

St Francis Xavier Primary School

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Dates to Remember

Thursday 26th July
Book Fair
8.00-8.30am
School Library

Friday 27th July
Year 4P Assembly
2.20pm

National Schools Tree Day

Friday 3 August
Midwest Interschool
Spelling Bee
Allendale PS 9am- 1.15pm

Wednesday 8 August
Rags to Riches Schools'
Matinée
QPT 11:45am

From the Principal's desk...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to all families and students. A special welcome to new families and students who join our school community. I look forward to working collaboratively and developing our relationship together.

Term Three is always busy. In addition to regular teaching and learning opportunities, St Francis Xavier offers many activities for students to participate in. This includes Book Week, Interschool Numero and Spelling Bee competitions, Science Week, Cross Country and Athletics. Please check the school calendar to keep up to date with all extra-curricular events.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our newly commissioned Faction Leaders. Students received their badges last week and are already working positively to ensure a successful second semester.



Ned & Rayanne (Griffin) Rhama & Imogen (Thomas)
Finola & Archie (Nagle) Abbie & Yiu Yeung (Xavier)

School Funding

In recent weeks, school funding has again been in the news. State and Federal Government provide almost 90% of income to St Francis Xavier. Fees, grants and donations provide the remaining income. This funding model is based on student numbers, highlighting the importance of enrolments. Greater numbers enables our school to provide additional learning opportunities and resources to your children.

As parents, you play a vital role in this. Promoting our school community via word of mouth or sharing successful events on social media, contribute to St Francis Xavier having a positive reputation in the wider community.

Currently we have vacancies in many year levels, in particular junior classes, amounting to over \$300 000 of possible funding not being received.

I ask all families to be the voice of St Francis Xavier and promote the benefits of our school in the wider community. Please encourage your friends, who you believe are considering joining our school, to take the next step and contact the administration for further information.

God Bless

Ben Doyle

Principal

Join Us

Friday 27 July

Yr 1 Liturgy

Multipurpose Room

9.00am

Wednesday 1st August

First Eucharist

Parent/Child meetings at

3.20pm or 5pm

Catholic Centre

28th & 29th July or

Saturday 4th August

Commitment Masses

Friday 11th August

Pre Primary Liturgy

Multipurpose Room

9.00am

5C Parish Mass

SFX Cathedral

12.05pm

24th August

Year 4 Retreat Day &

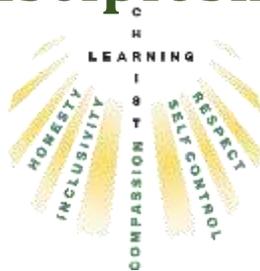
Reconciliation



“A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.”

Pope Francis

Discipleship



This Week's Value

Honesty

A well-known author of meditation and wellness, Steven Aitchison, once said, “Something magical happens when you’re completely honest with yourself, and when that happens no one else can ever hurt you again.”

What is honesty? Many children think honesty means you "don't tell a lie"-- and that is definitely part of being honest. But honesty means more than not lying. A more complete definition of honesty shows that an honest person doesn't do things that are morally wrong. If something you do is breaking the law or if you have to hide what you are doing because you'll get in trouble, you are probably not being honest. So honesty is about speaking and acting truthfully.

A big part of honesty is what you say and how you act toward others. But another part of the definition of honesty is whether you treat yourself the same way. Being honest with yourself means you really know why you are acting in a certain way or whether what you tell yourself is true. It can also mean when you know you haven't tried your best at something or given it 100% effort.

People refer to this as our conscience. That voice in your head, and that feeling in your heart, that tells you if something is right or wrong, even when no one is looking. Sometimes we just have to listen to it!!!

Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion

This term our year four students will be celebrating the special Sacrament of receiving Holy communion for the first time.

What makes receiving the Eucharist the first time so special is the same thing that makes it special everytime we receive it. Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When he comes, we receive him into our body

and our soul. This is a personal and intimate occasion that strengthens our faith and our relationship with Jesus.



As part of the preparation there are several events for the students and their families to attend:

- **Parent/Child meetings** – Wednesday 1st August at 3.20pm or 5pm in the Catholic Centre.
- **Commitment Masses** – Any Mass on the weekend of 28th & 29th July or Saturday 4th August 6pm Mass

- **Retreat Day & Reconciliation** – 24th August The Sacrament will be celebrated all together as one group this year in the Cathedral on Saturday 8th September at 4.30pm. Followed by a supper celebration.

