From the Principal

National Child Protection Week – September 3-9, 2006

The theme for Child Protection Week this year is ‘Creating a child friendly Australia’ and in conjunction with this campaign the South Australian Catholic Child Protection Council released on Sunday, September 3, its Policy for the Care, Wellbeing and Protection of Children and Young People. This policy document provides a guide to the responsibilities of Church bodies, including the Xavier College community. Copies of the Policy are available from the College on request.

“The Catholic Church in South Australia recognises the dignity of all children and young people before God and the significant role that the Catholic Church community plays in the promotion of an environment that nurtures the wellbeing of children, young people and their families. This role should be reflected in the actions of every person involved in the Catholic Church community.” (extract from the Policy, point 3.1)

Xavier College has a strong commitment to work in partnership with families and the wider community to ensure the school environment is one which supports the physical, emotional and spiritual growth of our students. Our own school policies reflect the underlying principles expressed in the Child Protection Policy.

Road Safety

I spoke to all students at an assembly this morning about road safety issues and I plead with all parents to reinforce the message with their sons and daughters. I receive frequent communication from the wider community about Xavier College students taking foolish risks on roads, both as drivers and as pedestrians. These behaviours include:

- driving too fast,
- driving without due care,
- walking and playing on the road verge,
- climbing on bridge railings
- playing chicken with trucks travelling at 100km on the bypass road
- throwing rubbish and other projectiles from the bypass bridge

I emphasised that not only do these behaviours put their own safety at risk, but they have the potential to cause great harm to other road users who are forced to take precautionary action or become distracted by their actions. I reminded them once again of the much publicised plight of Damian De Wit, the young man injured so severely in an incident last year where a rock thrown from a bridge hit the windscreen of his car. This is such a serious issue that I indicated that any student found to have acted in a reckless manner on the roads coming to or going from school, will be required to attend a meeting with their parents and myself, before they continue their education at Xavier.

Year Level Parent Information

Meetings – 2007 Subject Selections

Parent Information meetings have now been conducted at all year levels and 2007 course selection material distributed to all students. I encourage all parents to be actively involved in discussions with their children in regard to future pathways and the more immediate subject choices for next year.

“a school of the future in the present”
Tournament of Minds 2006
Good Luck to our Tournament of Minds team consisting of Kieran Meaney, Lachlan Martin, Bonita Tolcher, Clarissa Hermann, Keith Weatherley, Kelly Dunstan and Stephanie Williams.

The team have been dedicating most lunchtimes to their preparation all term (with their fair share of headaches), and the Big Day is on Sunday 10th September at Flinders University. They will present their Long Term Challenge entitled "Birds of Baradice" at 1.50pm - any spectators welcome.

McCormack House Profiles

House Leader
James David Williams - Senior House Leader
Age: 19
Interests: Football, fishing and checking the mirror out.

Why did you want to be a House Leader? So people bow down to me.

What is the best/worst thing about being a house leader? Best thing is getting to work with the other house leaders and members of staff. Worst thing is staying after school.

What do you love the most about being a student at Xavier College? Having Wednesday off!

What do you want to do when you leave school? Plumber.

What is your favourite subject and why? Tech, because you can choose your own design and then make it.

What word or phrase describes you best? Good bloke.

St. Brigid’s School in partnership with Parents is committed to provide academic, spiritual and social development of all students.

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Nominations are being called for the Archbishop’s Awards 2006. The awards are for Service to the Community of South Australia, Service to the Education of Young South Australians and Service to Parish Life in the Archdiocese.

Nominations close September 30. Nomination forms and further information is available from the School Office.

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From the Careers Office

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**Year 9/10 Girls Basketball**

On Monday of week 6 the year 9/10 girls' basketball team were put together for the first time to take on two basketball heavyweights in Trinity and Tyndale.

The girls were revved up to play on the big stage at Starplex but unfortunately our lack of match practice showed in the two one-sided games. The girls played fiercely and with great enthusiasm, proving that next year's group should be even more ready to do some real scoreboard damage.

Trinity won 67-10 and Tyndale won 70-17, showing a much improved scoring effort by our girls in the second game. Charlotte Allmore top-scored with 14 points in the two games and she was backed up by impressive shooting from Elise Hillebrand, Alex Vickers-Petch and Natalie Carypidis.

The team showed real promise in offence and our defence was particularly fierce, especially as the girls got used to the intricacies of the game. Samantha Clancy, Emily Langton, Nicole Drake and Melissa Quinones all went hard at the ball and didn't give up their positions at any stage. Charlotte Allmore was again outstanding with four blocked shots for the day, the best of any team.

Congratulations to all the girls for their involvement and I hope to see them raring and ready for next year's knockout competition.

*Lawrence Pascale (Coach)*

**R.I.P.**

Please remember in your prayers Ms Rebecca Donnon’s uncle, John Partington.

John was very well known in Catholic education, having been Principal of a number of Catholic Primary schools. May he rest in God’s loving care.
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.

Discipline & Confidence-building seminar

Date: Saturday, 28th October, North Adelaide
Presenter: Michael Grose

- Does your children’s behaviour leave you scratching your head sometimes?
- Do you get frustrated that your child will be angel for other adults but seems to save their worst behaviour for you?
- Maybe you struggle to work out the right behavioural approach to use for a particular child?

The data is compelling. Australian parents struggle when it comes to working out the appropriate methods to use when it comes to managing children’s behaviour. For this reason I am conducting half day seminars on Discipline in Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney in the September and October. This will be the last time I shall conduct them this year.

The Discipline seminar is designed to give parents the lowdown on principles behind children poor and positive behaviour as well as approaches and strategies that work with Australian kids of all ages. In this seminar you will learn about:

- Foundations for positive behaviour
- Why limits and boundaries are important and how to set them
- What consistency means to children and you
- How to work out who owns a behaviour
- Understanding the goals of misbehaviour
- Tool and language of discipline
- Why the language of cooperation is different from the language of coercion
- Learn about consequential learning and why you need to set consequences like a good cop
- The key behaviour shapers, changers and teachers to use
- The four keys to successfully improving children’s behaviour
- Ideas to help you get on the same page with your partner
- Recognition or rewards? The key to using rewards to improve children’s behaviour
- How to construct a behaviour change plan

Book now at only $75 per person, $120 for two people and a group rate of $275 for five people. (for the special five person discount please phone 1800 004 484 to book - all other bookings can be made online) For more information visit the website parentingideas.com.au or phone 1800 004 484