For many of us, on getting up on Saturday, the news of the attacks in Paris caused again a note of fear or frustration. Be it in Iraq or London or Bali, or in a plane in the air, or on the steps of an office in Parramatta, such violence has too often become part of life. The forces of violent intolerance appear to be on the rise in many parts of the world. The Middle East, parts of Africa, and the Ukraine feature almost daily in the news. We struggle too with the appropriate response to such violence, balancing security with civil rights, taking the fight to its bases, while addressing the causes of such violence.

In many of these conflicts religious difference constitutes an important element in the conflict. Some commentators point to religion as the cause of many of humankind’s wars. In a sense they are correct, as they would be also if they ascribed war to humankind’s quest for liberty, equality, justice, or even love. It is a paradox of the human condition that that which is noblest in the human often gives way to violence and intolerance. This of course does not negate the value of justice or liberty, any more than it does of religion. Christians look to the reality of sin and its impact on our humanity as the explanation for this paradox.
Naturally enough our media is fully of commentary and reactions to the events in Paris. How are we supposed to react to such an attack? I was struck by a post of a St Aloysius student on Facebook. Cormac wrote:

Today is a day where we need to refrain from accusing Islam and Muslim people in general for being people of hatred, terror and violence, because they most definitely are not. Today is a day where need to show to the disgusting human beings who committed these atrocious acts and who do not represent the values of Islam and the Muslim community in any way, shape or form, that we will not allow for hatred, terror and violence to breed further hatred, terror and violence. Today is a day where need to showcase our solidarity as a society and as a people.

So please, I beg of you, do not point the finger at Islam, point the finger at the evil people who were truly behind these attacks. The evil people whose only true faith is in the power of terror and violence. We need to show them that there is no power in terror or violence, that their faith is horribly misplaced.

May all those who tragically perished rest in peace and may their loved ones have comfort in this time of horrible grief.

Cormac speaks to what is best in us. Islam is a massive, diverse and complex reality in our world. There is much that is noble in the faith, and millions follow its precepts devoutly in their ordinary and peaceful lives. I would perhaps argue a little differently than Cormac, in seeing both ideological roots and religious motivation as realities in some elements of Islam, and thus take more seriously the religious foundation of IS in the extreme Islamic beliefs of a small but significant section of the Islamic world. I do suspect that Islam as a religious culture is yet really to face the challenge of our pluralist world. Nevertheless, Cormac’s central point about the nature of fear leading to attacks on all Muslims, or on a religion itself, is valid.

In contrast to Cormac’s comments, Pauline Hanson ‘hit’ the television arguing that Australians need to feel protected and that we should not take in the 12,000 Syrian refugees committed to by the Federal Government. Fear is a terrible counsellor. She conveniently ignores the fact that many of these refugees are themselves victims of IS, just as surely as those who were killed in Paris. This is partly an issue for our media that seems to ignore an ongoing record of atrocities by IS that almost weekly matches those witnessed in Paris. Hanson ignores the fact that many of the 12,000 will be from religious minorities that face genocidal attacks from IS – the Yezidi, Assyrian Christians, Druze and so on. She ignores the fact that each of the 12,000 will be processed by the government with background checks etc (a position different from that of the tide of desperate people pouring into Europe). There will be those who seek to exploit our fears to promote racist or isolationist views, which are both ignorant and dangerous. At the same time, the attack in Paris and community reactions to it, challenge those who argue for essentially an open borderer approach. They ignore the realities of legitimate fears and risk encouraging not only the rise of extremist political movements, but of putting in danger the very social cohesion of countries which is essential for the ongoing and successful resettlement of those in need. The reality is also that we ignore to our own peril the situation on the ground in Syria and Iraq. Military, political and diplomatic efforts need to continue for the sake not only of the peoples of Iraq and Syria, but also for all of us.

Nor can some of the issues associated with Paris be restricted to the geo-political level. They speak to our common human condition. Nobel laureate Alice Munroe’s insight that “there are no such things as big and little subjects,” resonates with me. “The major things”, she goes on to say, ”the evils that exist in the world, have a direct
relationship to the evil that exists around a dining room table when people are doing things to each other.” We can all wear the faces of intolerance: cynicism, apathy and indifference, hostility and prejudice.

