



Term 3, August 2026

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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LEADING COMMUNITY

JUSTINE SMITH - PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we reach the midpoint of the term, I would like to congratulate our students on the outstanding way they represented our school during swimming lessons in week one and two. Our staff received countless compliments regarding the students' behaviour, manners, and willingness to learn. Our students demonstrated excellent transition routines, resilience when faced with challenges, perseverance as they developed new skills, and respect towards instructors and staff. Most importantly, they gave things a go and supported one another throughout the program. Every student should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

Swimming is a vital life skill, particularly for children growing up in Australia. Beyond learning water safety, swimming lessons develop confidence, self-discipline, personal responsibility and resilience. Programs such as these can only be successful through the strong partnership between families, schools and swimming instructors. I would like to thank our staff for their organisation and supervision, our parents for ensuring students arrived prepared each day, and our students for embracing every opportunity to learn.

This week also provided an opportunity to reflect on the recently released Australian Government Anti-Bullying Rapid Review, which examined how schools across the country can continue to strengthen their approaches to preventing and responding to bullying. The review reinforces what we know to be true: creating safe, inclusive and respectful school communities requires a partnership between schools, students and families. At St Francis Xavier, we remain committed to fostering a culture where every child feels safe, valued and known. Families interested in learning more can access information through the Australian Government's website: <https://www.education.gov.au/antibullying-rapid-review>



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

BILL BRADLEY

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This week we celebrate one of the highlights of the school year, Book Week. Reading opens doors to imagination, knowledge, empathy and curiosity. It helps children develop language skills, strengthen their understanding of the world, and discover the joy that comes from losing themselves in a great book. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a beautifully resourced library at St Francis Xavier, and I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Boxall for the passion, care and expertise she brings to creating a wonderful reading environment for our students. Her dedication ensures our children have access to high-quality literature and opportunities to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Looking ahead, excitement is building for our Athletics Carnival in Week 6. Events such as these are about far more than ribbons and results. Athletics encourages students to challenge themselves, set personal goals, demonstrate perseverance, and celebrate individual improvement. It also develops teamwork, sportsmanship, resilience and school spirit as students cheer on their house teams and classmates. Whether a child is striving for a personal best, participating for the first time, or simply enjoying the experience with friends, every student has the opportunity to experience success and belonging.

As part of strengthening our partnership with families, we are also seeking expressions of interest from parents who may be interested in joining our Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC). A Catholic School Advisory Council provides parents and community members with structured opportunities to offer support, advice and expertise to the Principal and school leadership team. Advisory Council members contribute to our commitment to providing Christ-centred and child-focused learning environments and play an important role in supporting the school's vision and strategic direction. If you are interested in learning more or would like to express your interest, please email me directly. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this important ministry with you.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our school community. Together, we are helping our children grow academically, socially, physically and spiritually.

Justine Smith

2027 Term Dates

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Term 1	Thursday 28 January 2027 (Monday 25 January for staff)	Friday 9 April 2027
Term 2	Tuesday 27 April 2027 (ANZAC Day observance on Monday 26 April 2027)	Friday 25 June 2027 (Monday 28 June for Staff)
Term 3	Monday 19 July 2027	Friday 24 September 2027
Term 4	Monday 11 October 2027	Years K-10: Friday 10 December 2027 (Friday 17 December for staff)

'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

Carriers of the Lantern

Our Head Girl, Sienna, and Head Boy, Rocco, recently had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Nagle Education Alliance of Australia Conference at Iona Presentation College in Perth.



This special gathering brought together student leaders from schools connected to the rich tradition of Nano Nagle, the foundress of the Presentation Sisters. Throughout the conference, Sienna and Rocco learned more about Nano Nagle's remarkable story and her unwavering commitment to serving others, particularly those most in need. Her vision of education, compassion, and faith continues to inspire Presentation communities around the world today.

For our student leaders, the conference was a valuable chance to deepen their understanding of the heritage that lies at the heart of our school. They participated in a range of engaging activities, discussions, and leadership experiences that encouraged them to reflect on how they can make a positive difference within our own school community.

