From the Principal

Mr Mark Flaherty
Acting Principal

Open Day - Sunday 18th March

Last Sunday, prospective students and families, old scholars, current students and their families enjoyed taking tours of the College’s facilities and grounds led by our Student Leaders as part of our annual College Open Day. At the end of the tours, those participating had the opportunity to gain further information around enrolment and curriculum matters by key staff situated in the MacKillop Plaza. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students and staff who were involved in this year’s Open Day.

The focus of this day was centred on the intake of Year 7 cohort in 2020. Enrolment applications for this intake of students closes 31 May, 2018.

As from the start of next year, Xavier College will become a Year 7 – 12 College, with our intake year being Year 7. Enrolment opportunities at Year 8, through to Year 12, will arise from time to time, but our main intake year will be Year 7 from 2019.

If your children are currently in Year 5 and you are thinking of joining the Xavier Community, enquiries can be made to our College Register, Jane Montgomerie on 8523 0088. Year 7 2020 tours will also be conducted leading up to the closing date of 31 May. We especially remind all sibling families, their application for a place in Year 7, in 2020 need to be finalised by the 31st of May also.

Xavier College Board Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday evening, the Xavier College Board Annual General Meeting was held.

Prior to the commencement of the AGM, the College Board hosted a reception for our College Student Leaders and their parents. This was a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the important role the student leaders play in the life of the College. The student leaders play a vital role in supporting and developing school spirit. College Captains, Nikesha Lange and Samuel Sutton addressed the Board and those in attendance.

The Annual General Meeting of the College Board is an important event in the school calendar. It is a meeting that is open to the entire College Community and is one of the ways the elected Board is held accountable. At this meeting, the Board Chair, the Principal and the Finance Sub-Committee Chair all report on the accomplishments of the previous year and outline priorities for the years ahead.

The 2018 Xavier College Board was duly elected as part of the AGM. The 2017 Board consists of the following members:

Parent Representatives (6)
Stephen Redden, Lyn Furst, Francis Pellizzari, Sibohn Merenda, Nicholas Pullman, Michael Slattery and Dannielle Tregeagle.

Ex-officio (5)
Anna Marasgentis (CESA Representative), Fr Germano Baiguini (Parish Priest), Principal, Deputy Principal and Business Manager

Staff Representatives (2)
Janet Coomber, Costas Efthymiou.

School Diary

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Open Day 2018
We are exposed to the image of the cross so often sometimes without realising it; from its appearance on food, buildings, logos or jewellery that people wear. It may be seen as an ornament, an oddity, some quaint relic of antiquity, it could be taken for granted, misunderstood, seen as the centre of the Christian story or any number of responses.

The cross was originally the ultimate in the Roman Empires’ torture and civil control 2000 years ago. Death on a cross was a long and agonising ordeal reserved for criminals and those who opposed Roman rule.

Jesus, who was crucified on a Roman cross was guilty not of breaking Roman law, but of loving deeply, standing up for the poor, caring for the neglected and rejected of society and assuring them of their dignity and worth. Jesus was prepared to accept the pain and ultimately the death of the cross as he stood in solidarity with those who had been cast aside and ignored by society. Christians believe that he continues to stand up for the dignity and worth of all people, loving and forgiving them with the love of God the Father.

Next week all around South Australia, Australia and the world, many people will gather in churches and holy places to celebrate an ancient ritual almost 2000 years old: the celebration of Holy Week and Easter which focuses on the last week of Jesus’ life. In many Christian traditions including the Catholic tradition, Holy Week begins with remembering the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the waving or display of palm branches and a procession on Palm Sunday this coming Sunday. The celebration of Holy Thursday next week marks Jesus’ last meal with his disciples and then his trial and death on a cross on Good Friday. The ritual finishes on Easter Sunday where Jesus’ resurrection is celebrated.

It could be said that all Christian ritual begins with Easter Sunday as Easter marks the defining point of the Christian faith from which all celebrations of Christ flow; even Christmas, because the celebration of Jesus birth would not be significant if it was not for the awesome gift of his death and resurrection which has transformed so many people and communities.

Here at Xavier College, Holy Week will be celebrated next Thursday with a prayer ritual picking up the theme of Jesus carrying his cross and connecting the actions of the last day of Jesus’ life to the story of the students’ and teachers’ lives.

Ultimately the story of Jesus is not just an account from the history books, it is a reality here and now as people live out the spirit of a loving God who communicates love for each person through the action of Jesus.

Wishing you all a very blessed Holy Week and Easter, hoping that you may know the love, forgiveness and profound worth that Jesus came to communicate in word and deed that we celebrate in the week ahead.

