Dear Parents and Guardians,

For us at Xavier, we seek to develop within all of our students their leadership abilities. We want all of our graduates to leave this school and exercise leadership within the Church, their local community, the wider society and, indeed, the world. Every activity at the College in some way helps each of the students develop their skills and talents, including their leadership abilities whether it is through the interactions in the classroom, on the sporting field, in the cultural life of the College or by participating in our Ignatian Service and faith formation programs.

This is because leadership springs from within each of us; it is about who each of us is, as much as what each of us actually does. In 2011, our College theme will be “Who do you say that I am?”. This theme emanates from Jesus’ question of Peter and the disciples in the gospels and will provide all of us with ample opportunity to reflect upon who each of us are and who is Jesus for each of us. This is a most important question for us at a Jesuit school, as Jesus Christ is the model of human life, and his example is the one we strive to follow. Sometimes we do it well, others times we struggle to do so. Leadership itself is not a series of acts but rather a way of living, the way in which we seek to conduct ourselves each day through what we do and how we interact with each other, following the example of Jesus. Through our actions we model for others what it is to be a leader, always conscious that service lies at the heart of leadership.

This year at the College we have refined the process by which we select our senior student leaders. Several weeks ago, following a vote of the Year 11 students and the staff, 42 Year 11s were invited to apply for House President and Prefect portfolio positions and the interviews for these positions took place last week. The successful applicants will be announced before the end of the year. Earlier this month, Dr Hayes, Mr Hickey and myself invited six outstanding young men to apply for the position of College Captain and our two Vice Captain positions. As I interviewed the students I was deeply consoled by the great love each of them have for the College and their desire to serve the College in their final year. It gave me great pleasure to announce at the last Rector’s Assembly of the year that Samuel Grigg is our new College Captain for 2011 and that he will be assisted by Andrew Heffernan and Jack Blackburn as the two College Vice Captains. I have every confidence that these three generous and gifted young men will continue to provide the College with strong leadership in 2011, and congratulate and thank them for agreeing to be our Captains.

This year, I have had the privilege of working closely with an outstanding leader in Dr Chris Hayes. I have known Dr Hayes for 25 years and I continue to learn from him each day. I know all of us in the Xavier Community were saddened by his recent announcement concerning his health and the need to have a second brain tumour removed. He is very optimistic about his recovery and he is looking forward to returning at the beginning of the 2011 school year. Please continue to pray for Dr Hayes and his family at this challenging time and, in particular, for the success of his operation and his full recovery of health.

Wishing you all every blessing,

Fr Thomas Renshaw SJ
Rector
Tom.Renshaw@xavier.vic.edu.au

FROM THE RECTOR

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER
FEAST OF ST JOHN BERCHEMANS

SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER
1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER
FEAST OF ST ANDREW

WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER
Uniform Shop open (Tennis Centre)
10:00am - 12noon

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER
FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER
Academic Awards Night (Chapel)
7:30pm

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER
FEAST OF ST AMBROSE
Red and Black Ball (Flemington)
7:00pm

WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THURSDAY 9 DECEMBER
Marron Singers Christmas Concert & Supper (Chapel / Crypt Drama Studio)
7:30pm

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER
FEAST OF ST JOHN OF THE CROSS

WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER
Last day for Teaching Staff

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER
Basket Brigade Packing Day (Kostka Hall) 9:00am

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER
Christmas Day

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Boxing Day

A comprehensive list of College events is available all year via the online calendar on the Xavier Community Portal.
FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

STUDENT LEADERSHIP
As Fr Renshaw has alluded to in his reflection, the process is well and truly underway for the selection of the Student Leadership Team for 2011. The final stage of the process will be completed this week and the complete Senior Leadership Team will be announced on Friday 26 November.

The process of selection of student leaders has been substantially modified this year and I thank all those involved, especially the Acting Dean of Pastoral Care, Mr Paul Burke.

REVIEW OF XAVIER COLLEGE POLICIES
On Friday 19 November, a new committee chaired by Mr Peter Pangiotopolous, and including the Directors of all three Campuses and key staff involved with student well being at the College, met for the first time to begin a thorough review of Xavier College policies in the area of Pastoral Care.

This was the first of several meetings and the review and subsequent updating of policies will be carried out during the course of 2011. A major focus will be aligning all policies with the restorative practice framework being adopted across all three campuses.

