On Wednesday 16th August Xavier College hosted the 2006 Annual Employers Breakfast for Gawler Region Education Employment and Training (GREET Inc).

Mr Reto Gasser and his VET Hospitality students transformed Xavier College’s Marian Room from an ordinary classroom into a Five Star Breakfast Restaurant.

The special occasion acknowledged local employers in the Gawler region who had provided work placement opportunities for school students completing their VET programs at Xavier this year. Old scholar Tina Catanzariti (who graduated from Xavier College in 2002) was presented with a special award for her successful accomplishment of starting up her own Hair and Beauty Business in Mawson Lakes. Tina was a past student who participated in the VET program at Xavier during her senior years at the college.

Phil Methofer, the CEO of Business SA and Australia Apprenticeships was the guest speaker for the morning. Mr Methofer highlighted the importance of providing local industry with skilled young people who are self motivated, enthusiastic and posses a sound work ethic. Furthermore, he complemented the VET program and the valuable experience students received at school by completing Vocational Education Training courses and the skills that can be translated to other employment industry.

Congratulations to all the VET Hospitality students and Mr Reto Gasser who coordinated the fabulous event. The students demonstrated quality skills and expertise that showcased Xavier College in a very professional light. Well done!

If you would like to find out further information about the VET programs that Xavier College offer and/or are a business owner who would like to participate in the VET program next year who can offer a work placement in a local industry please contact Emma Schuit at the College on 8523 0088.

Ms Schuit, Career, Transition Services and VET Coordinator
From the Principal

College Uniform Policy - "Hair"
I wrote in the Xavier News earlier this year about the rationale for the College Uniform Policy - it is designed to remove one of the many social pressures from students. I would like to remind students and parents that the College Uniform Policy also gives clear expectations in regard to grooming and acceptable hair styles.

The social pressure to make fashion statements by way of adopting a particular hairstyle is just such a pressure that has the tendency to spread very quickly from one student to many others.

The Policy states “The hair of all students must be clean, neat and kept out of the face ……unusual cuts, colours or styles shall not be allowed.”

It is amazing to see how quickly students are encouraged to copy a particular style if one student adopts something out of the ordinary.

I have had to speak to a number of students recently about unusual tints being added to their hair. This is an obvious area where competition can quickly take hold and I am sure the costs associated with some of these procedures are an unnecessary burden on families.

Next week all tutor teachers will check all students in their tutor class to ensure that hairstyles comply with the policy.

Students who have not complied by Monday September 4 will be issued with a detention.

Episcopal Ordination of Father Greg O’Kelly (Bishop Elect)
The College has received an invitation for parents, staff and students to attend the Ordination ceremony of Father O’Kelly on September 14 at 7pm at the Convention Centre.

The presiding celebrant will be Archbishop Wilson and attending will be Apostolic Nuncio, cardinals, bishops and priests.

Tickets will be made available through the parish as well as the school.

If you are interested in attending you are invited to register your interest by phoning the College.

Brittny Connaughton - Senior House Leader
Age: 17
Interests: I love spending time with my friends, playing sport and going to parties.

Why did you want to be a House Leader? Because I love being part of this school and wanted to give something back.

What is the best/worst thing about being a house leader? The best thing would definitely be getting to meet new people. The worst thing would be taking time out of my year 12 studies.

What do you love the most about being a student at Xavier College? I love being a part of this year’s year 12 cohort and socialising with friends and teachers.

What do you want to do when you leave school? I would like to go to university and become a P.E. teacher.

What is your favourite subject and why? Definitely P.E. because I love playing sport and it is what I live for.

What word or phrase describes you best? Sporty and approachable.

Leanne Sciberras - Bosco Tutor Teacher
Age: 29
Interests: Walking, reading, cooking, talking to new people, travelling.

Why did you want to be a teacher? I wanted to share my passion for my subject areas. Working with young people is always interesting, fun and sometimes challenging.

What is the best/worst thing about being a teacher at Xavier? Best: my tutor group - a joyful bunch of characters I meet with each morning. Worst: cold mornings at Xavier.

What do you love the most about being a staff member at Xavier College? The energy and enthusiasm of my colleagues. Working with fabulous young people.

Did you ever consider not being a teacher? If so, what were you going to do? Flight attendant or a florist.

What is your favourite subject to teach and why? Art, we have so many creative and expressive students here. I also enjoy teaching English for this reason too.

What word or phrase describes you best? Be happy - every day is a good day, some are just better than others.

What are the biggest differences in schools now compared to when you were a student? Students are encouraged to be more active and eat healthier. It is a good change.

R.I.P.
Our deepest sympathy is extended to Courtney Irvine (Year 10) on the recent loss of her Grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Irvine family.
Open Boys KO Soccer

After winning our first KO match to Craigmore High, 5-1, the boys were looking forward to the next encounter, this time against Salisbury East High School. Salisbury East began strongly and after 20 minutes were 2-0 ahead. We needed to tighten up through the middle and prevent the through balls to their fast strikers. This was managed to a degree and Daniel McKenzie was able to put home our first goal of the match with a lovely strike. Unfortunately Salisbury East scored again nearing half-time and took a 3-1 lead into the break.

The second half began to turn ugly about half-way through as Salisbury East hit the back of the net on numerous occasions. Xavier returned fire with a penalty goal to Steven Goricki but it was too little, too late. The final score was 9-2. All worked hard for the entirety of the match but were a little outgunned.


Mary to play for SA

Mary Smith (Year 8, KDPF9) has been chosen to play “Touch Football” in the 15 and under state side.

She will be travelling to Perth in late October to compete at the National Touch Championship.

This is the third year Mary has represented South Australia in Touch Football.

We wish Mary all the best in this endeavour.

