

# St Francis Xavier Primary School



September 2022  
Volume 8

## From the Principal's Desk...

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The last few weeks of Term Three have highlighted the diverse range of learning experiences students are exposed to at St Francis Xavier. Students have recently participated in the Numero challenge, Berberus Maths challenge, Dockers incursion, Athletics, Book week, Crunch and Sip and this week our Performing Arts Festival.

Our teachers deserve a big thank you for their efforts.

Planning for 2023 staffing is underway. With several staff electing to return home as a result of COVID-19 and isolation, the number of new staff will be higher than usual. At this stage I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Airlie Bochat, Isabelle Perks, Kelly Commisso and Mila Hendren-Krippner to join our community in 2023.

I am also pleased to announce that Michael Patrick, who is currently under secondment, has been appointed as Principal of John Pujajangka-Piyirn School, Mulan, commencing 1 January 2023. As a community we will acknowledge Michael's achievement later this year.

And sadly, Mrs Turner who is undertaking Long Service Leave in Term Four has decided to retire at the end of this year. Mrs Turner has contributed 21 years of service to St Francis Xavier and I look forward to acknowledging her efforts.

A few reminders. Next term, students return on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Wishing all families a safe and relaxing holiday.

God Bless

*Ben Doyle*

Principal

## SFX Parish International Food Festival



## Mission Week

During week 3 of Term 4 we will be celebrating Mission Week as part of Catholic Mission’s ‘Socktober’ mission month. The theme this year is ‘Kick Goals For Good in 2022’ with the focus on the children in Ethiopia. The week has two aims: 1) To raise awareness of the plight of children around the world who live in poverty and the work done by Catholic Mission to support them, 2) To raise money to support Catholic Mission to continue their good work. Lots of activities will be held throughout the week for students to get involved in, including ‘Crazy Sock Day’. The P&F will be selling socks in the lead up for students to purchase.

This week we are focussing on:

# RESPECT

## All Saints Day Dress Up

On 1<sup>st</sup> of November we celebrate one of the special days of the Church year, All Saints Day. A day where we remember and celebrate those that have attained heaven after their earthly life. Some of these people are well known and have been acknowledged by the Church, we call them Saints.

As a school we will celebrate with a dress up day with prizes for the best and most unique saints. So I encourage students to start researching a saint and thinking about their costumes.



## Congratulations

*Eleanor Vollmer, Zariah Brown, Arnav Achar, Iris Lamb, Charlie Fairclough & Georgia Northcoate*

## CHRIST Awards

Adam Williams, Molly Whitehouse, Bonny Dean, Madison Lirpino, Dawson Penyayi, Aadhya Jebi, Emily Mann, Molly Sweetman, Lexie Mortley, Sophie Bancilhon, Olivia Tutt, Indi Reilly, Samuel Ebsary, Davonte Woodley-Harris, Layla Paterson, Lana Ramage, Nimratpal Singh, Darby Cragan, William Cornish, Jade Trembath, Saxon Browne, Tom Murszewski, Skye Sweetman



*Murray Gardiner*

Assistant Principal  
Faith & Wellbeing



## Treehouse High Tea Book Launch

On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 170 excited students gathered at the Catholic Centre to celebrate the launch of the new Andy Griffiths book, *The 156 Storey Treehouse*.

Pinkie-fingers were out, and best manners were on show as students enjoyed a High Tea. They sipped juice or milo from teacups and nibbled on special cupcakes and pikelets which were made by Mrs Sontag in the canteen. Beaming smiles illustrated their enjoyment as they read their very own copy of the newest book in the Treehouse series. The author, Andy Griffiths, sent a personalised video message to the children celebrating the launch of his book.

The fabulous staff helpers, who ensured the morning went smoothly, were very impressed with the manners of the students.

The event received many positive reviews, including this lovely one from Charlie, *"This is the fanciest restaurant I have ever been to!"*

Thank you to all the parents and teachers for their support of this annual event.



Wow, what a crazy Term it has been!

There has been so much happening this Term that we're sure students, teachers and parents alike are hanging for School Holidays!

### Events

This Term, the P & F were lucky enough to have secured the **Sweet Olive Caravan** for Parents/Careers and Staff. This provided an opportunity for people to meet and mingle after school drop off and be treated to a delicious hot drink. The event was well attended and there are plans in the mix for a bigger one next year.

Our second event this Term saw the P & F organise a Fathers Day Raffle and sausage sizzle for spectators at the School Faction Sports Carnival. Even with a date change, we had a brilliant response to the Raffle and the sausage sizzle provided much needed stamina for spectators dealing with nerves and battling the wind. Overall, the stall made in excess of \$500 and a huge shout out and thank you to the ladies that donated their time to run the stall and prepare the sausages. It was a big learning curve and the Group hope to run this every year in the future at the Carnival.

Finally, the P & F have been quietly working away behind the scenes for an epic Term 4 full of Events.

### Term 4

**P & F Sock it to Poverty Fundraiser** (26<sup>th</sup> October). Students in all year levels wear crazy socks to school for the day for a gold coin donation. The P & F will sell crazy socks before and after school outside the ECE Area in the lead up to the day for \$5 a pair so that you don't have to race all over town to find some. There is no expectation to buy these socks but they are there if you need them.

