The Open girls netball team defeated St Columba 71-43.

It was a close game in the first quarter with St Columba a goal ahead. Xavier settled in the second quarter and were led by the unstoppable Kaye Walton, and superb defending by Rebecca Pierotti and Taryn Ovenden.

Xavier then led by 14 goals at half time and were unstoppable. Brooke Phelps came on to take many intercepts and she was well supported by Brooke Roy who provided much drive out of defence. Leah Hollis and Katie Jackson dominated the mid court and provided great service to the goalies.

Ashlee Bloffwitch shot beautifully in the first half and was rested in the 3rd quarter with a recurrent ankle injury. To her credit she came back on in the last quarter and was at her blistering best! Congratulations to all the girls for a fantastic game and for a very well earned victory.

Chris Dwulat

Out on the oval, Xavier's footballers were having the best of the possession early in the match but could not capitalise, scoring 4 points without a major. St Columba then turned up the heat and led by a couple of goals at quarter time. This lead was extended by a couple of goals in the second and third quarters before Xavier came home strongly into the wind in the final quarter but to no avail. St Columba had scored their first victory in this intercollegiate competition winning by 23 points.

Presentations were held in the gym at the conclusion of both matches. Our Principal, Mr Lynn Martin, presented the Father Dennis Handley Trophy to Katie Jackson. All teams then enjoyed pies, sausage rolls and soft drinks thanks to Ms Stacey in the canteen. Also thanks to Mr Rob Polito and Ms Christine Dwulat for coaching the Xavier teams. A great day was had by all, next year the football trophy can hopefully make its way back to Xavier College.
From the Principal

End of Term
As is often the case at the end of a school term, there are a couple of farewells to be said. Over the course of the last two terms Xavier has benefited from the services of Mrs Anne Hall. Anne has been providing specific support to ESL (English as a second Language) students and was available to the College as a result of special funding from the Catholic Education Office. Anne has not only fulfilled the responsibilities assigned to her, but she has also completed significant research into the literacy needs of students at Xavier. I thank her for the contribution she has made to the College during her time here and wish her well for the future as she begins a course of further study. I would also like to thank Ms Susan Streich for her commitment to the teaching of Religious Education over the last term and wish her well in her new appointment at Thomas More College.

Student Reports
Earlier this term I alerted families to the implications of the Commonwealth Government’s ‘Schools Assistance’ Act. As indicated in that newsletter article the Act legislates a range of requirements of schools, the most contentious has been in relation to student reports, Years 1-10. The major implications that arise out of the reporting requirements are outlined below:

- Reports are to be written in plain English and include subject grades labelled A-E and be defined against the learning standards expressed in the South Australian Curriculum and Standards Accountability (SACSA) Framework.
- Written reports must be provided at least twice a year.
- Reports are to be followed by an opportunity for the child and the parents to meet with the child’s teachers to discuss the report.
- Parents can request the school to provide them with a clear indication of their child’s achievement in the subjects studied, in comparison to others in the student’s peer group at the school. This information will show the number of students in each achievement level.

Xavier College will comply with all the requirements of the Act and the only significant changes to current practices will be a slight change to the grade descriptors, as published on the inside cover of Year 8-10 reports, and the availability of information as to a student’s subject performance relative to their peers, if it is requested.

I encourage both students and parents to thoroughly peruse the information as to a student’s subject performance relative to their peers. If a parent believes there is the need for an extended or more personal approach, I strongly advise parents to utilise this opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with subject teachers. I am conscious that the structure of Parent/Teacher interviews does not necessarily suit all needs. If a parent believes there is the need for an extended or more personal interview, I encourage them to make an alternative appointment at a time that is more suitable for parent and teacher.

In closing I wish all families a safe and happy term holiday.

Polding House

House Leader
Cameron Daniels - Polding Junior House Leader
Age: 15
Interests: Tennis, Footy, Cricket & Music.
Why did you want to be a House Leader? To be recognised around the school and so people could come to me when they need help.
What is the best/worst thing about being a house leader? The worst thing about being a house leader is missing some recesses and lunch-times because of meetings.
What do you love the most about being a student at Xavier College? The staff and students are very easy to get along with.
What do you want to do when you leave school? I want to go to University but I don’t know what I want to study yet.
What is your favourite subject and why? PE because it is fun and you are doing sports you enjoy.
What word or phrase describes you best? Someone who is not afraid to talk to anyone (I’m BUFF too!)

