

St Francis Xavier Primary School

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6th September
Athletics Carnival

8th September
Interschool Cross Country
PPM assembly 2.30

9th September
4N Eucharist 4.30pm St
Johns

12th September
Interschool Jumps &
Throws

14th September
Interschool Athletics

16th September
4P Eucharist 4.30pm St
Johns

From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Book Week

Congratulations to all parents, students and staff for ensuring Book Week was an enormous success. It was a busy week with highlights including the Parade, Buddy Reading, Randolph Stow Award Winners and a visit from author Jen Banyard.



Enrolments

Earlier this term, I sent home a letter outlining the importance in enrolments at schools. This resulted in a boost in enquiries and applications for new families at St Francis Xavier. I encourage families to continue to be advocates of our school community and, where possible, encourage families to consider looking at opportunities to join our community.

Athletics Carnival

The weather at times can be extremely unfriendly and it was a difficult decision to postpone the athletics carnival. At the heart of the decision was student safety and well-being. Thank you for your support in this decision.

St Francis Xavier Hockey

In other sporting news I was extremely excited to hear that students in the Division Two Team and Girls Division Team both won their respective hockey shields. A school community extends beyond the regular hours and I thank all parents who assisted in coaching, umpiring and supporting junior sport. Without your commitment, children would not have the opportunity to participate and participate in team events.



Father's Day

Some heroes don't wear capes. I hope all fathers and grandfathers had a Happy Father's Day.

God Bless
Ben Doyle
Principal

Join Us

Assemblies

Fri 8th Sept PPM

Fri 22nd Sept 6V

2.30pm Undercover Area

P & F Meetings

Tuesday 19th September

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Friday 14th Sept

Christ Band Recipients

Jaxson Bryant

India Newman



“To change the world we must be good to those who can not repay us.”

Pope Francis

Discipleship



This Week's Value

INCLUSIVITY

Henry Ford once said, “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”

At St Francis we encourage students and staff to work together in lots of different ways. Some simple ways to make sure students get to know each other, work with a variety of people and make others feel included are:

- Mixed groupings in the classroom.
- Buddy classes, faction playtimes and playground buddies.
- Teaching diversity and differences.
- Community circle time.
- Greeting students and encouraging students to greet each other.
- Changing seating arrangements in the class.
- Team building and

collaborative activities.

- Involving students in decision making in the class.
- Providing a range of opportunities for students to be involved in activities outside the classroom, e.g. bookworms, numero, poetry, Japanese
- Play based learning in the Early Childhood.

All these activities help students to develop social skills that help them to work with others, because as Human Rights Activist Stuart Mik suggests, “We are less when we don't include others.”

Preprimary Family Mass

A big thank you and well done to our preprimary students, teachers, and families for leading the Parish in Mass last Saturday night. It can be very daunting getting up in front of lots of people to do a reading, but the students did a great job.

It was also great to see a good number of families come along and join in the celebration. Doing things as a family, like going to Mass together is a great way to build our relationships with each other and with God.

Sacrament of 1st Eucharist

This Saturday afternoon the students in 4N will be celebrating receiving the Eucharist for the first time. The Mass will be held at St John's Church at 4.30pm followed by a supper celebration in the St John's School Hall.

This is a special day for the students and their families as they take another big step in their faith development. We pray that it will be a truly wonderful day and celebration.

Wheel Chairs For Kids

Our social Justice fundraising for this term will be towards the Wheelchairs for Kids Corporation. The corporation of volunteers make all terrain wheelchairs for children in countries who are disabled from birth due to disease or caused by land mines. Each wheelchair costs around \$200 to make, but make a huge difference to the lives of many children around the world from poor countries.

In week 10 students will be participating in a walk-a-thon to help raise money. More information will be coming home soon.