CHRIST Awards

Luke Gardiner

Jaxon Papertalk

Linette Louis

Rafferty Malone

Jessie Whitehouse

Finola Moulds

Carter Wann



Merit Awards

PPD

Dawson Penyayi, Piper Wisewould

PPR

Stella Parasiliti, Molly Sweetman

1A

Harlee McKenna, Bradley Miles

1S

Darby Cragan, Cooper Hosking

2J

Mitchell Mann, Maddison Mulder

2W

Amber Foster, Jaxon Papertalk

3B

Alexis McPherson, Kayley Iaria, Emily Falzon

3D

Daniel Price, Jordan Clark, Zak Sellar

4P

Belinda Pitt, Jace Gray, Alyssa Kirby

4R

Aaron Schewtschenko, Kendall Mupotaringa, David Phillip

5C

Samantha Walker, Jye Zimmerman

5H

Ella Slater, Fletcher Morphew, Jordan Price

6P

Luke Doyle, Fergus Hallinan

6V

Tate Drage, Ashtyn Casley

Learning

Interschool Spelling Bee

Congratulations to all the students who have been selected to represent our school in the Interschool competition to be held Friday 3rd August at Allendale Primary School.

Year 3 Team - Henry Doyle & Zachary Cragan

Year 4 Team - David Philip & Caye McKeeman

Year 5 Team - Kate McKenzie & Lorena Sansone

Year 6 Team - Rhama Evans & Ashleigh Wilson

Best of luck, we wish you all well!



Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessments

At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment this week. This is a large-scale, standardised assessment developed by the Catholic Education of Western Australia (CEWA).

It focuses on students' ability to recall content about the Catholic religion and to assess students' knowledge and understanding of Religious Education. Students' faith is not assessed. The test is presented online using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. The use of the BRLA complements the school's assessment program.



Schools Tree Day

National Tree Day and Schools Tree Day is Australia's largest community tree-planting and nature care event. Proudly sponsored by Toyota Australia, Tree Day is an opportunity to do something positive for our local environment and community and to reconnect with nature.

National Tree Day started in 1996 and since then more than 4 million people have planted over 24 million trees and plants and it's still growing. This Friday, Year 5 will be planting trees to make a difference to our local school environment.



Being Sunsmart in Winter

Vitamin D plays an important role in maintaining healthy bones and muscles. Vitamin D forms when skin is exposed to UV radiation from the sun.

We can also get vitamin D from some foods we eat, such as oily fish, eggs and liver as well as margarine and dairy products fortified with vitamin D. However, we cannot get enough vitamin D from our diet to maintain the levels our body needs to be healthy. This is why some sun exposure is important, but we must be careful not to get too much.

Over winter most Geraldtonians can get enough vitamin D through incidental sun exposure in their day to day activities. During this period the focus should be on sun protection. The best advice is to be guided by the local UV Index forecast and cover up if you will be outside when it reaches 3 or higher.

Library News



A big thank you to all the parents, students, and staff who supported our school library by purchasing items at our Scholastic Book Fair this week! A very special thanks to all of the hard working volunteers who offered their time to help out, especially Mrs Boxall, Mrs Maguire, Miss Clarkson and Miss Barley! We couldn't have done it without you! All profits go directly to our school library for new book purchases. If you haven't taken the opportunity to see the great selection available, call in to the Library today before 4.00pm or Thursday morning 8.00am-8.30am.



* Loans data gathered from Australian libraries for period May 2016 to April 2017.

Source: 2017 Civica Libraries Index.

Images: Harper Collins, Pan Macmillan, Penguin Random House Australia, Scholastic Australia, Walker Books.

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'Reading aloud to an interested audience can provide opportunities for children to improve their oral fluency and pronunciation, and to allow for opportunities to check comprehension.'

Dr Margaret Merga, Murdoch University 2018.

General News

Enrolments—2019

It's that time of the year when some of you or someone you know may be thinking about enrolling your child in Kindergarten next year. Please contact the office for an information pack or simply go to the link on our webpage www.sfx.wa.edu.au/enrolment

**Children should have been born between 1st July 2014 and 30th June 2015.*



Lost Property

Thank you to all the parents who have clearly labelled their children's belongings. Any lost property that is collected over the term can be found in the wet area tubs. Please ask a staff member for assistance.

P&F News

P & F Meeting

The Parents and Friends' Association is an integral part of our school. As a parent of a student at the school, you are automatically a part of our Parents & Friends Association and are invited to attend our meetings. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st July at 5.30pm in the Library.

Minutes can be found at <http://www.sfx.wa.edu.au/pandf>

Community News



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 25 July
- 7:45 am – 8:30 am
- \$122.00 – 8 weeks or Pay Per Lesson
- St Francis Primary School
- Online Registration at www.bataviatennis.com.au



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Does your child play Fortnite?

