Principal’s Message

Week 8 sees the completion of the Year 12 Mid Course examinations. As previously mentioned we have been impressed by the way the Year 12s have tackled these exams, particularly in the lead up where many students have taken up the study sessions offered outside of school hours. Over 70 students and 12 staff have availed themselves of this opportunity.

Last night we held the first of our Parent Liaison Group Information evenings. Over fifty parents heard from Mark Mannering, Ben Thomas and Noelene Williams about Google Docs, Schoology and research skills. Those in attendance were very positive in their feedback and developed a greater understanding of how students are encouraged to use the technology available both in and out of the classroom. Parents commented on how they too were able to pick up some handy hints for their own use of technology. Thanks again to our presenters - Mark and Noelene from our School Council and Ben our ICT Resource Manager.

Today sees the beginning of the Year 7 2015 enrolment process. Students from the primary schools of the region were able to experience different subjects throughout the day. The 200 students in attendance were eager and excited about their day at secondary school and we look forward to seeing them throughout the year. The Parent Information Evening starts tonight with school tours from 6pm and an information session from 7.30pm.

The vaccinations for our Year 7 students and Year 9 boys took place today. By all accounts the students were most cooperative in receiving this important injection. Our thanks to Marg Beecher for coordinating and supervising the day and to the nurses from Albury Wodonga Health who were very efficient in the delivery of the vaccinations.

Interim Reports have been posted and the online booking system for interviews will open at 9am on Monday March 24. Instructions on how to make your interviews is included in the mail out. Should the demand for interviews exceed the number of time slots available alternative arrangements will be made for you to catch up with your son’s or daughter’s teachers. Again this is a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your son’s or daughter’s progress. Students should attend the interviews with their parent(s).

A reminder that that there are no classes on Friday March 28 (Albury Gold Cup Day). Staff will take the opportunity for Professional Development from 8.30am to 11.30am.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Gavin Dykes
ARRANGEMENTS FOR ALBURY GOLD CUP

Friday March 28 will be a pupil-free day at Xavier High School. If supervision is required for your son or daughter please notify the office by Wednesday March 26. This supervision is only available until 11.30am. Staff will be continuing with Professional Development requirements on the morning of March 28.

Chromebooks

As part of receiving a Chromebook, students were advised of the need to bring it fully charged to school every day. Please remember to Fully Charge your Chromebooks every evening. We do not have enough Hotswaps for students who either forget their device or haven’t charged at home. Chargers are to be kept at home and not used in the classroom. Using them in the classroom creates a trip hazard and is breach of OH&S. The small number of chargers we have in IT are used to ensure Hotswaps remain fully charged.

Students with older netbooks (Year 12), if your device is having issues holding charge, please visit IT and we will provide a replacement battery.

See below for an image of a Chromebook being charged correctly. Please note the indicator LED next to the plug. If this LED is orange it means the device is charging. If it is green the device should be fully charged.

Nick Manning
Network and Systems Services

3rd Week of Lent - Project Compassion

Week 3, brings you the story of Archie.

For Archie from the Philippines, the threat of weather-related disasters such as typhoons meant that his house was no longer a safe or secure place to be. Now living in a new home away from the flood-prone Plaridel river, Archie is able to resume his education and gain a sustainable income thanks to a livelihood program.

Your donation to Project Compassion enables families like Archie’s to live happier and healthier lives.

www.caritas.org.au
**Australian Junior Athletics Championship**

Last week Kiahna Evans and Jaxon Crowe represented Victoria at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney. Kiahna won a silver medal and beat the meet record in the Under 14 girls hammer throw, and placed fourth in both the shot put and discus.

Jaxon finished fourth in the Under-15 boys’ 200 metres, smashing his personal best to run 23.19 in the final. He also finished sixth in the 100-metre sprint.

A terrific effort on behalf of both these outstanding young athletes.

**NATIONAL TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS — QUEENSLAND**

Congratulations to Tom O’Brien and Jack Pearce on their recent successes at the National Triathlon Championships in Queensland.

Tom completed a 400m swim, 12km bike ride and 3km run to place second in Victoria and 18th nationally in the 12/13 year age group.

