Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday signals the commencement of Holy Week, the penultimate period in the lead up to Easter. It commemorates the triumphant arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem, when many of the people of the time were convinced that a new political leader had arrived, one who would save them from oppression. Within days they were thrown into confusion as the death and resurrection of Jesus brought new meaning to our understanding of salvation. The oppressive nature of our material world can not be overcome by the misuse of power, only through reconciliation and personal sacrifice are we able to free ourselves from oppression.

Holy Week is also the final week of the Lenten period and we are encouraged to reflect on our personal contribution to humanity. Perhaps we can ask ourselves:

♦ Did I get things right today?
♦ Did I live my humanity?
♦ Did I matter to someone?
♦ Did I feel compassion?
♦ Did I accept a challenge?
♦ Did I forgive?
♦ Would I have lived the day differently?
♦ What would Jesus have said or done in my place?

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

Luke 19:38

Project Compassion

The Final Week of the 2006 Appeal

With the proceeds of Project Compassion Caritas Australia will be able to continue to provide desperately needed aid to the people of Aceh, a province of Indonesia. Whilst these people caught world attention two years ago they now face the ongoing trauma of the devastation alone and almost forgotten.

Khairunisa, aged 4, and her family live in Pucok Leung village in Meulaboh on the west coast of Aceh province in Indonesia. Everyone living in her village lost their homes when the tsunami hit on Boxing Day, 2004. Khairunisa (which means beautiful girl) attends a temporary kindergarten next to the village mosque which was the first community building in Pucok Leung village to be restored by Caritas Australia’s partner in Indonesia: Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Caritas Australia, with their partners, plan to build a new kindergarten for Khairunisa and her friends and homes for all the families in Pucok Leung, but this will take time.

Planning for the reconstruction of homes has been undertaken by the Caritas Australia shelter team. The community would like to rebuild their homes in a similar way to their old homes. An agreement was signed with the Indonesian Government in late June 2005 and construction has begun.

After prioritising shelter and the restoring of agricultural lands, through further community consultation and participation, Caritas and partners then began developing a livelihood program for the village. To begin with, the livelihood activities focused on the re-establishment of local produce markets. The planning for livelihood activities takes many, many months as communities continue to work through trauma. It is anticipated that the Caritas Australia shelter team will help establish community-based carpentry cooperatives where training and tools will be provided so that windows and doors for the houses that Caritas’ partners will rebuild can be made.

Your donation to Project Compassion enables Caritas Australia to respond with initial funds to emergencies like the tsunami when they happen.
From the Principal

In the previous edition of the newsletter I made reference to the rationale behind the College Uniform Policy. The explanation was provided because there have been some concerns raised about student grooming and how students are wearing the College Uniform. As an addendum to that explanation I have included below a list of the Term 2 Winter uniform requirements:

**Girls:**
- College skirt or Dark Navy College trousers.
- Plain white socks worn above the ankle with skirt or black or white socks with trousers. Black tights may be worn with the skirt.
- White school shirt (tucked in).
- Rust V-neck College jumper.
- School tie to be worn. (Years 8-11)
- Scarf (optional) – black.
- Yr 12 students may wear the approved Yr 12 jumper.
- Black lace up school shoes.
- College blazer (Years 8&9)

**Boys:**
- Grey school trousers (melange).
- Belt (optional) – plain black or grey.
- Grey, plain white or black socks.
- White school shirt (tucked in).
- Plain white T-shirt or singlet may be worn under shirt (optional).
- Rust V-neck College jumper.
- School tie to be worn (Years 8-11)
- Yr 12 students may wear the approved Yr 12 jumper.
- Black lace up school shoes.
- College blazer (Years 8&9)

All students are required to return to school for the commencement of Term 2 wearing the full winter uniform. The majority of students and families take a great deal of pride in the reputation of Xavier College and this is only enhanced when students wear the College Uniform correctly.

SPECIAL REMINDERS:

* As the weather has been quite cool over the last few days I have indicated that the last week of term can be considered as a uniform changeover period. This changeover will only be for the week and it is stressed that students must be wearing the complete winter uniform or the complete uniform, not a combination of both.
* Gawler High School buses will not be running on Thursday April 13, the last day of term. Students who normally use the DECS buses will need to make alternative arrangements.

**Year 8 2007**

Have you submitted an Enrolment Application form?

Younger siblings of students currently enrolled at the College have priority access to a position at Xavier only if an enrolment application has been lodged!

Each year there are families who forget to complete an enrolment application and are shocked to discover that all the available places for Year 8 have been allocated and there is no longer a place available for their child. There are already many more applications for the 2007 Year 8 class then there are places available and applications close on the last day of Term 1, April 13.

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**Weekly Celebration of the Eucharist**

Every Tuesday morning at 8.10am Fr. Germano Baiguini will say a morning Mass in the Xavier Chapel.

