Dear parents and friends

It has been an action packed week this week, with a variety of different learning experiences being offered to the students. On Monday all students from pre-primary to year six had the opportunity to learn some circus tricks and skills, from juggling to spinning sticks, during the Circus Challenge Incursion. It was amazing how even the young students were able to spin plates so easily while they sat down, rolled over and stood back up again, and if that wasn’t good enough they did it while spinning two plates!!! It just goes to show that nothing is impossible if you have a go, which was one of the important messages presented during the day. Then a very entertaining performance featuring several students demonstrating their new skills and a couple of teachers not really showing much skill, but being made to look silly. The day was all about fun, engaging the students and giving them a different hands on experience that promotes physical activity, creativity and team work.

Yesterday our ten year six leaders participated in a leadership conference run by GRIP Leadership at the QE2 centre, along with students from other schools in our region. The purpose of the day was to provide students with an opportunity to gain new leadership skills and ideas. The discussions and activities enabled students to learn from leaders at other schools and the interactive presentations allowed everyone to learn practical strategies to contribute to their school community. The highlights of the day was definitely the ‘Loud Noises’ segments designed to break up the day and have fun with others, meeting leaders from different schools, watching video clips with helpful ideas and seeing students on stage in various activities to represent their school. Our ten leaders came away from the day with great enthusiasm and a list of ideas that they would like to implement to make St Francis Xavier a better school.

Of course this week being Holy Week a big focus of our learning has been around the story of Jesus in the lead up to his death and resurrection at Easter. The stories are based around the Easter Triduum, which refers to three days in the Church’s calendar which express the central mystery of our Christian faith. It begins on Holy Thursday as we focus on Jesus’ farewell words and deeds at the Last Supper. Good Friday is when we ponder the events of his suffering and death. It finishes with the Easter Vigil when we celebrate the liberation of humankind through Christ’s resurrection. This three-stage sequence of worship allows us to take in an enormous mystery in small parts and to relate it to our own lives: the sorrows, joys, successes and failures. Of all the Church’s celebrations throughout the year, the Easter Triduum is considered the high-point. Students have been involved in a number of activities to develop their understanding of this important week, concluding with a prayer service based on the stations of the cross this afternoon lead by the year six students.

Today we drew the Easter egg raffle being run by the P&F. It amazes us every year with the amount of eggs that are donated by families towards the raffle. There was a fair bit of excitement as loads and loads of baskets full of eggs were handed out to winners. A big thank you to all who donated eggs and to the P&F for organizing another successful raffle.

Lastly, on behalf of the staff, we wish all families a wonderful Easter break. Remember school returns on Wednesday, so we have an extra long weekend. Take care, travel safe and enjoy this special time with loved ones.

God bless

Murray Gardiner

Principal
RE RELIGION CORNER

Hosanna
In last Sunday’s Gospel Jesus said to his disciples, “Go to the village and there you will find a donkey. Untie it and bring it here. If someone stops you, tell him that the Master needs it.” So they went, found the donkey and brought it to Jesus. They threw their cloaks over it and Jesus got on. Many people spread their cloaks or cut branches on the road. They shouted as Jesus rode past, “Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! Praise God!”

Praise God! Praising another helps us focus on their strengths and gives us a positive outlook. When we praise God, we feel blessed and humbled that one so great could love so much. Praise through prayer brings us closer to God.

Why Do We Do That?
Palm Sunday: On Palm Sunday we remember the Lord’s joyful entry into Jerusalem. The Gospels tell of crowds laying branches on the road for Jesus and proclaiming him as king, but he is then betrayed and crucified. Palm Sunday highlights the paradox of Christ’s kingship: our palms represent his victory, but a victory that comes only through suffering and self-sacrifice.

What Makes a Good Leader?
Many people think that a good leader is someone who has power over others or is popular. Jesus teaches us that a Christian leader is someone who serves. They don’t bully or dominate. They serve others rather than themselves. When Jesus washed his disciple’s feet at the Last Supper, he was showing them that leadership in his kingdom is not based on power but on love and service.

Paschal Candle: On the evening of Holy Saturday the Paschal Candle is blessed and lit for the first time. It will be used throughout the Easter season and at baptisms until next Easter when a new candle is blessed. The Paschal candle has symbols of Jesus on it: a cross, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet symbolizing that Christ is our beginning and end, and the current year showing that Christ is Lord of our time. Five grains of incense in the form of a cross are inserted as symbols of the five wounds of Jesus.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

TERM DATES: A reminder that students return back to school after Easter on Wednesday 30th March.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: We also have school photos scheduled for the first and second day of term 2 (Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th April) all students in year 1—6 need to be in full school uniform for both days.

