The Rock Eisteddfod troupe is off to the grand final on the 23rd of September at the Entertainment Centre! This is a brilliant outcome and comes at the end of a wonderful day at the Challenge heats, in which we managed to receive five awards:

- The Channel Nine Award of Excellence for Drama
- The Australian Government Award of Excellence for Concept
- The Lowie's Hot 30 Countdown Award of Excellence for Soundtrack
- The Award of Excellence for Drug Awareness and

The Spirit of the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge Award - awarded to the most friendly school (as voted for by the participating schools).

Congratulations to all of the 65 students involved and to Ms Meakin, Mr Serna, Mr Pascale, Mrs Bova, Ms Kennedy and Mrs Estevez for their tireless support. I would also like to thank the Art Department and the Grounds staff for their support.

Mrs Cheryl Both
Rock Eisteddfod Coordinator

The College community extends condolences and prayers to: Kimberley Casey (staff) and Bruce Hall (staff) on the death of their step-father Sander (Alec) Csongrady

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

Term 3 and indeed the year is unfolding very quickly! Over recent weeks students have been actively involved in a range of major extra-curricula events, including the Balaklava Music Eisteddfod, the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge, an Arts Evening and a range of ‘Knockout’ sport finals. Still to come are the Catholic Music Festival, the Tournament of Minds and the major Pedal Prix event of the season at Murray Bridge. At the same time students in all year levels have begun the process of deliberating over subject selections for next year and for Year 12 students, there are only 36 school days remaining until the end of classes for 2005! I urge all students to sharpen their focus on the business end of the year and to set for themselves clear academic goals.

I would also draw your attention to a few other notable items:

- A copy of The Southern Cross has been sent home with all students this week and it includes photos from the Xavier College Senior Formal.
- During September there is a focus on the annual Catholic Charities Appeal, further information will be forwarded later in the month.
- Next week, September 4th-10th, is National Child Protection Week and the theme is “Take the Child Friendly Challenge”. This week all students will be given a bookmark form the Child Protection Council of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Mr Lynn Martin
Principal

National Child Protection Week

Child Protection Week is an excellent opportunity for Catholic School Communities to join with others in raising awareness of Child Protection. It gives us a chance to take a positive and proactive stance on this issue which is at the core of our Catholic Mission.

This year’s theme comes from the growing evidence that strong, healthy, supportive communities have far fewer instances of child abuse and neglect – and ultimately, can prevent abuse from happening in the first place. Such communities provide a web of support across all aspects of a child’s life and not only enhance their development and wellbeing, but importantly, also strengthen their resilience against harm.

Let us give children a future of peace!

This is the confident appeal which I make to men and women of good will, and I invite everyone to help children grow up in an environment of authentic peace.

This is their right, and it is our duty.

Message of His Holiness Pope John Paul 11 For the World Day of Peace, 1st January, 1996

Buckyballs Downunder

On the 17th August, four Year 8 students travelled to the Technology School of the Future to participate in a workshop led by Sir Harry Kroto. Sir Harry discovered the C60 carbon molecule, also known as the “buckyball”. He won the 1996 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for this discovery.

The presentation was broadcast over the internet to schools all over Australia. Each student at the workshop was given a kit to build their own buckyball, about half the size of a soccer ball, which is actually one million times larger than an actual buckyball.

We learnt a lot of new and interesting facts, like what a “google” is. It is a number with 100 zeros!

In the future, buckyballs may be used to cure cancer.

The day was thoroughly enjoyable for everyone!

Kate Drinkwater, Naomi Tucker
Liam Connolly and Tyson Whitelaw
Year 8

Sir Harry Kroto chats to Naomi, Tyson and Liam

Seeking all young achievers!

Are you active in the community, concerned about the environment, a whiz in business, a magnificent musician, a stunning sports star, or a quiet achiever? Then nominate for the Gawler Young Achievers Awards 2005.

Forms can be collected from the Gawler Council, Gawler Sport & Community Centre or download them from www.gawler.sa.gov.au.

Go on and get nominated!

An initiative of the Town of Gawler

Applicants can contact the Youth Services Development Officer on 8522 9205 for assistance with their nominations.