Merit Awards

PPM

Skyla Praprotnik,
Koby MacDonald

PPR

Emily Whitmarsh,
Sonny Miles

1A

Adelaide Royce, Luke
Gardiner

1L

Thomas Murszewski & Jesse
Marwood

2W

Chevy O'Brien, Brooke
Praprotnik

2F

Emily Falzon, Ryan Lynas &
Jenna Warden

3M

Dora Burns, Reid Foot

3J

Alyssa Kirby & Taj Miles

4P

Saxon Bilbe & Jordan Price

4N

Koby Browne, Bodhi Halden

5O

Jesse Price & Airlee Smith

5H

Imogen Godsman-Lee,
Gabrielle McLaren

6P

Bella Filgate, Lily Ross,
Ethan Drage

6V

Jake Giles & Grace
Potaczala

Aussie of the Month Jimmy Douglas

Learning

Reading Information Session
Appreciation is extended to our Pre Primary teachers who shared their time to inform parents on how to build reading readiness and support literacy development in the early years.

Literacy learning takes a lifetime and we continue to gather more pleasure and understanding as we encounter more texts, more conversations and more cultural and arts experiences. What is important is that we are set on a positive path from the beginning so that we expect to gain control and power and competence. We can only do that if more experienced learners—parents, carers and educators—inspire, encourage and extend us.

Literacy learning does not 'begin at school'; it begins at birth. Caring families foster and applaud children's early achievements and early childhood educators complement and enhance this important learning which underpins school and life success.

Research conducted by the University of Queensland has clearly shown that an important determinant for a child's success at school is how much they are exposed to reading from a young age.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who assist us in building the foundations of literacy in our early years!

Year 4 Going Green

Realizing all we have on this Earth are the gifts God has bestowed upon us, Year 4P have been exploring how to care for our environment and contribute to a sustainable future.



After researching the effects of pollution on animals and the environment, they have decided to take up the challenge of becoming waste free by the end of term.

They have begun creating their own Beeswax paper

wraps to wrap their lunches in and using reusable containers to store their food.

To promote their efforts they have created a variety of posters which are displayed around the school explaining the effects of plastic on sea creatures.

They have also started collecting single-use plastic bags and bottle tops which will be recycled and turned into artworks and weaved into items that can be used in everyday households.

Can you help them to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic in our school? Send your items in to Year 4 today!



Library News

The Library has certainly been abuzz for Book Week! One of the highlights was a visit from West Australian children's author, Jen Banyard who spoke to the Years 5 & 6 classes. Jen has written a number of books and showed practical examples to the classes of her draft writing, editing process and more importantly the need to persevere with a task and a passion. The classes benefitted from Jen's tips to generate ideas, create suspense and develop characters. We look forward to reading many "Jen Banyard inspired" narratives in the coming weeks!



During Book Week, the Bookworms shared their love of books with the Pre Primary classes every lunch time by reading to small groups every lunch time and organising literature activities. We appreciate the Bookworms for giving up their time to be fabulous role models to the younger students.

A Golden Ticket Lunch was also held in the Library for 24 lucky winners drawn from students who had remembered to bring their library bags. The Golden Ticket winners enjoyed activities based on Willy Wonka's factory so naturally there was chocolate involved!

Miss Clarkson co-ordinated daily You Tube videos of books being read on our screen in the undercover area- 'Books On The Big Screen'.

Our finale for the week was "Buddy Books" on Friday. The Years 3-6 classes selected a picture book to read to the PP to Year2 classes. Buddies found a sunny place on the junior oval and read the books together and then sat to eat their lunch together. What a wonderful calm community feel there was – appreciating books and our buddies all at the same time.

Finally, many thanks to our parents for the time and effort spent on engineering costumes for the Book Week Parade. Wearing their special costumes, the children certainly felt as if they had "Escaped to Everywhere"!



The staff Book Week Committee will meet to review these activities to endeavour to continue to improve the learning experiences of our students for Book Week 2018. Please feel free to convey any feedback to the library staff.

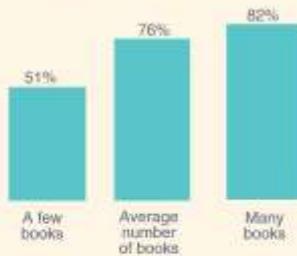
Library Staff

The relationship between BOOKS AT HOME and student achievement

The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) is an international comparative study of student achievement. Here, we look at TIMSS data on books in the home and the percentage of Australian students at or above the proficient standard* for maths and science.