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST
Throughout the year a need occasionally arises for a student to be placed in a secure home environment, which supports the Jesuit tradition. If your family, or someone you know, is able to provide accommodation and support to a student in need, can you please contact my secretary Anne Stuart.

May I take this opportunity to endorse all that Fr Renshaw has said about Chris Hayes. My prayers and thoughts, like all in the Xavier community, are with Chris and Margaret and all the family at this difficult time. I look forward to Chris’ return in the new year, after a full and speedy recovery.

With blessings for the fortnight ahead,

John Hickey
Acting Principal
John.Hickey@xavier.vic.edu.au

2011 BOOKLISTS
Landmark School Supplies is the official Back to School supplier to Xavier College. Booklists for all year levels are able to be viewed and submitted online via the Community Portal. The link can be found the “Quick Links” box on your MyXavier page. Orders must be submitted prior to 10 December 2010 to ensure timely delivery.

Retail Store
If you do not wish to submit your booklist order online for delivery, you are welcome to visit the self-service store located at 364 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield.

Stock of books and stationery for retail customers will become available from the beginning of December. Copies of the Xavier booklists will be available in store or can be downloaded from the College Portal.

Queries
Should you have any questions or queries please contact Landmark direct on 9486 8233 or in person at the Fairfield store located at 364 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield.

YEAR 12 PARENTS
RED & BLACK BALL: 7 DECEMBER @ THE ATRIUM, FLEMINGTON RACECOURSE
Parents & students are reminded that bookings for the Red & Black ball have commenced and can be completed on-line via http://www.trybooking.com/IMU

Michael Bourke
Year 12 Co-ordinator
Michael.Bourke@xavier.vic.edu.au
FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SENIOR CAMPUS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

I reprint here a modified and updated version of a letter distributed to parents last week. If there are any questions relating to the end of year arrangements, please contact your son’s Head of House.

The end of the academic year for Years 9, 10 & 11 is fast approaching and I trust the following will be informative as to the end of year procedures for your son. At the time of the publication of this newsletter, all students will have finished their classes and attended their End of Year Mass. Year 11s have finished exams and Year 10s and Year 9s will continue their exams through till next week.

Examinations

Students are to be at school at least 20 minutes before the start of each exam. No classes will run while they are on so students are only in attendance for their exams. Usual expectations apply when travelling on public transport at all times of the day. College uniform is to be worn each day of the examination period and at the Student Review Day.

Student Review Days

These are very important and attendance is compulsory. A program has been designed to provide all students with the opportunity to review their exam results and to reflect on the past year.

Year 11  Thursday 2 December – Morning Program
8:40am  Year Level Assembly
9:15am  Exam return
10:00am  Students meet with individual teachers
10:25am  BREAK
11:00am  House Meeting
11:30am  Student dismissal

Year 10  Thursday 2 December – Afternoon Program
12:00pm  Year Level Assembly
12:35pm  Exam return
1:20pm  Students meet with individual teachers
1:55pm  BREAK
2:30pm  House Meeting
3:00pm  Student dismissal

Year 9  Friday 3 December – Morning Program
8:40am  Year Level Assembly
9:15am  Exam return
10:00am  Students meet with individual teachers.
10:25am  BREAK
11:00am  House Meeting
11:30am  Student dismissal.

Senior Campus Carols & Prize Night

For those students receiving prizes, the Senior Campus Carols & Prize Night will be held at 7:30pm in the Memorial Chapel on Friday 3 December.

Second Hand Book Sale

Date:  Wednesday 1 December
Time:  3:00pm – 8:00pm
Venue:  ‘D’ Block area

John Hickey
Director of Senior Campus
John.Hickey@xavier.vic.edu.au
FROM THE XAVIER SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK

JRS CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

Throughout 2010, XSJN has embraced the school theme of Walking with Christ and, in particular, focused on the plight of refugees. We have been actively engaged in supporting and promoting the work of JRS.

This year marks 30 years since Jesuit Refugee Service began. Many of you have attended our refugee Dinner, or listened to our panel of experts speaking on the Asylum Seekers Challenge or spent time working on some of our projects where we support newly arrived refugees with practical help and friendship.

I invite all of the school family to read this week’s Eureka Street, where Fr Mark Raper’s talk, titled The World Mobilised: The Jesuit response to refugees is published in full.

In his paper, Mark Raper writes that JRS is inspired and instructed by the lives and experiences of the refugees. He talks of refugees as being ‘our teachers’. From them we learn much. He states, “Refugees’ voices are often unheard, unheeded, effectively silenced. Yet they are the gentle breeze, the still small voice of the presence of God of which we read in the story of Elijah.”

