

St Francis Xavier Primary School

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday 15th May
Board/P&F Meeting 5.30

Thursday 10th May
Cybersafety Parent
Presentation
9.00am OR 5.30pm
School Library

Friday 11th May
Mother's Day Prayer
Service and morning tea
9:00am

Friday 18th May
PP Liturgy 9am
1L School Assembly
2.20pm Undercover Area

From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As many of you may be aware, the Gonski review into the quality of Australian schooling has recommended national education reforms to improve student outcomes. The Review made recommendations across five areas. It is affirming that many of the recommendations made by the report are being achieved or have commenced at St Francis Xavier Primary.

Laying the foundations for learning

St Francis Xavier was recently reviewed in light of the National Quality Standards. The review highlighted that the important domain of the Educational Program and Practice is achieved successfully in all classes. This includes ensuring:

- An approved learning framework informs the development of curriculum that enhances each child's learning and development.
- Educators and coordinators are focused, active and reflective in designing and delivering the program for each child.

Equipping every student to grow and succeed in a changing world

Every child is different. At St Francis Xavier, we acknowledge this in our teaching and learning practices and work collaboratively with parents to meet each individual child's needs. To ensure all students grow, teachers provide direct feedback in key learning areas. This enables children to know and celebrate what they have achieved but importantly, what they need to do next in order to improve. Mapping out individual students' progression is a meaningful way teachers at St Francis Xavier work to ensure all children reach their potential and become lifelong learners.

Creating, supporting and valuing a profession of expert educators

St Francis Xavier addresses this by ensuring all staff have the opportunity to work collaboratively with a year level teacher weekly. Research informs us that developing collective efficacy has a high impact in improving student outcomes. When teachers, plan, assess and work together they utilise each other's strengths and support each other's in learning. In addition to co-planning, all staff meet regularly with leadership members to ensure a shared and consistent direction. The use of strategic and

annual improvement plans enable staff to have a common focus and direction, based on student needs. These are all available on our school website.

Empowering and supporting school leaders

Empowering staff to be leaders and grow in capacity is a key priority. Research informs us that the greatest in school effect on students learning is the teacher. In promoting teacher growth and leadership a range of opportunities, exist.

Currently staff at St Francis Xavier currently represent the diocese and system and make up key aspects of Catholic Education. Currently members of staff are part of the writing group for the system wide, Vision for Learning. This group, by invitation, is involved in establishing evidence based, key educational practices that are effective in improving student outcomes. Members of St Francis Staff also present for Catholic Education the Keeping Safe Program and Safe Schools Framework. This involves working directly with staff and our students but also utilising our knowledge and skills to support teachers and students in our Diocese. In addition to these roles, several teachers act in LEAD teacher roles, working closely with the school leadership team to develop their capacity and lead colleagues in improving teaching and learning. Raising and achieving aspirations through innovation and continuous improvement.

I am extremely proud of the growth and achievements made at St Francis Xavier. We continually strive to improve and use school wide and individual data to monitor and evaluate growth. In addition to our ongoing reflection, we continue to be future focused and explore models of effective practise in other schools, systems and internationally.

We are called to provide an exemplary Catholic Education. At the heart of our learning and desire for continuous improvement are our students. I look forward to the challenges the Gonski report offers and assure families that St Francis Xavier is already focused on ensuring student growth is at the forefront of our school.

Ben Doyle
Principal

Join Us



"When we are full of self-importance, we leave no space for God."

~ Pope Francis

Confirmation

Parent/Child Meetings

Wednesday 9th May

3.15pm or 5pm at Catholic Centre.

Commitment Masses

Any Masses at the

Cathedral, Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th and Saturday 19th May

2W Class Mass

Friday 18 May at 12.05pm
SFX Cathedral

6V Confirmation Mass

Friday 15th June at 6pm

6P Confirmation Mass

Friday 22nd June at 6pm

Discipleship



This Week's Value

Honesty

James Altucher, an American entrepreneur, once said, 'Honesty is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning into a failure.'

How often does this happen to people in today's society, where they are not willing to put their hand up and admit they did wrong? This is an especially hard lesson for most children to learn. They seem to think that if they lie or blame someone else they will get away with it or the consequence will be less. However, as another famous quote says, "Tell a lie once and all your truths become questionable.'

You can use many great children's stories with your child to make this point, such as Aesop's Fable "The Boy Who Cried Wolf."

Jesus reminds us, in the Gospel of John, that 'You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'

Sacrament of Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation builds on the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and Holy Communion, completing the process of initiation into the Catholic community. Confirmation establishes young adults as full-fledged members of the faith.

This sacrament is called Confirmation because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. During your Baptism, your parents and godparents make promises to renounce Satan and believe in God and the Church on your behalf. At Confirmation, you renew those same promises, this time speaking for yourself.

During Confirmation, the focus is on the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles on Pentecost and gave them courage to practice their faith. Catholics believe that the same Holy Spirit confirms Catholics during the Sacrament of Confirmation and gives them the same gifts.