Tutor Teacher
Karina Carslake - Polding teacher
Age: 161 (in dog years)
Why did you want to be a teacher? I To try and make learning more enjoyable.
What is the best/worst thing about being a teacher at Xavier? The best thing is when a student grasps a topic which he/she found hard and you get to see the smile on their face.
What do you love the most about being a staff member at Xavier College? The sincere, caring ans supporting nature of the staff and students.
Did you ever consider not being a teacher? If so, what were you going to do? In Year 11 I considered being a photographer but decided to stick to my dream of being a teacher and maybe one day teach photography.
What is your favourite subject to teach and why? English because you get to experience other worlds and ideas from the comfort of your classroom.
What word or phrase describes you best? Cheerful (according to my tutor group).
What are the biggest differences in schools now compared to when you were a student? They don’t use the terms PES/PAS in Year 12 anymore (it wasn’t that long ago).

Uniform Shop
Please note the Uniform Shop will not be opened during Term 3 holidays. Opening Times – Term 3: Mondays and Thursdays 2.30pm - 4.30pm

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Youth Driver Education Program - Year 11

Each year, students at Xavier College participate in the Youth Driver Education Program. This program is conducted by members of the South Australian Police and educates young people about their rights and responsibilities on the road. This year, the program will be held on Wednesday 26th July 2006 (Term 3, Week 1) from 9 - 10.30am at Xavier College. Attendance is compulsory for all Year 11 students. Students will be required to wear their correct winter school uniform and are free to leave the school premises following the program at 10.30am.

Rebecca Donnon
SACE Coordinator

Fundraiser for Tahnee

Last Monday evening, a movie night was organised by Lauren Tiltman (Year 12 student) to raise money for Tahnee Acton’s family. Over $500 was collected. Special thanks to John and Joy Thorpe at the Gawler Cinema’s for their donation of the cinema complex for the night and also to the Hedge's family (Sarah, Katie and Bernie) for covering the cost of the projectionist. If anyone would still like to make a donation to the Acton family, please see Lauren - Year 12 - CMBH2.

For those of you who may not know, Tahnee Acton was a student at Xavier College (she left at the end of last year) and her brother still attends our school. Tahnee was involved in a car accident earlier this year, and has now regained consciousness from her coma. She still has a long way to go, but things are looking a lot brighter than what was first thought. Please keep the Acton family in your thoughts and prayers.

Ms Michelle Rawady,
Director of Students

Indonesian Cooking

On Wednesday the 21st of June the year 10 Indonesian class went to the Home-ec centre to cook Indonesian food. We went into five groups allocated by Ms Hatch. Each group cooked a different Indonesian food which we selected.

Some of the foods cooked were Chicken Satay (Sate Ayam), Vegetable Soup (Sayur Lodeh), Special Fried rice (Nasi Goreng Istimewa), Peanut Sesame pancakes (Kue Apem) and the Peanut Sauce (Saus Kacang). All the students enjoyed the food and one of the highlights was Sam and Lachlan’s peanut sauce. Also we must say a big thank-you to Mr Gasser and Ms Hatch for helping us on the day.

Jack Callander & Sam Harnett

SOS Bowling Excursion

On Wednesday 5th July Brett Norris, Samantha Vickers, Steven Goodwin, Luke Hillier, Matthew Siviour and Milly Azirovic went bowling at the Barossa Valley. It was girls vs boys. On the girl team was Milly, Sam & Mrs Moore and on the boys team was Brett, Steven, Luke and Matthew.

Matthew won the first game out of the boys. He scored a strike on his first ball and an overall score of 120. Samantha bowled a number of spares to win out of the girls. Then we had a break and bought some snacks to eat before we played our second game.

On the second game, Brett and Mrs Moore won. Then we had to come back to school. Everyone that was there had fun!

