Dear Parents & Students,

**Reflection:**

*You have to lay the foundations of values and attitudes during the early years. Then you will have something to build on when the moment of independence comes.*

*The Heart Of The Family* – Dr James Dobson

We have just ended a grueling period of assessment for students from Years 7 to 11 in all subject areas and it is hoped that they receive the results they have worked for. Those who could have made a much greater effort are encouraged to do so, as classes now begin Semester Two work. Students are encouraged to maintain steady study habits. It is important to remain motivated.

The best motivation is intrinsic. That means working because of something driving you from inside, not because of a desire for rewards or a fear of failure. Children who expect praise or a treat for every achievement, no matter how small, soon lose the will to improve. On the other hand, children who enjoy the satisfaction of achievement will seek more opportunities for that enjoyable experience. Therefore, children need an environment where they are keen to do their best. Teachers and, first and foremost, parents, can create such an environment. Below are some hints taken from “Principals’ Digest”, for creating a motivating environment:

A motivating environment:

- **is positive, optimistic and hopeful.** People who do well usually expect to do well. They are positive about their ability to achieve the results they are aiming for. They understand that even failure can be a learning experience and are able to learn a lesson and move on.

- **is pleasurable.** The brain learns best when the student is enjoying the work. Teachers who make lessons fun, stimulating, hands-on and active, know their students do better. Finding ways to make learning enjoyable is a vital step in motivating children – and can start at home.

- **is important.** When people think what they are doing is a waste of time they quickly become bored. Students need work they can see is important – because it is intrinsically important, because it links to further steps in their learning, because they understand why they are doing it.

- **is relevant.** Students need to be able to see the reasons for what they are learning. Even young children can understand what they need to know. Giving students the context, or bigger picture, will help them concentrate on work that seems to have no immediate relevance.

- **breeds success.** The greatest motivation is success. Breaking learning into manageable chunks helps students master their learning in successful steps. Parents can help their children ‘chunk’ their work so they don’t give up in the face of what seems to be an impossible task. Giving children the opportunity to succeed is one of the best ways to motivate them.

**Our Students Do Us Proud**

Often I receive phone calls or emails from people outside of our school community praising the actions of our students and staff. Recently I received an email from a charter bus company we used, regarding the behaviour and manners of our students - something that we as teachers and you as parents should be very proud of.
Our Students Do Us Proud (Cont’d)

Dear Mr Vella,

RE: Charters for your school

We refer to the above and advise that I have been getting very pleasant comments from my drivers about the way your students and teachers conduct themselves. It is such a pleasure to have your students and teachers on our coaches for charters.

One of our drivers David, took time to document how organised your teachers are and how well they get on with the students. Also he complimented them on how they treated the bus with respect, left very little rubbish and thanked him each time they departed the bus. He also advised how polite they were to him which he really appreciated as it makes his job very enjoyable.

This driver takes schools away every day and for him to take time to document this to me I think speaks volumes of your teachers and students.

Thank you for using our Company as we enjoy working with teachers and students of this calibre. I just thought you would like to know this positive feedback.

Staff News
Mr Luke Melenhorst has informed me that as from the end of this term he wishes to step down from the role of Year 11 Coordinator which he has held for the past five years. I take this opportunity in thanking him on behalf of the College community for the tremendous contribution he has made whilst holding this position. We are most grateful. I also take this opportunity to announce and congratulate his replacement, Mr Paul Reidy.

Staff Spirituality Day
All staff in Lismore Diocesan Parish Schools are required to participate in a staff retreat day each year. The staff of Xavier Catholic College will be holding our retreat day on Friday, 27th June, which is the last day of this term. As all staff will be involved and off site, students will not be required to attend school on this day.

God Bless,

Michael Vella
Principal

Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014

In the latest edition of the Proclaim Lismore Parents e-bulletin, we take a closer look at the lives of one family in the diocese and ask them the question: what do you want for your children?

You can now register your interest in attending the Proclaim Parent Gatherings 2014 which will be held over six separate days across the Diocese of Lismore in October (numbers are limited).