Recent Humanities Events at Xavier College

Visit by Mrs Hilda Hines to Year 12 Modern History Students

On Friday, August 19th Mrs Hines came to talk to our students about her experiences in Germany during the 1930s. This is the third time that Mrs Hines has come to share her experiences and her story with our students. Mrs Hines was a Jewish schoolgirl in Nuremberg, Germany when the Nazis came to power and she spoke honestly about the impact of this political event on her and on her family.

Our senior students were able to ask her about her experiences and were amazed by her courage and resilience. They have a lasting memory, too, of her determination to ensure that people in the future are vigilant about protecting the human rights we so easily take for granted.

Mr Foley and Mrs Martin were very proud of our senior students and their intelligent, responsive reactions to our visitor and her story and hope that Mrs Hines will continue to visit our school in the future.

Year 10 Work and Business Visits to the Elizabeth Magistrates Court

In the last few weeks 5 classes of Year 10 students have visited the local court in Elizabeth as part of their studies of Australian citizenship and the law. We were fortunate that each group was looked after by Mr Chris Coles, the Sheriff of the court who explained the operation of the court, the implications of a guilty verdict on a defendant and legal career paths in criminal law.

Our students were fortunate to have this first hand experience of the justice system. Most groups were also able to see a court in operation, and all were able to view a courtroom and learn about its layout. The cases being heard in many of the courtrooms were not suitable for school students to watch. However, all students came away from this event with a deeper understanding of the law and how it impacts on behaviour in contemporary Australia.

Mrs Wendy Martin
Coordinator of Humanities

email address: secretary@xavier.sa.edu.au
Interview of the week

Name: Robert Polito Age: 34
House Colour: McCormack (red)
Favourite Sport: Angling
Favourite Food: Pasta (mum’s)
Favourite Colour: Blue
Favourite Thing: My wife and son
Favourite Animal: Dogs
Favourite Song: That’s what I like about you - Romantics
Favourite Singer/Band: The Wiggles
Place of birth: Adelaide
Bad habits: Too loud
Do you like it at Xavier: I love it
What do you like best?: Holidays/fishing
Favourite Subject: Physical Education
Least Favourite Subject: None
Position at Xavier: McCormack House Director

Sarah Pitt
Year 8

Tournament of Minds

• Teams of 7 people work together to solve challenges.
• Must be from at least 2 year levels.
• Compete against other schools at Flinders University on Sunday September 11th.
• 2 teams representing Xavier: Maths Engineering team & Language Literature team.

Maths Engineering Team
• Jessica Power
• Kieran Meaney
• Lachlan Martin
• Kate Drinkwater
• Ashley Schmerl
• Keith Weatherley
• Mitchell Brimage

Language Literature Team
• Peta Orchison
• Kia Llewellyn
• Rebecca Ramsbotham
• Jordanne Pinnegar
• Bonita Tolcher
• Luke Stockdale
• Tyier Martin

Did you know?

• Einstein didn’t know how to drive a car
• Chewing gum while peeling onions will stop you from crying
• For every person there are an average of 200 million insects
• There are more pigs than humans in Denmark
• The first electronic traffic light was put to use in Cleveland, Ohio in 1914
• Kite flying is a professional sport in Thailand
• Billion seconds equals almost 32 years
• An iceberg contains more heat than a lift machine

Nicole Pirri
Year 9

Joke Corner

Q: What do you say to a killer plant?
A: Grow away and leave me alone!

Man: Doctor, Doctor, I feel like people are ignoring me.
Doctor: Next please!

Q: What starts with “P”, ends with “E” and has a million letters in it?
A: A Post Office

Q: What is an “Ig”?
A: An igloo without a loo.

A guy goes into the doctor’s surgery:
Guy: What’s wrong with me doc?
Doctor: I have bad news for you– firstly you have cancer, secondly you have Alzheimer’s.
Guy: Thanks doc, for a minute I thought I had cancer!

Nicole Pirri
Year 9

Fashion Tips

Girls
Winter season is coming, keep your clothes warm and classy coloured.
Dark purple is a popular colour this season for girls. Usually pink is very popular but not too popular this month.

Boys
Navy blue is a popular colour for boys this season. Black and dark green are also popular this season, following maroon.