Fr Brian Ahern
Year 9 Design & Technology

Reflections and recent work completed by Year 9 students.

I recently completed Design and Tech. I liked using different machines for different outcomes. *Emily Fidock*

Design and Tech was good because it is different to other subjects and it is fun and challenging.  
*Imogen Hayward*

I enjoyed Woodwork because you can be as creative as you like. It is really easy and fun.  
*Caitlin Lyon*

GRIP Leadership Conference

Xavier College’s House and College Captains again attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Entertainment Centre Adelaide on Thursday, 15 March.

The conference was attended by some 600 students and staff from all over South Australia, where strategies were provided to improve the leadership potential of students on an individual and group basis.

Throughout the day participants were enlightened by guest speakers, but also had the opportunity to attend elective sessions to develop areas that they felt needed to be addressed. The general feedback from the ten leaders that attended was that it provided some very useful practical tools that they can use in their leadership roles on a daily basis.

*Mr Rob Polito*

Assistant Principal - Pastoral Care
Society and Culture Refugee Incursion

This year, the Year 11 and 12 Society and Culture classes are learning about the experiences of refugees. On the 15th March, 4 Bhutanese refugees recounted their experiences in detention camps in Nepal. What made their stories even more heartfelt is that they are deaf. Bhakta Rai, Budhi Rai, Gobinda Chouhan were able to communicate their stories via Auslan with an interpreter, Claire Morrison.

They were able to provide an insight into their treatment in detention centres and the hardships they have encountered while in Australia. Since arriving in Australia they have had to learn Auslan and become accustomed to our way of life. All expressed gratitude for what the Australian community has provided and enabled them to have the same comforts as all of us.

Rhatan Gazmere spoke about his time in jail as he spoke out against the Bhutanese King and his regime. Rhatan was rescued by Amnesty International and now assists new refugees in Adelaide.

The students were able to interact and engage with the guest speakers in a positive manner and were eager to learn more about their personal stories. I would like to thank Claire Morrison and the four guest speakers for sharing their stories with the students.

Kirsty Hatch
Year 11 Society and Culture teacher

Year 11 Student Responses

On Thursday I learned many things from the people in Bhutan and the life that they lived. I really enjoyed the refugee visit, I thought it was very interesting and heart breaking with the stories that were being told and the effect it had on their lives. I think it is so amazing how happy these people were, from where they came from, the torment and horrific events that were in their life, to know having family and being able to talk, to have a voice.

Francesca Macheda

Thursday’s incursion allowed me to realise the seriousness of the refugee crisis. I didn’t understand the extent of the struggles of the Bhutanese refugees especially those who were deaf. I thought it was very interesting how they had adapted to life in Australia and how they learnt sign language to allow them to communicate. I think that they would still have a lot of struggles in Australia and the memories of Bhutan and the refugee camps would remain with them forever.

Georgia Thorne

Drama Excursion to the Fringe Festival

Student Reflections

On Friday the 23rd of February, the Year 10 Drama class had the pleasure of travelling to the Adelaide Fringe Festival to see the amazing production called “The Displaced,” performed by Time in Space Circus.

The play was extraordinary, with the seven performers utilising physical theatre and circus to portray the underlying theme of non-conformity. The actors were powerful in their characterisation, with most scenes being open to the interpretation of the individual viewer.

There wasn’t clowns, tightrope acts or balancing beams, but rather there was depth, a story and hidden meanings behind the wonderful routines and acrobatics. A performance that was truly entertaining for our class and an experience not to be forgotten.

Millie Curry
The Displaced was the most unique and exhilarating performance. If I could watch it again, I would!

*Tiana Williams*

The performance was amazing and weird. Weird in a creative and fun way. I loved it!

*Paige Leighton*

The Displaced was a spectacular experience and a breathtaking display of acrobatics, contortion and other circus skills. The company was highly skilled and professional and I enjoyed the production greatly.

*Ruth Slattery*

ARTS PRACTITIONER OF THE WEEK
TERM 1 – WEEK 7

Yr 11 Creative Arts

*Caitlin Shears*

Each week the Xavier Arts Faculty will be showcasing some of the amazing work from students across the curriculum area.

This weeks Artist was chosen for the work she was doing with Special Effects makeup Artistry as part of her Creative Arts folio
On Thursday the 8th of March, the wonderful didjeribone player Tjupurrú, visited our school to perform some of his unique style of music to the Year 8-12 music classes. Throughout his performance, there were stories told about where his passion originated from and stories from where he grew up. He played one of his original pieces, which was inspired by his background. Overall, the performance was engaging and inspired the crowd to get involved.

