Dear Parents and Friends

Last week Australians continued the tradition of National Sorry Day. National Sorry Day is a commemorative day that focuses on apologising to and bridging the gap between Australians and the Indigenous peoples. Held on May 26 each year, it gives people the chance to express regret for the way Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders were treated in the past. Students at St Francis Xavier participated in a liturgy recognizing that sorry isn’t just a word, but an action used to restore relationships. As a school community we continue to work with students at developing an understanding of injustices in society and forming their sense of moral purpose to work towards a better future for all Australians.

One of the pleasures in being a Principal is the ability to visit and work with teachers and students in all year levels. Not only does this keep me grounded in my role but provides wonderful opportunities to experience the professionalism of teachers at St Francis Xavier. Recent highlights include sharing fruit sticks from our Lunchbox Legends, the creation of mud in our early childhood and participating in a guided reading activity. As a parent and school Principal, it is rewarding to witness the diversity of learning and commitment St Francis Xavier’s teachers have. I encourage all parents to take the time and acknowledge the quality staff at St Francis Xavier.

**Tomorrow is a pupil free day.** As teachers we need to be the best learners and tomorrow provides opportunities for staff to continue to grow and become effective teachers through professional learning. Although these days can be an inconvenience to families they provide invaluable opportunities for staff. Additional, the Western Australia Day Public Holiday on Monday provides an opportunity for staff to recharge for the final four weeks of the school term. I wish all families a safe long weekend.

God Bless

Ben Doyle
Dress the Bishop and wear something red. Students worked in groups with others from their buddy class to dress one member as the Bishop using newspaper.

Students were allowed to wear something red as an accessory to help support and think of Bishop Justin.

The 2nd hand clothes, books and toys stalls were very popular throughout the day. There wasn’t much left unsold to take to St Vinnies. Thanks to all those who donated items.

Also very popular was the cupcake stall at recess, with huge queues of students lined up to buy a treat. Thanks again to all the people who cooked and donated cakes.

Fr Alby celebrated Mass with the whole school on Friday afternoon. As a school we gave thanks to God for all the wonderful things we have, but also asked God to help us continue to support others in need.