The conference was especially meaningful given the strong connection between Nano Nagle and St Francis Xavier Primary School. The Presentation Sisters, whose mission was inspired by Nano Nagle, established our school in 1978, laying the foundations for the thriving community we enjoy today. Learning firsthand about this history helped Sienna and Rocco gain a greater appreciation of the values and traditions that continue to shape our school.

We are incredibly proud of the way Sienna and Rocco represented St Francis Xavier Primary School throughout the conference. We look forward to seeing them share their experiences and insights with their fellow students as they continue to lead with courage, compassion, and service, following in the footsteps of Nano Nagle.

Confirmation Preparation

As we journey through this important season of faith, we ask our school community to keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in September.

Confirmation is a significant milestone in the spiritual lives of our young people, as they deepen their relationship with God and are strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Over the coming weeks, our candidates will continue their preparation through prayer, reflection, and learning as they grow in faith and understanding.



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

Understanding your child's NAPLAN report

NAPLAN reports have now been distributed to families. These reports provide a valuable snapshot of your child's literacy and numeracy skills and can be used alongside classroom assessments, reports, and teacher feedback to develop learning goals for Semester 2. NAPLAN is just one measure of achievement and should be considered as part of a broader picture of your child's progress.

Parents are encouraged to review their child's results and identify areas of strength as well as areas for growth. The achievement categories of Exceeding, Strong, Developing, and Needs Additional Support indicate how a student is progressing against national proficiency standards and can help guide conversations about future learning goals.

When setting Semester 2 goals, consider focusing on one or two specific areas, such as reading comprehension, writing stamina, spelling accuracy, or problem-solving in mathematics. Discussing these goals with your child's teacher can help ensure they are realistic, targeted, and supported both at school and at home.

For families seeking more information about interpreting NAPLAN results, helpful resources are available on the NAPLAN website at www.nap.edu.au, including guides for parents and explanations of the Individual Student Report.

Randolph Stow Writing Competition

We are looking forward to the upcoming Randolph Stow Presentation Evening on **Wednesday, 27 August**. It has been wonderful to see so many SFX students entering their writing pieces and sharing their creativity and talent. We are incredibly proud of all students who participated and look forward to sharing the competition results with our school community. Congratulations to everyone who entered, and we wish all participants the very best.

SFX Poetry and Music Festival

We are excited to host our annual Poetry and Music Festival on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd September**. This special event celebrates students' creativity, confidence, and performance skills through a variety of presentations.

Students will showcase their talents in poetry recitals (solo, duo, and trio categories), class choral speaking performances, and musical pieces performed by our piano and guitar students.

Choral speaking is a highlight of the festival, providing students with opportunities to develop oral language, expression, fluency, and public speaking skills while working collaboratively as a team. Participation in poetry and music performances also builds confidence, resilience, and an appreciation for the arts.

We look forward to celebrating the hard work and achievements of our students and sharing this wonderful event with our school community.

National Science Week 2026

This week, students will celebrate National Science Week, Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. The 2026

theme, "Seeds of Science: Nurturing Knowledge for All," encourages students to explore curiosity, inquiry, and how knowledge grows through discovery, collaboration, and learning.

Throughout the week, students will participate in a variety of engaging science activities designed to spark curiosity, develop critical thinking skills, and foster a love of learning.



