St. John Bosco began his work in northern Italy amidst the upheavals of the industrial revolution. Many young people were homeless, had no skills with which to earn a living, and could be exploited by the unscrupulous. It was the festive atmosphere, the balance of study, play and faith development, and the happy relationship between students and staff that most distinguished the St. John Bosco schools.

The Feast Day of St. John Bosco is celebrated each year on January 31, the anniversary of his death. On this day in 1988 Pope John Paul II proclaimed him “The Father and Teacher of Youth”. College staff and year 12 students celebrated the Feast with Mass at St’s Peter and Paul Church last Tuesday.

The entire College community celebrated the life of St. John Bosco and the start of the school year with a whole school Mass on Friday, February 3.
From the Principal

Welcome back for the start of the 2006 school year. I hope everyone enjoyed a happy Christmas period and experienced a great start to the New Year. I extend a special welcome to those who join the Xavier College community for the first time, including the 200 new Year 8 students and the 16 new students joining other year levels.

I am delighted to welcome and introduce to you 11 new members of staff:

- **Ms. Carina Carslake** English and SOSE
- **Mr. Stuart Cox** Business and Legal Studies
- **Ms. Anne Hall** 0.5 of time as an ESL Consultant
- **Ms. Annasofia Hamilton** English and SOSE
- **Mr. Ryan Jackson** English and Media Studies
- **Mr. Gordon Levett** Mathematics and Science
- **Ms. Kim McDonald** Receptionist
- **Ms. Leanne Sciberras** Art, English and Religious Ed.
- **Mr. Nicholas Sharrad** Science Coordinator.
- **Ms. Katrina Spencer** Physical Education
- **Ms. Trang Tran** Mathematics and Science

I am also pleased to welcome back Ms Kelly Smitham and Mr Stephen Orr, who are returning to Xavier after extended leave.

The start of the 2006 school year has been very smooth and yet quite productive. Staff induction and professional development days were conducted over the period January 25th through to the 30th. A very successful Year 12 Induction day was held on Tuesday, January 31, which incorporated a special Mass at St’s Peter and Paul Church to celebrate the Feast of St John Bosco. This was followed on the Wednesday by an orientation day for all Year 8 students, before the total student cohort returned on Thursday.

The first Friday of Term 1 commenced with a whole school Mass in honour of St John Bosco. It was also an opportunity to celebrate the start of the school year and to conduct the investiture of the College leaders. This was followed by an assembly to present the ‘Handley’ Medal to the 2005 College Dux and to recognise the other outstanding academic results achieved by the Year 12 Class of 2005.

**Academic Results**

The 2005 Year 12 academic results were commendable. Eight students achieved a TER greater than 90, including two scores of 99.8 and 99.75. There were 9 subject scores of 20 achieved, including 2 in Chemistry, 2 in Mathematical Studies, 2 in Physics, 2 in Multi Media and 1 in Geography Studies (refer to a list of achievements printed later in this newsletter).

**Capital Developments**

There are some significant capital developments occurring over the course of the first couple of weeks of the Term. The most noticeable changes are upgrades to the College information and communication technologies. System infrastructure is being enhanced, the Music room (M1) is been totally redeveloped (incorporating new ICTs), new computers (incorporating LCD monitors) are been deployed in ICT 1, 2&4, along with the Library. ICT 5, or E9 as it will now be known, has been returned to a general purpose teaching area as a result of the establishment of a mobile laptop facility. I also suspect that one of the most exciting innovations will be the deployment of six Interactive Electronic Whiteboards.

An Adaptive Education Centre and a Career and Transition Centre have also been established over the course of the holiday period.

The 2006 school year will be an exciting period and a further step in the ongoing development of Xavier College. The release of the College Strategic Plan early in the New Year will result in a review of the College Master Plan. I anticipate that this will lead to significant renovations to the Polding Resource Centre and the Administration Building (including the relocation of the staff room) in the not too distant future, along with enhancements to the Sustainable Futures learning areas. Redevelopment of the Art/ Technology facility and other property developments are also in the foreseeable future. The Middle School Review has opened the door to significant opportunities for curriculum innovations and professional development in preparation for 2007.

R.I.P.

Please pray for the eternal repose and happiness of Steven Bourne, father of Luke (year 8), Matthew, Jamie, Taia and husband of Sara. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

**Reflection**

If I had to raise my child all over again
I’d build self-esteem first and the house later
I’d finger paint more and point the finger less
I would do less correcting and more connecting
I would take my eyes off my watch

and watch with my eyes
I would care to know less and know to care more
I’d take more hikes and fly more kites
I’d stop playing serious and seriously play
I’d see the oak in the acorn more often
I would model less about the love of power and more about the power of love.
Australia Day Honours

Young Citizen of the Year 2006

Xavier College old scholar, Callan Taylor

He’s not even 20 but Gawler’s Young Citizen of the Year Callan Taylor already runs his own graphic design company, does public speaking and has sponsored his own youth award and cycling team.

Although he lives in One Tree Hill, Callan has made a huge contribution to Gawler through his business, CJT Design, which he started when he was just 17.

“In primary school I was really artistic. My teachers said ‘you’ll be a graphic designer some day’ - I didn’t even know what it was at that stage,” Callan said.

