A Creed of mine which contains my beliefs is:
I believe that everyone has the right to an education, whether they can pay for it or not.
I believe that everyone has the right to pick and choose their own friends, and does not have to like the person that everyone else likes.
I believe in a person’s right to their opinion, no matter what the subject.
I believe that everyone has the right to feel safe, and that the environment that they are in should be safe.
I believe that everyone can look the way they want to, and not have to follow trends to stay cool.
I believe that you should love and support your family as much as you can, and let them support you.
I believe that everyone should not tease or pay out someone because of their race, sex, age, looks or style.

Jarrad Brennan

Creed
As a teenager I believe we should look after the environment for future generations, we should have a good education to give us a head start and to guide us through life.
We as teenagers should respect everyone, even people with different views, beliefs and backgrounds.
We should be loyal and trustworthy to family and friends.

Adam Bannear

The Oath of Julieanne Teague
I believe in living life to the fullest, Going to school and making friends.
I believe we all have rights and can choose our friends based on our personalities.
Through this we learn about others and ourselves.
We learn our strengths and learn that we don’t know everything.
I believe that we should try to respect others even though they bug us.
We should make people feel welcome no matter the colour of their skin or what sex they are.

Julieanne Teague

Personal Creed
As a teenager in today’s society I believe in respecting
• All family members
• All friends
• Ourselves
• All people unless given a good reason not to
I believe teenagers have the right to be
• Individual in themselves, in what they do, in how they act
• Truthful to ourselves and all others
• Respected in what we do and how we look.
I believe we should
• Take pride and care in all our work
• Listen to opinions and points of view
And this is what we stand by.

Nicole Van Loggem

CALENDAR DATES
Tues 8th March
Board AGM

Wed 9th March
Athletics Carnival

Wed 16th March
Parent/Teacher evening

Fri 25th March
Good Friday

Mon 28th March
Easter Monday

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I wrote this brief reflection after having watched the Year 8 co-hort leave Xavier College to take up residence at Victor Harbor. There was a buzz of excitement as they headed off in a convoy of buses with great expectations for their camp and the three days ahead. It prompted me to think about school life and the range of activities that students are engaged in during their time at school. The traditional 3R’s still form a primary part of what is taught but the curriculum now spans a wide range of disciplines and provides students with a breadth of learning opportunities. Beyond the confines of the classroom, students are also presented with myriad opportunities to develop skills and to about learn about life and relationships, to form a relationship with God and to discover more about themselves. The approach is to make learning as exciting and inviting as possible. The purpose is to develop in students a love of learning in the broadest sense, in the hope that it will become a life-long pursuit. This is central to the vision for Xavier College and part of the dream that Fr Dennis Handley shared with those who have shaped this school community.

You will receive this newsletter on the eve of the first anniversary of the death of Fr. Dennis Handley. It is an opportune moment to again reflect on both the physical and spiritual impact that he had on this community. The life of each and every one of us is richer for his devotion to Xavier College and for that for which it stands. Fr. Handley’s adopted motto reminds us of the man and should also serve to inspire our own endeavours.

May the Risen Christ keep me young for God’s greater glory – young, that is, optimistic, active, smiling, perceptive.

Mr Lynn Martin
Principal

Xavier College Annual General Meeting
To be held in the Marian Room
Tuesday, March 8, 2005
At 7pm
ALL WELCOME

Have you ever considered the possibility of supporting Xavier College by serving on the College Board? Your skills and commitment to Xavier will enhance the capacity of the College to provide an excellent education for your children into the future. Positions become vacant this year, please consider nominating yourself or someone else. Nominations must be forwarded to the Principal’s Secretary by 4 pm Monday, March 7, 2005.

The Agenda for the meeting will be as follows:
- Opening Prayer
- Present and Apologies
- Minutes of the Previous AGM
- Report of the Chair, Mrs Ann Parnell
- Report of the Principal, Mr Lynn Martin
- Report of the Finance Committee
- Elections
- General Business

Supper will be provided after the meeting.

Enrolment of Students for Year 8, 2006

Xavier College is now accepting enrolments for the 2006 school year in Year 8.
Applications for Year 8, 2006 need to be forwarded to the College Secretary, Mrs. Jane Montgomerie, by Friday, 15th April.

Enrolment Application Forms and College Information Packs are available from the school office.
For further information contact the College Secretary during school hours
Telephone 8523 0088, Fax 8523 0916
e-mail secretary@xavier.sa.edu.au

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The first round of interviews for parents of students in Years 8 – 12 is scheduled for Wednesday 16 March.

The process for interviews will be different this year. Interviews will be in two blocks; from 2pm – 5pm and then from 6pm – 9pm. All teaching staff will be available during both sessions but will be having dinner between 5pm and 6pm.

We will not be making appointments for interviews.

You are asked to simply turn up and see the teachers you wish to see. Interviews will be kept to 5 or 6 minutes in duration to allow all parents to see teachers. Should you believe you need a longer interview you are asked to make an appointment for another time to have that interview.