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 (Epi-pens) must be kept at the office.

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.sfpxgeraldton.wa.edu.au Interviews will be held during Term 2.

Caritas AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION Please remember to return your Project Compassion money boxes to school before the end of March. Many thanks.

SPORT NEWS—CROQUET: Thank you to the Geraldton Croquet Club for hosting the Year 6 classes for croquet clinics for the past two weeks. The participation and manners of the group was outstanding. The Croquet Club is beginning coaching sessions for children next term.

5 week training/games sessions for 12-16 year olds starting Wednesday 8th May after school 3.30-5.00pm at the Geraldton Croquet Club. You must book in. $20 for five sessions. For further information contact Kay Chynoweth, kaychynoweth@hotmail.com or phone 9938 3619 / 0407 196 621.

GERALDTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION - NET SET GO
Information sheet and participant registration form attached to newsletter.
ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE: If you’re on Facebook we wish to advise you the school has its own page which is regularly updated with various information. https://www.facebook.com/sfxpsg/?ref=bookmarks

MIDWEST CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME: YOUTH COMMITTEE PRESENT:
FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT—CHANGE OF DATE

When: Friday April 1
Time: 6.30pm start (doors open 6pm)
Where: Casa Blanca Function Centre, Eighth Street
What: Family friendly quiz night
Get all your family and friends together for a fun night out. Tables of 8 or 10 ($10 per person). Theme your table—prize for best decorated/dressed table. Tickets are for sale at Mitchell & Brown. BYO supper/snacks. Drinks available at the bar (No BYO drinks)
All ages event! For more information email youth@charitybeginsathome.org.au or call 0438 939 739

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. For more information contact Suzle Halden on 0427 871 152.

COMMUNITY / SPORT NEWS

GERALDTON AUSKICK
Where: GBSC Sports Park (Eadon Clarke Reserve)
When: Start May 7th - Finish July 2nd
Time: 8.30am—9.30am
Cost: $75
Sessions: One session for all age groups
Register online: www.aflauskick.com.au

Coordinator: Steven Broberg
Phone: 0429 914 220
Email: sbroberg@wafc.com.au

AQUARENA SWIM SCHOOL - HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Now taking enrolments
6 months to 5 years of age and stages 1-9
5 day holiday program 18—22 April
Geraldton Aquarena: Phone 9956 6906 Email: aquarena@cgg.wa.gov.au
Pass Street, Geraldton

Happy Birthday

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

Alice Turner, Breann Gibson, Noah Taylor, Lorena Sansone, Ewan Patterson,
Kyle McKeeman, Jacob Campbell, Denver Jones, Ben McMillan, Henri Laurent
& Kennedy Ley.
Year 3SH is a Bucket Filling Classroom

Throughout this term we have focused our learning in Health on the book ‘Have You Filled a Bucket Today?’ By Carol McCloud.

This heart-warming book encourages positive behaviour by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by ‘filling buckets’. Through this process we have been looking at how to increase our own self-esteem and those of others in our classroom, home and the wider community by Bucket Filling.

I AM A BUCKET FILLER IN OUR CLASSROOM BY ...

Nathan: helping Taylah up when she had a sore foot.
Ardrea: helping my friends at school.
Jye: turning the TV off when I am asked to.
Heidi: telling a really funny joke to Macy.
Nate: lending my textas to Jorja.
Zeke F: helping Dylan up the pirate ship.
Imogen: helping people in class and outside.
Jake: playing with Aja.
Jorja: being kind to everyone I see.
Jack R: making funny faces.
Henry: including Rocco in my games.
Kate: letting Heidi join in my game.
Oscar: following directions.
Isabell: helping Dakoda in her spelling.
Jeffery: helping around the house.

Dakoda: letting people join in my games.
Fletcher: being helpful and kind to my class members.
Zeke K: helping Nate put the balls away after lunch.
Saskia: being a good friend to Macy.
Jack: playing with Jordan.
Vuy: helping Taylah when she fell over.
Macy: being kind to everyone and being nice.
Jordan: reading the questions to Leila and Henry.
Thomas: helping my friends all around me.
Samantha: helping Imi get up and down the rock in the playground.
Rocco: helping Henry up when he fell over.

We are creating a kinder, “bucket filled” world!
2016 HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday 20th March**  Regular Sunday Mass times in all churches

**St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**

There is NO 2nd Rite of Reconciliation during the Holy Week this year. There will be a "24 Hours for the Lord" (adoration and reconciliation service) from 4:30pm on 11th March until 4:30pm on 12th March. More details to follow.

