End of Year Family Mass and Awards Presentation Evening

Tuesday, November 29 7pm
Xavier College Gymnasium
From the Principal
This is the penultimate edition of the Xavier News for 2005; it is hard to believe how quickly the year seems to have passed us by!
Last week I was pleased to announce the newly appointed Senior House Leaders for 2006, this week I am delighted to acknowledge the appointment of Brendan Moore and Stephanie Moore as College Captains for 2006. I commend them both for having the courage to accept the responsibility that comes with the appointment. They have both given a commitment to set a positive example to fellow students and to support the College in its endeavours to promote the education and well-being of all members of the community. Stephanie and Brendan will be presented to the College community at the Presentation Evening next week.
I draw your attention to the fact that next week is AIDS Awareness Week and remind everyone of the enormous impact that AIDS has on our global family.
In 2004 there were 39.4 million people in the world living with the Human Immunodeficieny Virus (HIV), the highest level ever. This figure includes the 4.9 million people who acquired HIV in 2004. Approximately 3.1 million people died from AIDS in 2004.
As a result of issues like HIV/AIDS, poverty or natural disasters, it is important to raise awareness and develop a better understanding in the community about the significant needs of so many people in our world today. The Swaghi Appeal is an opportunity to respond in a practical way to people who need our generous support.
Finally, I encourage all students and family members to join with the rest of the College community in celebrating the Eucharist at our End of Year Mass and Presentation Assembly next Tuesday, November 29, commencing at 7pm.

Go For It
On Thursday the 17th November David, Kieran, Reece, Vittoria, Leanne, Jessica and myself attended a program called “Go-For-it”. It involved helping the elderly in the Gawler Community with safety skills for the sidewalk. They learnt a variety of ways to improve their safety on the roads. Our favourite part of the day would have to be at the end of the day when we all got to have drags on the motorised scooters and trying to get them to go sideways. The highlight of the day would have to be when Reece got up on two wheels and almost rolled it by accident. Reece then decided it was a good time to stop driving them and handed the keys over to some else...

By Jackson Dare & David King

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the Go-For-it day held at the Gawler Community Sports and Recreation Centre with the Junior house leaders. Go-for-it day is put on by the Gawler Road Safety Group to raise Road Safety awareness among the aged and disabled. The students from Xavier College along with students from Gawler High school were assistants for the day. Jackson Dare and David King, were MC’s and did a sensational job as announcers, even adding their own touch of humour and playing some music. The students helped out the police, and physiotherapists etc with activities. There were displays that included Gophers, motorised wheelchairs, walking frames and walking sticks and how to use them safely. A track set up outside, for people to try out gophers, and to learn how to drive them safely and park correctly. Victoria Cavallaro, Leanne Gajewski, and Jessica Finka joined in with the chair exercises, which was aimed at increasing mobility. The police gave a talk about many issues, which face drivers as they age such as what affect prescription medicines have on driving. He also reminded us that road rules change regularly, and that for many drivers who took driver tests many years ago they probably need to do some revision. This advice applies to pretty well all of us on the road.

By Debrah Wyatt

2006 School Captains
Congratulations to Brendan Moore (left) and Stephanie Moore (right) who will be the school captains for 2006.

Never look at me and not yourself the same
Will running blood cease to exist in this game?
We’ll be dying, killed by our own ego
It is never too late to take our life slow
Don’t let words of others make our decisions
But learn to follow our own intutions.
At night I wake to the sound of my scream
It’s always the same, repetitive dream
Everyday contemplating my lifetime
Taking in every detail, every sign
Don’t let cold chisels in marble make the moan
But carve warm love words on a hollow stone.
Would you ever wake and think of surroundings?
Thinking of people, places and things
Soft, subtle, smooth touch isn’t enough and now
You will be under, constantly thinking how
Singing your own tune, that sorrowful song
Reminiscing, it has been so long.
Love is blind as far as the eye can see
Deep but meaningless words to me
Always having to prove my own worth
Making people believe in my earth
I have never meant to be so cold to you
Because you are the one that gets me through.
But now I have stopped, just stopped to think
About all the things that happen in a blink
I realize there’s nothing if we don’t make it
No peace, no quiet not even a bit
There’s significant void of our hollow mind
If there’s something to fill, we’ll never find.

Janna Bova “Still looking”, commendation in Gawler Library Poetry Competition.

Still looking
Year 9 Cricket

Intercol Match vs Trinity College

Last Wednesday afternoon was the inaugural intercollegiate cricket match against Trinity College for our year 9's. After being knocked out at the quarter-final stage of the SASSSA competition, the team was keen to avenge that loss against Trinity College. On a perfect, clear day with the pitch looking good, captain Kai O’Callaghan unfortunately lost the toss but miraculously, Trinity decided to send us in to bat. Jarrad Brennen made the most of the conditions with a well-compiled 52 at the top of the order. Good support was given by Marty Ryan (22) and Kai O’Callaghan (19), before Tyson Ruediger (38 off 13 balls) bludgeoned the Trinity attack to all parts of the ground. His amazing knock couldn’t last forever but it gave Xavier’s scorecard a kick-along. Xavier eventually finished their 35 overs: 9 for 194.

Trinity were in deep trouble from the beginning of their innings, slumping to 4 for 9 through the tight bowling of Aaron Parsloe and Tyson Ruediger. Their stump-to-stump line was rewarded as both finished with 2 for 12 from their 6 overs. After a handy partnership in Trinity’s middle-order, the fifth wicket fell with the score on 31 and they continued to fall consistently from then on. Marty Ryan’s off-spin has been crucial in previous knockout matches and this match was no different. He bamboozled Trinity’s lower order, taking 4 for 7 from his 6 overs as the batsman were unable to pick his variations. Stuart Foster cleaned up the tail with 2 wickets and the match was over, Trinity all-out for 59. It was a wonderful performance from the boys and after winning the inaugural intercol match; it would be nice to keep this one in Xavier’s trophy cabinet.

