

## REFLECTION

O God, if in the day of battle I forget Thee, do not Thou forget me. W King  
Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God... Don't be  
afraid; you are worth more than sparrows. Luke 12: 6,7

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Dear Parents

No 25 August 16 2006

## FAREWELL AND WELCOME

Last week we farewelled and thanked Mrs Gwlynes Axe for her work at Xavier over the past four years. Mrs Axe resigned due to ill health - we wish her well and trust she will feel 100 per cent again soon. Replacing Mrs Axe is Mrs Ruth Denton. We welcome Mrs Denton and hope her time here will be productive and rewarding.

We also welcome Henry Turner who joins McAuley House and Year 10.

## PRINCIPAL REVIEW

As part of the professional Renewal and Development of Principals in the Wagga Wagga Diocese a process is established to affirm and provide direction for Principals in their leadership of their school community. In this respect you have an opportunity to participate in the review of my Principalship – now in its fifth year.

Parents and students, over the next week, have the opportunity to complete a survey – the survey can be obtained from the school office. In addition, one hundred surveys have been posted to families selected at random.

Responses will be collated by Catholic Schools Office and through the Diocesan Secondary Consultant, Ms Judith Norris, feedback provided to the Principal. Please feel free to take up this opportunity.

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Catholic Education Commission visits a country Diocese each year. This year the Commission visited the Wagga Wagga Diocese. On Tuesday two members of the Commission, Mr Brian Lacey and Mr John Tubridy visited Xavier on their goodwill visit.

## CHANCE TO DANCE

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have a chance to socialise at their annual Disco next Tuesday August 22 from 7.00pm to 10.00pm. The cost of tickets is \$4.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please advise the school office if your contact details (home or work) have changed in recent times.

## EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to the many Xavier students who have been involved in the Albury Eisteddfod. A special tribute to the Senior Jazz Band who won the Senior Secondary Band or Orchestra section. Thanks also to our staff who coached and assisted with such a wide range of performances – Mrs Anne Files, Mr Mike Hammond and Miss Malina Matsinos.



Neville Powles  
Principal

## Xavier High School Albury Academic Scholarships Years 9 and 11, 2007

Current and prospective students may apply.



For further details contact:

The Principal's Secretary  
Mrs Cerina Meredith

Phone: 6040 6388

Email: [info@xh.wagga.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@xh.wagga.catholic.edu.au)

Applications close:

Friday, September 22 2006 for Year 9 2007  
and

Friday, October 20 2006 for Year 11 2007

### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

*The Year 10 Formal* that will be held this Friday night in our Arts Centre gives our students the experience of formal dancing, dressing for a special occasion, team work and cooperation. It also serves to acknowledge a rite of passage from childhood to emerging young adult. For the many adults who will observe this event the Formal will highlight the maturing process that their sons and daughters are experiencing and will bring home to them the great changes that go on about us – even when we “aren’t watching!”

*A reminder that Friday is a usual school day for all Year 10 students – normal classes will run all day.*

Year 7 to 9 students will have the opportunity to enjoy one another's company next Tuesday at their disco. The Student Representative Council is working on a theme for the night which will be

announced later this week. The disco will be held in the school stadium.

*School Captains:* This week nominations for School Captains have been called from Year 11 students. Successful nominees will be part of an exacting process that includes addressing the school community at an Assembly, a popular vote and an interview with the Principal's Leadership Panel.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

*August*

Mon 14 to Fri Aug 18:

HSC Trial exams continue

Thurs 17: Year 11 Art Excursion

Fri 18: Year 10 Formal

Mon 21: Year 10/11 Ski Trip

VET Construction Orientation to  
Aug 24

Tues 22: Year 7 to 9 Disco

Wed 23 : Extended Homeroom

Full Uniform Day

HSC Drama Evening

Thurs 24: Year 7 Kulpiyam Culture

Year 12 Legal Studies Excursion

Fri 25: Staff Retreat Day

Pupil Free Day

### HOUSE NEWS

*Loreto Fund Raiser:* Students from Loreto have again been given the opportunity to participate in the World Vision 40 Hour Famine. This year, funds raised will support World Vision's work in East Timor. The money raised will help families grow more food and build water catchment systems which will provide clean water and prevent flash flooding during the wet season.