Proclaim Lismore 2014 is an unprecedented opportunity to join with us as partners in co-designing an even stronger and more effective Catholic schooling for each child.

Please visit the Proclaim Lismore website to find out more: www.proclaimlismore.com.au or subscribe to our monthly e-bulletins by emailing proclaim@lism.catholic.edu.au.
Catechesis and Evangelisation
Mr David Eyles – Leader of School Evangelisation

Year 10 Retreat
Notes have now been handed out to our Year 10 students for the annual Year 10 Retreat held at PCYC Bornhoffen in the Gold Coast Hinterland. Year 10 will be divided into two groups for their retreat. Group One will be on Retreat from Monday, 28th July to Wednesday, 30th July. Group Two will be on Retreat from Wednesday, 30th July until Friday, 1st August. Attendance is compulsory for all students in Year 10. The permission note and medical form are due by Thursday, 26th June. Payment is NOT required with the permission note – under our revised fee structure, compulsory year level activities such as the Year 10 Retreat are charged as a levy.

Curriculum Update
Ms Yvonne Head – Assistant Principal

Over the past few weeks I have had the privilege of interviewing all our Year 10 students to help them begin thinking about their plans for Years 11 and 12. The formal part of this process began on Tuesday, 10th June when our KLA Leaders of Learning and some subject teachers provided the students with an outline of all the courses which may be offered at the College in 2015. This will be followed with a Parent Information Session on Monday, 16th June at 7.00pm in the Magis Centre. Further details have been emailed to parents of Year 10 students.

By the end of this week all students from Years 7 to 10 will have completed their Semester 1 exams and assessment tasks. You are encouraged to ask your sons and daughters to show you their exam papers and assessment tasks so that together you can celebrate their achievements and reflect on areas for improvement. These may be addressed through seeking further advice from the teacher, better use of class time and additional revision at home. By working together we can encourage our students to reach their potential.

On Tuesday, 17th June the first stage of our school photos will be taken by Classic Color Studios. This stage includes Homeroom and individual photos for students in Years 7 to 11. The Year 12 group and individual photos and family photos will be taken with the sporting team photos on Tuesday, 16th September. Students are to be in full winter uniform (girls in their dresses). As per the Student Planner “any student with hair shoulder length or longer should have it tied back with an appropriate tie”. Envelopes have been distributed to students via Homeroom and additional envelopes are available from the Office. Correct money must accompany orders which will be collected on Tuesday by the photographer.
2014 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Details of the annual Xavier Catholic College Athletics Carnival are listed below.

Activity: Annual Athletics Carnival – Attendance is compulsory
Date: Friday, 18th July, 2014 (Week 1 Term 3)
Venue: College Oval
Times: Sporting events run between 10am and 2pm
Uniform: Years 7 – 10 students in sports uniform, when arriving at school and departing school.
Years 11 – 12 may wear house colours / costumes to and from school.
Needs: ALL students must wear either a broad brimmed hat or cap and sunscreen

Sport Houses: Students are expected to bring coloured clothes, costumes etc to represent their House and compete in war cries in the Magis Centre before the carnival. Winning houses will be announced in the Magis Centre at the completion of the carnival and age champions announced. Students will be required to change back into full sports uniform before going home.

Families are most welcome to attend the Athletics Carnival.

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XCC Upcoming Events

WEEK 8

Monday, 16th June (Day 4)
Year 8 French Breakfast
Year 11 Earth & Environment Excursion
2015 France Trip Meeting – 6.00pm in Room M1
Year 11 2015 Parent Info. Session – 7.00pm Magis Centre

Tuesday, 17th June (Day 5)
School Photos

Wednesday, 18th June (Day 1)
Year 8 Science “Off the Planet” – Magis Centre
U14 & U16 Boys Swans Cup AFL - Grafton

Thursday, 19th June (Day 6)
Yr 7-10 Diocesan Football Gala Day – South Grafton
Year 11 ‘Street Retreat’ – Brisbane