Samantha Vickers & Milly Azirovic
**Year 9 Girls Knockout Soccer**

On Tuesday, 4th of July, the Year 9 Xavien girls played against Gleeson College. We started off slow but it soon turned into a fast aggressive and pumped game. Everyone played brilliantly, especially Brodie Irvine, who weaved around a number of players and scored our only goal. The team consisted of Natalie Carypidis, Lauren Gauci, Catherine Menzies-Harris, Brodie Irvine, Megan Scally, Chantel Long, Natasha Pain, Kimberley Adams, Rhiannon Cannard, Rosa Shackley, Charlotte Ailmore, Brooke Bethune and Samantha Clancy. We had a lot of support from the sidelines and all girls appreciated this. Unfortunately, we finished losing the match 8-1 and are now out of the knockout tournament.

*By Natalie Carypidis and by Brodie Irvine*

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**Junior Knockout Footy**

The Xavier team recently won through to the 4th round of the Junior Knockout Footy competition. Following a resounding win over Craigmore High, a visit to Clare resulted in a 14 point win after the resounding competition. The 3rd round against Faith Lutheran College from Tanunda ended up with an excellent 13 goal victory to Xavier.

Last Tuesday we traveled to Jamestown to meet a very strong side called MINSET which is a combined side from about 6 schools. They were a clearly superior side, but some of our lads showed great character in fighting the game out to the end. Peter Seccafien was our best player for that game. It was great to see some other gutsy and determined efforts by the likes of Tyson Whitelaw, Sam McKinnon, Jo Rossi, Peter Wharton, Luke Stockdale and Cody Harrison- Price.

Tom McCarthy, although soundly beaten by an excellent full forward, fought the game out with courage and determination. A 50 metre determined chase by Royce Lively in the last quarter, when the game was well and truly over was full of character. Peter Wharton, who broke his nose for the second time in as many weeks, came off, wiped off the blood and then went straight back and gave his best. These boys showed leadership and brought credit to themselves and the team.

Sam McKinnon, Tyson Whitelaw, Peter Seccafien, Peter Wharton, Con Mylonopolous and Jo Rossi were our stand out players over the 4 matches with consistent and sometimes brilliant performances. We had three key players out for the last match, about four other players had the flu last week and Sam and Tyson were pretty tired having played games on both Saturday and Sunday, making it three games in four days for two of our best players. Playing a game of footy immediately after jumping off an extended bus trip isn’t all that easy either. Having said that, MINSET were clearly superior. They played some terrific footy.

All games were played in great spirit. Not once did the umpire have to reprimand any boys from either side in any of the matches. We had a lot of fun, played some good footy at times, learnt a fair bit about each other and built some great relationships. Some of the boys pushed themselves to new highs and gained respect from each other, their opposition and the umpires. Some will look back on a lost opportunity and maybe be a bit disappointed with their resolve. Overall, it was a great learning experience.

*Noel Tiver and Andrew Footner*

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**Christie to play for SA**

Christie Hillyer has been chosen to play soccer in the under 16 state side. She will be travelling to Coffs Harbour on 7th July to represent South Australia in a national competition.

This is the fourth year Christie has played for South Australia and she wishes one day to play for the Matilda’s.

We wish Christie all the best in this endeavour.

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**GREET**

Work placement Induction Sessions 5th July with Anna White

Wednesday the 5th July marked the second induction sessions conducted by GREET (The Gawler Region Education Employment and Training) at the Playford Civic Centre, in Elizabeth.

Over Twenty Year 11 and 12 students from the College who volunteered for the program were involved in meeting potential employers from local industries and were given the opportunity to learn skills required for venturing into the work force. Xavier College was one of three local schools involved in the Induction session. The Guest Speaker for the day included Tony Formosa who is the Manager of the New Apprenticeship Centre in Adelaide.

Work Placement is an integral part of VET studies at the College and provides students with the invaluable “on-the-job training” in a chosen employment industry. It also offers young people the opportunity of a career pathway between school and future employment. Students are given the opportunity to complete the required training either on Wednesdays during the term and or at a negotiated time with their Employer, during the holidays.

Congratulations to all students who were involved in the workshop. Students were superbly behaved, well dressed in interview attire, attentive audience members and hopefully now prepared for what they may expect from their work experience this semester.

*Ms Emma Schuit*

Career, Transition Services and VET Coordinator.