Dear Parents and Friends

In schools teachers try and provide authentic learning experiences. Authentic learning experiences are when students work is connected to the wider community and provide a real world context for learning.

Over the past few weeks, students in Mr Place’s class have been learning about the life of Monsignor Hawes. Monsignor Hawes was both priest and architect in the mid west in the first half of the 20th century. During his time in the Mid West, Hawes was responsible for an astounding body of work throughout the region. His creations ranged from basic corrugated iron structures like St Patrick’s church in Wonthella Geraldton, to the unique design of Our Lady of Mt Carmel in Mullewa or the grand structure of Nazareth House Convent perched on the edge of Champion Bay in Geraldton.

In class students were required to research, design and build a model based on Monsignor Hawes design principles of suitability for the Mid-West environment and the needs of the community. The project encapsulated a range of real life experiences culminating with several student’s work being exhibited at the Geraldton Museum.

Providing opportunities for learning to come to life is an essential element of schooling and this example highlights the fantastic opportunity students at St Francis Xavier are provided.

Lord Jesus
You call us to follow you.
Give us the courage to do your will.
Amen
PPRG celebrates Humpty Dumpty’s Birthday.

Everyone has a special day and Humpty Dumpty is no exception.

As part of our Imaths investigation we have been exploring time and as part of this we organized a party for Humpty Dumpty. We investigated what time and day would be best for the party. We also looked at the months of the year and made a pictorial graph of our birthdays. After all our preparation and planning it was finally time to celebrate Humpty Dumpty’s birthday.