The JRS story is about the lives and hopes of people whom we know personally. JRS opens a door of insight, beyond transitory and shocking images, into the inspiring efforts of people to defend their rights, protect their families and give their children a future. Mark Raper states that “Fr Pedro Arrupe (founder of JRS ) was a prophet. His vision for JRS has not only given great service to people in need, it continues to bring wisdom and blessing to the Society and to all those who, through it, meet the displaced, dispossessed and ‘unheard’ people of our world.”

I would ask all the Xavier family to continue to learn about the work of JRS. Visit JRS on www.jrs.org.au and read Fr Mark Raper SJ full address paper online at www.eurekastreet.com.au

On a different matter...

With Christmas approaching can you (and your family/ friends) spare some time to assemble food hampers and/or deliver same / or donate money or unwrapped toys?

Working from Xavier College Kostka Hall at 9:00am on Saturday 18 December, The Melbourne Basket Brigade will be preparing and delivering 300 hampers and age-appropriate toys to families in need across Melbourne.

If you can assist, please contact David Taranto at Xavier on 9854 5369 or email David.Taranto@xavier.vic.edu.au for further information or see www.basketbrigade.org.au.

With warm wishes,

Mary Storey
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Coordinator, Xavier Social Justice Network

THE MELBOURNE BASKET BRIGADE

We need your help deliver 300 hampers and presents to those in need at Christmas:

The Melbourne Basket Brigade Packing and Delivery Day

Saturday 18 December at 9:00am
Xavier College Kostka Hall, Brighton
Enter via Gate 4, New Street

The Melbourne Basket Brigade is a volunteer organisation that arranges hampers and children’s presents for delivery to those in need at Christmas. This year 300 families in Melbourne and country Victoria will benefit. Recipients include families who have had challenges during the year such as those who are struggling financially, those who have been touched by illness and those who have lost a loved one.

Members of the Xavier College Community are most welcome to attend the day and assist in the wrapping of presents and delivery of hampers with a simple message “I have a delivery from someone who cares.” We are fortunate that Kostka Hall has kindly agreed to the use of their facilities for the day.

We are currently 50 baskets short of our goal so any donations of funds or toys would be greatly appreciated!

Would you like to be a part of this special day or make a tax-deductible donation? Full details and the volunteer registration page can be found at www.basketbrigade.org.au - select “Your Local Brigade”, “Vic – Melbourne” from the side menu or call David Taranto on 0408 123 369.

Thanks must go to Xavier College who have been so generous in their support of this project - one that aims to bring hope and joy to those who need a magic moment at Christmas time.

David Taranto
David.Taranto@xavier.vic.edu.au
0408 123 369
VCE NEWS
VCE Unit 3 & 4 examinations have just concluded. In all, 37 VCE examinations took place at the College during November. All students are to be commended on their excellent conduct throughout the examination period.

The examination supervisors would like to pass on their appreciation for the cooperation displayed by the students throughout the VCE examination period.

VCE results will be released on Monday 13 December. Results will arrive in the mail during the week commencing 13 December. However, students may obtain their results via the internet, telephone or SMS from 7am on Monday 13 December.

Finally I would like to wish the 2010 Graduates all the best for their futures,

Paul Angus
VCE Co-ordinator
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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

YEAR 11 PARENTS
Students with either an Acer TravelMate 6292, HP 6910 or Tablet 2710 notebook computer have the option to extend the warranty & TERREC replacement cover into a fourth year while completing Year 12 in 2011. If you wish to take up this offer you will need to complete the order form that was emailed out last week. Please note that the form needs to reach Trident Computer Services before the 17 December 2010.

Robert Meiselbach
Director of Information Technology
Robert.Meiselbach@xavier.vic.edu.au

YEAR 9 EXTENSION WRITING ANTHOLOGY LAUNCH
On Thursday 4 November the Year 9 Extension Creative Writing Program Anthology was launched in the Montague Theatre by Australian author Michael Hyde. The extension writing program ran during Term 2 over the course of five weeks. Forty-five Year 9 boys participated this year, honing their writing skills in workshops run by Michael Hyde. They all, ultimately, produced a short story that demonstrated the skills they had learned over the course of the program. The program culminated with the professional publication of the stories in an anthology that was launched on 4 November. Congratulations to all boys who participated in the program and had their work published. Particular congratulations to Joseph Sexton, winner of the Best Short Story, Evan Morgan, winner of Runner-up Best Story, and Thomas Feeney, winner of Michael Hyde’s Author’s Award. We look forward with eager anticipation to running the program once more in 2011 and discovering the next crop of talented Xavier writers.