Intolerance can be addressed in a number of ways, beginning in ourselves and our own communities. Firstly we need to see and accept difference as a good. What a boring and mundane world we would live in if it were without difference; a world where we all had the same interests, abilities, personalities! Secondly, we can seek to understand others, be they another culture, another viewpoint, another personality. It is a great gift to be able to see the other side, to understand from where someone is coming. Thirdly, there is a virtue that St Ignatius was fond of; he used to stress that the Christian should look for the good in the other, rather than to look for the bad. Finally, we need to focus on the virtue of global solidarity, or as author Clifford Longley in the Tablet put it, “the mental habit of seeing the entire human race as one family, every brother and sister responsible for every other”. Longley refers to Pope John Paul II’s articulation of this principle of solidarity, and how, in the Pope’s thinking, limiting solidarity to one’s own kind was a kind of sacrilege, an offence against the deep religious conviction that every human being on the planet is equally loved and valued by God. In response to this truth John Paul II urged “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.” Such a sentiment remains a bedrock principle of the Christian world view.

Here at Xavier our commitment to help shape “men for and with others” stems in part from the realization of our essential solidarity as human beings in our increasingly globalized world.

Chris Middleton SJ

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The recent terrorist attacks in Paris bring home the reality of the vulnerability and preciousness of life. It is in the moments of great pain and anguish that give us the opportunity to spring into action. The great Jewish writer, Harold S Kushner poignantly noted in his book, When Bad Things Happen to Good People,

‘Pain is the price we pay for being alive. Dead cells, our hair and our fingernails, they cannot feel anything. When we understand that, our question will change from, ‘Why do we have to feel pain?’ to ‘What do we do with our pain so that it becomes meaningful and not just pointless suffering?’

I would hope that the pain we all share for such atrocities is used to transform our world for the better. Last week, when we all stopped for Remembrance Day and recalled that over thirty-six million people lost their lives in the Great War (and particularly the forty-six Old Xaverians who died), I thought how lucky are we, as a current
generation, not to live in an era of mass destruction and annihilation. The pain and suffering endured by our great grandparents’ generation and their families would have been hideous.

Yet, last week, when I attended the Mass for Grandparents and the Feast of Saint Stanislaus at Kostka Hall, I also was filled with gratitude for all that our extended family does, so that the current and future generations of students are be able to flourish and prosper. A natural tendency among some humans when they feel pain is to seek revenge. As a Catholic community I would hope that we would first seek to understand before responding. And I hope that via a Xavier education, our students will respond to pain with a response that is life-giving rather than one that is destructive.

As the year quickly ‘gallops’ to an end and we launch into our season of ceremonies of awards, farewells and get-togethers, I would like to thank all our parents, students and staff for making such a positive contribution to building our community. There have been many highs this year and whilst there have been moments of pain, our first response always needs to be how are we going to fix this in the future. As the English poet, Alexander Pope said ‘To err is human; to forgive, divine.’

Blessings and peace for the coming week.

Chris Hayes
Principal

Xavier Celebrates...A Day on the Lawn - Postponed

Please note this event has been postponed until further notice.

For any enquiries, email dayonthelawn@xavier.vic.edu.au

Marron Singers
The Xavier College Community Choir, the Marron Singers, will be performing their annual Christmas concert on Friday 27 November 2014 at 7:30pm in the Xavier College Memorial Chapel. We invite you to come along and enjoy a wide range of songs and Christmas carols followed by a champagne supper in the Crypt at the Senior Campus.

All proceeds are in aid of the Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda.

Please click here to view the PDF Flier.

Tickets are available now via Trybooking at http://www.trybooking.com/JJUV

Adult $20, Concession/Student $10, Children free.

**Enquiries:** Please contact MarronSingers@xavier.vic.edu.au
Next Open: Thursday 28 January 2016 1.00pm - 4:00pm and Saturday 30 January 2016 10.00am - 1.00pm or by appointment.

Wanted – good condition blazers. Good condition blazers are always in demand and sell fast. Please see portal for conditions of sale. Donations preferred. Items may be dropped at Senior Campus reception or at the uniform shop during open hours.

Venue: Tennis Centre Pavilion, Senior Campus, enter via Stratford Avenue
https://portal.xavier.vic.edu.au/Portal/services/uniforms/uniformshop

Uniform Shop Open Days for 2016 are on the portal.

