Dear parents and friends

What a great turn out of parents we had at our first P&F meeting on Tuesday night. There were a number of new parents to the school who came along to see what the P&F is all about, which is fantastic. There are plenty of opportunities for all parents to get involved with events planned throughout the year as the committee have already got ideas for both fundraising and community building in the pipeline, such as the year 4/5 camp out in March, Easter Egg Raffle, Kindy & Pre-

Our Vision

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.

omainly art show, junior disco and a parent drug information evening in June. If you can help out in organising or running any of these events please don’t be scared to put your hand up as it only benefits your children. Thanks must go to the people on the executive committee who have put their hand up this year, President—Haley Morris, Treasurer—Anita Teakle, Secretary—Melinda Sorgiovanni. Two positions are still vacant for anyone who is keen to get involved. They are the positions of Vice President and Board Representative. If anyone is interested each contact the school or either of the

You might have noticed that we are advertising for a grounds man / maintenance position. Steve Morgan will be finishing his time at the school in the next couple of weeks. As a school community we thank Steve for the work he has done to keep the school safe and clean, and for the contribution he has made to St Francis Xavier.

Next Tuesday 23rd February we will be holding our first Open Night for Pre-primary to year 6 classes from 6.30pm—

7.30pm. One of our focus areas for this year is to continue to build relationships within our school community and develop effective communication with our parent body. Open nights are a great chance for this to happen, you have an opportunity to meet class teachers, learn about what is happening in your child’s class, and gain information on how you can support your child’s learning. Before next Tuesday teacher’s would have sent out an information booklet about your child’s class, please make sure that you have had a good read of this information so you can ask questions of the teacher during your visit. Later in the term parents will have the opportunity to book a time for parent / teacher meetings. These meetings are part of our reporting process and will give you the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress. Our Kindy teachers are beginning meetings with parents already so will not be involved in the open night this term. Also note that for convenience next Tuesday night the senior oval will be available for parking.

Unfortunately the hot weather has been back again this week. Although it has been handy for our year 4 to 6 students doing swimming trials in the morning in preparation for our carnival in week five, it did cause problems for our year 6 leadership days earlier in the week. Monday’s activities had to be altered to incorporate being inside for part of the day and activities for Tuesday were cancelled. Hopefully this day will be rescheduled for later in the term. As always though these change of plans did not phase the year six students. They simply adapted to the change and got on with it, getting as much as they could out of the day and not worrying about missing out. Constantly we see this ability of our students to accept changes and to not let disappointments get to them, right throughout the school. Resilience is a great skill to have and one that as a school we need to continue to build in our students, because as we know sometimes not everything goes as we would like.

Lastly a reminder that if students arrive at school before 8.30am they are to go directly to the undercover area where they are supervised. We still have a number of students from our junior classes gathering and playing outside the front of the school unsupervised in the mornings. Again this is a safety issue and all parents are asked to assist staff with this by bringing children to the undercover area.

Have a great week.

God bless

Murray Gardiner

Principal
RENews

RELIGION CORNER

FAMILIES ASKING FOR BAPTISM OF THEIR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Families of Children who are not Catholic and have begun at the school this year, who wish to be baptised in order to make their First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Community are invited to contact Carol Quill, Coordinator of the Parish Sacraments Formation Team by the 27th of February on 9964 2716 or email librarypml@westnet.com.au. Another option is to call into the Parish Office at the Catholic Centre, ph: 99641608 and complete an Enrolment Form which will be given to Carol. If you have not already met with one of the Priests, Carol will arrange a meeting for you to build up the relationship between the Parish and your family.

All the sacraments will be celebrated in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th terms of the school year. It is an important way of helping your children prepare for Baptism or Reception (if already baptised in another Church) and participate in the Sacraments. There will be a brief 4 weeks preparation time on Baptism for the children immediately after School beginning in March. You, as parents are very welcome to join in the classes.

I do hope this year of 2016 will be a time of blessing for you and your children as the new school year begins.

Fr Michael Morrissey

Wilderness
In last Sunday’s Gospel Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness for forty days. He ate nothing and by the end was very hungry. Then the devil tested him promising power and honour if Jesus would worship him. But Jesus refused and the devil left him.

Fasting. Fasting is about more than avoiding certain indulgent foods, like chocolate or ice-cream. Eating is just one of the many activities in which we are prone to over indulge. What about selfishness, gossip, blaming others, pride and ridicule?

Did you know? ‘Penance’ means to sacrifice a habit or want and offer it up to God. Regular acts of penance strengthens our will-power and focuses us on the needs of others.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

UPDATE OF FULL FAMILY DETAILS: Last week we sent home an Update of Parent and Student Information details (Full Family Details) form which needs to be changed, if necessary, and returned to the office as soon as possible. It is extremely important we have all the correct information (phone contacts, emergency contacts, email addresses etc.) on our system.

MEDICAL ALERT: It is parent’s responsibility to provide an updated Action plan from their medical practitioner each year, of any medical conditions their child may have. These updated Action Plans (Anaphylaxis or Asthma) and medications need to be returned to the front office. Asthma medication stays with the teacher or child but Anaphylaxis medication (Eipens) must be kept at the office.

MERIT CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS AT THE ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2016

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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. Forms are available from the school office or on the school website: www.sfpsgardenln.wa.edu.au Interviews will be held during Term 2.
RIGTERS—SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL

The Rigters Group Shop for your School program is designed to give your school extra funds to purchase the things that matter most and are most needed to help students get the most from their schooling.