Year 9 KO Badminton

On Tuesday Xavier College’s last chance for a team to win a knockout sport tournament for 2005 disappeared, but not before a determined fight by the year 9 mixed badminton team. The tie saw a 3-way battle between Loxton, Unley and ourselves for the right to go through to the Final Series. We played Loxton first and it was obvious our players had a touch more class than the opposition. Sam Stanton and Jake Nightingale won their singles convincingly. Catherine Cretini also had a win but Amy unfortunately had a loss.

The girls, boys and mixed doubles were won by Xavier in fantastic fashion and our tails were up heading into the Unley clash. The team was slightly twinged by Ms Hatch with Michael Trimboli and Charlotte Berrill replacing Sam Stanton and Amy. If we were a class above Loxton, Unley were a few classes above us. With a number of amazingly skilful players, they displayed little mercy in dispatching us on our own court. Well done to all players for reaching this stage of the tournament, a fine effort.

Mr Dan Searle
Sports Administrator

Year 9/10 Girls Soccer Carnival

Last Friday Xavier competed in the Women’s Soccer Association’s 7-a-side Carnival, held opposite Annesly College in the South Parklands. We submitted 3 teams into the tournament with each team of good quality and any one of them were a chance to compete for the trophy. Overall there were 22 teams in the carnival with 4 groups; the winner of each group would play-off in semi-finals to decide the finalists. Team Red won 1 match, drew 1 and lost 2. Team Green won 1 match, drew 1 and lost 1. Team Blue won 3 matches and drew 1. This ensured they were the best team in their group and advanced to the semi-final stage.

Waiting for them in the semi-final was an old adversary, Trinity College. The match was tight and ended nil-nil. A penalty shoot-out followed which was 1 all after 5 shots each. After the 7th kick for each team Trinity were a goal ahead and went through to the final. It was an exciting, if not disappointing end to the day but all the girls enjoyed the day and worked tirelessly during their matches.

RED: Leanne Gajewski, Leah Pogas, Danielle Alba, Brooke Phelps, Sarah Glen, Kimberley Chojnaski, Nicole Groombridge, Catherine Roca, Elena Halkias, Nicole Cocks.

GREEN: Elise Hillebrand, Kia Llewelyn, Rebecca Ramsbotham, Catherine Cretini, Charlotte Berrill, Nicole Pirri, Amanda Bartsch, Cassie Bolland, Nicole Drake, Candice Hudson, Katie Thackray.

BLUE: Olivia Chasolm, Jess East, Lisa Cocks, Liesel Dunstan, Caitlyn Ashby, Jordan Stirling, Natasha Noto, Cigdem Demir, Danielle Cufone.

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2006

7th – 12th January, 2006

Yorke Peninsula

Girls aged 10 – 14 years

games, craft activities,
table tennis, swimming & fun at the beach,
night games, popcorn & movie night, concert & fun!

For information & application forms contact:
Salesian Sisters ph: 8443 5322 (evening); fax: 8443 5274

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Australian Red Cross

First Aid Courses

December 2005 — 2006 School Holidays

Baby Sitting Course

This course is part of the Red Cross First Aid program and is designed to teach young people, 15 years and over, the skills and knowledge needed when caring for children. This invaluable course covers essential first aid, safety and care of babies/young children, ideas for meals, snacks and activities for children and babysitter’s responsibilities and safety tips. Each participant receives a Statement of Attendance in Essential First Aid as well as a Baby Sitting Course Statement of Attendance after completion of the course, which are great references for students wanting to get part-time babysitting work.

The course runs over two days, Monday and Tuesday December 19-20 2005 or Tuesday and Wednesday January 24-25 2006 from 9am to 4pm, at the Red Cross Training Centre, 229 Marion Road, Marleston. The course costs just $65.50 (including GST), which includes First Aid Notes and the Baby Sitting Starter Kit.

Senior First Aid Course

This course (for anyone over 14 yrs of age) teaches the fundamental principles, knowledge and skills of first aid to enable you to give competent emergency care until professional assistance is available. This course meets the requirements of employers, Federal and State Government Departments and Statutory Authorities. On completion of formal assessment at the end of the course, participants receive a Senior First Aid Certificate.

The course is run over 3 days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday January 18-19-20 2006 from 9am to 4pm at the Red Cross Training Centre, 229 Marion Road, Marleston. The special cost of the course for school students is $75.50 (inc. GST), which includes First Aid Notes.

If any students would like to enroll for either of these enjoyable and practical courses, they can call our Training Department on 1300 367 428 or 8293 9200 for enrolment details.

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YOUTH GROUP

For people in years 6-9 at school

The Salesian Youth Group has started at Ss Peter and Paul Parish in Gawler.

You are invited to our next meeting!

Where & When?
We will meet in the church after 10am mass,
Sunday, 27th November

What will we do?
Compete in the GOOFY OLYMPICS!

Cost
$5 per person: this includes equipment needed for the events, prizes, drinks and sausage sizzle lunch.

Parents are invited to join us from 1pm for a sausage sizzle and a chat!
2pm will be time for everyone to go home.

We hope to see you there!

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AIDS AWARENESS WEEK

28 November – 2 December 2005

Annual Diocesan World AIDS Day Mass

Friday 2 December 2005 at 5.45 pm

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Celebrant:
Archbishop Philip Wilson

“HIV/AIDS – Let’s Talk About It”

Display of AIDS Memorial Quilts

Light refreshments at the conclusion of the celebration

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