Socks will be available on: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (2:45pm - 3:15pm)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October (2:45pm - 3:15pm)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October (8am - 8:30am)

**Year 4 & 5 Movie Night** (4<sup>th</sup> November) 6pm Start. Students in Years 4 & 5 enjoy a Movie Night in the Undercover Area of the school together. Sausage sizzle and popcorn galore - but don't forget your picnic blanket / chair / beanbag! Tickets and information will be handed to students in Years 4 & 5 at the beginning of next Term

**Year 3 Games Night** (9<sup>th</sup> November) 4:30pm - 6pm. Students in Year 3 get to test their rock climbing skills on the Nagle Gym Climbing Wall as well as partake in minute to win it games and multi-sports activities. A pizza dinner will be organised and supplied for all students in Year 3 and their adult who attend. More information coming at the start of Term 4!

### Name Labels Fundraiser

The P & F will be setting up an online Name Label Fundraiser for all students at SFX. It will be an ongoing fundraiser where the School earns a 20% commission on orders made. A unique code will be advertised and more information provided in the coming weeks. Get back to school ready with personalised name stamps and labels for school equipment!

### Parent only Community Mixer 2023

The P & F are excited to announce that they are in the process of organising an **Adult Only Quiz Night** for Term 2 next year (2023). As soon as a date and venue are locked in, the Group will advertise for families who have businesses who would like to support the Event. Prizes, donations and services offered will be generously advertised within our community in the lead up to the Quiz Night.

On another note, the P & F would like to support **family businesses within our community**. If you are interested in being on a Family Business Go To List for the P & F, could you please use the School Website Contact Form (below) and tell us:

Your business name

Contact details (phone and email)

Services provided or donations you would happily supply

### Secondhand Uniform Shop

There is currently a small amount of “new uniform” items available for next year in the Uniform Shop. See the ladies in the front office for a browse and grab yourself a bargain! Alternatively, if you’d like to pay it forward and donate items, we’d be more than happy to take them off your hands. Just drop them into the front office and the P & F will take care of it. The P & F are currently also in the process of organising and setting up an online Second Hand Uniform Shop for Parents to sell their uniforms in the future. Watch this space!!

### Year Group Parent Representatives

As part of our ongoing commitment to the school community, we are looking for parents to join the P & F as a Year Group Representative. It’s not all about meetings (although we do have a few) but will provide you with the opportunity to become an active member of your school community. This role can absolutely be shared amongst a few within the year group, but we promise it is not a burden! Our meetings are collaborative, fun and there is absolutely no pressure to volunteer any more time than you can. If you’re interested in being a Year Group Parent Rep or would like more information, please don’t hesitate to submit an enquiry via the School Website’s Contact Form. (See below)

If you would like to get involved in any way, we’d love to have you on board! There is only one more meeting scheduled for the remainder of the year:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October      7pm    Parish Meeting Room, Catholic Centre

If you can’t attend Meetings, there are other ways you can help or get involved. Any suggestions/ideas/feedback for events can be sent in on the **School Website P & F Contact Form**. Go to <https://sfx.wa.edu.au/contact-the-pf/>

Or alternatively, we have set up a **private facebook page (SFX P&F)** for the purpose of organising specific events throughout the year. As we are all busy parents, we are the first to recognise that we can’t do everything, so the more volunteers there are, the more our children will benefit!

The P & F will use the School Website to advertise P & F Meeting Agendas, Minutes and any accompanying documentation. A Seasaw post will alert parents as to when these are uploaded on the website for viewing.

We hope you have a wonderful Term 3 holiday!

*P & F Group*

# Storytime

## TWILIGHT STORY TIME

FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER  
5.30PM - 6.15PM

Bring your favourite "cuddly" and get ready for lots of fun!

**BIG SKY READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL 2022**

**KALEIDOSCOPE**

Come dressed in your pyjamas and slippers ready to listen to stories, sing songs and rhymes. Get your twinkle toes ready for some dancing too!

**Venue:** Geraldton Regional Library  
**Age:** Suitable for ages 2-6 years  
**Tickets:** FREE event

Please note: We request that children are accompanied by an adult during the session.



For all ticket bookings visit  
<https://library.cgg.wa.gov.au/big-sky-2022-tickets.aspx>

or contact Geraldton Regional Library  
P: 9956 6659 | E: [library@cgg.wa.gov.au](mailto:library@cgg.wa.gov.au)




## OCTOBER 2022 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS at the Geraldton Regional Library

Schools out and it's time to go wild! Come and see what's on at the Library and bring some friends along too.

### KRAZY KALEIDOSCOPES

Thu 29 Sept 2022  
10:00 - 11:15am  
11:00 - 12:15pm  
Ages 8 - 12 years  
FREE - Bookings via Eventbrite

Get creative and learn how to make a simple kaleidoscope in this cool STEM/Science craft activity for kids.  
Delivered by Lisa Simpson from The Geraldton Project

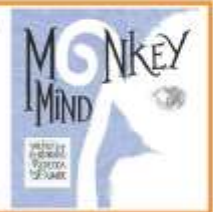


### HOW TO TAME YOUR MONKEY

Fri 30 Sept 2022  
10:00 - 11:00am  
Age 5+

FREE - Bookings via Eventbrite


Join an art workshop and storytime presentation of Monkey Mind - a children's picture book about anxiety by Rebecca Fisher. Children will learn about negative and positive self-talk, growth mindset, mindfulness and they create their own monkeys.



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For more information, or to book a place, visit  
<https://library.cgg.wa.gov.au/big-sky-2022>