Our Vision

We are called to provide an exemplary Catholic Education.

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.

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is with great excitement and privilege that my wife, Lise, and three boys, Nicolas, Luke, Henry and I join the St Francis Xavier School Community. As term two commences I welcome back all families to St Francis Xavier. I sincerely appreciate the warmth and generosity that has already been extended to my family and I. I also welcome new families who join St Francis Xavier School Community this term. We welcome Mrs Carol Flesy who takes on the role of Teaching Assistant in Pre Primary this term. We also welcome university students completing practicums in our school, Roz Baynes in 1L, Airlene McLeod in 5BH, Michael Patrick in 6P, Daniella Vandersvoord in 6K, Kobi Jeffery in PPR and Zoe Brennan in 1J.

A brief history. My journey in education has lead me to all parts of the state. Originally from Perth, I commenced my first teaching position in Manjimup. My career continued in Perth in a range of teaching roles including leadership positions. In 2010, the opportunity to undertake a three year Principal position at Sacred Heart, Beagle Bay presented itself before being transferred to St Joseph’s in Busselton for the past three years. Each role had its own challenges and rewards. Importantly, each opportunity provided new learning opportunities for my own personal and professional growth.

I strongly believe that successful schools establish and maintain positive relationships. Relationships based on our School’s values of honesty, respect and compassion will ensure our school continues to grow, ensuring positive learning outcomes for our children. As I commence my journey at St Francis Xavier I look forward to developing my relationship with you, the parents and carergivers of our children. I also look forward to continuing to meet and know your children. At the heart of education are our children and knowing who they are as individuals guides us to how they learn.

I encourage all families, as the first educators of their children, to continue to work in positive collaboration with teachers this year. I share your confidence that the professionalism, dedication and friendliness of staff will ensure the developmental needs of our children will be met.

I look forward to meeting all families and serving the school community.

God Bless

Ben Doyle

Lord Jesus
You give us peace, peace the world cannot give.
May our hearts rest in your peace.
Amen

QEII CENTRE CARPARK PARKING AREA

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY THE CITY OF GERALDTON THAT PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE QEII CENTRE CARPARK. PARKING IS AVAILABLE ALONG MAITLAND STREET IN THE MARKED BAYS. IF PARENTS CONTINUE TO PARK IN THE QEII CARPARK INFRINGEMENT NOTICES MAY BE ISSUED. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OF GERALDTON.
Love One Another
In last Sunday's Gospel Jesus said, "My children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment—love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Love Work. Love is not just a feeling. Love is a choice we make to put the good of another before our own needs and desires.

Did you know?
St Catherine of Siena was the youngest survivor of 28 children. From a very young age she had mystical visions of guardian angels and Jesus. She was a brilliant philosopher and theologian, even though she could barely read or write. She was so impressive, that upon her visit to Avignon in France, she convinced the Pope to move the papacy back to Rome.

Sacrament of Confirmation
This term our year 6 students prepare and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are some important dates as part of the preparation for students and their families:
• Parent Child Meetings—Wednesday 4th May, 3.30pm or 5.30pm at the Catholic Centre, or
  - Thursday 5th May, 3.30pm at St Johns School
• Commitment Masses—Any of the Masses over the weekends of 7th, 8th & 14th, 15th May. Please note that these are at St Johns as the Cathedral is closed.
• Confirmation Masses—Friday 17th and 24th June at 6pm. These will also be held at St Johns as the Cathedral is closed for renovations.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

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 (Epipens) 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.sfpsgeraldton.wa.edu.au Interviews will be held during Term 2.

SCHOOL FEES
Term Two Tuition Fees will be invoiced next week. I have noticed some families with expired Concession cards. Please remember to bring in a copy of your current card as soon as possible to enable the discount to be applied this term. You are eligible for the Tuition Discount if you hold a means tested Concession or Health Care Card. Further information and applications are available online or from the front office. http://www.sfpsgeraldton.wa.edu.au/enrolment.html

Fr Michael celebrating our ANZAC Prayer Service on Tuesday.
ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE: If you’re on Facebook we wish to advise you that the school has its own page which is regularly updated with various information. https://www.facebook.com/sfxpsg/?ref=bookmarks

ABORIGINAL STUDENT BURSARIES 2017

Applications are invited from Aboriginal families who would like their children to receive a Catholic secondary education. Bursaries will assist with the cost of tuition fees. Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and have a desire to be educated in the Catholic education system. A list of eligible schools is available at the front office.