Enquiries: Bronwyn Dean (0421 390 038) or Sue D’Amico (0404 039 516) or email jbcm.dean@bigpond.com
Campion Education is the Official Back to School Supplier to Xavier College.

**Booklists / Resource List Online**

Booklists for all year levels can be viewed and submitted online via the College website.


Orders must be submitted by **Monday 7 December 2015** to ensure timely delivery.

**Benefits of submitting a booklist**

By using the online booklist / resource list service you are guaranteed to:

- Receive the correct books and stationery items
- Have priority access to all book and stationery stock
- Receive fast and efficient delivery
- Ongoing support from our customer service team

**Delivery of Orders**

All booklist / resource list orders will be delivered to your nominated address. Deliveries can be made to either a business or residential address. No post office boxes please.

Xavier College has negotiated a reduced delivery charge of $10 for all orders submitted by the due date. This charge includes any subsequent deliveries that may need to be made to cater for books that are published late.

**Late Booklist / Resource List Orders**

Any booklist / resource list orders submitted after 4 December 2015 will be charged at the normal delivery rate of $21.95.

**Retail Store**

If you do not wish to submit your booklist order online for delivery, you are welcome to visit Campion’s store located at 1/170-180 Rooks Road, Nunawading, 3131.

Stock of books and stationery for Campion’s retail customers will become available from the beginning of December.

**Refunds**

Books can be returned for a full refund provided that they are still in mint condition and they haven’t been covered or named up until the close of business on 19 February 2016.

**Queries**

Should you have any questions or queries please contact Campion direct on **1300 433 982** or in person at the store located at 1/170-180 Rooks Road, Nunawading, 3131.

**Headstart VCE 3&4 Booklist**

VCE 3&4 students have the opportunity to purchase their textbooks & stationery prior to the commencement of the Headstart Program on Wednesday 25 November 2015.

The Headstart VCE 3&4 Booklist can be viewed and submitted online via the College website.


**Delivery of Orders**
All booklist orders will be delivered via Australia Post to your nominated address. Deliveries can be made to either a business or residential address. No post office boxes please.

Boarders wishing to receive their booklist order at the College should include the following information in the address field – Xavier College Boarding House, Barkers Road, Kew 3101.

A reduced delivery charge of $10 will apply to all orders submitted by the due date. This charge includes any subsequent deliveries that may need to be made to cater for books that are published late.

**Late Orders**

Any booklist orders submitted after the cut-off date will be charged at the normal delivery rate of $21.95.

**Refunds for Headstart items**

Books can be returned for a full refund within 2 weeks of purchase provided that they are still in mint condition (not covered or named).

**Second Hand Book Sale**

The Xavier College Mothers’ Association will once again conduct a second-hand book sale to assist families with the purchase of texts for the 2016 academic year. We are most grateful for this service.

The sale of Years 9 – 12 text books will be held on: **Friday 27 November 2015**, from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm in Rooms D4 – D6 at the Senior Campus in the Keenan Wing, which can be found near the Hawkins Room.

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**From the Archives**

After finding the boab nuts, Iggy and Frances are now going potty, finding a box with pottery shards, tile shards and old glass bottles from the Kostka archives.
Something is not quite right, the items don’t look like they belong in the same period of history. Iggy and Frances sort the items into categories of like for like. It looks like there are four separate types of objects in this one box: glass bottles, tile shards, ink bottles and pottery shards.

Oh look, under the wrapping, Frances has found some old display cards. Hmm, the glass bottles are noted as being ‘Assorted glass bottles (c. 1800) found on the Maldon, Victoria, gold fields.’ The ceramic ink jars are ‘(c. 1800) found at Platte Saline, Alderney, Channel Islands.’ and ‘…were most likely used by members of the Royal Enniskillen Fusiliers…on garrison duty…during the Napoleonic and French revolutionary wars…(and)…were readily purchase from the Regimental Quartermaster Store.’

The pottery shards are labeled as ‘(c. AD 50-65) collected from around the site of the Roman IX legion town of Durobrivae, which existed along the banks of the river Nene near present day Castor, Cambridgeshire, England.’ Also included are ‘A bronze ring and a dog's tooth also found near Castor.’ Can you spot the bronze ring and dog's tooth?

How these items came to be part of the Collection and how they relate to Xavier is still a mystery, but at least Iggy and Frances now know something about these items.