Jeremy Nicholls
Year 9 and 10 English Coordinator
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30 YEARS OF JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE
It is unfortunate that Jesuit Refugee Service has existed for 30 years: established to assist Vietnamese refugees during the turbulent 1980s, the organisation aimed to quickly do itself out a job. But today the refugee crisis is worse than ever, with more than 12 million refugees and over 24 million internally displaced peoples seeking assistance around the world. JRS has grown so large it now serves over 500,000 refugees and forcibly displaced people in close to sixty countries. ‘We try to fill the gaps and respond to the greatest needs, and when particular needs no longer exist or are met by others, we move on to the next challenge,’ says the Director of JRS Australia, Fr Sacha Bermudez-Goldman SJ. ‘We continue to hope for the day when we will no longer be needed, but in the mean time, we affirm our renewed commitment to displaced people around the world. The anniversary is a time to celebrate the resilience, courage and hope of the millions of refugees and forcibly displaced people who have touched our lives and blessed them so richly.’

To find out more or pledge your support for JRS, go to www.jrs.org.au
CAREERS NEWS

YEAR 9

Thank you to all parents and boys who have responded to the call for organisation of the 2011 Work Experience. There is an exciting range of placements that the boys have been accepted for and I know parents are instrumental in helping pursue this with their sons, so I am in gratitude to all these boys and parents.

We still have about 80 boys who have not managed to get in placements by the deadline and it is very difficult to process all the paperwork in Term 1 next year - if your son has not got a placement could you please help him to pursue this as, although the boys may be departing, I will be working on this up until the end of term.

YEAR 10

Every year I get queries about Maths requirements for various universities and these are often to do with Commerce. Melbourne University Commerce, Monash at Clayton, and RMIT Finance require Maths Methods to do these courses. There are, however, a range of business degrees requiring only Further Maths and some that require no Maths at all. The important point to remember is that students should take the Maths that suits their abilities - not just to get into a particular course. For those students with no Maths background in Year 12 I would recommend that students do a Bachelor of Management rather than a Bachelor of Commerce or Business if they wish to pursue a commercial degree. I am happy to discuss this further with any parent who is concerned about their sons choices for VCE.

Kay de Jong
Careers Counsellor
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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELLING SERVICE

Online Social Networking Increases Social Connectedness

Online social networking increases, rather than reduces, face-to-face socialising, although a significant number of people have had bad experiences online, according to an Australian Psychological Society survey released on 15 November 2010.

The Social and Psychological Impact of Online Social Networking survey of adults revealed more than a quarter of respondents actually attended more social gatherings with family and friends since using online social networking.

This research supports recent studies into social networking and contradicts popular claims that sites like Facebook reduce face-to-face contact and increase isolation.

Survey respondents said they use social networking sites to keep in touch with friends (88%) and family (58%) and to find out what other people are doing (60%). And 68% use Facebook to keep in touch with people who live far away.

Australian Psychological Society (APS) researcher Dr Rebecca Mathews said that, despite earlier studies suggesting online social networking reduced social skills and increased people’s sense of isolation, the APS found the social networking phenomenon had the opposite effect.

“Our respondents said rather than replacing their ‘offline’ gatherings, Facebook actually increased the amount of time they spent socialising with friends and family,” she said. “These findings are significant because we know strong social connections enhance people’s self-esteem and mental health while providing support and a sense of belonging,” Dr Mathews said.

The survey of 1834 respondents also found more than half of 18 to 30 year olds felt they would lose contact with many of their friends if they stopped using social networking sites.

But there’s still a downside to logging on

Almost one in three people said they’d been harassed, received unwelcome contact or had someone post inappropriate or unwanted information about them online.

Young adults were most affected, with 60% of those aged below 30 reporting bad experiences. This highlighted the importance of implementing online strategies to ensure more positive interactions.

“It’s vital to protect yourself online and address unwanted behaviour as quickly as possible,” Dr Matthews said. “If you’re experiencing negative interactions with someone online, stop communication and block them from accessing your profile.”

Spending too much time online

The time-consuming nature of online social networking was seen as a disadvantage by nearly 60% of respondents. This was also a major concern for young adults, with 70% of 18 to 30 year olds saying they wasted too much time online.

