“And for me, one of the great hallmarks of Lent in Australia is Project Compassion. People from Adelaide had the original insight to establish Project Compassion and it’s always been such an inspired way for people to participate in Lent.”

Archbishop Philip Wilson

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising appeal. It started in Adelaide many years ago.

In 2005 Project Compassion with your support raised more than $7 million.

Thank you for being part of this success story. Your generosity has enabled Caritas Australia to help so many marginalized people throughout the world.

In 2006 Caritas Australia has set a target for the Project Compassion appeal to raise more than $8 million.

Project Compassion 2006 begins on Ash Wednesday 1 March 2006 and ends on Easter Sunday 16 April 2006.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, 1 March, our community began the journey of Lent. On Ash Wednesday ashes were blessed and placed on our foreheads to remind us that we are made by God, as is the earth and its dust, and we are all equal in the sight of God.

Each year when we set out on the journey through Lent to Easter, there is a challenge to begin anew and to reflect on the meaning of our lives. In reflecting on what the next 40 days might hold, you may find value in the following extract from an article by Fr. Phillip Marshall. The full text of the article can be found on page 12 of the latest edition of the Southern Cross.

“The disciplines of Lent reflect a commitment to conversion, an opening of our hearts and lives to God. I once read that while millions of people exist, few of them really live.

It is a startling thought: who among us really lives? Who daily steps out into life and breathes deeply? Who among us embraces beauty, experiences joy, does not flee pain, loves profoundly, can laugh and weep and live with courage even in the face of fear?

Our faith, our life in God should enlarge us, not diminish us.

Jesus, the Word of God, calls us forth, out of the fear and timidity in which we entomb ourselves.

This is the spirit of Lent, and the disciplines of Lent find their meaning here. They are not so much acts of obedience that win God’s favour, they are first steps on a journey to a way of life.”
From the Principal

Catholic and Independent Schools Meet:

I attended an historic meeting of school principals from the Catholic and Independent school sectors that took place recently to plan a statewide strategy in support of increased State funding for non-government schools in South Australia. We were joined at the same meeting by the peak organisations representing parents of children attending non-government schools.

A joint submission has been presented to the ALP and Liberal Parties seeking additional recurrent funds that would be distributed to schools on the basis of the needs of their students. It is anticipated that each of the major parties will respond publicly to the submissions and I encourage you to consider the respective responses in the lead up to the State Election on March 18.

All non-government schools in South Australia would benefit from these additional funds and Xavier College in particular, because of our socio-economic profile and diverse range of needs, would gain significantly enabling better resourcing and support for our students.

Some Facts:

Non-government school communities in South Australia receive the seventh lowest (of eight) State grant per student of all State and Territories across Australia.

It is important you are aware that non-government schools receive on average about half ($5,246) the combined Commonwealth and State funds per year allocated to each student in the State government school sector ($10,146) – see the graph on the right, which shows the comparative contributions from State and Federal sources.

Xavier to meet with local candidates:

Over the coming weeks meetings will be held across the State with current members of State Parliament and candidates of the major political parties to discuss the increasing demands placed on non-government schools and to present the request for additional State funds for those school communities most in need.

Xavier College will join with Trinity College along with Immanuel, Light Montessori and St. Brigid’s Primary Schools in an effort to make our point of view clear to our sitting member, Mr. Malcolm Buckby and Labour candidate Mr. Tony Piccolo.

We ask you to support our endeavours to ensure that non-government school families receive their fair share of State funding and access to support services.

Mr Lynn Martin,
Principal

Uniform Shop

The Term 1 opening times for the uniform shop are Mondays and Thursdays, 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Phone: 8521 4547

Rugby Tops

Rugby tops will now be available for sale in the Uniform Shop. They are a high quality garment and cost $75 to purchase. They can be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the Sports Uniform and also during PE lessons when students are wearing their Sports Uniform.

They are not to be worn with the regular school uniform.

