Dear Parents and Friends

After a hectic month with numerous extra curricular activities this week has provided the opportunity to reflect on the successes of St Francis Xavier School. In particular, I wish to express my amazement and gratitude to all the parents who willingly gave their time. A positive school can be defined by the relationships between home and school and this was evident last Friday at the School Sport’s Carnival. To all parent helpers and families who supported the students, THANK YOU!

On the weekend, the Cathedral reopened and Year Six students made the most of the opportunity by attending Mass with Father Michael on Monday. The intimacy of the occasion allowed Father to explain the rites and rituals associated with Eucharistic celebrations. We also pray for our Year 4 students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Communion over the next two weekends.

In addition to Religious and Physical Education St Francis Xavier strives to promote the love of literacy in students. Yesterday, Kindergarten visited the Geraldton library and participated in a range of activities that reinforce good reading practices. If you haven’t visited Geraldton’s library recently, I encourage families to make the effort. A wonderful resource to support children’s learning at home.

Lord God
You rejoice when we turn to you.
Have mercy on us!
Amen

God Bless

Ben Doyle
The Cost of Discipleship
In last Sunday's Gospel Jesus said, “Before building a tower, the wise man sits down and works out the cost to ensure he has enough to complete it. Otherwise, if he begins and cannot finish, onlookers will make fun of him. In the same way, no one can be my disciple unless he gives everything he has to follow me.”

Discipleship Cost. The price of discipleship is weighty. Following Jesus is not a part time occupation; it’s not a hobby just for Sundays. Jesus wants our total commitment.

Why Do We Do That?
Pray to Saints. It is a common and beautiful practice for Christians to pray for one another. The Catholic faith family is not just limited to people with us on earth, but includes the saints of heaven. Awareness of the saints raises our sights, empowers us to aspire to gospel qualities and helps us to see our earthly lives from the perspective of the promise of eternal life.

Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion
This Saturday the students in 4N will be celebrating receiving the Eucharist for the first time. This special occasion will be held in the Cathedral at 4.30pm and followed by a get together supper celebration in the Catholic Centre. All members of our school and parish community are invited to come along and support the students. We wish them a wonderful day and pray that it is a special experience for all of them.
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 Suzie on 0427 871 152.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY AQUATIC SERIES
FREE swimming clinics hosted by National level coach, Ralph McManis and National Open Water Competitor, Andrew Donaldson. Geraldton 17—18 September. FREE Community open water swim—Champion Bay. For clinic information and to register, visit wa.swimming.org.au/cas. Swimming—an essential part of the Western Australian way of life.

INFORMATION ABOUT NITS & LICE
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.

RIGTERS—SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL
The Rigters Group Shop for your School program is designed to give your school extra funds to purchase the things that matter most and are most needed to help students get the most from their schooling.

Unlike other School Reward Programs ours has been created so it is available every day of the year in all three of our supermarkets. There are no time limits, no minimum spend and no limit to how much your school can earn.

Simply ask the checkout operator to add your sale to your preferred school! It’s that easy! For every dollar you spend, your school will earn a point. These are totalled throughout the year and calculated into dollars before we send a cheque direct to your school. As of the end of 2015, we have donated nearly $90,000 back to the local schools of Geraldton.

Points can not be donated if already using a Rigters Reward card. Points are not earned on tobacco products.


Happy Birthday

Congratulations to the following students -

Cross Country
Our carnival started with the cross Country running event on Friday 19th August at Spalding Park. As always the efforts of all the students who competed were fantastic as well as the sportsmanship, spirit and encouragement. At the end of the cross country Thomas held a small lead over Nagle and Xavier, with Griffin not far behind. Points were very close heading into the Jumps and throws day with less than 40 points between first and fourth.

Athletics Carnival
The Jumps and Throws day of the carnival was held on Tuesday 30th August and the carnival day held on Friday 2nd September at the St Pats College Oval. The day turned out to be a lovely day weather wise and a great day of competition. Again all the students displayed excellent efforts in their events, great behaviour and great sportsmanship. Throughout the two days of competition there were 4 new records set. Glenys Butler broke the year 2 girls T-ball throw, while Rayanne Ryan did the same in the year 4 girls competition. Jack Cocking broke the year 6 boy javelin record, while Josh Carter smashed the year 6 boys 800m record. Josh now holds all three 800m age group records.

There were many great performances and results from the carnival. Those that performed well to receive Champion and Runner up medals were:

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Note: Apologies to Josh Carter as a mistake in the scoring resulted in Josh not being announced on the day. He will be presented in front of the school at an assembly.

Final Results:
After the jumps and throws both Xavier and Thomas had a handy gap over Nagle and Griffin. It became a battle between the two throughout the Friday, with not much separating them. While not much separated Nagle and Griffin either in the battle for 3rd and 4th. Although there wasn’t much between them Xavier were able to keep enough of a lead to take out the carnival. Final scores were:

1st XAVIER – 2406 2nd THOMAS – 2364 3rd NAGLE – 2252 4th GRIFFIN – 2231

The Most Cooperative Shield was also very hard to pick this year with the behaviour of the students, the cheering and the organisation for events being so good. But in the end the shield was awarded to Nagle.

A BIG THANKYOU TO ALL THE PARENTS WHO HAVE HELPED OUT THROUGHOUT ALL THE CARNIVALS. WITHOUT YOUR HELP THESE DAYS CAN NOT BE RUN.
The Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway is for all Geraldton families with children aged 0 to 8

School holiday program
Free family fun – bookings essential

Tuesday 27 September 2016
Reading, singing, rail work and basic yoga for children aged 2 to 6
0.20am to 10.20am

Wednesday 28 September 2016
Mini bowling
Fuzzy tennis
Fun for children aged 0 to 5
10.00am to 11.00am

Thursday 29 September 2016
Fun with PCYC Geraldton for children aged 0 to 5
9.00am to 11.00am

Friday 30 September 2016
Family fun day for children aged 0 to 8
"Bouncy Castles"* "Face Painting"*
9.00am to 11.00am

Please note parents/carers must be in attendance
childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au/rangeway | 9921 6814 | cpc@edcentre.wa.edu.au | Hovea Street, Rangeway

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AQUARENA SWIM SCHOOL
OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 10AM - 1PM

INFANT CIRCuits
10.00am - 11.00am
For infants aged 6 months to 2 years old.

SNORKELING
11.15am - 12.05pm
Learn breathing techniques, diving skills, underwater singing language and a basic form of underwater games.

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD CLUB
12.15pm - 12.45pm
Providing an action packed challenge for kids who love the water but want more than "lessons".

Please also bring along your goggles.

**Zumbo Activity** (Mini Adventure Race)

For all bookings and enquiries please contact:
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Waves, Waves, Waves

Sail, Surf and Skim

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