LITERACY NEWS

LITERACY HINTS
Definition of terms used in Sound Waves continued:
"Graphemes—the smallest units of written language, including the 26 Alphabet letters. Technically, a grapheme represents a phoneme so it can consist of more than one letter, as in sh, igh,ough.

P & F NEWS

RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP:
We are in desperate need of small sport jackets and mid size shirts and dresses. If you have any at home please take them to the Uniform shop next to the Multi Purpose room at school. Open on Mondays from 2.30—3.00pm and Thursday from 8.45—9.15am. For more information contact Suzie Halden on 0427 871 152.

Happy Birthday

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

It was with much excitement that 5GO spent the last week of Term 1 watching everyone’s Genius Hour presentations. We had erupting volcanoes, twirling tornadoes, tsunamis and hailstorms, flooding and even snow. Everybody worked so hard to produce an interesting presentation that answered two key questions posed by the students. Below are just a few pictures of the fantastic models made by the students.

The students were very impressed with everybody’s presentations and thought they learnt so much from each other about Natural Disasters. Everybody thought it was a great way to learn about different concepts and they really liked making models that demonstrated how things work.

We are all wondering what we might like to do for our next Genius Hour.
Circle of Security

May 17, 2016 9:30 AM Until May 12, 2016 11:30 AM

Circle of Security is for parents/caregivers of children aged 0 to 5 years. It can help you understand your child’s behaviours and needs, and find out what you do well as a parent. A help your child develop into a happy and secure person. The complete program runs for 8 weeks, on a Thursday from 12 May to 30 June, from 9:30am to 11:30am. Participants must attend all 8 sessions. A free creche is available, and the program itself is free - however bookings are essential. Book in on 9921 6814 or cpc@edcentre.wa.edu.au

Mini Maestros - Music Program

May 04, 2016 10:00 AM Until May 04, 2016 11:00 AM

Starting week 2 Term 2 - every Wednesday morning at the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway. Mini Maestros music program! A free, casual music program, parents must be in attendance and participate in sessions. Some sessions may be hosted at Rangeway Primary School in the kindy class. Please let us know if you’re thinking of coming 9921 6814 or cpc@edcentre.wa.edu.au

Yoga for Kids!

May 02, 2016 9:30 AM Until May 02, 2016 10:00 AM

4 week workshop on Mondays in May: 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. 9:30am to 10:00am (followed by tea and coffee). $5 per session, introductory rate. To register, call Fiama on 0438 567 900 or visit “Yoga Kids Australia” on Facebook. For children aged 2 - 4, parents are encouraged to participate. Fiona is a qualified yoga instructor. Yoga for Kids introduces children to yoga in a fun and simple way by incorporating yoga poses into play, drama, dancing and imagination in developmentally appropriate ways. Children can benefit from yoga in many ways, including:

- Learning to calm themselves & feel happy
- Promoting healthy breathing
- Building emotional awareness
- Building the power of focus
- Increasing coordination and balance

COMING EVENTS

Paediatric Feeding Group

Jun 13, 2016 1:00 PM Until Jun 13, 2016 2:30 PM

The Paediatric Feeding Service is excited to offer our popular feeding groups for 2016. Each session is designed as an informative, practical and fun group where parents will develop skills in preparing simple nutritious meals that meet the sensory needs of their child. Who should attend? Children with feeding difficulties and their parents. Parents will develop an understanding of - their role and their children’s role in mealtimes - mealtime structure - their child’s sensory preferences - recommend guidelines for children’s intake Parents will gain skills in - stretching food preferences - making a meal to challenge food preferences Dates for 2016: Monday 13 June, 1:00pm to 2:30pm Monday 8 August, 1:00pm to 2:30pm Thursday 17 November, 9:30am to 11:30am To register your interest for one of these sessions, please call the PFS team on 9356 2204 or complete and return the form on the flyer. Limited places are available for each session, so please let us know if you cannot make the booked session.

Protective Behaviours Parenting Workshop

Jun 20, 2016 9:00 AM Until Jun 20, 2016 12:00 PM

Monday 20 and Monday 27 June, 9am to 12pm. Protective Behaviours is about giving children the tools they need to feel safe and get help if they are in a dangerous or uncomfortable situation. The Parent Protective Behaviours program encourages you to develop a relationship with your child that encourages them to speak to you about issues and events that concern them, even if they think they might get into trouble. Free creche available, morning tea, snacks and materials provided. Bookings are essential, you must attend both sessions. Please book by 1 June on 9921 6814 or cpc@edcentre.wa.edu.au