Year 12 Subject Medal Winners

Caltex Best All Rounder Award
Karlee Taylor
Accounting
Adam Turrell
Information Processing
Alana Lepley
Art - Practical
Adam Knott
Information Technology Studies
Adam Hickey
Biology
Kasey McVicar
Mathematical Applications
Emma Bell
Business Studies
Kasey McVicar
Mathematical Studies
James Harvey
Chemistry
Greg Oates

Media
Marie Trimboli
Child Studies
Cassie Wall
Multi-Media VET
Hannah Murdoch
Construction Technology
Ben Seal
Music
Jack Lambert
English Communications
Jack Lambert
Manufacturing & Engineering VET
Ben Seal
English Studies
Ryan Thredgold
Physical Education
Karlee Taylor & Kasey McVicar
Geography
James Harvey

Physics
James Harvey
Geology
Hannah Murdoch
Specialist Mathematics
Greg Oates
History
Emma Bell
Studies in Religion
Peter Coleman
Food & Hospitality
Heath Varcoe
Vocational Studies A
Kassie Pogas
Vocational Studies B
Emilie Henkel
Indonesian
Brent Bloffwitch
Visual Art Studies
Hannah Murdoch

Mon Nov 21st
Year 11 Exams commence
Tues Nov 29th
***DATE CHANGED***
End of Year Mass & Presentation Night
Mon Dec 5th
Year 8, 2006 Parent Information Night
Wed Dec 7th
Year 8-10 Final Day
Thurs Dec 8th
Year 8, 2006 Orientation Day
Wed Dec 14th
Year 12 Graduation Mass & Dinner

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“a school of the future in the present”
From the Principal
Year 12 Final Assembly Speech

Fr. Michael, Fr. Germano, Mrs. Margaret Sankey, Members of Staff, Students and the Graduating Class of 2005.

An awful lot happens during the course of a school year:

- Over 150 classes are conducted each day, that's every day of the school year - and then there is the enormous variety of activities that occur during lessons, from Science to Technology to Hospitality and P.E. and so it goes on;
- Then there are House activities, 'Be active', sport, work placements, counselling, career education and so it goes on;
- Retreats, camps, formals, liturgical celebrations and so it goes on.

People - students, parents, teachers, ancillary staff, members of the wider community, all working together to get to this day - Graduation day.

I explained to Year 12 students yesterday that this is the most important day in the school year, it represents the culmination of all that I have just spoken about and much, much more.

This is a significant moment for us all, obviously for the graduating class of 2005, but it is also unbelievably significant for their parents, who have nurtured these young men and women to this point in their lives. For teachers who have taught, coached, cajoled, disciplined, battled and supported, it is also a very satisfying moment. For students in Years 8-11, who are still on the journey, it is a glance at the future. This is something to which you can aspire.

That is why this is the biggest day of them all.

I congratulate all members of the College community for what they have contributed to the making of this day.

To the graduating class of 2005 I would like to remind you of the vision that has been held onto throughout your education, a vision of what students who leave Xavier College might be like.

It is a vision of high calibre young men and women who will be recognised by the difference they make to the world that surrounds them, to the people they come in contact with, to their families, work colleagues, to friends when they need support. It is a vision of individuals who are contributors.

At times our society conveys confusing messages – a very familiar comedy sketch depicts an army officer calling for a volunteer to step forward from amongst the troops – and of course the volunteer is seen as the poor fool who is too slow to step backwards.

In reality, what our world needs is people with the courage to step forward, who are willing to volunteer to make their community better.

I hope that you have all been instilled with the courage to put your best foot forward and are prepared to be, as St. John Bosco willed for all graduates from a Salesian School, people of great spirit and honest citizens.

I WISH YOU WELL!

Mr Lynn Martin
Principal

Life Sunday 2005

Archbishop Wilson has designated Sunday 13 November 2005 for the celebration of Life Sunday. This year’s theme is “Torture — an offence against human dignity”. Life Sunday is an opportunity for us as a Christian community to focus on the absolute gift and value of human life, and to reflect on our common obligation to promote and defend the dignity and rights of every person, without exception.

As we celebrate Life Sunday this year, we are mindful of all those who have been victims of torture, those who suffer persecution because of who they are or what they believe, human rights defenders, and those local agencies supporting the survivors of torture and trauma, including STTARS (www.sstars.org.au)

Perhaps the thought of Priesthood has crossed your mind at different times.

If you would like to know more about Priesthood, contact Fr Dean Marin, on 8214 8244 (Tuesdays) or by email vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au

If you are 16 years old and older you are invited to the next Inquirer’s Mass for the Priesthood on December 2, 2005 at St Raphael’s Church, 21 Young St, Parkside at 7.30 pm.