Students can elect to do the 'famine' or 'turn off technology' (giving up the use of mobile phones, TV, radios, computer, anything electronic) or go without the comfort of furniture such as bed and chair, or give up something they like, for 40 hours.

Students are expected to seek donations to support their efforts in the appeal. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. The famine officially runs from 8pm on Friday August 18 to noon on Sunday August 20. If this weekend is unsuitable, any weekend up to and including the weekend of the September 22-24 can be used. All money raised will be collected at school and passed on to World Vision.

If you would like to support the students' efforts, please place contributions in an envelope marked 40 Hour Famine and leave at the school office. A receipt for amounts over \$2 will be sent home. Further information can be found at [www.worldvision.com.au/40hourfamine](http://www.worldvision.com.au/40hourfamine).

Steve Lancaster, Loreto House Coordinator

## HSC PERFORMANCE EVENING AND DISPLAY NIGHTS

The year has gone very quickly and the time has come around again for the HSC performance and exhibition evenings for the Creative Arts. Due to the timing of the HSC external exams and the large number of students involved, we will be holding two separate evenings this year.

The HSC Drama evening will be held next Wednesday, August 23 and the Music, Visual Arts and Design and Technology evening will be held on Wednesday August 30.

More information on the Music, Visual Arts and Design and Technology evening in next week's newsletter.

Louise Azzi, Creative Arts Coordinator

### Theatre - "Addicts Anonymous"

Are you addicted to love, shopping or the occasional block of theatre?

If so, come along to Year 12 Drama Group and Individual Performance Evening on



Wednesday, August 23, Xavier Arts Centre, 7pm.

Stroll through the Gallery and view the Year 11 Visual Arts Exhibition "The Body"

Enjoy the refreshments and nibbles prepared by Hospitality students and enjoy the tunes of our Year 10 Musicians, before experiencing some excellent theatre.

Tickets will be available at the door.  
Students \$3, Adults \$5, Families \$10

## BOOK CLUB REPORT

Year 7 student, Emily O'Brien, reports on the Book Club's most recent excursion.

On August 4 2006, Miss Gillman and Mrs Shanley, along with students from the Book Club, travelled by taxi to Dymocks Bookstore to buy books for the school. The students enthusiastically picked books of their choice with the help of the lovely ladies (who were very happy to have us visiting) at Dymocks.

We all had lunch of different sorts and went to QEII Park to eat together.

Our trip was a lot of fun and we had a great time. On behalf of the Book Club, thanks so much for giving us the opportunity to buy books for the whole school to enjoy.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur Aug 17	T Dempsey, K Grimmer, M McLean
Fri Aug 18	A Dei Agnoli, P Thorpe, B Woodward
Mon Aug 21	D Bain, J Bowler
Tues Aug 22	J McNamee, J Luty, S Clements
Wed Aug 23	M Hensel, S Lloyd, J Taylor, S Teesdale

## P & F NEWS

### Put On Your Dancing Shoes

*Come and join the party atmosphere and dance the night away to the sounds of popular local band*

*N.F.I.*

*at the  
Rags To Riches Supper Dance  
on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2006.*

*Table bookings can be made by contacting  
Trish Parkinson on  
6040 6388 (BH) 6040 1155 (AH) or Karon  
Gogoll 6025 5750 (AH).*

*Tickets are \$15 per head or \$25 a double,  
BYO food and drinks. It should be a great  
night!*

### *Raffle Tickets*

Our Plasma TV raffle is well underway and so far we have had a great response. Thank you to all who have sold their raffle tickets and returned them to the school. A reminder to please return the tickets sold or unsold as soon as possible. If you would like to sell more, books can be obtained by contacting Trish Parkinson at the school on 6040 6388.

