



Term 2, June 2026

# ST FRANCIS XAVIER COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## LEADING COMMUNITY

JUSTINE SMITH - PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wow, it's hard to believe we are already at Week 10! Term two has been filled with an incredible amount of learning, growth and development across our school. From classroom achievements to whole-school opportunities, it has been wonderful to see our students continue to challenge themselves, build relationships and make the most of every experience on offer.

A very special congratulations and heartfelt thank you to our **Year 6 students and staff** for an outstanding "Big Week Out." The planning and organisation that went into this experience were exceptional, and it certainly showed. Our students and staff embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, positivity and a strong sense of community. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and it is clear that this experience will remain a lasting and valuable memory for all involved. Thank you to our Year 6 staff for your commitment, care and dedication in making this such a success, we are very proud of you all.

Looking ahead to next term, we will be trialling a **LEFT HAND TURN ONLY** when exiting the Kiss & Drop area (next to Centacare). This initiative has been carefully considered to help address the congestion we experience during our busy morning and afternoon periods and to support safer traffic flow for everyone in our school community. Drivers will be required to turn left, proceed to the roundabout near the Cathedral, and return down Maitland Street if heading north. This trial will be clearly signposted, and further information will be shared early next term. We appreciate your cooperation as we work together to improve safety for all.

We are also seeking feedback from families regarding a **potential transition to a five-day Kindergarten program from 2028**. Your input is incredibly important in helping guide future planning, and I strongly encourage all parents and caregivers who this may affect to complete the survey. The link is provided below and has also been shared on the Primary Forum on SEQTA. Thank you in advance for taking the time to contribute your thoughts.

[5 day Kindergarten Survey](#)



"LEADERSHIP IS UNLOCKING PEOPLE'S POTENTIAL TO BECOME BETTER."

BILL BRADLEY

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In addition, we are excited to continue developing our **Laudato Si' initiatives by introducing the Green Team**, with a focus on enhancing our school garden and promoting sustainability practices. We would love to invite parent and caregiver volunteers to be part of this team. Opportunities may include assisting during and after school, as well as working alongside staff and student groups to build and enrich our shared spaces. If this is something you are interested in, please complete the form using the link below, we would greatly value your involvement.

## [SFX Green Team](#)

I am also very pleased to share the successful completion of our **QCESR process (Quality Catholic Education School Review)**. This has been a highly affirming experience for our school, with very positive feedback acknowledging the many strengths of our community, as well as identifying thoughtful areas for growth that will help make St Francis Xavier an even stronger school into the future. I would like to sincerely thank our staff, students, parents and caregivers who contributed to this important process. Your involvement, feedback and support are invaluable, and we are grateful for your partnership as we continue our journey of improvement together.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of **our staff** for their extraordinary efforts throughout the term. Your dedication, professionalism and genuine care for every student is what makes our school such a special place. This term has been exceptionally full, with many demands both in and beyond the classroom, and the way you have consistently supported one another and our students has not gone unnoticed. Your commitment to excellence and to nurturing each child's growth is truly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt thank you to our entire school community for your ongoing support throughout Term 2. It has been a term filled with learning, events and opportunities, and none of it would be possible without the collaboration between staff, students and families. Your support, encouragement and partnership are deeply appreciated.

I hope all families enjoy a well-deserved and restful break. Take care, stay safe, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term.

*Justine Smith*



*'If we want children to flourish, to become truly empowered, then let us allow them to love the earth before we ask them to save it'*

David Sobel

# A FAITH COMMUNITY

SIMON PLACE - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

## Communio Week

Our school community came together in a wonderful spirit of generosity and joy during our recent fundraiser for Bishop Michael’s *Communio* Appeal. It was a week filled with faith, service, and fun, highlighting the power of community when we work together for a greater purpose.

Earlier in the week, our students and staff were privileged to attend a beautiful Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael at the Cathedral. It was a meaningful occasion for the whole school, providing an opportunity to gather in faith and reflect on the importance of serving others. During his homily, Bishop Michael shared inspiring examples of how funds raised through the *Communio* Appeal directly support communities across the Diocese. His message gave our students a clear understanding of how their efforts would make a real difference.

Adding to the sense of unity, every student received a special Communio sticker designed by Khaleesi in Year 6. Her thoughtful and creative design was a wonderful reminder of the purpose of the week.

The highlight of our fundraising efforts was the vibrant Market Afternoon, which brought excitement and energy to the school grounds. Students eagerly participated in a variety of stalls, each offering something unique and engaging. Popular attractions included the lolly bags and the ever-tempting chocolate factory. The book stall proved a treasure trove for keen readers, while the sticker stand was a hit with those looking for fun and creative items to take home.