There are two tops pinned up at Reception so students and parents can see what they look like.

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.

Volunteers Needed!

If you have 3 hours to spare once a week, once a month or once a term, the school canteen would appreciate your help. Please telephone Karen on 8523 0088 or leave your details at the front office.
Year 8 Parent Night

A very successful Year 8 Parent Night was held on Monday, 13 February at the College. The evening provided parents with the opportunity to meet Staff for the first time, in particular their child’s Tutor Teacher, House Director and Assistant House Director. It was an excellent occasion for parents to put names to faces, hear more about the House System that operates at the school and generally for parents to make themselves known to their child’s teachers. Parents were taken on guided tours of the school by teaching staff, including all specialist facilities. They were able to ask questions about the general procedures of the College and were also able to ask questions about the subjects that their child will study in Year 8 at Xavier College in 2006.

It was really pleasing to see so many parents attend this evening. Staff were very appreciative of the opportunity to meet with parents in an informal setting, as it has allowed the school year to start on such a positive note. Thank you to all parents who attended the function, and to all members of Staff that worked so hard to make this evening such a success. Your efforts were very much appreciated by the College community.

Ms Michelle Rawady
Director of Students

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
for all year levels

Wednesday March 15th
2.00pm – 5.00pm and 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Students have received the information letter and booking sheet.

ESSENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS
A FREE workshop for parents wishing to develop a constructive working relationship with their child’s teacher and make the most of parent-teacher conversations.

WHEN: Monday 6th March 2006
10am – 11.30am
Room 11, Catholic Education Office
(Kintore Street site)

OR

WHEN Wednesday 8th March 2006
7.30pm to 9.00pm
Room 6, Catholic Education Centre
116 George Street, Thebarton

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL.
CONTACT TERRI JUDD ON 83016685

COME ALONG AND TALK ABOUT PARENTS’ ROLE IN BUILDING SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH TEACHERS

GAWLER BLUE LIGHT UNDER AGE RAGE

DRUG, ALCOHOL & SMOKE FREE VENUE

3rd March, 2006
STARPLEX,
Alexander Ave, EVANSTON PARK
(opposite Trinity College, Entry at rear)

AGE 8 – 17 yrs
MUSIC, DANCING & PRIZES GALORE

ADMISSION $5.00
7.00pm – 10.00pm

CANTEEN FACILITIES AVAILABLE ALL NIGHT
FULLY STAFFED FIRST AID ROOM AND CLOAK ROOM

I’ve just gotta get a message to you!
Parents are asked to avoid asking the College Reception to pass on messages to students, except in emergency circumstances. There are no afternoon Tutor periods at Xavier so it is not possible for teachers to collect and deliver messages after the commencement of lunch at 1:30pm.

Virginia Catholic Parish Sunday School
Classes for children will commence on Sunday 12th March 2006 following 10 am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, corner of Leach Street and Penfield Road, Virginia.

Pre-reconciliation - Year 1 & 2
Reconciliation - Year 3
First Communion - Year 4
Confirmation - Year 6 upward

For further information phone
Fr Michael Doherty on 8380 9029 (answering machine) or Mrs Dianne Bergamin on 0417 062 605

Kentish Road, Gawler Belt Telephone: (08) 85 230088
Open KO Cricket

Xavier College: 6/207 (30 Overs)
Gawler High: All Out for 131 (29.3 Overs)
Best Batting: S. Lay 88
D. Wilson 40
T. Ruediger 21
Best Bowling: J. Vine 4/28 (6 Overs)
N. O’Reilly 2/33 (6 Overs)

Xavier College won the toss and elected to bat. The opening combination of Daniel Wilson and Jarrad Brennan got Xavier off to a solid start, putting on 57 runs before Jarrad was out. Daniel played a masterful innings, hitting the ball all over the ground, but was also dismissed shortly after the fall of the first wicket for 40. This opened the floodgates for the big hitting Shaun Lay who dazzled the crowd with a spectacular 88 off as many balls. Shaun’s innings displayed some impressive running between the wickets, as well as six 6’s and four 4’s. Some sloppy fielding accompanied by a determined Xavier outfit saw the batting session finish with 207 runs on the board.