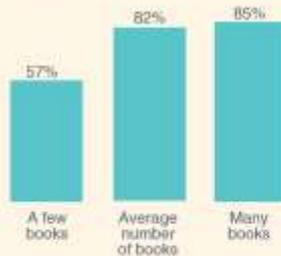
Year 4 Maths

Students at or above the proficient standard for Australia:



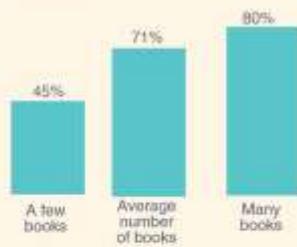
Year 4 Science

Students at or above the proficient standard for Australia:



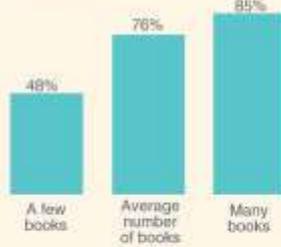
Year 8 Maths

Students at or above the proficient standard for Australia:



Year 8 Science

Students at or above the proficient standard for Australia:



A few books



An average number of books



Many books

*What is the proficient standard?

The Measurement Framework for Schooling in Australia 2013 set the proficient standard for TIMSS mathematics and science as the intermediate international benchmark. Proficient standards represent a "challenging but reasonable" expectation of student achievement.

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P&F News

Earn & Learn

We are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths. At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. If you'd like to know more visit www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



Support our School

Community News

Dolphin and Flippa Ball 2017 All new and old players welcome!

Dolphin Ball

Who: Pre-primary – Year 3 Cost: \$55

Where: Indoor Leisure Pool, Time: 3.30-4pm, 4-4.30pm, 4.30-5pm

Season Dates: Wed 11th Oct – Wed 6th Dec

Flippa Ball

Who: Year 3 – 6 Cost: \$55

Where: Indoor Lap Pool, Time: 8.30-9.15am & 9.15-10am

Season Dates: Sat 14th Oct – Sat 9th Dec

Registration day Sat 16th September 9am-12pm at Aquarena

Contact Larena Manuel 0427 076 404 or manuel.home@bigpond.com.au

Community, Respect & Equality

Primary Prevention of Family Violence Summit and associated activities

**27th to 29th September 2017
GERALDTON WA**

Family violence is a significant social issue in our community. It is preventable. With collaborative community action we can make a difference.



#RespectRules #ViolenceIsNEVEROk



Community, Respect & Equality Summit proper

28th September 2017, 9:00am – 5:30pm
Queen Elizabeth 2 Centre, Geraldton

The Summit will showcase experts in the field of primary prevention of family violence.

Educating and informing delegates on the drivers of family violence and prevention activities that can be undertaken in the community.

Key Summit Speakers:

- Jacqui Watt, Chief Executive Officer, No To Violence and Men's Referral Service
- Victoria Cooke, Manager, Justice and Family Services, Ruah Community Services and Consultant, Pandora Enterprise Projects
- Luke Ablett, Former AFL Player and Ambassador for The Line
- Donnda Cox, Managing Director, Inspire Change Consulting Group



Summit

Tickets available through **Eventbrite**
www.googl/ypDTAL

Associated Activities

Community Engagement Day with Luke Ablett

27th September 2017, All day.
Various locations in Geraldton

Women Inspiring Better Business Breakfast

29th September 2017, 7:00am – 9:00am
Geraldton Multipurpose Centre,
254 Marine Terrace, Geraldton

Key speaker: Victoria Cooke

Specialist Family Violence Training Workshop

29th September 2017, 9:30am – 4:30pm
Geraldton Multipurpose Centre,
254 Marine Terrace, Geraldton

Facilitator: Victoria Cooke

Advanced family violence training which includes:

- Screening, risk assessment and risk management
- Response based practice
- Men's behaviour change programs
- Women's groups and interventions with women in counselling



Workshop

Tickets available through **Eventbrite**
www.googl/pe9uuw

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Class News – 3J



Look what 3J have been up to!

This term we have been broadening our horizons by research a neighbouring country or a country of interest. We have learned to source our information from books and digital technologies and take notes. From our notes we are designing an information poster which we will be presented toward the end of term.