Friday, 20th June (Day 2)
Year 11 ‘Street Retreat’ – Brisbane (finishes Sunday)

WEEK 9

Monday, 23rd June (Day 3)
Sunshine Coast Rugby Tour this week

Wednesday, 25th June (Day 5)
Year 7 Brainstorm Production P6&7 – Verbal Combat

Thursday, 26th June (Day 6)
Waratah Cup Open Boys and U16 Coast to Country Cup – Woodlawn
Last day of lessons for Term 2

Friday, 27th June
Staff Development Day

UNIFORM SHOP

*TUESDAYS ONLY*

OPENING HOURS
8:00-11:45am and 3:00-5:30pm

(Phone: 6687 6940)

NOTE: Uniform Shop is closed during the school holidays.

Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre

Our Centre is here to support family members, friends or neighbours (carers) who provide a significant amount of help to someone who is a frail older person, has a disability, or chronic, terminal or mental illness. The Centre is funded until 30th June, 2015.

What we provide:

- Information on carer support services on the Far North Coast.
- Assistance with accessing support services that meet carer and care recipient ongoing needs.
- Provision of short-term planned and emergency respite to give carers a break from their caring role.

If you are a carer and you need some help whatever your age - call us on 1800 052 222*. *(calls from mobile phones charged at applicable rates)
Canteen Roster – Term 2
Mrs Denise Barnard – Canteen Coordinator

Where possible, volunteers are asked to start at 9.00am. If you are unable to make your rostered day, or would like to volunteer, please email Denise at xcccanteen@lism.catholic.edu.au or phone the College on 6687 6484 and leave a message.

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Sport 2014
Mr Pat Kennedy – Leader of Sport

➢ Students are asked to please take notice of announcements made at assembly, year meetings and in homeroom. Sporting information will also be communicated through the College newsletter, on the sports noticeboard outside the staffroom and on the three TV screens around the school.
➢ If students have made sporting achievements of note outside of school, please contact me at the College on 6687 6484 or pkennedy@lism.catholic.edu.au so that we can celebrate these achievements.
➢ If you have been selected in any form of representative sport which requires you to be absent from school please inform your homeroom teacher with a signed note giving details of the event before your absence.
➢ If you are selected in a Diocesan representative team or individual Diocesan sport and you decide to withdraw, please complete and sign a ‘Withdrawal Form’ and hand it to Mr Kennedy by the competition closing date.
➢ Permission notes and money for sport should be handed in to the office by the due date. If your note is late, it needs to be approved by me and the reason discussed. As a rule, permission notes for sport will not be accepted on the day of the excursion except in special circumstances.

Rugby News
Xavier Catholic College and Alstonville High School recently played a ‘two round’ trial game competition in the boys Under 13 and Under 15’s. Round 1 was held on Wednesday, 21st May at the College with quality rugby being played by both schools. Our Under 15’s had a good win but our Under 13’s were defeated by a very big and strong Alstonville team. Round 2 was on Thursday, 29th May at Alstonville High School with a large home crowd cheering on the Alstonville teams. Our Under 13’s played a much improved style of rugby to win by two points. Our Under 15’s had a much tougher game, but were able to come from behind and also win by 2 points. Thank you to Mr Evans and Christian Monks for coaching.

Rugby Training
- Boys’ teams train Tuesday mornings from 7.15am
- Girls Under 16’s team train Thursday mornings from 7.15am
- Open Boys Waratah Cup training Tuesday mornings 7.15am

Congratulations
Congratulations to the following students on their recent sporting achievements:
- Riley Wilson and Jonathon Huddy who have been selected in the U16 NSW Country Schools Rugby team.

Upcoming Events in June
➢ 18th June – St Francis Xavier Primary School Athletics Carnival at Xavier
➢ 18th June – Swans Cup AFL, U14 and U16 Boys at Grafton
➢ 19th June – Diocesan Yrs 7-10 Football Gala Day Championships at South Grafton
➢ 23rd-25th June – Sunshine Coast Rugby Tour
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