“While Facebook has become an integral part of modern day communication, if time online is interfering with your life, and your relationships or work are suffering it may indicate a problem,” Dr Mathews said.

Regards,

Peter Panagiotopoulos & Andrew Mann
School Counselling Department
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**RECOMMENDED READS FROM THE BRENNAN RESOURCE CENTRE**

Welcome to Recommended Reads! The Xavier College Resource Centres promote a reading culture which supports and enriches reading for pleasure and develops an appreciation of literature.

**THE WEEKEND**

**AUTHOR** Bernhard Schlink

**PUBLISHER** Weidenfeld & Nicholson, 2010

Bernhard Schlink’s latest Novel *The Weekend* is a meditation on the changing nature of terrorism and violence. Schlink draws on the terrorist threat in Germany during the 1970s, largely carried out by groups like The Baader-Meinhoff, which was most active in Germany during the late 1960s and 1970s, although the group did not disband until the 1990s.

Schlink’s novel is set in an isolated house in rural Germany. Old friends gather to celebrate the release from prison of their old comrade, Jorg. He has been released from prison after serving 24 years for terrorist atrocities, whilst being a member of the Baader-Meinhoff Group. His sister Christiane, who has devoted her life to protecting Jorg, organises former friends to gather at the house to celebrate Jorg’s release. None of the group has kept in contact over the last 20 years, so they quickly discover they have little in common. All have taken different paths in life and all begin to wonder why they agreed to come to the weekend while expecting different outcomes.

Ilse, one of the friends now an art teacher towards the end of her career, has the urge to write. So in the midst of Schlink’s story we are told another story, a fictional story based on suspicion. In the story, Jan commits suicide but in fact he faked his suicide to become a terrorist. The story asks the question why people become terrorists and how do they live with their conscience after killing or injuring innocent victims.

*The Weekend* is not a heavy or dense novel but rather a light, lively and intelligent read.

**Mr Thornton**

**Rating:** 4 out of 5

**Reading level:** Year 11 to Adult

If you would like more information about popular titles read and recommended by staff and students, please contact Ian Thornton by email – Ian.Thornton@xavier.vic.edu.au – or visit the **READING** link on our website on the College Portal under Senior Campus, Services, Brennan Resource Centre.

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**NOTICEBOARD**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The last open date for 2010 is: **Wednesday 1 December** (Year 8 to 9 2011 Transition Day) **10am - 12noon**

Venue is the **Tennis Pavilion**. Enter from Stratford Ave off Wellington St.

Prices at the Uniform Shop are approximately half of the recommended retail price. Payment is by cash or cheque only.

If you wish to sell items through the Shop, please label them with your **full name, address, and telephone number**. We use the information when issuing cheques for items sold. Incomplete labelling will render the item a donation. Items may be left at Reception.

Conditions of sale, opening dates for the year, and a map to the Shop are on the Community Portal. Select Services, Uniforms, Senior Campus Uniform Shop.

**Maria Prior:** 9836 1417 **Elaina Chlebna:** 9431 0932

**WANTED: PRE-LOVED BOOKS FOR THE 2011 MAYTIME FAIR**

Books in good condition only please. Please drop off books at the Jesuit Mission Office, 130 Power Street, Hawthorn during business hours. **Enquiries:** Janine Burgess 0408 111 605.

**Proceeds of the Maytime Fair book sales go to the Jesuit Missions**

**MAYTIME FAIR PLANT STALL**

We are in need of younger help on our stall for 2011. If you would like to join us, we would warmly welcome you.

**Beverley Santospirito:** 9882 4343

**MAYTIME FAIR BRIC-A-BRAC STALL**

Seeking some new people to assist with the bric-a-brac stall for the 2011 Maytime Fair and to take over running it in 2012. If interested, even just to assist next year, please contact:

Mary Brabenc on 9882 0751 or Liz Fitzgerald on 9885 8528.
XAVIER COLLEGE MOTHERS’ ASSOCIATION NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
It is my great pleasure to announce that the new committee members of the XCMA:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
Co-Presidents - Diane Wilkinson and Cathy Fenton
Vice President - Nicki Condon
Treasurer - Rose-Mary Cassin
Secretary - Cathy Marigliani

