

St Francis Xavier Primary School Geraldton Western Australia 6530

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Tropical Cyclone Seroja impacted on the mid-west causing a range of destruction and loss to members of our school and the wider community. I know many of our families still have limited communication and power at the time of writing this correspondence.

As a school, we are fortunate that St Francis Xavier School received minimal damage. After electrical, building and plumbing inspections this morning, access for staff and students has been approved. This is good news and will enable Term Two to commence as planned.

For some children, Cyclone Seroja may have caused distress, particularly those who have experienced either direct or indirect exposure. A range of resources from the Australian Psychological Society are available if you believe they may assist:

- Recovering from cyclones
- Helping children who have been affected by cyclones
- Helping children who have been affected by floods

A reminder that Monday 19th April remains a pupil free day. This will allow staff the opportunity to undertake any required cleaning and plan for teaching and learning experiences. I look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday week.

As a community, St Francis Xavier focuses on the wellbeing of each other. I ask that we all can keep each other and the wider community in our thoughts and prayers as we start the rebuilding process.

Regards

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