Students and staff are invited to join the thousands of Catholics around the world who begin their day by spending some time in prayer and celebrating the Eucharist together before they go off to school, work.... etc.

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**R.I.P.**

Please pray for the eternal repose and happiness of Valeria Kerr, mother of Marguerite Smith, Mother-in-law of David Smith and grandmother to Domenic (Year 11) and Mary (Year 8). Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.
Homework VS study

It is expected that Year 11 students will complete 2.5 - 3 hours of homework per subject per week (total of 15 - 18 hours per week) and for Year 12 students, 3.5 to 4 hours of homework per subject per week (total of 17.5 - 20 hours per week). While some of this time will be spent completing tasks assigned by the teacher, it is anticipated that the remainder of the time is spent completing private study. With semester 1 examinations rapidly approaching, now is a good time to start!

What to do during study time –

Review material covered in class during that day. Research shows that if new material is revised a number of times, you are more likely to retain the information. A suggested method for reviewing is to divide your page into three columns –

- first column - write down any of the main headings or key points that you recall from the lesson. Use your class notes to add key points that you may have forgotten.
- second column - write additional information and other points from class notes or text book for each heading.
- third column - write important key words and questions you have so that you can discuss them with your teacher.

Summarise Topics. At the end of a major topic, summarise the important points from the topic. Use your daily review notes to create a concept map on a sheet of paper using coloured pens, showing the main points and how they are linked together. Only the absolute essentials should be written down.

Pre-reading. Read ahead and get ahead - look over the next chapter, read the chapter heading, subheadings, look at example questions, graphs, diagrams, key words, chapter summary. Look up definitions of key words and make note of the definitions.

Practise Example Questions. Particularly in mathematics and science subjects, practising example questions allows you to become familiar with the processes and procedures used to answer questions. Example questions can be found in the text book, Revision Guide, etc.

Rebecca Donnon
SACE Coordinator

Catholic Co-ed Athletics Carnival

On Monday of week 9, the Catholic Co-ed Athletics Carnival was held at Santos Stadium in Adelaide. Xavier College assembled a large group of 75 students to compete against other Catholic schools on a morning that began with teaming rain. Fortunately, this rain had cleared by the time we arrived at the stadium and no events had to be cancelled.

Our performances, especially through the U14, U15 and U16 age groups were very impressive, with many students taking place ribbons home. From the 15 records broken on the day, Xavier students took 6 of these. We finished the day in fourth position, which was quite a respectable result.

Congratulations must be given to all students who competed; their enthusiasm was second to none. A fantastic day!

Mr Dan Searle
(Sports Administrator)

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20th Annual Soup Run
On Monday 8th May, 2006, the Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons will begin its 20th Annual Soup Run. The soup van will be going out every night between 6.30 and 8.30pm until October to serve hot soup and bread to many cold and hungry people who are sleeping out through Winter. Over the last nineteen years the Soup Run has, not only provided thousands of serves of soup and bread, clothing and blankets, but has been a source of human contact and hope for many who have become isolated and disheartened.

The Day Centre has no funding for this service but relies on the generosity of volunteers and soup makers and the support of many people in the wider community to keep going.

The Day Centre has a great need for blankets, homemade and canned soup and warm clothing and are asking for help in meeting these needs. Mostly, they are desperate for blankets and sleeping bags, as it was found last year many more people were sleeping out.

If you would like to help out in some way please call Gabby Harkin or Sr. Janet on 8232 0048.

ACE Coaches Runs - A, B & C
Barossa Valley Run - Wednesday afternoon to Angle Vale, Virginia and Two Wells

Students using these bus runs are advised that a new type of ticket is now being used for travel on these buses. Please note there is no price change. These tickets are available from the College Reception (ACE & Barossa Valley tickets), Book Room (ACE & Barossa Valley tickets) and Uniform Shop (ACE Coach tickets only). The transitional period from old tickets to the new tickets will occur over the next 2 weeks with only the new type of tickets being accepted from the beginning of Term 2. Credit for the old style ticket to purchase a new ticket is available from the College Reception or the Book Room. Please note that tickets will be sold only as whole tickets – ie ACE 10 tickets $27, Barossa Valley 4 tickets $10.

Uniform Shop
Opening Times – Term 2 Holidays
Thursday 27/4/06 1pm – 5pm
Friday 28/4/06 9am – 1pm

Couples, when was the last time... You felt really connected?
You wouldn’t expect a car to run for 5 or 10 years without a tune up. So, why do we expect our marriages to go on and on without some nurturing? A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND might be just the thing to rebuild your close connection and bring more romance into your lives.

Weekend Dates: 7—9 April 2006 4—6 August 2006
For information and bookings:
Geraldine & Malachy O'Reilly, 65 Beach Street, Grange SA 5022
Phone or SMS: 0437 388 513
What to expect? See our website www.wwme.org.au

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Would you like to make some positive changes in your life?
Is stuff in your family and/or life difficult to manage?
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