The College Archives are located in the refurbished cellars at the east end of the South Wing. Open M-F 8am - 4pm.

Contact the College Archivist on 9854 5360 or via email, Xavier.Archives@xavier.vic.edu.au

Catherine Hall
College Archivist
XSJN Volunteer Good News Story

MITA Immigration Detention Centre

Thanks to the generosity of a Kostka family a young Iranian doctor has a new start in Australia. A Kostka Mum met Azin last year during her visits to the detention centre. Azin was hoping to pass the Medical Board exams that would enable her to use her qualifications in Australia, so this very generous family paid for the books she needed to study for the exam. Last week we received the fantastic news she sat and passed her exam - and the offer of work! It was fantastic to share Azin’s excitement and then to ring the Kostka family to pass on her gratitude for such kindness. Visiting the detention centre comes with lots of heartache and sometimes great joy! (Thanks Fiona)

Maree Tierney

Ways you can get involved

St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Soup Van - Donating items for Christmas Hampers

Each year the Soup Van volunteers organise a Christmas party for the people they support during the year. On Sunday 13 December over two hundred people will gather at the Collingwood Town Hall to celebrate Christmas. For many this will be their only Christmas celebration. The volunteers are seeking support from XSJN and the wider Xavier College Community to donate Christmas items such as puddings, shortbreads, chocolates, mince pies or supermarket vouchers to the value of $20.

If you are able to assist please leave items (unwrapped) at Reception at each of the campuses by Friday 4 December or contact Patricia Bergin (0418528210 or patricia.bergin@energyforce.com.au).

If leaving presents at the College Campus receptions please place in box marked XSJN - SVdP Soup Van.

The Basket Brigade - Donate Toys and/or Volunteer

The Melbourne Basket Brigade is a small but dedicated force of local volunteers who want to make a difference to those in need at Christmas. They fundraise throughout the year and then in December pack and deliver baskets of food and toys to families in need. Volunteers are needed on Packing Day to pack and deliver the food and toys.

This year their goal is to give Christmas gifts to 500 needy families around Melbourne.

_When:_ SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER

_Where:_ Kostka Hall, Xavier College Brighton Campus - New St (near the intersection of South Rd)

_Time:_ Volunteer Registration is 11am. It takes a couple of hours to wrap and pack so they are aiming to start loading vehicles between 2.30 & 3.30pm.

If you would like to help with this wonderful program, or need more information contact David.Taranto@xavier.vic.edu.au or visit melbournebasketbrigade@magicmoments.org.au

Upcoming Events
We have to realise that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Laudato Si’ (49)

As world leaders meet to discuss the future of our common home at COP21 climate talks in Paris, you are invited to join the People’s Climate March and walk alongside millions of people in major cities around the world. Come along with your parish, family and friends for a colourful, vibrant, fun and united display of people power. Marches will be taking place across Australia from the 27 – 29 November in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Canberra, Darwin and Hobart.

By marching together we will show that we want an end to fossil fuels and a planned transition to 100% renewable energy. We will march to call on our politicians support communities that are building a better, safer and fairer future for all. We will march because we must protect creation for the vulnerable and for future generations!

Stand with the Catholic community and show you care!

As part of the Global Catholic Climate Movement we are calling on Catholics around the world to “pray and mobilise as never before, to put into practice the Pope’s Laudato Si’ message”. Cardinal Turkson, President of the Pontifical Council Justice and Peace, said recently: “The message of Laudato Si’ needs to be integrated into the active commitment of citizens who organize to make the Pope’s message resonate in the halls of power and who demand courageous action on the part of leaders and negotiators in favour of the poor and of the planet. On Nov. 29, this is what hundreds of thousands of men, women and children will do in the Global Climate March...”

Please wear purple to the March as this colour will represent ‘many cultures, many faiths – one common home’. If you don’t have any purple clothes, why not visit a second hand clothes store and find something that has been pre-loved!

Contact Mark Clarke justice@cam.org.au or visit http://catholicearthcare.org.au/2015/09/peoples-climate-march/ for more information.

