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

As indicated in the last edition of Xavier News, the Catholic and Independent school sectors have made a joint submission to both of the major political parties in the lead up to the State Election on March 18. I encourage you to read the letter ‘State Funding to our Schools’, written on behalf of the Non Government School Parent Associations, which reiterates the urgent need for additional funding.

State Funding to our Schools

A message from the Non-Government School Parent Associations
(The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities and the Independent Schools Parent Council of SA)

Did you know?
• Children in Non-Government schools receive about half the amount of Government funding provided for children in Government schools when both State and Federal funding is combined.
• The amount of funding our schools receive from the State Government has declined considerably over recent years and SA has the second lowest level of state funding to Non-Government schools in Australia! This is despite strong economic growth in this time.
• Non-Government schools receive minimal State Government support to assist in building developments and improvements.
• Children with special needs in Non-Government schools in SA have minimal access to services such as Speech pathology and diagnostic testing that are available to children in Government schools.

Parents have to contribute more than is considered reasonable through increased fees, fundraising and building funds despite having contributed to the social and economic growth in this State!

What are we doing about this?
In the lead up to the State Election on March 18th, the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities, Catholic Education SA, the Association of Independent Schools SA and the Independent Schools Parent Council of SA have been working in partnership to:
• Develop a submission for increased State funding to Non-Government schools.
• Meet with the Premier, Education Minister, Opposition Leader and Shadow Minister for Education to discuss the submission and seek a response.
• Meet with Principals to encourage local delegations of school and parent representatives to meet with local MPs and candidates to discuss the submission and the need for more funding for our children’s education.

Ask your Principal and parent representatives how your school is raising these issues with your local MP and candidate.

The Non-Government school parent associations (the Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities (SA) and the Independent Schools Parents Council of SA) are YOUR VOICE in advocating for increased funding for our children’s education.

Earlier this week the Shadow Education Minister Vickie Chapman announced the Liberal Party response to the Non-Government school sector submission. The following statement summarises the relevant Liberal Party policy responses:
• Grant an additional $32 million over the next 4 years to the Non Government School Advisory Committee for distribution according to its Needs Based formula.
• Continue to support the current formula for funding to Non Government schools.
• Provide access to speech pathology, psychological testing and transport arrangements for children with special needs including students attending special schools.

R.I.P.

Please pray for the eternal repose and happiness of Jackie Payne, mother of Darren (year 12) and wife of Steven. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

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.

Enrolments

Year 8 2007

Applications for enrolments into Xavier College for Year 8 2007 are now being accepted. Application Forms and Prospectus can be obtained by phoning the College Registrar, Jane Montgomerie on 8521 4545. Applications close at the end of Term 1, 2006.

Open Day

Sunday March 19th

Tours of the College will be conducted on the Open Day, Sunday March 19th, 11.00am - 1.00pm.
GREET

Work placement Induction Sessions 1st & 2nd March - with Anna White

On Wednesday & Thursday all Stage 1 & 2 students involved in VET programs run at Xavier College participated in the GREET (The Gawler Region Education Employment and Training) induction sessions held at the Playford Civic Centre, in Elizabeth.

Over seventy Year 11 and 12 students from the College 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.

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 must complete the required hours of training either on Wednesdays during the term and or at a negotiated time with their Employer, during the holidays. Students enrolled in Work Education – Vocational Studies A and B; Manufacturing and Engineering and Hospitality are participating in scheduled work placement.

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.
Yr 8 and Yr 9 Performance

The Hurting Game

A play about peer pressure and being “true to yourself”

On Wednesday 22 March, Brainstorm Productions will present “The Hurting Game” to all Year 8 and Year 9 students, a play about peer pressure and being ‘true to yourself’. The performance is an entertaining way to promote discussion about friendship, body image, teasing, alienation, alcohol, playing the fool and wearing a mask to hide your true self.

Brainstorm Productions have won the NSW Performing Arts Frater Award - ‘Best Feedback from Schools’ category, for the last 5 years. This show will assist students to recognise and resist peer pressure and help create a more positive school environment.

We hope you will support this important program to assist in creating a safe, harmonious environment for students and staff. The cost of the performance is $4.50 per student. This can be paid to the Bookroom by Monday, 20 March. Please return the money and permission slip as soon as possible.

If you have any queries regarding this performance, please feel free to contact me at the College.

Ms Michelle Rawady
Director of Students

Centacare Presents

Making it Work for the Kids

A workshop for separated men and women wanting to improve communication with their child’s other parent.

When: Thurs. 16th March 2005 from 6.30-9.30 pm
Where: Emmaus House, Centacare, 33 Carey St., Salisbury
Cost: $20
Bookings: Centacare Reception, Telephone 8210 6200

The workshop will enable you to:

1. Separate your feelings for your child’s other parent from the needs of your children.
2. Learn about the Business Style of communication.
3. Identity blocks to communicating with your child’s other parent.
4. Develop strategies to deal with the blocks.
5. Explore resources to support positive communication with your child’s other parent.

The program will be facilitated by a male and a female educator and there will be an opportunity to work in some sex groups during the session.

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 will now be available for sale in the Uniform Shop. They cost $75 to purchase and 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 is 2 tops pinned up at Reception so students and parents can see what they look like.

STs, PETER & PAUL PARISH

CAR BOOT SALE

Bring along your treasures to sell!!

SATURDAY 25th MARCH, 2006

ST. JOSEPH’S HALL CAR PARK

8.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

$10 PER CAR BOOT LOAD

$10 PER TRAILER LOAD

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

TEA, COFFEE & CAKE & SOFT DRINKS

will be available

Proceeds towards roofing the pergola at Presbytery

Ringing early and book a site

CONTACT: MAXINE 8522 3875 or MONICA 8522 5737

Career and Transition Services

Hair&beautysa expo06

The Hair & Beauty Industry will be holding an Expo at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Saturday 11th March and Sunday 12th March.

Up to 60 exhibitors stands including TAFE SA will be showcasing the best of the Hair & Beauty industry, a Main Stage with leading technicians showcasing the latest in cutting, beauty and tanning, and also on each day fashion parades.

Expo offer free entry to TAFE SA and Secondary students on Saturday 11th March 06 and $3.50 on Sunday 12th March 06.

Just show your student ID for entry
This is open for Secondary and TAFE students