This term the year 6 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are some important dates for parents to be aware of including:

- ❖ Parent/Child Meetings – Wednesday 9th May 3.15pm or 5pm at Catholic Centre.
- ❖ Commitment Masses – Any Masses at the Cathedral, Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th and Saturday 19th May.
- ❖ 6V Confirmation Mass – Friday 15th June at 6pm
- ❖ 6P Confirmation Mass – Friday 22nd June at 6pm.

As a school community we pray for our year 6 students and their families as they prepare for this special celebration.

Project Compassion

Last term our focus, as a school, for social justice fundraising was Project Compassion. Each family was given a money box to collect spare change in. If you did not return your money box to the school at the end of term, it's not too late.

Please return any money boxes to the office ASAP





Learning

Memorial Service

Past and present staff gathered on Monday to join Bishop Michael in acknowledging the contribution of Mrs Glennys Claudius and Mr Dave Kinshela, as we participated in a dedication for their memorial plaque, which was placed in our newly revamped garden.



Glennys was a founding staff member at the school in 1977. Originally employed as a Support teacher, she took on a Year 5 class in 1983 and continued teaching middle primary students until 2005, when she retired. We were very fortunate to have her as a relief teacher almost up to her passing in 2012. She is fondly remembered by many past staff and students.



Dave began as the school's first grounds man in 1980 and was

charged with establishing the ovals and gardens, which at the time, consisted of mainly sand dunes. His tireless efforts have enabled us to enjoy the beautiful surrounds we have today. After 23 years of service Dave retired in 2003, enjoying his retirement in Bridgetown until his passing in 2017.



Given that they were both early members of our school, their legacy helped to establish the wonderful culture and sense of community that we feel today. We aspire to be the committed, genuine, sincere and courageous people that Glenys and David were.



Mrs Nancy Stone joined Bishop Michael

May they rest in peace.

ANZAC Service

On Tuesday our Year 5 students led a moving and poignant assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day.



We always talk about how special our children are and this was highlighted throughout the service. The children created beautiful wreaths, showed the deepest respect throughout the ceremony and listened carefully to words that were spoken.

We are so lucky to live in this wonderful country and we are thankful to the men and women that sacrificed their lives for us.



Lest we forget



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.org.au

Comfortable talking to your kids about technology and the internet?

A ThinkUKnow cyber safety and security presentation will take place on

DATE:

Thursday May 10
9.00am or 5.30pm

LOCATION:

School Library – creche available

The session will cover:

- What young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- The challenges they may face
- How to report and get help if things go wrong

Visit www.thinkuknow.org.au for more information about online safety and security.

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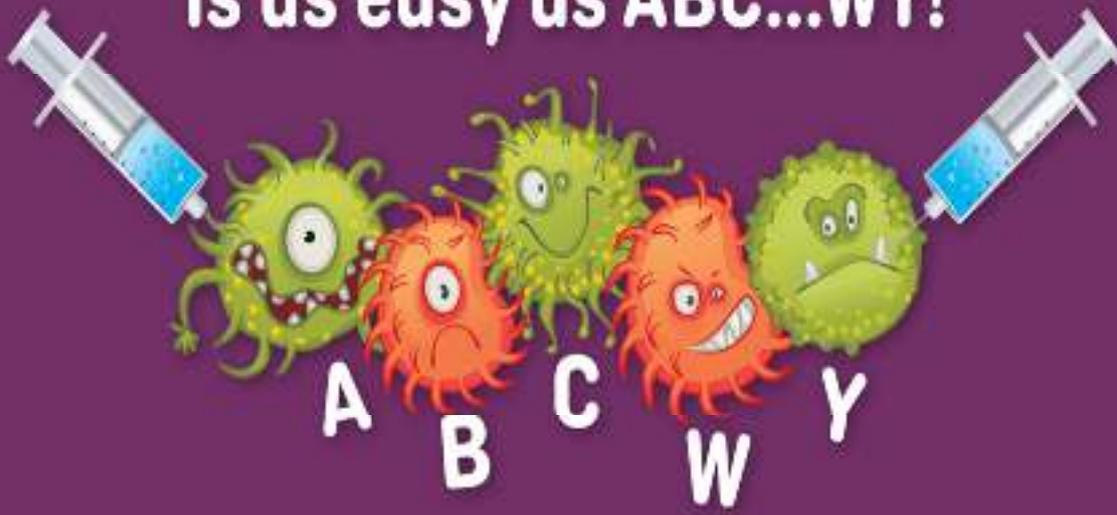
Community News

ATTENTION WA!



Age Group	Vaccine	Duration
12M-4Yrs, 11M	ACWY VAX FREE	UNTIL 2018
15Yrs	ACWY VAX FREE	UNTIL 2020
16-19Yrs	ACWY VAX FREE	UNTIL 2018

Eliminating Meningococcal is as easy as ABC...WY!



Because with Meningitis, Every Second Counts!

Before School Tennis

Have FUN & warm up before school

A great introduction into tennis, Years 2-6.

