Twenty five schools and two hundred competitors combined with a great atmosphere made for an excellent day of equestrian competition at the 2005 Gawler Horse Expo Interschool Gymkhana. Xavier College riders performed exceptionally well with all riders in the placings plus three, achieving Reserve Champions status. The day commenced with the Parade of Schools showcasing teams from the twenty five schools. The Xavier College team was lead by Russell Pascoe and Steven Goricki as banner carriers.

Rachael Maynard riding Hazzard claimed first place in her Galloway Hack class, second in the Pairs of Mounts and capped off a great day with Reserve Champion Galloway. On her other mount The Triumph, Rachael achieved a third place in the Hack over 16 hands high class. Louise Clancy claimed a third place in her hack class on her mount Special, first in rider 16 and over and was awarded Reserve Champion Rider. Ellie Clark riding Starman was awarded fourth place in her Hack class and first place in her Rider class. On her other mount Magpie, Ellie claimed a second in her Galloway hack class and a third place in the Pleasure Galloway class. Rebecca Rae achieved fourth place in the Riders 16 years and over riding her horse Wandana Storm and Lisa Cocks riding Bailey, took third place in the hack over 16 hands class. Christy Patterson riding Hahndorfs Prince claimed first place in the Hack over 16 hands, fourth in her Rider class and against a very polished filed was awarded Reserve Champion Hack. Samantha Wyatt had a busy day riding two mounts claiming a first place on Razza Matala in the Pony Hack, third place in the Pleasure pony and on her other mount Corbett a first place in the Hack over 15 hands, third in the Pleasure Hack over 15 hands and a second in her Rider class 14 years. Taryn Ovenden had a very successful day scoring the highest number of points for Xavier. Taryn riding Ollie claimed second place in Hack over 16 hands, second in Pleasure hack and first in Rider 15 years. Then in the novelties riding Chicky, a second place in both the Keyhole race and Texas Barrel. Bethany Crossman riding Sunny also claimed a second place in the Senior Bending Race.

Thanks to our very capable stewards Naomi Parsloe, Nicole Twine, Russell Pascoe and Steven Goricki who were kept very busy marshalling the novelties.

Congratulations to all our entrants who represented Xavier College extremely well.

Mr Roberts and Ms Piggott
Gymkhana Organisers

“a school of the future in the present”
From the Principal

Welcome back for the start of Term 2, I hope it is a successful and happy Term for everyone associated with the Xavier College community.

In particular I would like to welcome Elena Yiannitsaros to the staff of the College. Elena has accepted a replacement position for the remainder of 2005 whilst Kelly Smitham is on maternity leave. Congratulations to Kelly and her husband Simon on the safe arrival of Harley Geoffrey. Although arriving a little earlier than expected, both Kelly and Harley are well and healthy.

Congratulations also to Adele Justice (nee Barton) who celebrated her marriage during the holiday period.

Following my article in the Xavier News is a list of students from Years 8 to 11 who achieved meritorious academic results during the course of Term 1. I congratulate each of these students for their diligent approach and encourage all students to make a full commitment to their academic work during Term 2. This is a very important period for students to consolidate their start to the year and establish good work habits for the remainder of the year. Organisation should be a major focus and the good use of diaries and well structured study routines are the key ingredients.

Mr Lynn Martin
Principal

Year 9
Emma Asher
Jessica Asher
Charlotte Berrill
Cassie Bolland
Jarrad Brennan
Tamika Christou
William Coad
Becky Couzner
Kate Fetherstonhaugh
Samuel Harnett
Jessica James
Elinore Jobson
Meredith Lane
Brett Lange
Remy Low
Shamika Moore
Natasia Noto
Peta Orchison
Christine Powell
Jessica Power
Rebecca Ramsbotham
Elizabeth Rex
Julieanne Teague
Caitlin Thackray
Michael Trimboli
Nicole Van Loggem
Emily Warren-Smith
Samantha Wyatt

Year 10
Nadia Bassanese
Tara Behen
Rebecca Butcher
Sara Carlino
Jessica Firka
Leanne Gajewski
Ellouise Goodwin
Lisa Grillo
Jessica Grima
Caitlin Hennessy
Cassie Holness
Alisha Johns
Sally Keane
David King
Kathleen Lane
Elizabeth Neef
Shae O’Callaghan
Rebecca Pierotti
Lauren Smith
Amy Songer
Holly Staehr
Hayden Stevens
Courtney Suridge
Kimberley Tauchnitz
Miranda Thoday
Keira-Raequel Turner
Leonie Turrell
Natalie Whittaker

Academic Honor Roll

Year 8
Emily Bettison
Mitchell Brimage
Liam Connoole
Kate Drinkwater
Samuel Falkenberg
Cameron Gibson
Toni Gordon
Elizabeth Hatcher
Meredith Hennessy
Meghan Jackson
Lisa Johnstone
Melissa Macwilliams
Zoie Marks
Erin Mcauley
Zac Mcentee
Kyra Middlemiss
Stephanie Mitchell
Kailan Moore
Andrea Musolino
Ethan Nankivell
Aimee Nixon
Ashley Schmerl
Harley Shannon-Davis
Natalie Simpson
Luke Stockdale
Ashleigh Trainor
Naomi Tucker
Tyson Whitelaw
Matthew Williams
Jessica Zilim

