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Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Presentation Night

Our end of year Presentation Night will be Wednesday 2nd December 7pm in the school hall. Graduating Year 6 students and High School students will receive their awards. The Primary School choir will be presenting some items for Advent. All students are to wear their full summer uniform. Please bring a plate to share.

Whole School Assembly

All welcome to our final assembly for the year, Friday 27th Nov. 2.35pm.

Kindergarten Orientation



2016 Kindergarten group enjoying the activities last Friday.

Youth Expo – 13 to 18 years

Saturday 21st November Xavier High School, starting at 9am. There will be talks, games, small group activities, testimonials and a vigil Mass.

Annual Bush Dance

Holy Spirit Hall on Saturday 28th November from 7pm. \$10 per person or \$20 per family. BYO supper. Tea and coffee available. This is a fundraiser for NACF.

Jindera Carols

Jindera Christmas Carols will be at the Jindera Village Green 6.30pm Friday 18th December. Students are invited to be part of the Nativity scene and to sing Christmas Carols.

Primary Swimming Intensive



Lessons are going well and tomorrow is the final session for each group.

Bookfair at SMMC- Friday 27th 10am-3.30pm

There will be a bookfair in the library of SMMC on Friday 27th November by Cardinal Newman Faith Resources. Come and join us after Mass and get some wonderful Catholic supplies for Christmas.

School Productions DVDs for sale \$5 each

'Asterix and the Normans' and 'It's a Wonderful Life' are available from the office if you would like your own DVD copy.

Uniform Reminder

Now that the hot weather has arrived it is even more important that students wear their hats in the playground. Please make sure your children wear a hat to school.

Family Life Talk Cancelled

The Family Life Talk which was scheduled 21st November has unfortunately been cancelled as Carmen Pavia is unable to come.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 4 – Wed 7th Oct to Fri 4th Dec
Whole School Assembly - Friday 27th Nov.
Bookfair – Friday 27th Nov 10am-3.30pm Library
Presentation Night – Wed 2nd Dec, 7pm

God bless,

Kevin Tingle



LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

Training Girls for Dressing Modesty

We live in a culture where women's bodies are used to sell everything from shampoo and underwear to cars and exotic holidays. Men have a more highly developed visual centre in their brain and are strongly affected by images of scantily clad women, even for a few seconds. The media exploit this by using sexual images of women to attract attention. Young women are also constantly exposed to these images and think it is normal to dress in a provocative manner. This, coupled with the skimpy clothes marketed for teenagers, mean it is relatively normal, these days, to see a teenager with only half of her clothes on. Young women know that they attract attention by the way they dress but, being less sensual than men, do not realise that having a lot of skin exposed can be very arousing to a man. Women need to cover up so that men are not so distracted by their outer beauty and see them just as a body, and not as a person. When women dress modestly it elevates the dignity of society.

Young girls need to be trained from very young to dress with modesty. It is a bit hard to turn to your beautiful teenage daughter with lots of shapely curves and tell her that she has to cover up a bit more if she has been allowed to dress as she likes up until then. Encourage very young girls to always dress in their bedroom and not to go around the house unless they are fully clothed. Make sure they wear one piece or equivalent swimwear. The more effort you put in while they are under twelve the easier your job will be when they are older. Even if in the public arena you may be exposed to poor examples of feminine dress make sure that your home has only movies or magazine pictures of well dressed women.

How your daughter dresses for Mass is very important, after all she is in the presence of Our Lord, reverence is essential. It may be fine to wear shorts on a hot day, to play tennis or a similar sport but a shapely teenage girl in shorts sitting in front of a man in the church is a definite distraction.

Set standards of what you expect them to wear such as no bare shoulders or low cut tops, skirts only knee length or longer, nothing too tight or casual (such as old jeans) no thongs or sloppy footwear. Encouraging children to dress well for Mass is great training on how to dress well for later life. In a book by Dannah Gresh, "And The Bride Wore White: Seven Secrets to Sexual Purity" she speaks about how these days more and more young men are tempted by the way girls are dressing INSIDE THE CHURCH. Make sure your daughter is not one of them!

If you would like your teenage daughter to come to you for dress and fashion advice then make sure you take care of your appearance. Annie Lang the founder of Leaders Now, a teenage leadership course, stresses how important it is for mothers to dress with a little style and elegance if that is what you would like your daughter to do. It doesn't mean to spend lots of money just put in a little extra effort knowing someone important is watching. If they don't come to you for direction and advice in this area who are they going to obtain advice from?

Virtue for the Month of November- Reverence

"The greatness of man is great in so far as he realizes his that he is wretched."

Blasie Pascal, *Pensees*

Curriculum Corner – Year 5/6



Joseph Chandrasegaran demonstrating a volcano erupting - his Design and Make project on Natural Disasters.

Year 12 Graduation
Commercial Club 2015

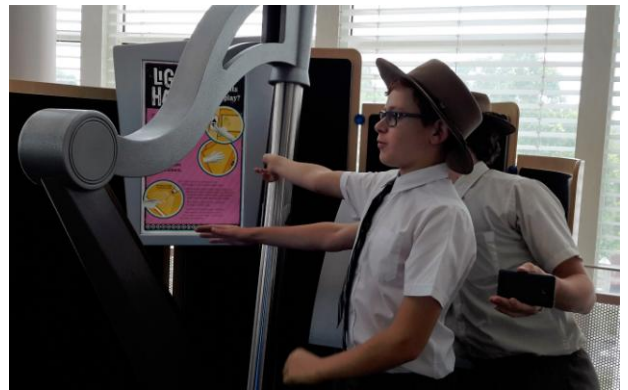


The staff and students would like to pass on their appreciation to Mrs Lorraine Morgan for making the wonderful Graduation cake.



Many thanks to Mrs Kathleen Horsfall, Mrs Therese Mott-Pekolj, Miss Jessica Godwin, Miss Vieira, Miss Nuttall and to all the Year 12 teachers for all their hard work this year culminating in a wonderful evening of celebration.

Secondary Students – Excursion to Canberra



High school students and teachers both enjoyed the recent Canberra excursion and a great time was had by all.

After exploring the many wonders of science at Questacon, the group split with 7/8 going to the Australian War Memorial for a "Science and War" presentation.

9/10 going to the National Museum of Australia.

Students learnt more about the changing rights and freedoms of Indigenous peoples.

Students are excited about the prospect of future visits.



Mission Day!

Well done everyone for supporting the Madagascar Mission.

Total amount raised will be announced next week when calculated.