- Fun games, prizes, certificates and modified match play
- 8 week program • FREE ANZ Tennis Hot Shots T-shirt upon registration

ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Commencing - Wednesday 9 May
- 7:45 am - 8:30 am
- \$122.00 for 8 weeks OR pay per lesson
- St Francis Primary School
- Register online
www.bataviatennis.com.au



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2018

NetSetGo 6 Week Program

Players 5 - 7 years old

**Venue: Geraldton Netball Association
258 Eighth Street**

When: 24th May to 28th June 2018

Time: Thursdays 4pm - 5pm

Cost: \$70.00 per player

**To Register email gna@westnet.com.au and make payment
to banking account below.**

**Once payment has been received link will be forwarded to do
registration.**

Capped at 40 players

Geraldton Netball Association Inc.

PO Box 165 GERALDTON WA 6531

Phone: 08 99627752 Fax: 08 99627751

E-mail: gna@westnet.com.au

Banking Details

Bendigo Bank

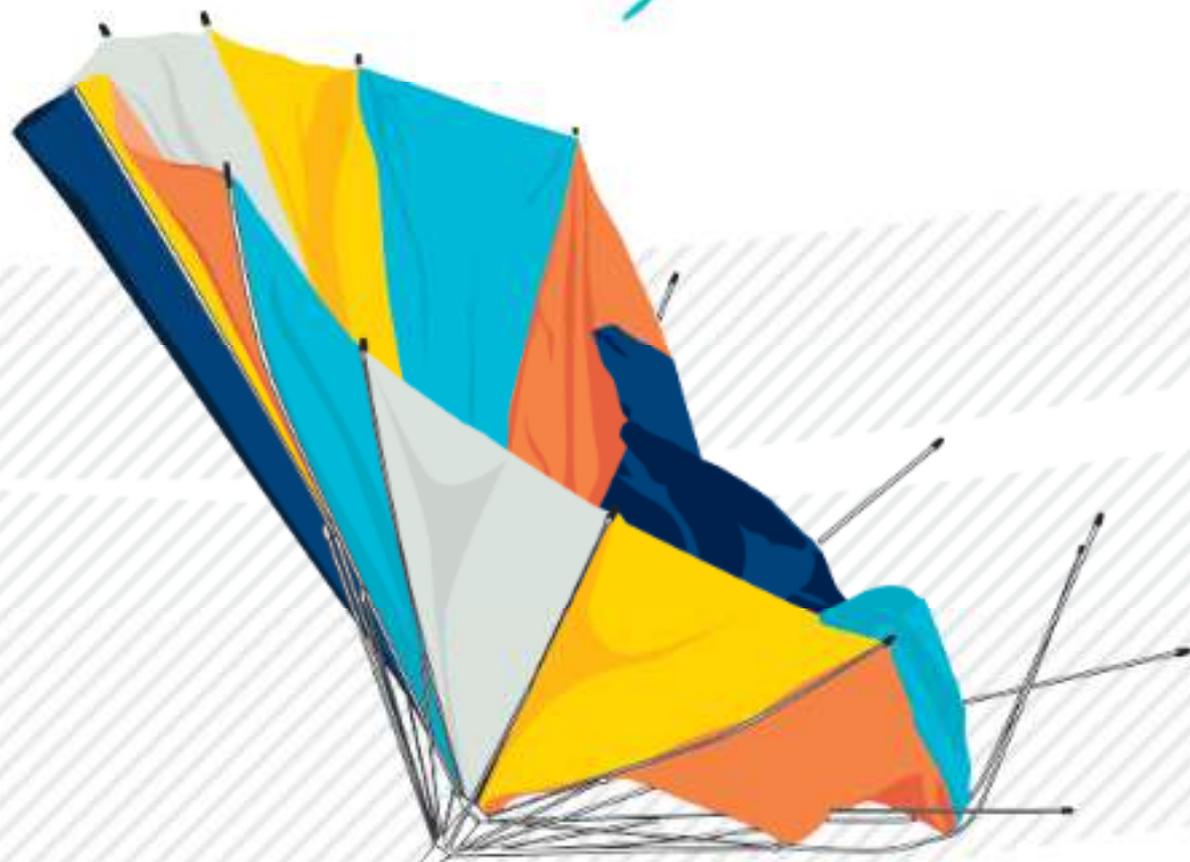
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25 - 27 May 2018

Information: Geraldton Regional Library
e: library@cgg.wa.gov.au p: (08) 9956 6659



ROAD MAP TO MY EMOTIONS

Workshops for children which help them:



Notice their warning signs



Think about solutions



Navigate life's speed bumps

Program start dates

7 to 9 year olds Tuesday 22 May 2018 3.30pm - 4.30pm

10 to 12 year olds Thursday 24 May 2018 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Each program runs for 5 weeks.

These dates may be subject to change depending on demand.

Cost \$25

Please call **(08) 9921 1433** to register your attendance

*A 1 hour parent information session about the program will be run on:

Monday 14 May 5.30pm-6:30pm

OR

Wednesday 16 May 2018 5.30pm-6:30pm