Year 9
Melissa Barker
Emily Callander
Louise Chapman
Brittany Connaughton
Nikki Connaughton
Bethany Crossman
Ashleigh Drumm
Sarah Gavini
Emily Harrison
Ryan Holt
Rachel Kilpatrick
Samantha Kondraciuk
Aaron Lange
Victoria Lewis
Brendan Moore
Stephanie Moore
Amy Morcom
Lauren Nicholas
Ninette Noto
Clare O’Reilly
Melissa Palanca
Katrina Pedler
Caitlin Ripley
Lauren Tiltman
Courtenay Trainor
Amy Van Loggem

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Daniel Keane - Winner
Of The Royal Commonwealth Society SA Inc
Scholarship For 2005

Applicants were required to write an essay on the Commonwealth. The winner, Daniel Keane, from Gawler wrote about “The role of the Commonwealth in international relations”.

The Scholarship is open to students who are new to higher education and are enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program at UniSA. Only one scholarship is awarded and is worth $5000 per annum for the duration of the study program. Daniel Keane is enrolled in the Bachelor of Journalism Program at UniSA which is a three year course. Daniel is an old scholar of Xavier College in Gawler.

Other criteria was based on academic history and financial/educational disadvantage.

Desiree Utting
Development Officer
Bequests and Fundraising Projects
UniSA Marketing and Development Unit

Kathleen Lane and Ryan Heinrich both participated in the science school. As a result of the program they were better able to discover where their interests and talents in Science and technology lie.

The experience also gave them the opportunity to discover the diverse and amazing career options that exist in Science, to get a feel for university life and to meet new people who share similar interests. This program will again run next year. Further details will be published in the newsletter later in the year.

I encourage students who have a keen interest in Science and Technology to seriously consider enrolling for next year. Below is a letter by Kathleen Lane outlining some of her experiences.

Mr Grant Rehn
Science Co-ordinator

The Siemens Science Experience
11 to 13 January 2005

During the Christmas holidays I attended a three-day course about science at the University of Adelaide and the Roseworthy campus. The main aim was to introduce teenagers going into year 10 to the wide range of careers available in science and maths and it involved a lot of fun. There were 100 students from schools all over Adelaide.

There were lectures on marine life, maths and psychology. In our groups we were given presentations on many different subjects and we also got to do practical exercises. We built bridges out of straws, looked at visual illusions, measured sound waves through the ground, looked at bugs under the microscope, used an infrared camera, extracted DNA from wheat, looked at the separation techniques in engineering and examined the bacteria in a tub of yoghurt (and there was a lot!). In one of the presentations we saw a tube of yellow foam shoot towards the ceiling.

I got to meet lots of people and make new friends. I really enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot as well. I also haven’t eaten yoghurt since.

Kathleen Lane
Year 10

University of Adelaide’s
Siemens Science Experience 2005

Last year, Xavier students were given the opportunity to enrol in the Siemens Science experience held at Adelaide University.

The 3-day program was held during the Christmas School holidays and included exciting activities, speakers and presentations from a wide range of Science, Engineering and Technology fields.
Day one
Today after everyone arrived, we gathered for an introduction to this year’s program made by Andrew. Dina was there as well as all the usual staff and guests. Lunch followed at 12:00 and was great as usual.

After lunch we gathered again and started our “lessons” about responsibility and leadership. Andrew was the head spokesperson for Monday and Tuesday. He was a representative from Venture Corporate Recharge. When he had finished talking we went outside and were split into 5 groups of approximately 9 people. Jono was the leader of my group; he had lots to say to help us in the future. The main focus of the activities was to learn to work, communicate and lead as a team.

Dinner came at 6:00 and at 7:00 we went to the next session.

Steve was the spokesman for this part of the program and he was also here on Tuesday as well. He talked to us about Choice Theory. It was a bit confusing at first as it means you have the choice to do anything you want to do. You don’t even need to consider the consequences if you don’t want to.

The day ended with free time and a movie.

Day two
Today we gathered together and continued with Andrew’s discussion of responsibility and leadership. After lunch was the best bit of the day.

We walked to Belair National Park and did an orienteering course. I was the navigator of the group with the compass. I didn’t lose the group once.

After dinner back at Nunyara, we listened to Steve again before saying goodbye to some of our guests. Dinner and free time again followed. It was later than yesterday by the time we got to bed.

Day three
Today was the last day. The morning was spent waiting for everyone to get ready and take pictures of friends and take down numbers and addresses. When work did commence we did our evaluations of the entire trip. We were late finishing up so lunch was cut short, so the drivers wouldn’t be late.

Over all camp was probably the best I’ve ever been to.

Kateena Teusner
Year 10

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING TIMES

Term 2
Mon and Thurs 2.30pm - 4.30pm

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 8521 4517 or the College Administration 8523 0088.

Ms Karen Stacey
Canteen Manager

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