Of course, no school market would be complete without a classic favourite—the “Guess the Lollies in the Jar” competition, which drew plenty of enthusiastic guesses and friendly competition throughout the afternoon.

Together, we continue to live out our mission of faith in action.



## Celebrating First Eucharist

Last weekend was a truly special and faith-filled occasion for our Year 4 students as they celebrated their First Eucharist. Surrounded by family, friends, and members of our parish community, the students reverently received the Body of Christ for the first time—an important and sacred step on their faith journey.

The celebration was a beautiful reflection of the students’ preparation, commitment, and growing understanding of the Eucharist as the heart of our Catholic faith. Their reverence and joy were evident throughout the Mass, making it a memorable experience for all who were present.



We extend our sincere thanks to Fr Larry for leading such a meaningful celebration and guiding our students with care and encouragement. His support throughout the preparation process and on the day itself was greatly appreciated.

We also acknowledge and thank the staff who worked closely with the students in the lead-up to this sacrament. Their dedication in nurturing the spiritual growth of our students and preparing them for this important milestone played a vital role in the success of the celebration.

The First Eucharist marks a significant step in each child’s ongoing faith journey, strengthening their connection with Christ and the Church community. We are incredibly proud of our Year 4 students and look forward to continuing to support them as they grow in faith and understanding.

May this special moment remain in their hearts for years to come.

*Simon Place*

**"FAITH IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE."**

MARTIN LUTHER KING

## A LEARNING COMMUNITY

BELINDA HOSKING - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### Mid-Year Reports

Mid-year reports will be sent home shortly, providing a valuable snapshot of your child's learning progress and achievements so far this year. These reports are designed to highlight strengths, identify areas for growth, and outline next steps to support continued development. Please note that the Mathematics curriculum has been updated this year, along with changes to the programs used across the school; as a result, some students' grades may differ from those in previous years. We encourage parents to take time to read the report with their child, celebrate successes, and discuss any challenges in a positive and supportive way. Setting small, achievable goals together can help build confidence and motivation for the semester ahead. If you have any questions or would like to further support your child's learning at home, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher—working in partnership is key to helping every student thrive.

### Randolph Stow 2026

The Randolph Stow Young Writers Award (RSYWA) competition will be open from 20 April to 5pm Friday 3 July 2026. The writing competition is organised by the Geraldton Regional Library and is open to all students from Year's Three to Year Twelve who live or study within the Midwest and Gascoyne Regions. The Award was named in honour of Geraldton-born and internationally acclaimed writer, Randolph Stow, and was introduced to encourage the creative talents of students in the art of poetry and prose. Since its inauguration in 1989 the Award has continued to gain increasing prestige throughout the region and the state. For more information please see classroom teachers or visit the Geraldton Library website.



### Andrew Chinn

Last week, the school was buzzing with excitement as we eagerly awaited the arrival of Andrew Chinn. Andrew spent nearly twenty years working as a classroom teacher in Catholic primary schools in Sydney, Australia, before moving into full-time music ministry. Since then, he has visited more than 1,200 Catholic primary schools and performed in over 4,000 concerts across Australia, New Zealand, the USA and Canada, sharing his music and faith with children, teachers and parents.

Andrew Chinn's visit was an engaging and inspiring experience for both students and staff. As a talented musician and songwriter, he captivated the audience with his energetic performance and meaningful songs, encouraging everyone to join in through singing and actions. The visit was a memorable highlight for our school community, reinforcing important values through music, joy and creativity.

### Term 3

The upcoming term promises to be a busy and exciting time, with many opportunities for students to learn and celebrate together. Events will include swimming lessons, Book Week and Science Week, the Athletics Carnival and the Poetry Festival. Please keep an eye on the school calendar and class forums for more information.

*Belinda Hosking*

# LIBRARY NEWS

Some important information about taking care of our Library Books



To save books from getting wet and damaged



Books MUST be put inside library bags which then needs to be put inside the school bag

If a book is damaged and not able to be repaired, an account will be sent home for a replacement to be purchased



## BOOK WEEK

Book Week is coming in term 3...

Dress Up day is Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August.

School holidays are a great time to get creative

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Parking and Student Drop-off/Pick-up

A reminder that there is no parking in the school car park for morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up, regardless of the weather, unless you have direct permission from the school.

Please make arrangements with your child to be dropped off or collected at one of the following locations:

- Catholic Centre
- Kiss and Drop at St Vinnie's
- QEII Carpark



The school car park is not designed for drop-off and pick-up and must remain accessible for those with approved needs.

