On Wednesday 31st May, students and staff at Xavier College celebrated the diverse cultural family backgrounds of our community. We began the day with a formal assembly including a recognition of being on Kaurna land by one of our indigenous students, Tom Farren. This was followed by a speech by the member for Light, Mr. Tony Piccolo and a wonderful performance of traditional Irish dance by Siobhan Green and Imogen Morris. Students and staff stood for the flag ceremony and proudly sang the national anthem led by our school choir.

Mr. Les Giles then closed the assembly with his hypnotic rhythms and the sounds of his didgeridoo.

The year 8 to 10 students then gathered excitedly on the Xavier College lawns to await the arrival of the Channel Nine Helicopter and their chance at T.V. fame. All students worked together as a sign of our commitment to the acceptance and tolerance of our multicultural backgrounds. Together they held up the 20 by 10 metre Australian Flag and then in unison turned the boards of the flag over to display the schools name; Xavier College. Mr. Xavier Minnecon proudly attended, interviewing many of our students and joining in the many cultural activities which followed.

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Staff Changes

Those who have been keeping an eye on the media would be aware of the major review that was conducted on the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) and the recommendations that have been released recently. I have recently been officially notified that Mrs. Carolyn Ost (Director of Studies) has accepted a secondment to work on behalf of Catholic Education SA with the SACE review implementation team.

This is certainly a great opportunity for Carolyn and will enable her to be at the ‘cutting edge’ of the most significant development in senior secondary education in many years. It will enable her to return to Xavier abreast of all that will be involved in the ‘rolling out’ of the new SACE arrangements. On behalf of the College I wish Carolyn our best wishes on this significant appointment.

I would also like to welcome Ms. Louise Brusso, to the Xavier teaching staff. Louise has accepted a full time permanent position at Xavier and will work in the area of Maths and Science. Louise does have a connection with the College her younger sister having attended Xavier a number of years ago.

Examinations

Next week many Year 11 & 12 students will be engaged in mid-year exams. This is an important opportunity for students to gain an insight into their academic progress to date and I wish them every success.

Year 12 Retreat

Commencing next Wednesday the entire Year 12 cohort will embark on one of the most significant occasions in their final school year, their retreat. For many students this experience will become a highlight of their final year at school and an experience they will remember very fondly in the years ahead. I hope and pray that the retreat experience this year will be a significant part of the faith journey of each individual student.

The Year 12 Formal is held on the Saturday evening following the retreat and is a great celebration of the wonderful comradely that has been established amongst the year level.

Students chose activities ranging from Maori face tattooing to Indigenous dot painting, International cooking to Korean Taiko drumming.

Some of the quotes below illustrate the enthusiasm with which the students embraced the day.

"Multicultural Day was great…the different countries food tasted great and the activities were well organized …and the competitions were fun.”

Ben Smeaton, Yr 8

“Then it was recess where we had fun looking at all the different costumes….after that fun we ate pizza, hotdogs, Sushi, kangaroo, damper, Green pancakes, Scottish shortbread and apple pie. This was GREAT fun and I really enjoyed this day. I enjoyed most of all doing Korean Taikwondo. I was so lucky to be part of this day”

Ashley Minton, Yr.8

Reflection - Behaviours that Make a Difference

Each of us can make a difference to the wellbeing of others by the way we treat them. Jesus’ teaching gives us a guide. Both the Law of Love, “Love your neighbour as yourself” (Luke 10:27) and the Golden Rule, “Treat others as you would like them to treat you” (Luke 6:31) applies to us all. Some practical ways of giving expression to these great precepts include the “Five C’s”:

being Courteous - being Caring - using Commonsense
showing Consideration - being Cooperative

Mr Lynn Martin,
Principal
The success of this day is an attribute to the team work of Xavier College’s staff and the enthusiastic support shown by the students and their families.

I would especially like to thank the members of the organizing committee: Mr. Oreste Farrugia, Ms. Deb. Wyatt, Ms. Louise Smith, Ms. Wendy Martin, Ms. Ann Hall, Ms. Kirsty Hatch, and Ms. Tatiana Overduin.

Of course a very special thank you needs to go to our master chef, Mr. Reto Gasser and his fantastic team of year 12 VET cooking students who catered for over 600 students and staff.

Thank you also to our sponsors for the day, who contributed prizes for the competitions.

- Port Adelaide Football Team
- Northgate Chemplus
- Reading Cinema, Elizabeth

Organising Multicultural Day was a great opportunity for me and one which I am proud to have been involved with.

Our students at Xavier College represented themselves and their school with pride and dignity on the day. Well done, Xavier students.

Ms. A. Hinsliff
Multicultural Day Co-ordinator
**Fundraiser for Tahnee**

Former student of Xavier, Tahnee Acton was in a car accident earlier this year and is currently undergoing rehabilitation to help her learn to walk and talk again.

To help support Tahnee and her family I have organised a Movie Night at the Gawler Cinemas on Monday 26th June.

‘Over the Hedge’ and ‘RV’ (feat. Robin Williams) will be showing at 7.00pm. Tickets are $8 each and will be available at Gawler Records, Spellbound, Jewellery Journey, Gawler Cinemas and Video Ezy as of Monday 19th June.

For more information please contact Lauren Tiltman (CMBH2).

*Help bring the Tahnee we know and love back.*

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**Open Girls Badminton**

On 7th June, our Xavier girls consisting of the Connaughton girls (Brittny and Nikki), Charlotte Berrill, and Catherine Cretni defeated Oakbank High School.

The final score was Xavier 170 point to Oakbank 60 points. All girls enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to out third round match.

*Mr Khoa Tran*

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**Women of Strength**

“On Track – Life Balance” with Carey Hauri

**Hewett Community Church of Christ**

**Kingfisher Drive, Hewett**

**Tuesday 20th June, 7.30pm**

A fun and interactive way to be your best and love life to the full.

Contact phone 8522 5142

A gold coin donation is appreciated

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**SACE Update!**

**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 have been distributed to Year 11 and 12 students. SACE students must wear correct winter school uniform to all examinations.

*Rebecca Donnon, SACE Coordinator*

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**U18 Youth Academy**

**Kieran McNally - Year 11**

Kieran will be leaving Adelaide on the 27th June to complete the pre-season training with the U18 Youth Academy team for Southend United Football club in England. He will train with Southend United twice a day for 5 weeks, with the intention of gaining a 2 year traineeship with the club. Kieran went to England last year in September with a representative team from Melbourne/Adelaide and was scouted by Southend United during this visit. They were so impressed with his skill and ability that they invited him back for the preseason.

Kieran has also been chosen to represent South Australia in the U20 School Boys team at the National Titles in Canberra this August (12th-18th).

Everyone at Xavier College wishes Kieran all the very best and hopes that he is able to fulfill his dream of playing soccer at an International level. Good luck!

*Ms Michelle Rawady*

*Director of Students*

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**R.I.P.**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Rhys (Year 11) and Stephanie (Year 8) Williams on the recent loss of their Grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Williams family.

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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.