Bronwen Kellett & Anne Turpin
XSJN
Scholarships for entry into Years 7, 9 and 11 in 2017

Examination Date - Thursday 11 February 2016
Location - Senior Campus, Xavier College

Scholarships will be offered for students entering Years 7, 9 and 11 in 2017 and, as the following details describe, are available in a number of different categories:

Xavier College Academic and Excellence Scholarships

Xavier College Music Scholarships

Old Xaverians’ Association - Boarding Scholarship

Xavier College Foundation Scholarships

- Benedict Burgess Memorial Boarders Scholarship
- James André Boarding and Academic Scholarship
- John Webb Scholarship

Each of the above categories includes boarding scholarships.

Closing date for all applications: Friday 5 February 2016

Testing Date: Thursday 11 February 2016
Notification of Results: Not before 8 April 2016

Cost: $130.00

For further information and registration please visit the website www.xavier.vic.edu.au/scholarships

Diane Odgers
Registrar

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
In 1967 Father Pedro Arrupe SJ, former Superior General of the Society of Jesus, stated the following: “If our schools are to perform as they should, they will live in a continual contention between the old and the new, the comfortable past and the uneasy present.”

At the Staff Meeting last week, I shared a conversation with my colleagues about the recent Position of Leadership (POL) Review conducted at the College and our ‘uneasy present’. There were a number of significant outcomes that emerged from this review, specifically in relation to the following areas: teaching and learning; staff development and processes around appointment; accountability and appraisal. Furthermore, it also examined our current structures around the provision of pastoral care and faith formation. The purpose of this review is, ultimately, to ensure that we are providing the best possible education for the students in our care.

For me, a key component of this process is to ensure that the physical represents the philosophical. Our education at Xavier is underpinned by a very clear philosophy, which marries the education of the heart, head and the hands and has a starting point with the holistic care of the individual. Therefore, our leadership structures should physically reflect a commitment to this same end.

Change can be difficult and unsettling, especially in institutions rich in tradition, as is the case at Xavier. However, if we are to remain true to our mission, honest reflection and subsequent action is required. This
takes courage and, in reality involves some discomfort and pain. This is inevitable when the conversation
leads to the shifting of roles and responsibilities, which is naturally accompanied by a degree of uncertainty.

The creation of a Head of Teaching and Learning role at the Senior Campus is the first tangible step in this
process. This will come into effect from the beginning of 2016. Conversations among staff and further
analysis of the recommendations of the Review will undoubtedly lead to other changes over the course of
next year, as we seek to put in place the best possible set of structures that will drive the highest possible
standards for both staff and students.

2015 State Schools’ Debating Championships

On Wednesday 21 October, our Year 11 debating team participated in the Grand Final of the 2015 State
Schools Debating Championship. This, in itself, was a wonderful achievement. James Chan, Anton D’Amico
and John Ginnane comprised the team that debated against students from Melbourne High, on the following
topic: That we should allow countries to pay other countries to settle asylum seekers who reach their
borders. While the boys lost narrowly in a split decision, they debated with great integrity and respect and
presented arguments that were both cogent and erudite. Certainly, the College is extremely proud of their
efforts and for representing the College with such dignity. I would like to extend my deep appreciation to
their coaches, Gabrielle Keogh and David Moloney.

Friday Night School

I had the good fortune last week to visit our students who tutor refugee and newly arrived migrant children
and young adults at the Friday Night School in Richmond. There are moments and events where we are
reminded of the deeper purpose of a Jesuit education at Xavier and you will go a long way to find a more
profound example than that on display at the Friday Night School. At its heart, it is about service and
relationships under the guidance of Margaret Gurry, who embodies Ignatian leadership.

New Families Information Morning

It was wonderful to welcome officially the new families (2016) to the Senior Campus last Saturday. Naturally,
the day was tinged with a sense of excitement and trepidation as staff and families had an opportunity to
share stories and commence relationships. Thank you to Stella Limberis, Rosemaree Allison, Di Odgers, Judi
Rogers and Heads of House under the leadership of Paul Burke for their organisation and input into the day. I
would like to thank Andrew Hume especially, who, in his first formal engagement and significant
undertaking as the new Head of Boarding (2016) coordinated and ran the day superbly.

Adam Lewis
Director of Senior Campus

We are currently planning for 2016 in the Senior Campus Music School. In order for teachers to prepare their
metables and to get a clear indication of their teaching allocation, it is essential that 2016 instrumental
tuition enrolments are finalised by Friday 20 November 2015.