Try to stay away from these colours:
• Silver
• Metallic Grey
• Gold

Stacey Evanoff
Year 9

Congratulations

to
Chloe Russell
on receiving
Gawler’s Young Rural Ambassador of The Year Award

Congratulations

to
Kiarra Redden
Silver Medalist at the recent Australian Aerobics Championships

Kentish Road, Gawler Belt

Telephone: (08) 85 230088
Xavier Open Boys Basketball

The Xavier Open Boys Basketball team was finally tested in the two-day finals series at Pasadena High School last week. It was the end of a fantastic knockout basketball series for the boys, as they progressed the furthest they ever have in these competitions.

The series started with two group games on Thursday, with Xavier winning both comfortably. The first was a 49-44 slaughter of Victor Harbour, the team that eventually went on to win the competition. The score line doesn’t effectively represent the difference between the two teams, however the ½ time score of 41-24 gives some idea. The boys eased off in the last quarter but were never in doubt.

Game two saw Xavier playing Jamestown, a tougher match but larger score line, with Xavier winning 56-44. These two wins gave us the lead in our group and a chance to play in Friday’s finals matches.

Friday began with high expectations, caused by the so far unbeaten run, but we were quickly brought down to earth with a gutsy 41-46 loss to Unity in the semi-final. The compounding effects of a tough day before, many missed shots and some sketchy umpiring decisions meant that we were far from our best. The boys played very hard but unfortunately couldn’t quite get over the line. Their frustration was increased when Unity went down to Victor Harbour by 20 points in the grand final later that day.

Team contributions were quite even throughout the finals series with top scorers Brett Maksimovic-50, Michael Krawczyk-32, Jarryd Woods-22 and Daniel Mifsud-17. The school can look to its basketball future with confidence knowing there is a strong team for a number of years to come. Congratulations boys.

Mr Lawrence Pascale
Coach

Year 9 Soccer

The Year 9 Soccer Team had two re-matches against Trinity, the team that defeated us in this knockout competition. The games were played after school on consecutive Thursdays. With several of the first-choice players unable to play, a few year 8’s were keen for a game and this gave us a chance to see what the team will be like for next year. The first game was away at Trinity.

The boys were quick to attack after kick-off. Strikers Nathan Farrell and Kahmen Greg had many opportunities but failed to convert. The first goal came in the dying minutes of the first half when Ben Powell ran the ball from the wing to shoot past the Trinity keeper. Albert Alba in midfield also supplied our attacks with a great range of vision and passing, setting up the run for Ben. The second half started badly as Trinity scored within the first few minutes. Xavier was only encouraged by this goal and wanted the game more. Shaun O’Brien scored the next goal. He worked hard to run the ball into the box and strike a beautiful goal. The defence kept tight with sweeper and captain Lachlan Greenhalgh in charge. We ran the match out 2 – 1.

Goal Scorers: Ben Powell, Shaun O’Brien
Best Players: Albert Alba, Lachlan Greenhalgh, Ben Powell, Jake Nightingale, Nathan Farrell

The second match was at home. Trinity had more options as some of their players returned. The game was a real battle. Both teams had equal possession and fought hard. Xavier had the better attempts on goal but failed to convert, until Shane Cordes took on two players in the box and shot past the keeper. Minutes later Trinity scored a goal. The game was fast and a real battle in the midfield. Once again Albert Alba layed up a through ball to striker Aaron Acton who ran the whole half and scored. Just after the break, Trinity scored two quick goals. Xavier was then playing to catch up. Three minutes from time a goal came from Shaun O’Brien making a final score of 3 – 3.

Goal Scorers: Shane Cordes, Aaron Acton, Shaun O’Brien. Best Players: Albert Alba, Shaun O’Brien, Jeff Base, Ben Powell, Mark Oxley

Congratulations to the boys for defeating Trinity after losing in the knockout tournament.

Steven Goricki – Year 11 Coach

USANET
Special Access Scheme
University of South Australia

Year 12 students, are you aware of USANET?

The University of South Australia’s has a commitment and responsibility to encourage and support students who traditionally have been under-represented in higher education. This commitment includes providing effective entry pathways to its programs to students who may have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of their low socioeconomic background.

Students who are on the School Card and/or receive Youth Allowance are eligible for assistance through Uni SA’s USANET Special Access Scheme.

For more information about how USANET can assist you please contact your school’s careers advisor/school counsellor.

Alternatively contact USANET direct by calling 8302 1489 or visit our website www.usanet.unisa.edu.au

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