Teachers look forward to the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with you so hope that you will make time to attend the interviews. A reminder letter will be sent home early next week.
ATHLETICS DAY
Wednesday 9th March

The annual Athletics Day is almost upon us. We have seen 800m and 1500m events run during lunchtimes, with 4 records being broken already! Students have been learning the skills of many field events through their Be Active sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We welcome and encourage parents to come along and enjoy the day, and maybe even watch a star athlete of the future.

If there are any parents who have a background in athletics of some description, and would like to help out on the day, could they please telephone me at school on 8523 0088. Hope to see you next Wednesday!

Mr Dan Searle
Sports Administrator

What are the benefits of playing a sport?

While researching information about the benefits of playing a sport for my Information Technology project, I have found that it is not fixed on the physical side, but that playing a sport can:

- encourage
- Improved self-esteem
- more confidence
- self-discipline
- teamwork
- leadership skills and
- co-operation

Believing in yourself can also help in playing a sport. If you have courage to play, for playing and not for winning or being the best, then you’ll do great. But kids who think that they won’t do well or have only negative things to say about themselves, they’ll start believing the negatives and won’t try so hard to have fun and have a go.

I say, have a go and enjoy it!

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5: 8-14;

It’s often difficult for us to see things from a different perspective, to see with new eyes if you like. It’s also a great challenge to walk in the light of new sight. Seeing with new eyes usually demands a new level of responsibility for our lives. In Ephesians, St Paul reminds that the effects of new sight are “complete goodness, right living and truth.” So new sight is not just a matter of seeing, but a matter of living. In our first Reading from the first book of Samuel, we have as our model, the way in which God looks at us and our world: God does not see as we see; we look at appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart.” A part of this new sight that God calls us to share, is the readiness to allow others to see with new eyes as well as ourselves.

The Eucharist is central to my life as a Priest. Have you thought about Priesthood lately?

If you would like to know more about Priesthood, contact me,
Fr Dean Marin, on 8214 8244 (Tuesdays)
or email me at stxavier@senet.com.au

Our next Inquirer’s Mass for anyone interested in the Priesthood is at St Raphael’s Church, 21 Young St, Parkside on Friday, April 1, at 7.30 pm.
**Year 9 Knock Out Cricket Competition**

**Xavier College:**
All out for 154 (30.5 overs)
Top scores: 
S. Lay 69, T. Ruediger 24, M. Ryan 19
Best Bowling: 
M. Ryan 4/14 (5.2 overs)
K. O'Callaghan 2/16 (7 overs),
T. Ruediger 2/23 (6 overs)

**Fremont-Elizabeth High School:**
All out for 95 (29.2 overs)
Top Scores:
Graham 18, Ryan 15 n.o.
Best Bowling:
Wilson 2/22 (3 overs),
Naylor 2/9 (3 overs),
Sobels 2/9(3 overs).

Xavier College won the toss and elected to bat first. In the first over Fremont-Elizabeth had Xavier College on the back foot due to an early dismissal. Shaun Lay and Martin Ryan then steadied the ship with a fine partnership that set up the innings. Lay scored 12 fours on his way to 69, he dazzled the crowd with outstanding stroke play and solid defence. The partnership was finally broken in the 15th over and Xavier College was in a good position to make a large total. Tyson Ruediger came to the crease in the middle of the innings, in less than two overs he was able to knock up a quick fire 24 before falling to an outstanding Wilson delivery. The tail failed to wag, putting on only 19 runs. Xavier College had set Fremont-Elizabeth the task of Chasing 155 for the win.

Fremont-Elizabeth began the run chase with a steady opening partnership, which put on 22. It was broken with a scorching delivery from Aaron Parsloe that trapped Naylor in front of the wickets. Ruediger and O'Callaghan proceeded to tear through the top order leaving Fremont-Elizabeth at a precarious 5/48. A stroke of brilliance from the captain (Lay) saw Martin Ryan take the ball. Ryan proceeded to bowl a mixed bag of spin that had 4 batsman sent back to the pavilion, and only 14 runs scored off his 5.2 overs.

The outstanding individual performances, as well as the great team effort and a stellar fielding performance of the Xavier College cricket team saw them get over the line with a 59 run win. A great effort by all players of both teams.

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**AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS**

**Youth Donor Program 2005**

Are you aged 16 and over? If so, you have the opportunity to become a Youth Donor Ambassador. The Australian Red Cross are looking for Ambassadors, encouraging people in their school community to donate blood.

If you would like more information regarding role, please see Mr Mark Hawkins

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**Rostrum**

**Voice of Youth 2005**

The event provides a wonderful opportunity for secondary school students to develop their oral communication skills. All entrants will gain in self-confidence by their participation.

Entry forms are available from Ms Michelle Rawady.

More information is available on the Rostrum Website at:
www.sa.rostrum.asn.au/voy.htm

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**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

In the world today couples can become so involved in the day-to-day concerns of their lives -- job, children, home, social activities -- that they can lose touch with each other and their married relationship. The Marriage Encounter Weekend helps you as a couple to discover each other again. The next Weekend is scheduled for May 20-22nd at Belair, overlooking the beautiful sights of Adelaide. To receive a brochure and registration form contact Peter & Cathy Van der Linden 8298 8428 or e-mail vanderlinden@internode.on.net

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