GENERAL COMMITTEE:
Care Group - Cathy Fenton & Elissa Busacca (assistant)  Dinner Dance - Caroline Silk
Memorabilia - Tricia Coleman & Trudy Seymour (assistant)  Foundation - Jo Bell
Tuckshop - Julie Nash and Angela Napoleone  Inter School Liaison - Margaret Salter
Uniform Committee (3 Campus) - Tricia Coleman  Keys Please - Trudy Seymour
Uniform Shop - Elaina Chlebna & Maria Prior  Maytime Fair - Maryanne Hewitt
Second Hand Book Sale - Rose-Mary Cassin, Paola De Thomasis & Rosemary Di Donato
XSJN Representative - Paola De Thomasis

Year Level Representatives will be detailed in due course. However, if you are interested in becoming a Year Level Rep, please let me know. There are still a few vacancies. A list of meeting and event dates will be published in the next newsletter.

SECOND HAND BOOK SALE - WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER
This year a new format will be used and details are available on the Portal. Volunteers from the Xavier College Mothers’ Association will run the second hand book sale. This year the selection of second hand books will be by personal shopping. We will be collecting books from students in Years 9 to 11 after their last exams as noted on the Information Sheets with Booklists that were posted to all families. Year 12 students have been asked to leave books to be sold in the Hawkins Room. Only books in very good condition will be sold for 50% of the recommended retail price. Books in any other condition may be sold for less. The seller will receive 30% and 20% will be credited to the XCMA.

THANK YOU
There have been many mothers who found time to attend our meetings during the year and they have made many valuable contributions. I also thank the mothers who have helped at our working bees and events.

I thank our executive committee Cettina Calgaro (Vice President), Rose-Mary Cassin (Treasurer) and Karen Saunders (Secretary). My role as President was made so much easier by their many hours of hard work and support. I also thank our former President Anna O’Halloran for her ongoing dedication to the Mothers’ Association.

This year I felt it an honour to work within such a wonderful committee. It has indeed been a privilege to serve as President of the Xavier College Mothers’ Association. I am confident that the 2011 XCMA committee will enjoy a successful and rewarding year ahead.

Jillian Cummins
XCMA President
jillian_cummins@hotmail.com
Ph: 9939 0400 or 0419 859 897

PROVINCE EXPRESS RAFFLE
The Society of Jesus in Victoria, publisher of Province Express, conducts fundraising raffles twice each year (mid-year and pre-Christmas). These raffles contribute to the ability to produce quality, free publications such as Province Express.

We invite you to help us by requesting books of tickets to sell in our 2010 Christmas fundraising raffle. Prizes are:
1st – A $5,000 shopping voucher redeemable at any MYER store throughout Australia
2nd – A $1,500 shopping voucher redeemable at any MYER store throughout Australia
3rd – A $500 shopping voucher redeemable at any MYER store throughout Australia

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 14 December 2010 and all winners will be notified.

Should you wish to obtain books of raffle tickets please click on the link www.eurekastreet.com.au/article.aspx?aeid=12613 complete your address details and we’ll post a book of raffle tickets to you. Alternatively you can contact us via our toll free number 1300 728 846, fax (03) 9421 9600 or mail PO Box 553 Richmond Vic 3121.

By requesting books of raffle tickets you are under no obligation to purchase any raffle tickets. All ticket butts, money and unsold tickets are to be returned to Jesuit Communications (PO Box 553 Richmond 3121) by Friday 10 December 2010. The raffle is open only to Australian residents.

Thank you for your support and we trust you continue enjoying Province Express.
REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

This year the selection of second hand books will be by personal shopping. We require more volunteers than in previous years because the sale will be conducted in four rooms in the Keenan Wing to reduce congestion.

There are three sections in the Second Hand Book Sale:

DROP-OFF (checking that every book left for sale has a correctly completed seller’s docket)
We have vacancies in the following shifts:
- Friday 26 November (D5) 1pm-4pm
- Monday 29 November (D4) 10am-12noon

SALE – Wednesday 1 December (D4, D5, D7 and Hawkins Room)
10am to 3pm Preparing for the sale by sorting books into subject order in Rooms D4, D5, D7 and the Hawkins Room
3pm to 8pm Administering the sale
8pm to 10pm Sorting unsold books between those to be returned and those donated to XCMA and contacting families who have indicated on their seller’s dockets that they wish to collect unsold books

We have vacancies in the following shifts:
- 10am-12noon
- 6pm-8pm
- 12noon-2pm
- 8pm-10pm
- 2pm-4pm
- 4pm-6pm

