Principal’s Message

I hope you are making the most of the warmer days and preparing for the colder weather ahead.

At the completion of the last building program our Master Plan came to a conclusion. It is now time to develop a new Master Plan to assist Xavier in its growth. The school has engaged David Clarke from ClarkeKeller Architects to assist us.

This process has just started and we will be seeking input from all members of community: parents, staff and students. The Master Plan will allow us to move forward over the next ten, twenty and possibly thirty years - so watch this space.

Our Year 12 have had a busy week with the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on Tuesday and a Drama evening last night. The turn out for the Parent/Teacher interviews was very good with the evening providing feedback prior to their Trial and HSC Examinations. The Year 12 Drama performance was very successful with Mikaela Evans-Gould, Teagan Futcher, Anjil Henry, Bonnie Moore and Sheridan Simpson presenting their monologues to an appreciative audience of family and friends. The evening gave the girls a chance to present their performances as a trial before their end of year exam. Well done girls on your very polished performances.

NAPLAN tests begin next week for Years 7 and 9. At this time of year there is a fair bit of publicity around the relevance of such tests. At Xavier we treat them very seriously and use them as one of the many tools to ascertain the performance of our students in numeracy and literacy.

Last week we had our Cross Country trials with many students progressing to the next level. We had BISSA Athletics on Tuesday and again our students did very well. Congratulations to all our students who participated and to our staff who organised and hosted this year’s carnival.

Applications for enrolment for Year 7 2015 have been strong. A reminder that if you have a son or daughter looking for enrolment in Year 7 2015 your application needs to be submitted to the office. Notification will soon go to all families outlining how to make on-line bookings for enrolment interviews. These interviews will take place on Wednesday May 28 and Thursday May 29 between 2.30pm and 6pm and Saturday May 31 between 9am and 12pm.

We wish all our mothers a wonderful day this Sunday and hope that families are able to celebrate and reflect on all that our mothers bring to our lives.

Gavin Dykes

“We are all visitors to this time, this place. We are just passing through. Our purpose here is to observe, to learn, to grow, to love...and then we return home.”

Aboriginal Proverb

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Check us out on Facebook and Twitter
Your Mother

Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winter's day.

She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colours of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning.

Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take.

She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you.

(Author unknown)

Year 11 and 12 HSC Motivational Night

Parents and students are asked to place in their diary, Tuesday May 27 for a combined Year 11 and 12 Information and Motivation Evening. The evening will provide a valuable insight into past students HSC experiences and provide opportunity for current Year 11 and 12 students to finalise and/or create study techniques, plans and real goal setting.

This evening is an opportunity for HSC preparation for both parents and students. Further information will be released shortly and for any urgent enquires contact:

browne@ww.catholic.edu.au

Our next P & F Meeting is on Tuesday May 13 at 7.30pm in the school office. This is also our AGM and all positions of the committee will be declared vacant. Even if you are not able to commit to a position it would be great to have you there to give some input and perhaps some new ideas on fundraising which will be the main focus of the meeting. Our very informal and friendly meetings are held once a term so please give some thought to how you can help our school and keep this date in your diary free. We would love to see you there.

Chris Davison
P & F Secretary

The Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students. The competition encourages participants to focus on the significance of Anzac Day and to consider what Anzac Day means to them and to Australia.

The student winners, runners-up and teacher chaperones enjoy a two-day trip to Canberra where they visit several of the capital’s museums and institutions, attend the presentation ceremony at Parliament House, and enjoy a formal dinner at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Eight prize-winners will then travel to Turkey for the opportunity of a lifetime! They will embark on a twelve-day exploration of Istanbul and Gallipoli, and take part in the commemorative ANZAC Day ceremonies at various sites on the Peninsula.
Congratulations to Brooke Dickie, Olivia Bahr, Hollie Wornes, Rosine O’Brien, Chloe Luhrs and Cassie Gibbs for competing in AND winning the NSW Under 16 Girls Water Polo Country Championship. A massive congratulations to Brooke Dickie, Olivia Bahr and Hollie Wornes who have all been selected as members of the Under 16 Girls Water Polo Team to compete at the Pan Pacific Games in New Zealand. At the conclusion of these games, Brooke will also compete in a test series against New Zealand. Well done to all our girls. Brooke, we wish you all the best of luck against the Kiwis.