**Holy Thursday 24th March**
7:00pm  Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

**Good Friday 25th March**
10:00am  Stations of the Cross followed by confessions
3:00pm  Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion followed by confessions

**Holy Saturday 26th March**
11-12 noon  Confessions
7:00pm  Easter Vigil

*The Easter Vigil includes the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, Old Testament readings, Baptism and Reception into our community as new Catholics.*

**Easter Sunday 27th March**  7:30am, 9:30am & 6pm - Resurrection of the Lord

**St. Peter’s Church, Greenough**

- **Good Friday 25th March**  10:00am  Stations of the Cross (Reconciliation available)
- **Easter Sunday 27th March**  8:00am  Resurrection of the Lord

**St. John's Church Rangeway**

- **Easter Sunday 27th March**  8:30am  Resurrection of the Lord
2016

NetSetGo 6 Week Program
Players 5 – 7 years old

Venue: Geraldton Netball Association
258 Eighth Street

When: 19th May – 23rd June 2016
Time: Thursdays 4pm – 5pm

Cost: $60.00 per player

NO ENROLMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTILL PAPERWORK AND MONIES HAVE BEEN FINALISED

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Banking Details
Bendigo Bank
Account: 151 037 991
BSB: 633 000
Reference: Player Name
PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT DETAILS

Surname: ____________________________
First Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
Suburb: ____________________________
State: ____________________________ Post Code: ____________________________
Phone No.: ____________________________
DOB: ____________________________ Age: ____________________________
Gender: Male ☐ Female ☐
T-Shirt Size: 6 (32cm) ☐ 8 (33cm) ☐ 10 (38cm) ☐
Half chest width: 12 (41cm) ☐ 14 (44cm) ☐ 16 (47cm) ☐
Do you identify as an Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander? Yes ☐ No ☐ Undisclosed ☐
Country of birth: ____________________________
Language/s other than English spoken at home? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, please specify the language/s: ____________________________
Do you have a disability? Yes ☐ No ☐

This information is vital to help Netball Australia provide fair, safe and inclusive environments for all. Data will also help your ANZ NetSetGO Centre, State Association and Netball Australia seek applicable funding to provide greater opportunities.

PARENT / GUARDIAN DETAILS

Surname: ____________________________
First Name: ____________________________
Phone No.: ____________________________
Mobile No.: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Your ANZ NetSetGO Centre requires the information requested below for use in relation to the ANZ NetSetGO program.
Your personal information will only be used in the event of injury, illness or emergency, if required. Your details will be disclosed to the appropriate Association/Club/Other personnel. You will be able to access your personal information through your ANZ NetSetGO Centre upon reasonable notice.

Medicare No.: ____________________________
Ambulance Member: Yes ☐ No ☐
Private Health Insurance Company: ____________________________
Member No.: ____________________________
Existing Medical Conditions / Injuries / Allergies: ____________________________
Regular Medication: ____________________________

MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT: I understand that ANZ NetSetGO will be conducted under the rules as set by Netball Australia guidelines. I also understand that netball is a limited contact sport and that there is a risk of injury involved in participating in netball related activities. I authorize any official from the ANZ NetSetGO Centre, in the event of any injury or illness, to obtain on my child’s behalf and at my expense any medical assistance, treatment and transportation as deemed necessary.

INDEMNITY: Except where provided or required by law and such cannot be excluded, I agree that the ANZ NetSetGO Centre and its respective directors, officers, members, servants or agents are absolved from all liability arising from injury or damage to my child, however caused, whilst participating in the ANZ NetSetGO program.

IMAGE CONSENT: I provide consent for the ANZ NetSetGO Centre to record my child’s image (photograph or video footage) for promotional purposes. I understand my image may be used in mediums including; publications and promotional material, and broadcast, print and electronic media. I acknowledge that my image will be used without any personal compensation or remuneration. I agree to forgo any rights to my image including moral rights and copyright.

DECLARATION

- I agree to pay all fees by the date/s specified.
- I agree (member and parents) to comply with the ANZ NetSetGO Centre’s Constitution and Bylaws, Netball Australia’s Constitution, Regulations and Policies, including but not limited to the Netball Australia Member Protection Policy.
- I agree that the ANZ NetSetGO Centre may provide my personal information to the state netball body and / or Netball Australia.
- I understand that the personal information provided on this form will be used for Registration, Insurance and Participant/Club/Team Management purposes.
- I understand that if I do not provide the information requested on this form, the ANZ NetSetGO Centre might not be able to process my registration and I will not be eligible to become a member or compete in the competitions/programs.

I have read, understood and agree to the above terms and I personally consent to the application of my child. I warrant that all information provided is true and correct.

Name: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
Signed: (Parent or legal guardian of participant)

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