Each year during the season of Lent, the Catholic Aid Organisation, Caritas Australia, conducts its major fundraising appeal, Project Compassion. During the next two weeks, we are challenging each tutor group of raise $100, which is about $4 per student, in the hope that the College can meet the target of $3200 to support the work of Caritas.

Currently Caritas is supporting 83 aid programs throughout the world.

This year Caritas would like to especially focus its efforts by helping:

- The people of Cambodia to empower women and improve access to education.
- The people of Bougainville to care for the environment as they work towards a sustainable way of life.
- The people of Sudan as they overcome conflict and poverty.
- Indigenous Australian to fight against disease.
- The people of El Salvador to fight against HIV/AIDS and improve access to education.

Please support Xavier College’s ongoing commitment in supporting the work of Caritas Australia by supporting our Project Compassion fundraising activity during these two weeks.

(For further information about Caritas Australia please visit. www.caritas.org.au)

Gareth Watson
RE Co-ordinator

A Quote From Archbishop Philip Wilson’s Home Page

What I do apart from anything else, each year is to get a Project Compassion box and put it on the table next to my bed. The last thing I do before I go to bed every night is to put money into it after I’ve said my prayers. It acts as a reminder to me of the work of the program during the period of Lent.

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PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of staff over the course of the last week. The success of the Year 8 camps and the Athletics carnival was the result of the commitment of House Directors in particularly, along with the willingness of all staff to support these important but demanding events. A special mention to Ms Rawady, Mr Flaherty and Sports Administrator, Mr Searle, for their leadership roles.

Our focus over the course of the next two weeks is our preparation for Easter. Whilst the media will give attention to a four day holiday, our attention will be drawn to the feast of Easter as we recall the death and resurrection of Christ. In the context of the Easter experience the words compassion and hope are central to bringing human meaning to the experience. We are called to make Christ like actions in our daily lives and Easter reminds us of that which means, put simply in means to be compassionate people, who by sharing in the suffering of others, bring hope into our world.

Project Compassion serves to provide a practical focus and the following quotes serve to highlight why it will be making concerted efforts for support the 2005 appeal over the next two weeks.

“Having been through so much already this year, it’s important for us to refocus ourselves and recognise that the work to assist those in need must be on going ... The big thing about compassion is that you can never afford to let it run out. You have to renew your compassion all the time because we’ll always be surrounded by people in difficulties.”

Archbishop Philip Wilson at the launch of the Project Compassion 2005

Recently Premier Mike Rann hosted a special lunch in appreciation of the work and commitment of Caritas Australia not only in its response to the tsunami disaster but acknowledging the overall good works that Caritas undertakes across the world.

Sr Mary Annel from El Salvador captured those present with a description of the work that she undertakes with people, and especially children, with AIDS.

Premier Rann donated $10,000 toward the work of Caritas in El Salvador to specifically support the work of Sr Mary and her community.

To hear first-hand accounts of this work is a good reminder of the many different areas of support that Caritas undertakes worldwide.

Caritas offers its energy freely to countries and effected areas regardless of their political and religious environment.

This Lent our family is participating in Project Compassion with new understandings. We have good cause to be very proud of the work Caritas Australia undertakes on behalf of the Catholic Church.

Allan Dooley, Director Catholic Education South Australia

Caritas can be contacted on 1800 024 413, or at www.caritas.org.au.

Lynn Martin
Principal

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11: 1-45

“I am the resurrection and the life....” As our Lenten observance draws towards its climax, we begin to look through the momentous events of Holy Week. Lazarus in his rising to life gives us a foretaste of Jesus’ own rising. Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us that the same Spirit who raises Jesus from the dead, will accomplish our victory over death too. Ezekiel’s reading reminds us that this resurrection is indeed God’s purpose and God’s work.