Chess Report
On May 8, Xavier’s young inter-school chess team narrowly defeated Albury High to advance to the third round of the NSW Junior Chess League Country Secondary Schools Knockout Competition. Hamish Davis on Board 4 was gradually ground down by his opponent, and Declan Brady on Board 2 lost gallantly to a much more experienced player. Laura Roberts (Board 3) played a roller coaster of a game, squandering pieces early, but taking full advantage of her opponent’s mistake to take a clear victory. That left Xavier losing one game to two, with young Jack Jankauskas on Board 1 still playing. Jack played a very skilful and patient game against a strong opponent. His impressive win meant that the match was a two all draw, but the count back system favoured Xavier, and so we proceed to the next round.

From The Music Department
A reminder to all students and parents that private music tuition is available at Xavier on a wide range of instruments - Voice, Piano, Guitar, Bass, Drums, Saxophone, Violin, Clarinet and Flute. The lessons are one on one, half hour in duration and can be organised at different times throughout the day. Please talk to one of the music teachers for more details or email: haymesg@ww.catholic.edu.au

Geoff Haymes

Milo Maths runs in Term Two from Monday May 5 through to Monday June 16. Milo Maths is a service provided by the Mathematics Department for students who would like assistance with their homework, schoolwork etc. A permission form must be signed by a parent/guardian before students are able to attend and this form is then valid for the entire year. Each session runs from 3:30pm till 4:30pm and is staffed by a number of Math teachers. Students of all year levels are welcome.
Monster Garage Sale
When: Saturday, 31st May
Where: Xavier High Teacher car park
What: Community garage sale to raise funds for 2014 immersion experience.
Clean out your cupboards and bring unwanted items into school to sell at the sale from the first week of Term 2. You’re also more than welcome to bring your car boot along for an additional price of $10.
For any queries or bookings for car boot sale please contact:
Michelle Aldrich: 0438003203

Celtic Weekend with Celtic Harpist
Cath Connelly
Workshop, performances and Mass at St Matthews Anglican Church, Albury
21st-22nd June
More information and bookings: Church Office - 02 6021 3022 between 8:30am - 1pm

Canteen Roster
Friday May 9
Fiona Riley
Kate James
Monday May 12
Gill Wallace
Tuesday May 13
Thea Foley
Chris Davison
Wednesday May 14
Dianne Nunn
Priscilla Thomas
Thursday May 15
Sonia Lazdinis
Friday May 16
Carmel Duck
Mary Purtill
Janice Williams

Bishop Hanna is hosting a Men's Conference in Wagga Wagga on Saturday May 17. All men of good will are invited to attend this incredible opportunity to build up faith with Jesus Christ. For more information and to register, go to: www.wagga.catholic.org.au/event.aspx
The event is free, but registration is essential for catering purposes.
Register today!

Open High School Open Day 2014
78 Avoca St, Randwick
12 midday till 3:00pm
Sausage sizzle, school tours, faculty displays, demonstrations and more
For more information contact Sue Dickson: suzan.dickson@det.nsw.edu.au

Volunteers needed
If you are rostered and unable to attend please contact the canteen.
Debbie Hayes
(0429 806 233)
Heather Yensch
(0412 354 043)

Police Citizens Youth Club, Albury
Monday - Thursday: 10:00am - 7:30pm
Friday: 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Cnr Keene & Andrews Street
Albury NSW 2640
(02) 6021 7437
Like us on Facebook, at PCYC Albury

Dates to Remember
- Tuesday May 13 to Thursday May 15 - NAPLAN Testing for Year 7 and 9
- Wednesday May 14 - Year 8 Spirituality and Recreation Day
- Wednesday May 21 to Friday May 23 - Year 12 Retreat
- Thursday May 22 - Vaccinations for all Year 7 and 9 Boys
- Monday May 26 - National Reconciliation Week