Unlike other School Reward Programs ours has been created so it is available every day of the year in all three of our supermarkets. There are no time limits, no minimum spend and no limit to how much your school can earn.

Simply ask the checkout operator to add your sale to your preferred school! It's that easy! For every dollar you spend, your school will earn a point. These are totaled throughout the year and calculated into dollars before we send a cheque direct to your school. As of the end of 2015, we have donated nearly $90,000 back to the local schools of Geraldton.

Points can not be donated if already using a Rigters Reward card. Points are not earned on tobacco products.

In 2015 St Francis Xavier Primary School received a cheque for $500.

LITERACY TIPS

All year groups should be practicing their reading every night.
Have a conversation about the book. Look at the front cover, what do you think this story might be about? This is a predicting reading strategy. Happy conversation!

P & F NEWS

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.

COMMUNITY / SPORT NEWS

SCHOOL 7 ASIDE SOCCER COMPETITION: Registrations now being taken for the School 7 Aside Jnr Soccer Competition. An application form has been sent home. Please return any applications to Donna McAuliffe in the Canteen.

JUNIOR HOCKEY REGISTRATION: J7/9 AND J10/12 Divisions WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2016 from 3.00—4.00pm at G.H.A. Clubrooms, Eighth Street, Wonthella. (East end of Eighth St—between Wonthella Bowling Club and Towns Football Club).
Wanting to play junior hockey during the 2016 season? You are required to register with a Club of your choice at the Clubs Registration Day. If you are unable to attend registration day, it is essential that you either contact a representative of your chosen club, or the Geraldton Hockey Association Office on 9956 2185 / 0429528794 prior to this date, or no later than Monday 9 March to register your intent to play. Junior fixtures will commence the first week of Term 2. Your club will contact you regarding your training day and time, also the training commencement date.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please read the Summer menu carefully
We only sell certain foods on certain days

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following students who had a birthday this week:

Vivienne McLaren, Ava Di Loreto, Madeline Gray, Oscar Ruiz, Benjamin Bond, Lilly Treasure,
Maggie Spiers, Jimmy Douglas, Hamish Campbell, Nate Mackay, Monique Smith and Jesse Priolo.
Rob—I like playing cricket and I like to bat and bowl.

Koby—In Year 3 I have learned sounds in words and it’s a lot harder. It’s been very hot.

Nyaruy—I really love to play with my friends in Year 3. I like to do sport because it makes people feel happy.

Jay—I liked it when the Hip Hop lady came to Performing Arts. She was very good.

Ruby—On the first day of school I was excited to see my friends again. In library we get to borrow three books. Yay!

Ella—Every day I play with my friends and sometimes I play with my little sister. I love to see Frankel in library.

Jack—I love playing sport with my friends. When I play cricket, I like to bat and bowl.

Isah—In the playground we can do the right thing and help the Year One’s and Two’s.

Josh—My favourite thing is playing cricket at recess and lunch.

Tom S—I like playing cricket and like to bat and bowl. I like Frankel and he is funny.

Declan—So far in Year 3 my favourite subject is Library. We are learning about Australia and odd and even numbers.

Sam—I have learnt a lot of things so far. My favourite subject is English. We have read a lot of stories and we are learning about Australia.

Saxon—in class we are learning about Australia and we learnt about states, territories and capital cities.

Isabel—At performing Arts we have been learning Hip Hop and a girl called Isabella came in and taught us how to do some moves.

Zac—at sport we have learning about cricket. At Japanese we say konichiwa (hello).

Timothy—at the library there is a mouse called Frankel and he is very funny. My favourite books are Star Wars books.

Kaley—I love going to see Frankel in the library. Frankel has been very cool and funny.

Bodhi—in Year three I have been learning fun and interesting things. Some things are hard and some are easy.

Lochie—I have got a lot of friends. It’s lots of fun. We have puppets, dress ups and books, books and more books. We are learning about Australia.

CJ—I have lots of friends and I like Sport, Hymn Singing and Art.

Luke—at sport I like how we are learning about Cricket. My favourite subject is Maths.

Linette—at sport we are learning cricket. At dance a lady came in to teach us Hip Hop and I had a lot of fun.

Keziah—at sport I learnt how to do underarm throws, catching balls and I also learnt a little bit of cricket.

Lilly—I have been playing with new friends. My favourite part is getting to know my teacher and friends and seeing Frankel again.

Amy—So far in Year 3 I have loved Hymn Singing, Asian Studies and Library. I’m working on a story in class.

Lorena—I have loved doing Library and word work (Sound Waves). I have learned graphemes and the vowels and I have also learned how to spell words I have never seen before.

Tom P—So far in Year Three I have been catching up with my friends and I have made a new friend.

Nash—So far in Year Three I have had lots of fun. My favourite subject is Maths.

Mattea—It has been very hot so sometimes we stay inside. I like that our spelling words are hard.

Ted—in my new school it is going well and Library is my favourite subject.
Grassroots Indigenous Program

Athlete's born 2005 to 2000

Netball WA Nicole Rendell & Amy Fuller will be holding a free skills clinic for athlete’s born 2005 to 2000. From this program we will be selecting athletes for NADICO Carnival and maybe sending teams to Gala Day. This is a great opportunity to upskill and refine your netball skills for the up and coming season.

Friday 26th February 2016
4.30pm to 6.30pm
Geraldton Netball Association
Redink Homes Midwest Stadium
Enrolments by: Monday 22nd February 2016 to
midwest.netball@sportshouse.net.au or 9956 2199

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Can we use photos of your child for promotional e.g. Newsletters, Facebook etc. Yes/No

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