COLLECTION – Thursday 2 December (Hawkins Room)
1pm to 3pm Transferring unsold books to be returned in Rooms D4, D5 and D7 to the Hawkins Room and assembling them for return
3pm to 7pm Administering the return of unsold books
7pm to 9pm Packing away donated books

We have vacancies in the following shifts:
- 1pm-3pm
- 3pm-5pm
- 5pm-7pm
- 7pm-9pm

If you wish to assist at the Second Hand Book Sale please email your name, contact number and chosen shift/shifts to Rose-Mary Cassin - jimic@bigpond.net.au - or phone her on 9817 1717. Every offer will be greatly appreciated.
SPORTS NEWS

TERM 4 SUMMER SPORTS

CRICKET

With competition for 1sts, 2nds and 10A underway during Term 4, a comprehensive pre-season program has recently been completed by the 1st XI. This included a number of practice matches and a camp at Strath Creek. We congratulate the 16 players who have made the squad for season 2010/2011 and recognise this season’s leaders – Pat Tiernan (Captain) and Andrew Heffernan (Vice Captain). The 2nds and 10A's have also been training strongly in anticipation of successful seasons.

Unfortunately Round 1 was washed out due to rain and at the time of writing our teams are in the final preparations for Round 2 against St Kevin’s College.

TRIATHLON

The 2010/2011 Triathlon season commenced on Sunday 7 November at Brighton Beach. We had a strong contingent of students from all three campuses, as well as several parents and staff members competing. Several of our senior boys opted for the shorter ‘Mini’ event as they had VCE exams on the next day. Their decision reaped rewards with five of our triathletes filling Top 10 spots in their respective age groups. A special mention to Mr Andrew Hume from the Senior Campus who survived his first ever Triathlon and finished off in style.

Results:

XOCISE Sprint Event 500m Swim / 20km Bike / 5 km Run
- Jack Lynch (Coach) 1st, Declan Connoley (Yr 9) 2nd, Matthew Goessler (Yr 9) 4th

XOCISE Mini Event 250m Swim / 10km Bike / 3km Run
- James Burt (Yr 11) 1st, Nick Stevenson (Yr 11) 2nd, Jack McPhee (Yr 11) 3rd, Ned Tickner (Yr 11) 4th, Wilson Hill (Yr 11) 9th

Full results and all related Triathlon information can be found on the Xavier College Portal.

VOLLEYBALL

Paul Campesato, an old Xaverian and current State league player, is coaching our 1sts squad this season and after a pre-season of educating the players on the game style, our boys have begun in fine style with a hard fought five set win against Wesley College. After being 2 - 1 down, and with our backs to the wall, the boys rallied and absolutely dominated the fourth set with some great serving, blocking and defensive team play. Unfortunately, Wesley blew out to a quick lead in the fifth and deciding set, but once again Xavier didn’t give up and managed to come from behind to win the decider 15 - 12. A fantastic first match which will set us up well for an exciting season.

BADMINTON

The first up match of the season against Brighton introduced seven new faces into the team and each match will be a big learning curve. Congratulations to Nilton Hi (No 2), who picked up a hard fought three set win in his singles. Weiyu Fang, Nick Worsnop, Adrian Poletti and Albert Ngyuen all had losses to start with but will get better with each match. John Cichello, Harrison Georgiou and Sam Tam then followed with similar results, however, each player fought incredibly hard for each point. A couple of close doubles matches didn’t go our way in the end, however, learning how to combine in the doubles will improve the results.

Cam Matthews
Director of Sport
Cam.Matthews@xavier.vic.edu.au

FROM THE XAVIER COLLEGE FATHERS’ ASSOCIATION

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REACHING FOR THE SKY—THE BURKE HALL YEAR 5 & 6 BUILDING PROJECT

When the new building opens its doors in 2011 it will signal a significant moment in the history of the Burke Hall Campus.

The new building has been cleverly designed to provide a logical link between the lower basketball court area and the Gervasoni Oval, as well as opening out onto a dedicated play space for Year 5 & 6 students. The land now occupied by the building was previously a “no person zone” because of the rough and sloping terrain. Similarly, the existing terracing was only infrequently utilised by the school.

The interior of the building boasts light-filled, roomy, flexible spaces. With the benefit of the money being raised by the Capital Appeal, we hope to be able to provide the quality of fit-out and level of technology that will see programs offered to our students which are at the forefront of modern teaching and learning best practice.