### *Help Needed*

We have permission to sell tickets in the Plasma TV Raffle at the Community Desk in Lavington Square on Saturday August 19. We are looking for volunteers to man the desk. If you can spare an hour or two please call Trish Parkinson on 60401155 or Karon Gogoll on 60255750 and we will put you on the roster.

## PARISH BULLETINS

- Sacred Heart Parish is holding a Family Bush Dance with all funds going to Caritas.  
*When:* Saturday August 19, 7pm  
*Where:* Holy Spirit Hall, Prune Street, Lavington  
*Cost:* \$10 per adult. Children under 16 free  
*Band:* Dadscrampy  
*Bookings:* Individuals or tables of ten.  
*Phone:* Leanne Michael 6025 6912  
*BYO drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee provided. Homemade soups and dampers available for an additional \$5.*

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- Aquinas Reunion: Year 10 1974 - Year 12 1976: To be held on the weekend of September 30. We don't have addresses for several members of this class. If you know the whereabouts of someone who was in this class but has not received an invitation please contact Mark Mannering 6041 2711 or Dave Ryan 6021 6736.
- *Children's Book Week:* Join us in celebration of all that is good in Australian Children's Books, with writer in residence, Phil Kettle - author of the Too Cool books for children. Phil will conduct a writing workshop for 10-14 year olds at the Albury Library on Tuesday 22nd August at 4pm. (Cost \$5 per child). Phil will also be a guest presenter at an evening for the whole family on Monday 21st August from 7-9pm. This is a free evening, with a chance to chat to Phil, play games, hear stories, eat yummy food, as well as get Phil to sign a book for you. (Collins Booksellers will be selling a number of Phil's titles on the evening). For further information on any of these coming events, contact Tracy on 6051 3470.

## CAREERS

Please see Mr Harrington or visit the Careers Room for further information in regard to Careers.

- Information and application forms are now available for the following:
  - RTA Rural Engineering Scholarships at the University of Technology Sydney
  - University of Wollongong courses: Health Sciences, Journalism and International Science (Honours). Closing dates September 20 and September 29 (Journalism) for direct applications
  - University of Newcastle: Direct applications for Bachelor of Medicine in

2007 are now open and close September 29

- University of Melbourne 2007 Scholarships: National, Natural Medicine (closes October 31), Access and Commonwealth Learning Scholarships (close October 6)
- RTA Rural Engineering Scholarships at the University of Technology Sydney
- University of Sydney Scholarship Booklets
- Charles Sturt University Early Entrance (Principal's Report Entry Program). Submissions to Mr Harrington by 3.30pm September 20
- The Portsea Camp (Lord Mayor's Camp) is a charitable organisation which has been providing seaside holidays for special needs and disadvantaged 9 to 12 year olds from Victoria and Southern NSW for over sixty years. The camp is looking for school leavers to volunteer over the summer holidays. Information and application forms are available from the Careers Room or visit [www.theportseacamp.com.au](http://www.theportseacamp.com.au).
- [www.mhscareers.com](http://www.mhscareers.com) is a new website with a diary showing careers events around NSW and the ACT. It has information on universities, TAFE, private colleges, jobs, careers advice etc.
- Visit [www.health.gov.au/scholarships](http://www.health.gov.au/scholarships) for information on Medical Rural Bonded Scholarships
- For information on Bonded Medical Places visit [www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme](http://www.health.gov.au/bmpscheme)
- Melbourne University is holding its UniSummit 6 for one hundred high achieving students from around Australia to discuss a current issue (a truck of radio active waste crashes next to a major drain) on September 28 and 29. Applications close August 18. The cost \$140 – includes accommodation for one night, meals and all activities.
- There are many University Open Days in August and September. There is a list of venues and dates available as well as Open Day Programs
- 2007 Course Guides for NSW TAFE (available to borrow), NSW Universities, Victorian Universities and Victorian TAFE Courses are now available. Applications for University close in September.
- Any student interested in applying for a course at Melbourne University in 2007 should obtain an "Access Melbourne 2007" brochure