We have streamlined the method of enrolment for individual music tuition by rolling over all existing
Enrolments to 2016. In other words, you are not required to re-enrol your child for instrumental lessons. However, if you would like to change your existing enrolment or discontinue tuition, you are required to advise Zoe Griffith in the Music Office no later than Friday 20 November 2015. This also includes notifying us if you no longer wish to hire an instrument. After 20 November, we will allocate instrumental teaching staff and process the music fees.

Students new to the school or entering Year 9 in 2016 will need to enrol via the parent portal login details. Please click here to view the "How to Enrol Online" flyer.

oe.griffith@xavier.vic.edu.au

Greg Carey
Director of Music

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**Term 4 Summer Sports**

The Summer Sport Season has begun for a number of sport teams on 7 November and continues through until 28 November. Our Cricket, Tennis, Badminton and Volleyball squads have already played fixtures, with the Rowing, Swimming and Triathlon squads busily preparing for their seasons. We wish them well in their competitions during Term 4.

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**Year 12 2015 - Thank you**

On behalf of the Xavier College Sport Department I would like to take this opportunity to thank the class of 2015 for their commitment to the Xavier sporting program over many years. We hope that your experiences have been positive and have contributed to your enjoyment of school life.

The Sport Department is always on the lookout for young people to assist in coaching. If you have a passion for sport and would be interested in remaining involved in the Xavier Sporting program I’d be keen to hear from you. Ideally coaches will have gained some level of accreditation and must undergo a Working with Children check. All Year 12’s have been emailed an expression of interest form or they can lodge their interest at sport@xavier.vic.edu.au.

Michael Wilson
Head of Sport

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**Careers Office**
Year 12

The Careers Office will be open before and after the Year 12 results are released and we have representatives from Monash University on Tuesday 15 December 1:00pm – 3:00pm to answer any Monash University-related questions you might have. If you would like to speak with this representative or one of the counselling staff here please phone the Careers Office on 9815 4831 to make a time.

Information to guide students after the results is released during Change of Preference time, will be sent out to all Year 12 boys and parents email address.

Year 11

Students commencing Year 12 in 2016 and planning to apply for any of the following university courses are reminded that part of selection into these courses requires that students sit the UMAT – Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test. Applications open early in December 2015.

The University of Adelaide – Medicine, Dental Surgery
Bond University – Medicine
Charles Darwin University – Clinical Sciences
Curtin University – Medicine
Flinders University – Clinical Sciences / Medicine
La Trobe University – Health Sciences in Dentistry, Master of Dentistry, Oral Health Science
Monash University – Medicine
The University of Newcastle / University of New England – Joint Medical Program
The University of New South Wales – Medicine, Optometry
The University of Queensland – Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science
University of Tasmania – MedicineThe University of Western Australia – Medicine (assured entry), Dental Medicine (assured entry)
Western Sydney University – Medicine
The University of Auckland – Medicine
University of Otago – Medicine, Medical Laboratory Science, Dental Surgery

For more information, and/or to apply visit UMAT2016 or call (03) 8508 7643.

Kay De Jong
Careers Counsellor

Xavier College Mothers’ Association
Two weeks to go before we all go our separate ways for Christmas and the summer holidays, where has the year gone?

**XCMA AGM held 9 November.**

Thank you to all who attended our AGM last week and congratulations to the incoming Committee for 2016. A particular thank you to the incoming Executive, President - Betty Chetcuti, Vice-President - Michelle Callinan and Secretary - Natalie Kan. You’re in safe hands! We do have a few positions unfilled: Treasurer Winter Solstice Winter Dinner Event coordinator – September 2016 Lolly Shop Coordinator for Maytime Fair (1 or 2) Xavier Social Justice Network Representative Year 9 Year Level Representatives Year 10 Year Level Representatives New Parents’ Welcome Drinks Coordinator – date TBC but either Feb/March 2016 Red and Black Coordinator - Tuesday 6 December 2016

Please consider whether you could help in any of these roles and do not hesitate to call Cath on 0417 953 311 if you would like any more information.

**Volunteers’ Morning Tea - Friday 13 November**

It was lovely to see so many of our wonderful volunteers, (the life blood of the XCMA), at our Volunteers’ Morning Tea. We couldn’t do what we do without all you wonderful people. Thank you to the Community Relations Office, particularly Helen Barry, who laid the morning tea on for us. Thank you to Georgina Makin from the Xavier College Kitchen who supplied the food, and to Michelle who came and tidied up for us.

