Dear Parents and Friends

Last Friday, St Francis Xavier held a pupil free day. Although these days can be an inconvenience for families they provide an opportunity for staff to participate in their own learning. Teaching staff continued their work on the Collaborative School Improvement Project. The purpose of the project is to develop a school based framework to improve student learning outcomes based on 14 parameters developed by Dr Lyn Sharratt. The project is a three year initiative supported by Catholic Education across the Geraldton Diocese.

Friday’s focus was on the importance of knowing our students as individuals and as learners. As parents we know, not all children are the same and although they may exhibit similarities it is knowing them intimately that we gain an insight into their uniqueness and how we can cater for their different needs.

The principle for educators is the same. By collecting personalised data on students we can adjust our teaching strategies to meet their personal needs. Gathering data also assists the school and teachers in addressing our own learning needs. As educators we need to be the best learners and continuously developing our own capacity in providing a rich and engaging learning environment.

If we, as teaching staff, know our students then we can develop strategies that support how they learn. At the conclusion of the day teaching staff have committed to further learning to improve their teaching practice and better student outcomes.

Our vision statement commits us to providing an education that empowers all to become life-long learners. As we journey together our focus is on ensuring we know our students and we provide an education that meets their individual needs. Clicking on the image below, Do You Know Who I Am? humorously highlights the importance of knowing children first as people then as learners.

God Bless

Ben Doyle

DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?
Get Up!
In last Sunday’s Gospel Jesus and his disciples went to Nain. When they arrived, a son of a widow was being buried. Jesus felt sorry for her and said, “Do not cry”. He laid his hands on the man and said, “Young man, get up.” Immediately the man sat up and began to talk. Everyone was filled with awe and praise.

Alive Again. Have you ever been so sad that you felt like you couldn’t get up? Sometimes it is only when we are at our lowest point that we recognize our need for God. Jesus meets us in our despair and offers us new life in him.

Why Do We Do That?
The sacrament of reconciliation? The Catholic approach to Reconciliation is deeply community-oriented. For us, sin is never a private affair. When one member of the body of Christ hurts, the whole body suffers. We go to reconciliation to make things right with God, and to be healed with the entire body of Christ too.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Our year six students are in the final weeks of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The students in 6P will celebrate the sacrament on Friday 17th June and 6K on Friday 24th June. Both masses will be held at 6pm at St John’s Church in Rangeway. As part of their final preparation students will be celebrating Reconciliation this Friday at the Cathedral and meeting with Fr Michael and hopefully Bishop Justin) at bishop’s House next week. Students will also be travelling to St John’s next week for a practice of the Mass. As a school community we wish them all the best for this special celebration.

ADMINISTRATION NEWS

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.

Any younger siblings of students already here must also complete an enrolment form and hand to the office.

Forms are available from the school office or on the school website: www.sfxpsgeraldton.wa.edu.au Interviews are being held this term.

MERIT CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED AT THE ASSEMBLY TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 10th JUNE 2016

PPM Abisha Sagy and Zharntae Manado
1J Lily Wheelon and Taj Teakle
2S Amy Browne and Glenys Butler
3M Tom Pitcher and Linette Louis
4C Kira Harris, Jackson Taylor, Brody Abbott
5BH James Gardiner, Alexander McKenzie, Brady Scott
6K Geordie Quinlan, Carlo Oliveri, Laura Sansone
1P Jaida Clark and Ryder Watson
1L Miley Williams and Jordan Clark
2W Hudson Stokes and Aaron Schewtschenko
3SH Saskia Newman and Imogen Clark
4N Ashtyn Casley, Finola Moulds, Henri Laurent
5GO Jasmine Wasley, Caleb Forrester, Keira Edwards
6P Xavier Barker, Niamh Blake, Chiara Scarpuzza

Congratulations to Sophie Cotter, Ella Wilkins and Akur Michan on receiving our Aussies of the Month award at a previous assembly for displaying our school values.
COMMUNITY NEWS

KINDY-2017

Kindy vacancies for 2017 still exist. If parents know of any potential new families that would benefit from joining St Francis Xavier Community please encourage them to visit the school for a tour. Application forms are available from the school office or on the school website.