Often enough we can look at our own lives, and at the state of our world, and we can cry with the Psalmist “Out of the depths I cry to you O Lord.” It’s also possible too for us to be so overcome, that we lose heart, and our resurrection to new life, seems beyond reach. To glimpse real resurrection, you need look no further than East Timor. The people there survived unimaginable sufferings and are now focussed on the resurrection of their nation.

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 slightly 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.

Interview booking sheets have been sent home to enable parents to identify those teachers with whom they would like interviews. Students are then required to approach the respective teachers to confirm an interview time.

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 an alternative time. Teachers look forward to the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with you so it is hoped that you will make time to attend the interviews.

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YEAR 8 CAMPS 2005

Campsite Toc-H : Dorm 3

2nd March
This morning I woke up early because I couldn’t sleep and finished getting ready for camp. When I got to school I stood out in the car park with friends and talked about what we thought camp would be like. After we left school on the buses it took us two hours to get to Toc-H campsite. When we got there we took our bags down on the grassed area to eat lunch. At about 1.30pm we chose our dorms and dorm groups and started to get ready. But because there wasn’t enough beds for all the teachers Ms. Schuit and Ms Dwula slept in the main hall. Ms Smith, Ms Hinsliff, Courtney (student leader) Candice (student leader) Rebccah, Rebekah, Jessica, Ahslee, Emma Lyon, Jacinta and myself had dorm 3. We unpacked and got ready and went to the beach for the afternoon and it was tiring and would have been better if it had been warmer. When we got back to the campsite we all had showers and got ready for tea. After dinner we had an hour of free time, then we went back to the main hall to have a Quiz Night and our team drew with another team at the end of the night. After the Quiz Night we went to our dorms and got ready for bed. We talked for most of the night and ate lollies and chips.

3rd March
Today we woke up at 7.00am because Ms Smith set her mobile alarm. After breakfast we went back to our dorms to get ready to go to Green Hills, which was just up the road. At Greenhills there is heaps to do and most people tried everything. We all had fun and I liked canoeing with Mr. Hall best. At 4.00pm we all got gathered together and returned to our assigned campsite. At camp we showered and got ready for a Talent Night. After tea we all gathered back in the hall for the Talent Night which was called ‘Xavier Idol’. I was third act and my act with signing, “The Voice Within”, on my own! Ms Dwula was Marcia, Mr Footner was Mark and Mr Polito was “Dicko”. I got 6 from Dicko, 8 from Marcia and a ‘touch-down’ from Mark. Everyone else did their act but the “heshe’s” were the best.

4th March
After breky we had to clean out our dorms and then we had some free time. At 10am the teachers called us in for a liturgy and an activity. For the liturgy I read a “Lord Hear Us” prayer, here it is – “Bless all our friends Lord, help us to appreciate their goodness and their gifts. Lord hear us”. Then after the liturgy we had an activity where we had to walk around the room to people we knew and get them to write a positive comment about us on our sheet. Just after lunch, while we had some free time, Andrew broke his arm. Then we boarded the bus and began the trip home.

Sarah Pitt’s Diary
XAVIER COLLEGE
OPEN DAY

Sunday, 3rd April 2005, 11am – 1pm

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There will be an array of tours, demonstrations
and performances.

Visit our website www.xavier.sa.edu.au or
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Email: secretary@xavier.sa.edu.au Telephone: 8523 0088 Facsimile: 8523 0916

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 Montgomery,
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

Mayor Tony Piccolo
Is hosting an afternoon tea and forum
To celebrate
International Women’s Day
On Saturday 12th March 2005
Commencing 2.00pm until 5.00pm
At the Gawler Elderly Centre
14th Street, Gawler

A very interesting panel of Gawler women will
be speaking about local issues and women in
your school are cordially invited to attend.

For catering purposes, please RSVP
By telephoning Janet Done on 9522 9226

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
Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop

Now available:
Short sleeve shirts - sizes 14, 16 and 18
Rugby shorts - all sizes
Blazers - all sizes

Ties will be in by Term 2

Uniform shop opening times
Monday and Thursday 2.30 to 4.30pm

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