Olivia Wilson, Music Captain

In addition to this, the Year 10-12 music students were offered the opportunity to participate in an interactive workshop provided by Tjupurrú after the conclusion of his performance. Tjupurrú demonstrated how to use some of his looping equipment in a performance setting. Students were encouraged to utilise Tjupurrú’s looper and created their own songs using vocal patterns, beatboxing and guitar playing as well as testing all the functions of the looper. This enabled students to feel confident in their musical abilities and improved their confidence further by performing in front of a small audience.

Tjupurrú explained the opportunities of playing music as a career and his history of being a musician. It was an honour to have Tjupurrú take time from his busy schedule and perform to the Xavier College Music Department. Throughout the entire performance, he continuously engaged with the students with a great sense of humour and enthusiasm and it would be delightful to have him return for a future performance.

Connor Bennett, Music Captain
Winter Uniform for Term 2 and 3

A reminder that winter uniform must be worn from the first day of Term 2. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for the start of Term 2.

The uniform shop is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 2.30pm - 4pm during the school term.
Also we will be open until 5.30pm next Monday the 26th March.

ARTS PRACTITIONER OF THE WEEK
TERM 1 – WEEK 8

Yr 11 Music – Music Arrangement

Ben Allan

Each week the Xavier Arts Faculty will be showcasing some of the amazing work from students across the curriculum area.

This week’s Artist was chosen for the unique approach he has shown throughout developing his music creative task. Ben has taken inspiration from Pink Floyd and used technology to create his own arrangement.
Despite being postponed a week due to hot weather, the Xavier College Athletics Day held on Friday March 16th was a fantastic event. As in previous years, the quality of athletic ability on show and the high level of participation made for an exciting event.

There were some truly outstanding performances and many individual and team records were broken during this year’s events. A highlight for many was the Open Boys High Jump where the whole school stopped to watch Corey Roesler break an 18-year-old record and clear 1.84m! Amazing! Congratulations to all students who participated and contributed to an outstanding carnival. Congratulations and thank you to all members of staff who contributed to the organisation and running of the event.

In the lead up to the Carnival, a number of events were completed during Oratory time and these finished with all four Houses close enough to be in contention. On the day, scores remained close, however it was Handley that slowly pulled away. As the day drew to a close, the cup was still up for grabs but performances in the field events, 100m finals and the ever competitive relays saw Handley triumph convincingly, and for a second year in a row! Congratulations Handley.

Breanna Wood
Health & Physical Education Curriculum Leader

Overall Results

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A Catholic school in the Salesian tradition
Community Noticeboard

Xavier College provides this information for families and asks that consideration be given to the usefulness and appropriateness of the information. Providing the information does not of itself infer any recommendation.

Don Bosco Youth Camp Gawler.

15th to 18th of April 2018

A camp for children aged 10-15 in the tradition of the Salesians of Don Bosco.

For further information visit: www.dbyc.salesians.org.au

Or Email dbyc@salesians.org.au  DON BOSCO YOUTH CAMP

We are Xavier a school that prepares for life

Year 7 2020 enrolment applications close 31 May 2018

Tours available

For more information please contact College Registrar on 8521 4545 or via email: registrar@xavier.catholic.edu.au

1 Kentish Road, Gawler Belt SA 5118 Phone 8523 0088 www.xavier.catholic.edu.au
**JUNIOR COLTS PLAYERS 2018**

*Players required*

Gawler Central Junior Colts are seeking players for season 2018. Under the guidance of Clinton Zarella who has had a lot of experience with junior football they will get the opportunity to advance their football skills in a learning and team orientated environment as they move forward in their early stages of football. There will be a good opportunity for those to come along for the first time or coming back out to play. Please call Clinton on 0418 820 944.

**Senior Colts Players 2018 - Players required**

There is opportunity for footballers to play Senior Colts at Gawler Central in 2018 under the guidance of Aspro Mathews. if you’re interested please call Aspro on 0402 424 731.

**Junior Football Director - Required**

We are also seeking a person for the role of Junior Football Director. Any person who is interested in working with the Senior & Junior Colts teams plus the Gawler Central committee, please call Andrew 0407 393 241.

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**Don Bosco Youth Group**

Involving fun, games, sport, prayer. All secondary students welcome!

Term 1 dates:
**Sunday 8 April**
from 5 to 7.30pm in the Xavier College Old Gym, 1 Kentish Road, Gawler Belt.

For more information contact:
Fr Brian Ahern: 8523 0088 bahern@xavier.catholic.edu.au

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