### Term 3 dates: Week 1

Monday 20 July: Pupil Free Day (Staff Professional Learning)

Tuesday 21 July: Students commence Term 3, Open Classrooms all week 8.30am-8.45am

Tuesday 21 July: Semester 2 Year 6 Leaders - Badge Blessing Ceremony 2:30pm UCA

Wednesday 22 July: Swimming lessons start

Wednesday 22 July: Sacrament of Confirmation Parent/child meeting 5pm at Parish Centre



## ABSENTEES

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, it is important to advise the school, and parents are also required to do so by law with the reason why

You can advise the school by:

- phoning 99235800
- via the online app on the website <https://sfx.wa.edu.au/parent-portal/#absentee-form>
- email [admin@sfx.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@sfx.wa.edu.au) (*please avoid emailing a staff member directly as they might not be available*)



The absentee link on the website is now working. We thank you for your patience and understanding while we were working on this.

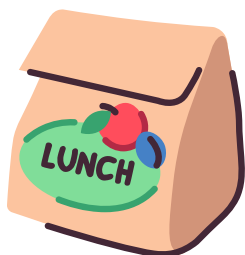
## CANTEEN NEWS

**As always a big thank you is extended to all of our helpers and volunteers in the canteen. Without you, our canteen cannot run as smoothly as it does.**



**If you have any time to spare, usually between 9am & 12:30pm on any of the canteen days, we would love to hear from you (even if it's just one day)**

**Our children love seeing family members, including grandparents, aunts & uncles, helping at their school**



**Great company, lunch and a cuppa is provided**

P&F NEWS

# SFX P *and* F News

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### July 1st Buddies and Bites

**An opportunity for the students to come together with their Buddies to share a sweet treat and a chat in the afternoon.**

### August 4<sup>th</sup> Morning Coffee Mixer

**All Parents welcome to come and meet in the morning for a chance to catch up and enjoy a coffee on us!**

### August 4<sup>th</sup> Evening Quarterly Meeting

**Meet us at 7pm at the catholic centre to find out what's happening this term for us at the P and F, to have your say on coming events and to find out what we are all about - new members very welcome!**

## CALLING VOLUNTEERS

Calling all Parents, Guardians, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles! We are looking for volunteers to assist the SFX P&F throughout the Festival of Athletics!

What is required? Just 30 minutes of your time to assist with the sale of;

**SNACKS & BEVERAGES -**

- Junior Jumps & Throws - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August
- Senior Jumps & Throws - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August

**SAUSAGES, SNACKS & BEVERAGES -**

- Athletics Carnival - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August

**DON'T WORRY - YOU WON'T MISS YOUR CHILD'S EVENTS!**  
As parents ourselves, we understand the importance of working work around the events schedule to ensure you're there for your children's special moments!

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST, PLEASE EMAIL [PANDF@SFX.WA.EDU.AU](mailto:pandf@sfx.wa.edu.au)**



## Contact Us:

**Email:** [pandf@sfx.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sfx.wa.edu.au)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1LmmZeHpTj/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

**ORANA CINEMAS  
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“MOANA” MOVIE PREMIERE**



**— ADULTS —**

**\$25**

**STUDENTS/CONCESSION**

**\$20**



**INCLUDES SMALL  
POPCORN & DRINK**

**Ticket Information:**

Tickets from Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre  
Or Phone 0438 804 191

**ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT AKOT VILLAGE  
SOUTH SUDAN**

# **BIG** *Garage Sale*



**Saturday 18th July**

**Sausage Sizzle, Bake Sale & Live Music**

**8am-2pm**

**Catholic Centre - Maitland Street**

**Enquiries: 0437814872**



**Money raised to Akot Village in South Sudan**



# THE SUNFLOWER STUDIOS **MASSIVE** SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



**237 MARINE TERRACE**



## **18 ART WORKSHOPS FOR KIDDOS**

**ACRYLICS, WATERCOLOURS, PRINTING, OIL PASTELS,  
CANVASES, PAINT A POT AND DISCO RECORDS**



**ALL TICKETS ON THE WEBSITE  
[WWW.SUNFLOWERGERALDTON.COM.AU](http://WWW.SUNFLOWERGERALDTON.COM.AU)  
SELECT SCHOOL HOLS ON THE MENU**



**SUNFLOWERGERALDTON**





Child and Parent Centre  
Rangeway



# Protective Behaviours

Thursday 2 July 2026, 9.30am to 11.30am

This information workshop is designed for parents and carers to explore Protective Behaviours. Learn how to support and empower children with strategies to promote safety through fun, age appropriate activities.