Review by By Robyn Treyvaud (Wangle Family Insites)



Fortnite is a survival-action video game, available on PC, console and mobile device, that has been enthusiastically received by teens and tweens. The game has two modes: a solo mode entitled 'Save the World' and the popular multiplayer mode called 'Battle Royale'. The game features a strong level of cartoon and gun violence. The non-mobile version game **is not recommended for players below the age of 13** due to its online chat feature, which could expose younger players to offensive language or mature content from random strangers. However, the mobile version may offer a tween-friendly alternative to violent first-person shooters with possible developmental value through its emphasis on teamwork and strategic thinking.

Features for Parental Caution

- High level of cartoon violence although no bloodshed shown
- Low to moderate risk of exposure to coarse language
- Online chat feature for PC and console gaming
- Not recommended for players below the age of 13

What Parents Should Know About The Fortnite App

Fortnite: Battle Royale, the multiplayer version, is the most popular form of the game and is free to download. Although originally developed for PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Windows and Mac, it is now also available on iOS and Android.

A typical multiplayer game features 100 players in solo, duo, or up to four-player squads competing to survive in a shrinking map. Popularly described as 'Call of Duty' for children, the game features cartoon violence with players using guns to eliminate other players. The visual style is bright and friendly with no portrayal of blood.

While there isn't any profanity in the game dialogue, its online nature could expose younger players to offensive language or content from anonymous strangers in voice or on-screen text chat. Although free to play, the game encourages players to make additional in-game purchases to acquire cosmetic items, objects, and celebratory animations.

When each match only lasts 20 minutes, it's tempting to play 'just one more' match. For some children, it may be necessary to set limits on how many hours or matches they are allowed to play per day.

How Fortnite App Works

There are three modes of play in Battle Royale: Solo, Duo, and Squad. In Solo mode, you play the game as an individual. In Duo, you're playing with a partner. In Squad mode, you play on a team of four. Duos and Squads can either be friends who choose to play together or randomly matched. The game has cross-platform functionality, which means a mobile player can play on a team with a console or Windows player, for example.

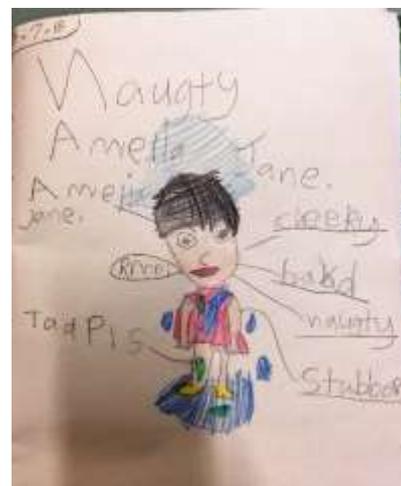
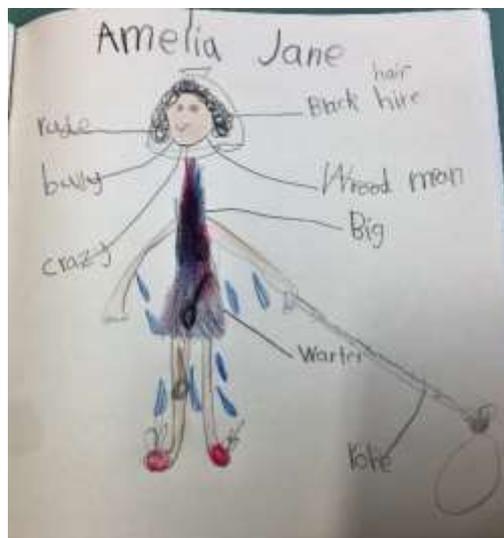
After joining the map, players can collect weapons and build safe structures, and must avoid in-game storms that damage all players outside of a safe zone. Each match in Battle Royale lasts about 20 minutes, although players who are killed early play for less time.

Chat is currently unavailable in the mobile version of the game. However, the console and PC versions of Fortnite: Battle Royale allows for live, unmoderated chat through voice chat and on-screen text chat. This may expose players to random strangers and possible profanity. To turn off voice chat in Fortnite: Battle Royale, access the Settings menu from the top right of the main Fortnite page. Select the Audio tab at the top of the screen and change the voice chat setting by tapping the arrows.

Parental Recommendations

With parental guidance to ensure well-balanced gameplay times, Fortnite: Battle Royale can be a tween-friendly alternative to violent first-person shooters. Parents are advised to take advantage of the game's short match times by using them as a natural stopping point in gameplay. To cultivate a healthy balanced lifestyle, some children may benefit from playing a limited number of matches per day.

In 1S we are learning to describe our favourite characters using *adjectives*.



Stubborn, bads
Selfish, big, bully,
mean, crazy, terrible
& cheeky, rude,
naughty and greedy!