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.

From the Careers Office

NIDA – National Institute of Dramatic Art
Applications for full-time study in 2007 are now open

Year 10, 11 & 12 SATAC Applications for University and TAFESA
Open on 8th August and close 30th September.
Application are to be submitted on-line

Transition Plans for Year 10 & 11 students in Tutor Group
Commence Term 3 in Careers Office with Ms Schuit

Edinburgh RAAF Base Tour - Available for selected Year 10, 11 and 12 Students, Thursday 14th September (all day)

Applications open for Scholarships for Commencing Students who wish to apply to Adelaide University Visit Website http://www.adelaide.edu.au/scholarships/undergrad
Or phone – (08) 8303- 7335 for further information

Year 10 and 11, Introduction to Certificate III in Dental Assisting, 23rd August – 18th Oct, 25th Oct – 6th December
Time:6.30 – 9.30pm – Gilles Plains TAFE Campus, Cost $405 ph: Shirley Brocklebank (08) 8207 4337, Students note – This course can be used toward SACE certificate at school

Year 12 and 11, Australian National University (ANU)
Advisory Days – Saturday 9th September 10am – 3pm, Stamford Plaza

Year 10, 11 and 12 – Need Extra Assistance with TAFE, University and or Career Counselling?
Visit Centrelink Career Information Centre, 55 Currie Street, Adelaide ph 8401 2379 for appointment, FREE Service

Year 10, 11 and 12 – Visit TAFE Shop for further assistance Shop 4, Da Costa Arcade – 68 Grenfell Street, 9.00am- 5.00pm Monday –Friday, ph Val McMahon (08) 8463 6354

Traineeship School Based Traineeship in Office Administration at Greenock
Reception Duties, Answering Phones, Invoices, Statewide – Group Training, Ph: Nicholas Mathews: 0429 034 945

Fulltime Traineeship – Warehousing, Nuriootpa

Synthesis: Pharmacy & Medical Sciences Careers Seminar
Food Science and Nutrition, Laboratory Medicine Biotechnology and Pharmacy, 14th September 6.00pm – 8.00pm Uni SA City East Campus, ph: 08 8302 2391
**Open Door Christian Community Bookshop**

Gawler Arcade, 126-128 Murray Street, Gawler.
ph: 8522 1677
Mon-Fri: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We are currently having a special sale of 10% off our children’s DVDs and videos.

Titles include “Moon Menace on Planet Tell-A-Lie”, “Josh and the Big Wall”, “Where’s God when I’m Scared”, “The Six Lies of the Fibbler” to name just a few.

We also stock Bibles, books (for adults and children), gifts for all occasions, cds, posters and a wide range of cards. Please call in – our friendly, voluntary staff will be happy to help you.

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**South Australian Irish Dancing Championships**

26 and 27 August 2006
Shedley Theatre Complex, City of Playford

These championships, being held by the Australian Irish Dancing Association (SA) Inc. are by far the most prestigious event on their dancing calendar and are a qualifying round for the World Irish Dancing Championships. For more information contact the secretary, Mrs Margaret Atkinson on 8264 7146.

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**Staying in touch with your kids**

A workshop for non-residential separated fathers and mothers wanting to get practical tips how to support their child(ren) emotionally and physically after divorce.

1. Identify the principles of active parenting
2. Make informed decisions out health care for your children
3. Identify the basic principles of a healthy diet for your children
4. Understand what it takes to stay involved with your kids
5. Explore age appropriate play options for your children

**When**: Wed. 30th August 2006

**Where**: Emmaus House, Centacare, 33 Carey St., Salisbury

**Cost**: $20 ($ 10 concession)

**Bookings**: Reception, Telephone 8210 8200

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**POST SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES INFORMATION FORUM**

This forum is aimed to provide students, parents and teachers the opportunity to talk to a range of local agencies that provide services to students with disabilities

**Date**: Wednesday 30th August 2006

**Time**: 5 - 8 p.m.

**Venue**: Grand Central (Central District Football Club) – Goodman Road, Elizabeth

**PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING**

5.00 p.m. **Arrival and Greetings**

A light meal will be provided and the opportunity to look at the displays and speak to the local service providers to assist with future career plans.

6.00 p.m. **Welcome and Overview (Libby Brown)**

6.10 p.m. **Speakers**

- **Centrelink** Paul Schmelzkopf
- **TAFESA** Michala Miller
- **Courses and services**
- **Personnel Employment** Kerry Jones
- **Support in the Workplace**
- **Student**

7.00 p.m. **Panel Question and Answer Session**

(including speakers)

- **Disabilities SA (IDSC)** Sandra Elliot
- **Barkuma** Andrea Shevlin
- **University** Leonie Challans
- **Parent**

7.30 – 8 pm **Tea and coffee and an opportunity to meet with service providers to assist with career options**

Please indicate your interest in attending this forum by phoning Sandy Keller on 82568216 by Friday 25 August (numbers are needed to book catering for the evening) and let Sandy know if attendees have any special requirements i.e. signing, wheelchair access, etc.

There will be a similar forum held at Nuriootpa High School on 6 September 2006

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**Gain the Edge in Tertiary Studies**

Recent research from the University of Western Australia has shown that students who take a year out prior to commencing tertiary studies succeed at higher levels than those students who continue directly on from Year 12.

**Year Out** – an Australian organization dedicated to providing quality-volunteering experiences for young Australians is the answer for many students.

Managed by competent and caring staff with experience and knowledge in dealing with students we will ensure your year out makes a lifetime of difference. Our overseas placements are varied, challenging and encourage the growth of the volunteer.

Information is now available on our website www.yearout.org.au or by phoning 03 99156476 or mobile 0425860049.

Applications for 2007 departures are now open.

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