Competing in the 14/15 year group, Jack finished 4th in Victoria. He completed a 600m swim, 17km bike ride and 4km run.

Both boys are now training hard for the final event of the season at the Bendigo Championships.

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**Dates to Remember**

- **Monday March 24** - Year 7 World of Maths Presentation
- **Friday March 28** - Pupil free day
- **Tuesday April 1** - Year 7 to 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
- **Friday April 4** - XHS Cross Country
- **Friday April 11** - Last day of Term 1
- **Monday April 28** - Term 2 - Staff return
- **Tuesday April 29** - Students return

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**Canteen Roster**

**Friday March 21**  
Jenni Habermann  
Alicia Van Emmerik  
Maree Griffith

**Monday March 24**  
Libby Keogh  
Leonie Sullivan

**Tuesday March 25**  
Bron Smith  
Jacinta Guerin

**Wednesday March 26**  
Richelle Berry  
Jo Collins

**Thursday March 27**  
Sandra Morrison  
Mardi Maney

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**Volunteers needed**  
If you are able to volunteer please contact our Canteen ladies

Debbie Hayes  
(0429 806 233)

Heather Yensch  
(0412 354 043)
ANZAC events

ANZAC Original Song Writing Competition $100 prize

Students are invited to enter an original song writing competition for ANZAC Day. Songs must be original compositions on the theme Sacrifice and include historical content. Submissions must be made on disk to the front office by March 26th. Marking guidelines/entry forms available at the office. Winner has the opportunity to play at XHS ANZAC Commemorative Service.

ANZAC Original Poetry Writing Competition $100 prize

Students are invited to enter an original poetry writing competition for ANZAC Day. All poetry must be original on the theme of Australians at war and include historical content. Poems may take any form. Submissions must be typed on one A4 sheet and submitted to the library by March 26th. Marking guidelines/entry forms available from the library. The winning entry will be invited to recite their poem at the XHS ANZAC Commemorative service.

ANZAC Original Art Competition $100 prize

Students are invited to enter an original art competition for ANZAC Day. All art must be on the theme of ANZAC Commemoration. Submissions may utilize suitable media such as paint, cardboard, clay, wood and be no bigger than 1 metre squared. Submissions must be made to P.Gleeson or E.Hamilton at the staffroom by March 26th. Marking guidelines/entry forms available from outside the staffroom. The winning entry will be sent as the XHS entry to the Veterans Affairs Competition which could ultimately win $500 and be featured on the 2014 national brochure.

XHS Commemorative Service — Thursday April 3rd

- War Widows Guild - “Field of Memory” at QEII Square—Thursday April 10th
- Legacy Badge Sales—Albury CBD and ANZAC House—Tuesday April 15th
- ANZAC Dawn Service—Albury Monument — Friday April 25th
- ANZAC Commemorative March—Friday April 25th, C.O.D Lane at 9.30am
- Commemorative Wreath Laying—Albury Monument Friday April 25th at 10.30am
2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Our school is taking a stand against bullying and violence in 2014

Our school has registered to be part of the 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, being held nationwide this Friday, 21 March.

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (National Day of Action) is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools. It’s a day where school communities across Australia ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence.

At Xavier High School we are dedicated to creating supportive school environments, free from bullying, harassment and violence. By working together we are sending a clear message to young people that bullying and violence, in or outside of school, are not okay at any time.

We have a number of programs and initiatives in place to counter bullying. Our recent Year 7 Camp covered the topic in depth as do our Religious Education and PD/Health/PE courses.

The National Day of Action is an initiative of all Australian education ministers and is coordinated by the Safe and Supportive School Communities (SSSC) Working Group, with representatives from all Australian educational authorities.

The SSSC is also responsible for the Bullying. No Way! website which offers practical resources and information to help schools, parents and students counter bullying, harassment and violence.

Also available on the site is the Take a Stand iPhone app, to keep tips and advice on dealing with bullying close at hand, as well as The Allen Adventure iPad app, designed for children under 8 years.

Download these free apps now in the Student's section of www.bullyingnoway.gov.au