Our Vision
We are called to provide an exemplary Catholic Education.

Discipleship: With Christ as our light we aspire to nurture the whole person in a community centered on gospel values.

Learning: We are committed to providing an education that empowers all to become life-long learners.

Dear Parents and Friends

School Board

The work of the current and past Board Members and P&F is often unrecognized. As parents of the school, they willing give their time and expertise to enhance the physical and social dimensions of a school community. On Tuesday, the School Board met to review the master plan for St Francis Xavier School. This was developed in 2013 and can be found on the second page of the newsletter. The plan outlines 23 changes within the school to improve the visual appearance, safety and opportunities for students and families to engage with the environment. By Friday next week, the entrance statement will be finished (fingers crossed) and plan completed. This is a great achievement by all past and current Board Members to ensure St Francis Xavier School Community is a place of enjoyment for all.

Back to School Lists

St Francis Xavier has decided to change the way Back to School Booklists will occur in 2017. Traditionally, a book list is sent home late in Term Four requesting families to source items for the following year. The decision has been made, in collaboration with the School Board and P&F, that the school will facilitate this process and the cost of back to school items be added to school fees. The rationale behind this is as follows:

- On average, a reduced cost of $20 per student per booklist due to bulk ordering
- Distributes the cost of book lists over the year instead of one cost (if you choose)
- Removes the need for families to organize and transport items to school on the first day
- Will reduce the cost of booklists further in future years

Families will still be provided the opportunity to cover books or provide children with unique coloured pens, or personalized stationery, however all essential items will be obtained by the school. If you have any questions please make an appointment for further information.

Swimming

This week concludes VacSwim lessons for St Francis Xavier. As the warm weather returns, it is important to remember that these lessons provide a brief learning experience for children. Ongoing lessons and continuous support and supervision is essential for children to develop this life skill. Further information regarding ongoing swimming lessons is provided in this newsletter.

Ben Doyle
Principal.
VACSWIM

Online enrolments for December/January VacSwim programs are open.

It is important for every child to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state.

For further information and online enrolments visit:

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70th NAZARETH HOUSE FETE
SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER
From 10am—3pm
Crowtherton Street—Bluff Point

The Nazareth House Fete is a landmark Geraldton event that is celebrating its 70th anniversary. It is a well known and loved community event that raises funds that go toward enhancing the living environment of the 110 residents living at the House. It is a family social event that many local people have fond childhood memories of. Come along and keep the tradition alive! Helpers most welcome.

Who to contact for enquiries:
Ann Boyle - 0429 381 896

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SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS—AGM 15 NOVEMBER 2016

It's that time of the year when the School Board calls for nominations to the Board for 2017. The overall role of the School Board is to help the school fulfill its educational responsibilities in accordance with various guidelines. Nominations can be through self nomination or nominate a friend, as long as the friend agrees of course!

To help you decide that being a member of the Board is both rewarding and challenging, I've outlined a few points of interest below.

- Possession of an enthusiasm for and a willingness to promote Catholic schooling
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- A desire to give service to the Catholic school community
- An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board
- Sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties
- An ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters; and
- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: __________________________ Phone No: __________________________

Signature of Nominee: __________________________ Nominated by: __________________________

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SFX P&F AGM 15 NOVEMBER 2016

We are seeking nominations for positions on the P&F Executive Committee for 2017. If you are interested could you please complete the nomination form below and send to the school office.

P & F EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I ____________________________ would like to nominate for the position of (please circle) President / Vice President / Secretary / Treasurer on the SFX P&F Executive Committee.

I can be contacted on ____________________________ Signed: ____________________________
Junior Arts 2016

We have had a very busy time this semester in Visual Arts. After creating a Self Portrait, we looked at the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh and created our very own Sunflower Portrait. We have been exploring ‘Line, patterns and colour,’ learning about the Colour Wheel and had lot’s of fun painting to the music.

The pre-primary classes learnt all about shapes and created a colourful collage depicting the country of India and it’s ‘City by the River at Night’. This term we have started learning how to draw a fish from a side profile and we will be looking at the famous artist Claude Monet. We are looking forward to finishing with some Christmas Art.

Mrs Alisha Wyatt