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 Caregivers

Year 6 Camp

Last week students, staff and 6 very brave parents attended camp in Perth. The excitement and exhaustion from students on their return highlighted the wonderful experience and memories that school camps create. Many thanks to Mrs Krippner, Mr Place and Miss McAuliffe for facilitating the camp and making the experience memorable for all.

St Francis Xavier Feast Day

The P&F have commenced a new tradition this year with the first annual St Francis Xavier Feast Day celebration. For families of the school, this is a FREE fun event to celebrate the year and continue to build the strengths of a positive school community. Food will be available for purchase, otherwise, bring a blanket and picnic basket and enjoy being part of a fantastic school community. A great initiative by the St Francis Xavier P&F. For further information find us on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/sfxpsg/

AGM

On Tuesday evening, the school AGM was held in the library. Thank you to the parents who attended and to those parents who have committed to serving on the Board or P&F in 2017. Minutes and reports from the P&F and Board meetings will be available on the school website under the compliance tab.

Staffing Updates

An appointment process for several positions within the school was recently completed. I am pleased to announce Mrs Leanne Voss has accepted a teaching role at St Francis next year. Leanne is currently employed at St Lawrence’s and brings a vast range of experience with her. Mrs Renee Clark and Elizabeth Cook were appointed in Teaching Assistant roles and Mrs Zoe Campbell has accepted a part time position in the administration. I look forward to welcoming the above staff in 2017.

God Bless

Ben Doyle
Principal
Endure
In last Sunday’s Gospel Jesus said, “Men will seize you and persecute you. They will imprison you because of my name and you will be able to bear witness. I shall give you wisdom and words. Some of you will be put to death, but not a hair of your head shall be lost.”

The cost of discipleship. Following Christ is not always easy. In some countries Christians are persecuted and even put to death for their beliefs (around 100 000 per year). Jesus tells us that we too will suffer because we follow him. Yet through it all, God will be with us.

Why do we do that?
Feast Days: When people celebrate important events, they are making a statement about a person or a value. The Catholic Church, too, is full of celebrations—saints’ feast days and holy days—that affirm certain people and truths that are important to us. Such occasions help unite and keep alive important events and relationships which have shaped our existence as a Church.

Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Next Friday, 25th November, our year 3 students will be celebrating receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They will celebrate the day as a retreat day starting with a liturgy at the Cathedral, individual reconciliations, prayer activities and a shared lunch. As a school community we wish them a great day for this special occasion.

St Francis Feast Day Mass
On Friday 2nd December we will be holding a whole school Mass to celebrate the feast day of St Francis Xavier. Mass will be held at 9.30am in the Cathedral. All parents and friends of our school community are invited to come and join in the celebration.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

KINDY 2017
Enrolment applications are open for Kindy in 2017. Parents of children born between July 1, 2012 and 30 June 2013 are asked to have their application forms into the office as soon as possible.
Any younger siblings of students already here must also complete an enrolment form and hand to the office. Forms are available from the school office or on the school website: www.sfypsgeraldton.wa.edu.au
Interviews are being extended into this term.

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM 2017
Children born between July 1 2013 and June 30 2014 are invited to apply for our 3 Year Old Program in 2017. The program is offered by an experienced Early Childhood teacher to children who have turned 3 and is held on Mondays and Fridays of the school term. You can obtain application forms from the office or on our website: www.sfypsgeraldton.wa.edu.au Interviews will be held during Term Four so please get your application form in NOW.

MERIT CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS AT THE ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2016

PPM Jack Trembath & Angelina Johnson
PPR Ryder Watson & Aimy Jimmy
1J Tex Kuser & Imaan Nazir
1L Jordan Clark & Lacie Slater
2S Mason Wann & Tali Weaver
2W Clay MacDonald & Khadijah Nazir
3M Ella Slater & Josh Papertalk
3S Nate Mackay & Zeke Kuser
4C Louis Campbell & Brendan Hayward
4N Rafferty Malone & Ishi Weaver
5BH Jimmy Douglas & Georgia Perks
5GO Karis McLennan, Connor Brennan, Ben Kerr & Ashlee Donohoe
6K Liam Poletti & Brody Rock
6P Belle Morris & Jesse Priolo

Science: Riley McMillan
The Arts Snr: James Gardiner & Yiu Yeung Lin
The Arts (Jnr): Kate McKenzie
Library (Jnr.): Dylan Casley
Library (Snr): Finola Moulds
Physical Education (Jnr.): Aaron Schewtschenko
Asian Languages: David Philip
COMMUNITY NEWS

VACSWIM

Summer will soon be here; enroll now for swimming lessons.

Enrolments for December/January lessons are now 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:

education.wa.edu.au/swimming

LOST PROPERTY

We have various items including uniforms, water bottles, lunch boxes etc. in our lost property.

Please come to see if anything belongs to your child before the end of term.

Unclaimed items will be passed onto St Vincent de Paul.

RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP

Please come down to the Uniform shop, next to the Multi Purpose room to grab yourself a bargain! Open on Mondays from 2.30—3.00pm and Thursday from 8.45—9.15am. We are in need of all uniforms so if you have any at home please bring them into the school office. Thank you.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO SFX IN 2017

If your child/children WILL NOT be returning to St Francis Xavier in 2017 could you please inform the office promptly, as we have waiting lists in all year levels.

Congratulations to the following students -

You are invited to a SFX P&F free event.....

SFX FEAST-DAY CELEBRATION

Avoid missing out!!, Book it in your calendars NOW!!

2nd Dec 5 - 7pm

Water Slides  Face painting  Live Music
Jumping Castle  Activities  Aero Bungy

Hope we see you there!!

Fusion Gelato Van & Marlou’s Asian Kitchentette will be available for food purchases

Parking on the Senior oval

St Francis Xavier Primary School
http://www.sfx.wa.edu.au/
Thanks to David Potiuch, Matt Pirrottina, Kylie Collins, Suzie Halden and Lisa McAuliffe for making our camp great fun! A special thank you to David Morris for driving the bus!