The death of Pope John Paul II and the process of electing a new Pope is a powerful reminder of what holds together the Universal Catholic Church. We can celebrate the life of Pope John Paul II and in doing so celebrate the life and vitality of the Catholic Church – a people of faith.

Lynn Martin
Principal

XAVIER COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2005

Rachel Kilpatrick boils her mum a ‘cold’ cuppa on Open Day

Mr Searle demonstrates pressure on Open Day in the Science Laboratory

COLLEGE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Many people who made, or were attempting to make contact with Xavier College over the last week will have encountered problems. Of particular concern was the loss of messages left on the Absentee Line, a fault which was due to our intermittent phone service at the time. We believe that these problems have now been rectified and thank callers for their understanding.

The College Open Day on Sunday, April 3, was an outstanding success. Over 400 people participated in conducted tours of the College, seeing first hand the facilities and observing a wide variety of curriculum displays. Thanks to the College staff for their work in preparing for the occasion and for giving of their time on the day. Thanks also to the students who volunteered to proudly show off their school.
VERBAL COMBAT

On Wednesday the 23rd of March Brainstorm Productions came to our school to present to the Year 8’s and 9’s, ‘Verbal Combat.’ Verbal Combat was about two female and two male characters. The two girls were Emily the ‘new girl’ and Gabrielle, the ‘tag-along’ of Katrina ‘the Queen Bee’. The two boys were Rocky a nice guy who got sucked into to do other people’s dirty work and Daniel, a nice guy that became Emily’s friend and then in the end turns against her.

The performance was about how bullying can dramatically effect people’s feelings. They can be little things or great big things.

If you are being bullied, whether it’s by rumours, text messages, e-mails or even just petty little things: REPORT IT!! to a teacher or a trusted adult.

On behalf of Xavier College we would like to thank Brainstorm Productions for coming to our school and presenting this performance to the year 8’s and 9’s.

Sarah Pitt and Nicole Pirri
Year 8

THERE ARE PROFITS TO BE MADE IN HORTICULTURE!

During term 1 the Middle School Horticulture class have been growing and producing horticultural products to sell to the staff at Xavier College.

The project involved the students using herbs, plants and flowers grown in the Horticulture Centre. The students brainstormed ideas as to what items would be popular to sell. From there they created a business proposal which included the development of a business name, business card and an advertising campaign.

After discussing terms, such as profit and loss, the students identified positive approaches in which to manage a business and essentially make a profit.

Students utilised other facilities within the school such as the Home Economics Centre’s industrial kitchen.

A very big thank you to Mr Gasser for his time and generosity. Congratulations to the students involved. They all worked very well.

Miss Rowett
Teacher
ROTARY VOCATIONAL DINNER

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the annual Vocational Dinner held by the Rotary Club of Gawler.

Renai Whitney, Jamie Gniek, Jarrad Noble, Ben Seal, Jarrad Cavanagh, Damien Hillebrand, Ryan Chasolm, James Williams and Paul Fennescey. Each student was an excellent ambassador for Xavier College and can be very proud of themselves.

Their participation enabled the Rotarians to develop a clearer understanding of the GREET Inc program and the benefits students and schools have received by participating in the Structured Work Placement program. The manner in which they conducted themselves and their articulation when speaking to the employers attested to their maturity and the depth of talent amongst young people in our region.

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK
9TH TO 17TH APRIL 2005

Look out for local events.
Check out www.youthweek.com

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING TIMES

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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The College is seeking assistance in the form of volunteers for the school Canteen. Duties are preparation and serving of food. No handling of money is required.

If you can contribute to the school in this manner, even if only once or twice a term, please contact Karen on 85214517 or the College Administration 85230088.

Thank you to 3 special women – Liza Cavanagh, Gill Chammen and Trish Parnell - who assisted with Canteen duties on Sports Day. Without your help, the Canteen on the day could not have worked.

Karen Stacey

PREMIER FOR A DAY 2005

You could win a day to spend with the Premier, and an opportunity to share with him your vision for South Australia.

How to enter
Tell us in 250 words or less if you were ‘Premier for a Day’ what you would do for South Australia. If you decide to designIT or snapIT take 25 words or less to explain your design or photo.

Online : Entries can be submitted online at www.premierviewday.com.au

Entries close Friday 29th April 2005

ANZAC DAY 2005—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year the April 24th Celebrate Youth Mass at 6pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral coincides with the eve of the 90th anniversary of the landing of ANZACS at Gallipoli.

The Archbishop has invited young people across the Archdiocese to join with him in a special Eucharistic celebration to commemorate and give thanks for the sacrifice made by our fellow Australians during times of conflict and to pray for peace during these troubled times.

During this Mass 90 young people (approximately 13 to 30 years of age) representing the 90 years that have passed since the Anzacs landed at Gallipoli will be invited to prepare for a Peace Pilgrimage from the Cathedral to the War Memorial led by Archbishop Philip Wilson. They will lay flowers in a simple ceremony of remembrance at the War Memorial as part of the Anzac Day Youth Vigil Ceremony after the Mass.

Xavier College has been asked to nominate two representatives from our College community to be part of this special Eucharistic celebration and to join the Peace Pilgrimage.

If you are willing to be a representative please see Mr Martin.

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