![Volunteers Morning Tea in the Dalton Room](image)

**Year 8-9 Transition Day Morning Tea - Monday 23 November**

Please come along to meet some new people and catch up with old friends. Bookings for catering purposes can be made online at [http://www.trybooking.com/164351](http://www.trybooking.com/164351)

For enquiries please contact Caroline Silk on: **Telephone:** 0414 537 522 or **Email:** info@carolinesilk.com

Please RSVP by 20 November.
Second Hand Book Stall - 27 November - 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Please refer to MailChimp sent to all families on 10 November or click here to find all relevant information regarding the dropping off of books, book lists indicating which books can be sold for Year 9, Year 10 and VCE subjects and the Sellers Form. So as soon as exams are over please send books to school, with a Sellers docket completed for each book you wish to sell and come along on Friday 27 November and grab a bargain. Thank you.

WANTED! Textbooks which can’t be used in 2016

We can send secondhand textbooks, calculators, stationery and laptops to support The Twentieth Man Youth Fund’s Back to School Program, so please don’t put unwanted books in the recycle bin, drop them to the Hawkins room. Thank you.

Year 12 - Parents and Students - Red and Black - 1 December

PLEASE NOTE BOOKINGS HAVE NOW CLOSED. Enquiries please contact either: Kate Crock 0419 335 949 kcrock@bigpond.net.au or Sarah Perrett 0407 520 054 sarype29@hotmail.com

Year 10 Christmas Drinks - Sunday 6 December

Information was sent out via MailChimp on 10 November. Bookings can be made online at http://www.trybooking.com/169369 RSVP: 3 December 2015. Queries? Please do not hesitate to call either Marina Stevenson on 0439 031 900 or Cath Lefebvre on 0414 573 114

Cath Ellingworth
XCMA President
presidentxcma@gmail.com or 0417 953 311

From the Tuckshop
The Tuckshop will still be operating throughout the Examination period. We will continue to offer breakfast of cereal, yoghurt, fruit salads, drinks and toasted sandwiches. A limited variety of hot and cold food will be available between exams. There will still be a number of tempting specials to enjoy each day.

EFTPOS facilities are now available at the Tuckshop

Thank You

Julie Kupke
Tuckshop Manager

Xavier College Fathers’ Association

XCFA 2016

After the conclusion of our Annual General Meeting last Thursday it is my great pleasure to announce that we have the XCFA ‘A’ Team back together for 2016. Our Committee will comprise:

President                                Christopher Jones
Vice President                           Merv Kiley
Secretary                                Stan Baudinette
Treasurer                                Graham Mulhall
Maytime Fair Representative              Mark Bartlett
Social Justice Network Representative    Rob Bergin
Gourmet and Grange Representative        Damian Silk
College Support Representative           Tim Connors

In 2016 we will lose our 2015 Immediate Past XCFA President Peter Crock who has been a very much respected contributor to the Xavier College community over many years. Thank you so much Peter for your
During 2016 we are planning to undertake the following activities:

XCFA Welcome BBQ (two fathers required)

New Parents’ Welcome Drinks (five fathers required)

Year 9 Pleasant Wednesday Evening (one father required)

Year 10 Pleasant Wednesday Evening (one father required)

Year 11 Pleasant Wednesday Evening (one father required)

Year 12 Pleasant Wednesday Evening (one father required)

XCFA Presentation Series

Maytime Fair BBQ (75 fathers required)

Pathways to Manhood (one father required)

XCFA Keys Please (Father / Son Drive) (one father required)

Gourmet and Grange Dinner (three fathers required)

Careers Evening Support (one father required)

AGM and Thank You BBQ (two fathers required)

In order to make these events happen we need your support. Thank you all for helping us to live our creed of ‘Men for Our Sons, Each Other and for Xavier.

All the best,

Christopher Jones
XCFA President

XCFA Creed: Men for Our Sons, Each Other and the Xavier Community
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*Note: All events listed are based on the given information and may not reflect the actual schedule.*
Term 4 concludes Thursday 3 December

(NB: These dates are correct at time of publication. Always refer to College Portal for the latest events.)