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

I begin with an apology about the late distribution of the newsletter; unfortunately several incidents of illness last week delayed the preparation and production. I have only been left with a very small space so the following is an abbreviated collection of notes:

♦ Multicultural Day – congratulations to Ms Avril Hinsliff, Mr Oreste Farrugia and their team of helpers for the organisation of a wonderful event. I would also like to commend staff and students for the way they engaged in the day, it was a great celebration of the rich traditions that come together to form our Australian community. There will be a centrefold expose of the celebration in the next edition of Xavier News.

♦ Year 8 Enrolments 2007 – over the course of the next couple of weeks I am involved almost exclusively in the process of interviewing the 260 applications for Year 8 in 2007. Whilst very time consuming, it is a wonderful experience both to meet prospective new families to the College and also to listen to the reasons why parents have chosen Xavier as their school of choice for the future education of their children. In the midst of the busyness it is a reminder of the lofty ideals we set for our College and the awesome responsibility we accept when we welcome each new family into the Xavier community.

♦ No Gawler High Buses on Friday June 9 – Gawler High School has a school closure day on Friday and as such the normal DECS bus runs are cancelled for the day.

♦ Absentee Phone Line: 8521 4537 – it is imperative that parents phone the College if a student is to be absent on any given day. I have noticed in recent weeks that the number of unexplained absences have been increasing. The College is committed to ensuring that the safety of every child is guaranteed, to this end your prompt communication about an absence assists the administration at the College.

♦ World No Tobacco Day – I noticed that last Wednesday, May 31, was World No Tobacco Day, I thought the article below was a salient reminder of how important it is that we actively work to convince young people of the dangers of smoking.

Many people still underestimate health risks associated with tobacco, according to leading anti-smoking advocacy body, Quit SA.

World No Tobacco Day on May 31 is a time for the World Health Organisation and its members to reaffirm their commitment to work towards a tobacco-free world.

“If the teenagers of today who smoke continue to do so, half of them will be killed by their habit, with one half of those dying during middle age,” Mr Edwards said.

Smoking is the largest preventable cause of death and disease in Australia. According to Quit SA, smoking results in about 19,000 deaths a year.

In South Australia, more than 250,000 adults smoke and about 1500 people die a year from tobacco-related illnesses, about 10 times the deaths from road accidents.

Mr Edwards said about 75,000 hospital bed-days each year in SA were attributable to tobacco exposure.

And the total costs to the SA community is more than $1 billion each year.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL
Australian Geography Competition

Students from Xavier College recently challenged their geographical skills and knowledge in the annual National Geographic Channel Australian Geography competition.

Some of our students really excelled this year. We would especially like to acknowledge the achievements of Brett D’Antonio and Scott Davie in Year 8 who were awarded High Distinctions in the Junior Division, Erin Butcher, Fraser Gill, Zac McEntee and Luke Stockdale Year 9 who were awarded Distinctions in the Intermediate Division, and Mark Harris and Laura Kellond for their Distinctions in the Senior Division.

This year there were a record number of entries, over 92,000, which demonstrates the strength of Geography nationally.

Once again we have much reason to be proud of the achievements of Xavier College students.

Mrs Wendy Martin
Co-ordinator of Humanities

Xavier College — Meritorious Results

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Open Boys Football
Xavier College Vs Thomas More College
Xavier College travelled to Thomas More College to meet their old arch rival in the open boys football match last Wednesday. There was a great deal of anticipation leading up to the match, with selection for spots very tight. Xavier finally went into the game with a squad of 25, which comprised an even spread of youth and experience.

The first quarter was played at a frenetic pace, with both sides playing very attacking attractive football. Xavier’s intensity and pressure on the opposition was high class, causing many turn overs and enabling them several scoring opportunities. Costa and McNally, showing blistering speed, were excellent in the mid-field. Ross was solid in defence and Garwood and Shillabeer were giving their backmen plenty of headaches. At quarter time Xavier lead 4.4 28 to 3.2 20.

After quarter time, a fired up Thomas More outfit, after receiving a huge verbal barrage from their coach came out guns blazing and Xavier could not match them for speed strength and an ability to use the ball effectively under pressure. Thomas More slammed on 11 unanswered goals during the next two quarters leaving Xavier in tatters. A final fling in the last quarter was to no avail, as Thomas More proved far too strong and classy for a determined Xavier side, who did not stop in their endeavours all day.

Best Players: McNally, Costa, Ross, Shanahan, Barns-Tripp, Davis.
Goal kickers: Garwood 2, Shillabeer 2, McNally 1.
### 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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### SOS Supermarket Excursion

On Wednesday 24th of May the SOS group went on an excursion to supermarkets Coles and Woolworths in Gawler. We got there by car and when we got there we split up into groups and went off to compare prices. Coles was the first shop we went into. After we found all ten things we went into Woolworths to compare prices there and we found that Coles was the cheapest one to shop at.

*Rebecca Donnon, SACE Coordinator*

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### The Gawler Youth Advisory Committee

The Gawler Youth Advisory Committee is a team of young people who have been tasked by the Council to feed information and report and initiate action on current youth needs and issues. The Gawler Council has a mandate to listen to young people in order to set direction and take appropriate actions in community development.

As a leader in your school community, we need to hear from you! We're inviting you to participate in an informal youth forum – bring as many of your friends, peers and representatives as you need.

**Thursday 15 June**

**Gawler Sport & Community Centre**

(Nixon Tce, Gawler)

4.30pm, drinks and munchies provided

Come armed with opinions and supporting information to get the issues across. The key issues we would like to address in this Forum are:

- Health (what’s out there & what do you need, what’s working & what’s not)
- Recreation & leisure (who’s bored with being bored?)
- Employment (short of cash?)
- Education (want to be employable but need the skills?)
- Drugs & Alcohol (does this affect you or your friends?)

The information will be compiled confidentially and fed back to the Council so that something can be done. Not all things can be acted on, but the Council relies on having current information to make good decisions.

Need more information?
E-mail: yax@gawler.sa.gov.au
Call the YAC office on 8522 9205 or
Call YAC chairperson Alex Hadden on 8334 5441

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### SACE Semester 1 Examinations

Term 2, Week 8

**Year 11 Students:** 19 - 23/6/2006

**Year 12 Students:** 19 and 20/6/2006

(Mathematical Applications, Business Studies and English Communications ONLY)

Examination timetables will be distributed to Year 11 and 12 students this week. SACE students must wear correct winter school uniform to all examinations.

*Rebecca Donnon, SACE Coordinator*