Fr Sean McDonagh to visit Adelaide

Irish missionary priest, ecological activist and author Fr Sean McDonagh will be visiting Adelaide on Wednesday 16 November to address the topic “Global Warming and Extinction of Species: What does it mean for us?” He will be speaking at the Adelaide College of Divinity (Room S1), 34 Lipsett Tce, Brooklyn Park, commencing at 7.30pm. Other speakers on the night will include Dr Douglas Bardsley, Senior Project Officer within the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation, and Katherine Wells, Acting Chair of the Premier’s Round Table on Sustainability.
Aftermath
By Ryan Holt

The frail, arthritic hands of an elderly woman slowly worked their way across the raised brass bumps of a large well-kept plaque amid a large city garden. Her appearance was much like that of one about to attend church, her best dress and white leather gloves accompanied by a white hat and a cardigan delicately draped across her shoulders. The woman, however, was not about to attend church as it was a mid-morn of a Wednesday. She stood quietly, head bowed, whilst she held a large bouquet of fresh flowers only picked that morning from her garden.

She was now one of a number who had gathered round the many large plaques that were amongst the garden. Her face was slightly pale with her blue eyes contrasting the white attire she was wearing. In the background, the soft sound of a trumpet could be heard whilst the tall trees rustled and provided shade from the morning November sunlight. The plaques within this special garden had a huge significance to any Australian, especially those assembled. Each carried a name upon it and rests beneath the shade of tall protective trees.

The quiet, calm voice could only be heard by those who stood close as she recited a prayer whilst running her fingers along the gold-brass letters of a name, A.G. Durdin. “God bless you, Anthony, for all you did for this country. From the peace you kept under the Agent Orange skies, to the lives you saved of so many innocents. God bless.” Placing the bouquet she had brought on the marble step below the plaque, the woman then turned and proceeded to the bench nearest this particular plaque.

As she sat quietly under the shade of the tree behind her bench, she once again drifted into deep reflection. Tears trickled from the sky-blue eyes of this woman, whilst more people reverently were arriving and placing bouquets near a plaque. Silently they would stand, pausing to reflect.

As the clock struck eleven, all rose to their feet with their heads bowed as a trumpet sweetly sang a graceful tune followed by the sound of a twenty-one gun salute. A man stepped up to a plaque and said “God bless all those who have died serving Australia in the name of Peace and the Queen. God bless the Anzacs”.

“God bless the Anzacs”, the woman repeated as she turned and slowly left the Garden of Heroes.

Caritas Australia Central Asia Earthquake Appeal

Caritas Australia has launched a humanitarian appeal to help the victims of the October 8 Central Asia Earthquake. Caritas Australia has made an initial pledge of $AU 250,000 in emergency assistance, and is now receiving donations from the Australian public. Contributions will be distributed through Caritas Internationalis humanitarian networks working in affected areas of Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. Donations will contribute to the provision of shelter, water, food, sanitation, basic sleeping and cooking items to displaced people.

Donations can be made to Caritas Australia Central Asia Earthquake Appeal, GPO Box 9830, Adelaide, SA 5001. For more information telephone Angela on (08) 8210 8172 or visit the Caritas Australia website at www.caritas.org.au
Year 9 Cricket

Adelaide High School: All out 166
Xavier College: All out 97

Best Bowling: R. Appleton 3/16 (2.5 overs),
M. Ryan 2/34 (10 overs),
S. Lay 1/28 (10 overs).

Best Batting: Brennan 28 (39 balls faced),
S. Lay 27 (42 balls faced),
T. Rudiger 12 (15 balls faced).

Xavier College lost the toss and were forced to bowl.
Our bowlers faced a talented opening combination that
got Adelaide High off to a flying start. At the first drinks
break we had captured 2/88 and were looking down
the barrel of a large score. Great captaincy by Lay saw
the introduction of a two pronged attack of spin
bowling. This accompanied by a significant
improvement in fielding saw the runs dry up and
wickets beginning to fall. The tail was cleaned up
quickly by Appleton leaving Xavier College 166 to
chase for victory.

The run chase got off to a flying start with 23 runs hit of
the first 4 overs and the opening combination of
Brennan and Lay looking as solid as a rock. With the
fall of the first wicket at 1/60 Xavier College was in a
commanding position to make the runs comfortably.
However a batting collapse saw little resistance by
Xavier College’s middle and lower order. The run
chase finished 69 runs short with Xavier College
dismissed for 97.