For those who would like to make a contribution to the Capital Appeal please contact David Kift in the Development Office on 9854 5374 or alternatively by e-mailing David.Kift@xavier.vic.edu.au

BUY A PIECE OF BURKE HALL AND BE PART OF OUR FUTURE

Xavier College Burke Hall is proud to announce “Buy a piece of Burke Hall and be part of our future” locker sales. You may purchase a locker in the new Year 5/6 Building for $250 and your family name will be displayed on a locker in perpetuity.

To purchase your family locker please tick one of the boxes below and return this form to: David Kift, Development Office, Xavier College, 135 Barkers Road, Kew 3101

For information contact: David Kift on (03) 9854 5374.

For more than one purchase please attach a separate sheet. Lockers are limited.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

FIRST NAME: ………………………………………… SURNAME: ………………………………………………………………

NAME TO APPEAR ON LOCKER: (either First Name followed by Surname OR Family Name ie John Smith or Smith Family)

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I / WE WISH TO MAKE PAYMENT IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

Option 1: ☐ Payment of $125 NOW and a payment of $125 by March 2011
(Please complete either cheque or credit card details below. An annual reminder payment will be forwarded to you).

Option 2: ☐ Cheque – for $250 payable to Xavier College Building Fund

Option 3: ☐ Please charge the total cost of $250 to my credit card -

☐ ☐ Mastercard ☐ ☐ Visa

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CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING!

Why not consider purchasing a cookbook as a special gift!

Xaverian Kitchen

I wish to purchase ___________ Xaverian Kitchen Cookbook(s) @ $40.00 each

Option 1: Please mail my purchase to the address below at a cost of $10.00/book extra for postage: (please tick box) □

OR

Option 2: I will collect my order from the Development Office (please tick box) □

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**CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY**
 Starts at 9am on Sun 31 July @ Genazzano FCI College & culminates in the Commissioning Mass @ OLGC at 5pm

**YEAR 7,8,9**
Themed events run by the Senior Youth Ministry team. Geared at networking, fun and exploring justice and faith.

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**YEAR 10,11,12**
Themed nights run by the Senior Youth & Young Adults. Each has a different focus & guest speaker. A relaxed forum where students can socialise, explore great material & go home having had fun & feeling more inspired and hopeful about life.

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**POSTSCHOOL**

**CHECKPOINT PRAYER NIGHTS**
A fortnightly gathering for Scripture Input, Discussion Prayer & a Shared Meal. From 7pm onwards.

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**21-25 APR  Light To The Nations EASTER CAMP, GALONG, NSW**
WHO: Year 10+  COST: $200
Departing Thurs 10am, this 4 day Easter experience is a Taize styled tent city celebration of the Easter Tridium. Return trip is on Sunday morning.

**6 MAR – YOUTH MASS # 1**
Venue: OLGC DEEPDENE
Theme: **Live the Dream - Commissioning of Leaders**
“Living the Dream” Eucharist will include the Commissioning of the Teams who will be leading the various Ministries of YEP for 2011. It will be followed by supper.

**15 MAY – YOUTH MASS # 2**
Venue: SACRED HEART KEW
Theme: **National Youth Sunday**
This Sunday will celebrate some of the amazing things that young people contribute in following Christ today.

**31 JUL – YOUTH MASS # 3**
Venue: OLGC DEEPDENE
Theme: **Confirmation & World Youth Day**
This Eucharist will include the “Commissioning all the Young People who are being presented for Confirmation & Youth travelling to World Youth Day from the area.”

**21 AUG – WYD SLEEPOUT & MASS**
Venue: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Theme: **World Youth Day Mass**
While World Youth Day Mass will be celebrated in Madrid, we will be televising it live on the big screen.

**18 DEC – YOUTH MASS # 4**
Venue: SACRED HEART KEW
Theme: **End of Year Thanksgiving**
As part of “Giving Thanks.” there will be a time for thanking those who have served faithfully during the year.

**16 – 17 APRIL  GENERATION WHY**
WHO: Young Adults 18 – 25  COST: $65
As part of the Share the Dream 2011 – an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life, this weekend seeks to explore issues around sexual identity and integrity.

**2 – 23 AUG  MAGIS WORLD YOUTH DAY - SPAIN**
WHO: Young Adults 18+  COST: $4490
Departing Tuesday 2 August and returning Tuesday 23 August.

**27 NOV – 3 DEC  BOURKE SOLIDARITY CAMP**
WHO: Year 11+  COST: $400
Departing Saturday morning this 7 day immersion is based in St Ignatius Primary School in Bourke & involves working with the local community in service.