However, he soon found out and after excelling at design throughout high school at Xavier College, Callan started work placement through GREET.

“I learnt so much through that experience,” he said. “That really gave me some direction and in year 12 I couldn’t wait to start working.”

Despite assistance from his parents, Callan said the hardest part of starting his own business was getting taken seriously.

“Being so young, I couldn’t even get a business bank account,” Callan said.

“Some of the biggest companies I’ve done work for since then are Masterfoods, Petcare Australia and New Zealand, where I created print media advertisements for Pedigree and Whiskas.”

Callan has previously won the Town of Gawler Scholarship for outstanding performance in the GREET program, and was a runner up in the 2004 Gawler Young Achievers Award in both the Community Service and Small Business categories.

In 2004 he sponsored three cyclists in a local CJT Design Cycling Team, and for the last two years has sponsored the CJT Inspiration Award through GREET.

“I wanted to give some inspiration to a young person who had some direction, some achievements - a really motivated and focused person with goals to work towards,” he said.

And Callan still has plenty of goals of his own. “I’d love CJT Design to be the benchmark in graphic design, to employ lots of people, and continue to sponsor as much as I can,” he said.

“There’s a lot of plans’ I have to be patient and sometimes I dream a bit too much so I’ve just got to take it a day at a time.”

Xavier College Leaders 2006

What makes a person a good leader?

Leaders inspire enthusiasm in people.
The leader says “We” instead of “I”.
Leaders work hard to fix a problem.
Leaders make time for things that matter.
Leaders are concerned with people.
Leaders also look at tomorrow, not just today.
Leaders work ahead of time.
Leaders build on trust.
Leaders welcome new ideas and develop them.
Leaders work “with” people and “for” people.

The students selected to represent the student body at Xavier College in 2006 have demonstrated these qualities. They are an outstanding group of young people who will be able to work with both students and staff throughout the year to uphold the Salesian ethos of our College.

The House Leaders and College Captains for 2006 are:

BOSCO
Year 10 – Junior House Leaders
Lachlan Greenhalgh, Olivia Clasohm
Year 12 – Senior House Leaders
Brittny Connaughton, Katrina Pedler, Brendan Moore (College Captain)

McCORMACK
Year 10 – Junior House Leaders
Michael Trimboi, Nicole Lemke
Year 12 – Senior House Leaders
James Williams, Chevonne Craker, Candice Butler

MacKILLOP
Year 10 – Junior House Leaders
Samuel Harnett, Kia Llewellyn
Year 12 – Senior House Leaders
Ryan Mills, Russell Pascoe, Stephanie Moore (College Captain)

POLDING
Year 10 – Junior House Leaders
Cameron Daniels, Shamika Moore
Year 12 – Senior House Leaders
Tom Prokopec, Melissa Barker, Heather Lee

Ms Michelle Rawady
Director of Students

Photo and story courtesy of Sarah Thomas, “The Bunyip”
**World Day of the Sick**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide is hosting the fourteenth World Day of the Sick from February 9 to 11, 2006.

The three-day international event will culminate in a special Mass at St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral on Saturday, February 11 at 9.30am. The Holy Father’s World Day of the Sick message prepared specifically for the Adelaide event will be delivered by the Pope’s emissary.

World Day of the Sick brings attention to human suffering and recognizes the important role of carers of the sick. The first World Day of the Sick was celebrated at the Marian Shrine of Lourdes in France in 1993 and is held each year to coincide with the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The Archdiocese is inviting bishops, health professionals and the public from across Australia and Oceania to take part in the World Day of the Sick program which begins on February 9 with a conference focusing on the theme “Mental health and human dignity”.

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**Handle Medal – 2005 Dux**

The 2005 Dux of Xavier College and recipient of the Handle Medal was acknowledged at the whole school assembly last Friday. Greg Oates achieved a TER (Tertiary Entrance Rank) Score of 99.8 and has been accepted into the Chemical Engineering course at Adelaide University for 2006.

Concentrations are also extended to all of the Year 12 students who achieved academic results commensurate with their abilities. In particular it is appropriate to mention the other students who achieved TER scores in the top 10% of the state:

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<td>Emma May Bell</td>
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Subject scores of 20 were also achieved in the following subjects:

- Chemistry: James Harvey and Greg Oates
- Geography Studies: James Harvey
- Mathematical Studies: James Harvey and Greg Oates
- Multi Media: Hannah Murdoch and Krystle Anger
- Physics: James Harvey and Greg Oates

These results were achieved as a result of the strong commitment and dedication of the 2005 Year 12 cohort and the wonderful support provided by their teachers.

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**Vocal Teacher**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced personnel for the position of vocal teacher to take one on one voice lessons. Ability to teach Year 12 Solo Performance level is essential.

Applications close 15th February 2006 and are to be addressed to:

The Principal  
Mr Lynn Martin  
Xavier College  
PO Box 1566  
GAWLER SA 5118  
Or by email to  
mblythman@xavier.sa.edu.au

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**Weekly Celebration of the Eucharist**

Starting next Tuesday (14th of February) Fr. Germano Baiguini will begin saying a morning Mass every Tuesday at 8.10am 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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**STUDENT ABSENTEEISM PHONE LINE:**

**8521 4537**

Ring any time before 9am and leave a message

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“a school of the future in the present”