Child & Parent Centre, Rangeway—following is the link to more information about what is happening.

INFORMATION ABOUT NITS AND LICE
SOME HELPFUL HINTS

Head lice have a life cycle of 30 days and lay up to 10 eggs a day each. A louse can survive off a head for up to 48 hours. Make sure to treat your home as well as your family next time you have an infestation.

LITERACY HINTS

TALKING TO LEARN

Why bother to teach students how to talk about books?

Many educators have argued the merits of talking through something in order to understand it.

Researchers have shown successful literacy learning can occur when collaborative exchanges take place, when good questions are asked.

P & F NEWS

RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP

We are still chasing small size jumpers and jackets. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Did you know we have a number of BRAND NEW size 14 grey shirts? Only $10 while stocks last. We are 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 -
Zachary Cragan, Alirra Davy, Nakai Machukera, Dakoda Gaudio, Jesse Price, Jordan Price, Macy Riemer, Oakley Singleton, Boston Dixon, Atharv Achar, Darby Cragan and Leo Watson
On Wednesday the 25th of May Mrs Jupp’s and Mrs D’Mello’s Kindergarten classes took part in National Simultaneous Storytime. At 11am all over Australia children took part in listening to the story “I Got This Hat” by Jol and Kate Temple. Mrs Jupp read the book to all the Kindergarten children and then the Kindy J children chose their own hat to make a story up about.

I got this hat when I was in Perth.

My hat is a mermaid crown.

Mummy got me this hat for my birthday.

I got this hat from a policeman.

I got this hat and I’m going to paint it really colourful.

I got this hat and I like it.
What happens at the Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway 2016

Who to contact for more information, or to book in

**Child Health Nurse**

- Thursdays, 9am to 3pm
- Call: 9221 2858 for more information

**Continence support**

- Therapy Focus: 1003 385 451
- Call: 9221 6190 for more information

**Counselling**

- Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:30am to 12pm
- Call: 1300 861 217 for more information

**Drop in playgroup**

- Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30am to 11am
- Call: 9221 2858 for more information

**Mini Maestros music program**

- Wednesdays, 9am to 11am
- Call: 9221 2858 for more information

**Parenting programs**

- Call: 9221 2858 for more information

**FIFO Family Catchups**

- Fridays, 9am to 11am
- Call: 9221 2858 for more information

**HIPPY**

- Thursdays, 9am to 11am
- Call: 9221 2858 for more information

**Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway**

- Call: 9221 2858 for more information

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The Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway is a central hub for programs, activities and services for all families in Geraldton, with children 0 to 5 years of age.

Almost everything that runs out of the centre is free. Parenting programs offer a free crib and tea and coffee is always available.

childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au - 9221 6814 - cpc@edcentre.wa.edu.au

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Child health nurse

Now at your local Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway

Your child health nurse can give you information about how to care for babies and young children, including:

- Breastfeeding
- Coping with sleeping and crying
- Your baby’s growth and development
- Immunisation
- Safety
- Playing with your baby or toddler
- Your own wellbeing

Date: Every Thursday

Venue: Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway, entrance off Hovea Street.

Bookings essential.

Please phone 9956 1966

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FIFO families

Geraldton Catch Up

Are you a FIFO Family? Are you looking for support?

Come and meet other FIFO families in the Geraldton area for support, new friendships and a safe environment for a chat at the Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway on Hovea Street.

Wednesday 11th May 3.30–4.30pm
Wednesday 25th May 3.30–4.30pm
Wednesday 8th June 3.30–4.30pm
Wednesday 22nd June 3.30–4.30pm
Wednesday 29th June 3.30–4.30pm

RSVP day before each catch up to admin@kidzcreart.com.au

Tea/Coffee facilities and morning tea/afternoon tea provided.

Join our Facebook group: FIFO Geraldton

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