After a short break Xavier College ripped into the Gawler High opening combination, and after 4.2 overs had them at 1/7. Nicholas O’Reilly struck again soon after and with bowling figures of 1/0 off 3 overs Gawler High begun to look shaky. However, Gawler High were not going to give up without a fight, and fought back over the next 10 overs. A breakthrough in the 16th over saw Gawler High at 5/80 and marked the end of the resistance. The tail wagged and they were able to put on another 51 runs before being bowled out for 131, 76 runs short of Xavier’s impressive total.

The game was played in great spirit, congratulations to all who participated.

Mr Andrew Footner

Yr 9 KO Cricket

Xavier College: 6/130 (35 Overs)
Gawler High: 9/122 (35 Overs)
Best Batting: A. Hill 65* (off 104 balls faced)
P. Mylonopoulos 19 (off 21 balls faced)
* Not out
Best Bowling: C. Mylonopoulos 3/17 (6 Overs)
A. Hill 3/32 (6 Overs)
J. Allen 1/8 (7 Overs)
J. Agness 1/3 (2 Overs)
M. Hollis 1/9 (2 Overs)

Xavier College got off to a rocky start due to the early dismissal of one of the opening batters and at the end of the fourth over were 1/12. Anthony Hill played the anchor roll as the wickets continued to fall steadily around him. Michael Hollis and Peter Mylonopoulos showed some resistance and were able to support Anthony as he manoeuvred the ball around the ground, knocking the occasional boundary to keep the scoreboard ticking over. He eventually finished the innings on 65 not out, an amazing knock that thrilled the crowd from start to finish.

The opening bowlers, spearheaded by Jordan Allen, got an early breakthrough and had Gawler High at 1/11 off 3 overs. Gawler High’s middle order consolidated their innings and kept the scorers busy, which saw Xavier College in a precarious position at drinks. Great captaincy by Jordan saw the bowling line up change regularly, often with immediate results and Xavier College were back in the running to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. With only 5 overs remaining Gawler High needed just 27 runs to win. An action packed spell by Con Mylonopoulos, including the chance to take a hattrick, and some tight bowling by Jordan Allen saw the wickets fall and the run rate rise. Gawler High ended up needing 10 runs off the last over to win, but could only muster 1 run. The scoreboard read a win to Xavier College by a mere 8 runs, but I believe that cricket was the real winner on the day.

Mr Andrew Footner

XAVIER SAINTS NETBALL CLUB
Season 2006
The Xavier Saints Netball Club would like to welcome all players, family and friends to the winter season 2006.
Junior & Senior Grading/Registration Day
Friday 17th March 2006 @ Xavier College

Times For Grading Day
Modified: 5.00 - 5.30
11 @ Under: 5.00 - 5.45
12 @ Under: 5.30 - 6.15
13 @ Under: 6.00 - 6.45
15/16 @ Under: 6.30 - 7.15

Please note that all registration fees are required to be paid in full on or prior to registration day unless prior arrangements have been made with the President or Vice President.

Pre-season for the under 15s and seniors will commence on Thursday the 2nd of March 5 pm at the Xavier College Oval. Please contact Kathy Crossing if you are interested in attending.

President: Kathy Crossing, 85225075
Vice President: Cheryl LeBusque, 85234116
Secretary: Karen Fisher, 85222284
Lot 7, Parkers Rd Gawler Belt SA 5118

“a school of the future in the present”

2006 Athletics Day
A shout out to all parents!

Athletics Day is coming up (Wednesday, March 8th) and we are hoping for as many family members to come along and support as possible.

As well as supporting, if anyone is interested in helping out on the day, could they please contact me at school on 8523 0088.

Mr Dan Searle