- ✓ Encourage children to recognise and express all types of feelings
- ✓ Help children identify situations that may cause them to feel worried, unsafe, or uncomfortable
- ✓ Support children in identifying safe people they can talk to about anything, and reinforce the importance of continuing to seek help until they feel heard
- ✓ Promote understanding of consent and the differences between public and private behaviours and spaces

Creche available - bookings essential.

Workshop at the Child and Parent Centre -  
Rangeway, entrance on Hovea Street.

**Book now**

0438 860 669

9921 6814

[Rangeway@ngala.com.au](mailto:Rangeway@ngala.com.au)



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# Virtual Child Health Service

Free for families across country WA

## Got a question about your child?

Child health nurses are here to support, guide and reassure families with children from birth to three years.

Join us virtually from a place that suits you or face-to-face at your local service.

## Purple Book checks

### 12 months (12–18 months):

- development, play, eating, sleep and toilet skills
- time to talk about what matters to your family.

### Two years (two–three years):

- supporting learning, language and confidence
- stories, songs and a Better Beginnings book box voucher.

## Virtual check-ins and parent support

### Birth to three years:

- a quick chat if something doesn't feel right
- early advice and referrals if needed
- support for parents doing Triple P Online.

**Your child. Your questions. Your choice.**

**Book your FREE virtual appointment today:**

📞 0400 339 827

✉ [WACHSVirtualChildHealthNurse@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:WACHSVirtualChildHealthNurse@health.wa.gov.au)

**Supporting you to raise healthy country kids**

#HealthyCountryKids





# Virtual Child Health Service

Connect with a child health nurse and other parents  
and carers online from a place that suits you.

A FREE service for country WA families.

## Early Parent Group

- For parents and carers of babies aged newborn to three months.
- Four one-hour sessions over four weeks – book into any session you choose.
- Meet others, share experiences and information on getting to know your baby, development and play, safety, sleep and settling.

## Solid Start

- For parents and carers of babies aged three to six months.
- A one-hour session about when and how to introduce solid foods to your baby.

## Let's Sleep

- For parents and carers of babies aged six to 12 months.
- A two-hour session about sleep patterns, bedtime tips and establishing good sleep routines.

## Terrific Toddlers

- Two one-hour sessions for parents and carers of toddlers aged one to three years.
- Session one – behaviour and sleep.
- Session two – eating and teaching your child toileting skills.

## Toilet Skills for Kindy

- A one-hour session for parents and carers of children aged 3-5 years.
- Overview of expected toilet skills for age and skills needed for independent toileting at school.
- Ideas to promote independence with toileting.
- Common road blocks and when to seek professional help.



Scan the QR code  
to book in for a  
virtual group today

# GERALDTON - HOLIDAY PROGRAM



**AUSKICK (5-7)**

**9.00AM - 12.00PM**



**SUPERKICK (8-12)**

**12.00PM - 3.00PM**



**Location:** Recreation Ground, Geraldton

**Day:** Tuesday

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> July

**Cost:** \$71.50

# SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED



**WAFootball.**



CAMP  
FAIRBRIDGE

Geraldton

per person  
per session

**\$30**

# JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Keep the kids active, adventurous, and connected these winter school holidays at **CAMP Fairbridge Geraldton!** Exciting school holiday programs packed with fun outdoor activities, creativity, and new friendships in a safe and supportive environment.

**Tuesday, 14 July 2026**

9 am - 12 pm | 6 - 9 years old & Parents  
Raft Building and Team Games

**OR**

1 pm - 4 pm | 10 - 15 years old Drop off  
Archery and Raft Building



**Wednesday, 15 July 2026**

9 am - 12 pm | 6 - 9 years old & Parents  
Orienteering and Shelter Building

**OR**

1 pm - 4 pm | 10 - 15 years old & Parents  
Bouldering, Archery, and Orienteering



**Thursday, 16 July 2026**

9 am - 12 pm | 6 - 9 years old & Parents  
Orienteering and Shelter Building

**OR**

1 pm - 4 pm | 10 - 15 years old Drop off  
Bouldering, Archery, and Orienteering



## CONTACT US:

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[campfairbridge.com.au](http://campfairbridge.com.au)

## CAMP ADDRESS:

347 Chapman Road

Bluff Point

Geraldton WA 6530

## TICKETS:

Scan this QR code to  
book your tickets!



## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- experienced instructors
- all equipment
- morning or afternoon tea