Belinda Hosking

LIBRARY NEWS



A vibrant poster for Book Week. At the top, the words 'BOOK WEEK' are written in large, colorful, block letters. To the left is a large purple treble clef, and to the right is a dark blue cloud-like shape containing the text 'A SYMPHONY OF Stories' in white and yellow. Below this, a purple banner reads 'CELEBRATING STORIES. IGNITING IMAGINATIONS.' with stars on either side. A calendar icon with a red checkmark is next to the dates '17 – 21 AUGUST 2026' in large white letters on a teal background. Below the dates, a yellow banner says 'CELEBRATED IN WEEK FIVE OF TERM THREE.' The left side features five circular icons with corresponding text: a book icon for 'LIBRARY ACTIVITIES', a group of people for 'CLASS ACTIVITIES', two people reading for 'BUDDY CLASS', a microphone for 'OPENING ACT', and a top hat/mask for 'PRIZES'. On the right, a large rounded rectangle contains the text 'BOOK COSTUME PARADE' in large pink and purple letters, followed by 'THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2026' and 'AT 9 AM' in white on pink and yellow banners, and 'PARENTS WELCOME!' in white on a blue banner. At the bottom, five cartoon characters are shown: a grey wolf playing a saxophone, a pug holding maracas, a pink unicorn playing a guitar, the Cat in the Hat playing a violin, and a brown monster playing a double bass. They are all standing on a rainbow.

BOOK WEEK

A SYMPHONY OF Stories

CELEBRATING STORIES. IGNITING IMAGINATIONS.

17 – 21 AUGUST 2026

CELEBRATED IN WEEK FIVE OF TERM THREE.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES
Daily Book Week fun in the library.

CLASS ACTIVITIES
Each year level will enjoy different classroom activities.

BUDDY CLASS
Share a story with your buddy class after the parade.

OPENING ACT
Year five students present the Very Noisy Bear with Ms Anita and Mrs Boxall.

PRIZES
Awards for the best and most creative costumes!

BOOK COSTUME PARADE

THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2026

AT 9 AM

PARENTS WELCOME!

SPORT NEWS



The poster features a vibrant background with a blue sky, stylized clouds, and a pink running track leading towards the horizon. On the left, a gold medal with the number '1' is shown, and on the right, a silver medal with the number '2' is shown. The main title '2026 SFX ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DATES' is written in large, bold, blue and red letters. Below the title, a red oval contains the text 'WEEK 6'. The poster is divided into three main sections, each with a dark blue header and a light blue box containing details. The first section is for 'Junior Jumps and Throws (Years 1, 2 & 3)' on Monday 24th August 2026, from 9:30 AM to 2:45 PM at SFX Senior Oval. The second section is for 'Senior Jumps and Throws (Years 4, 5 & 6)' on Tuesday 25th August 2026, from 9 AM to 3 PM at SFX Senior Oval. The third section is for the 'Athletics Carnival (Years PP - 6)' on Thursday 27th August 2026, from 8:45 AM to 3 PM at Little Athletics Club, Wonthella. At the bottom, a white banner with blue text states: 'ON THE ALLOCATED DAY STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM AND FACTION SHIRT'. Icons of a calendar, a clock, and a location pin are used to denote date, time, and location respectively.

2026 SFX ATHLETICS CARNIVAL DATES

WEEK 6

Junior Jumps and Throws (Years 1, 2 & 3)

 **Monday 24th August 2026**

 **9:30 AM – 2:45 PM**

 **SFX Senior Oval**

Senior Jumps and Throws (Years 4, 5 & 6)

 **Tuesday 25th August 2026**

 **9 AM – 3 PM**

 **SFX Senior Oval**

Athletics Carnival (Years PP – 6)

 **Thursday 27th August 2026**

 **8:45 AM – 3 PM**

 **Little Athletics Club, Wonthella**

ON THE ALLOCATED DAY STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR SPORTS UNIFORM AND FACTION SHIRT

CANTEEN NEWS

Athletics Carnival Menu

Please confirm your Child's faction on the lunch order

Xavier Griffin Thomas Nagle

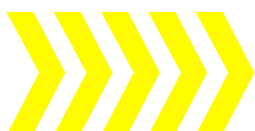
*Chicken Salad Roll \$6.50 *Ham Salad Roll \$6.50

*Chicken Burger \$6.50 *Hamburger \$6.50 * Hot Dog \$4.50

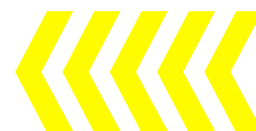
*Plain Meat Pie \$4.50 *Giant Sausage Roll \$4.50 *Tomato Sauce.60c

*Water 600ml \$2.50 *Juice Bomb \$3.00 *Just Juice \$2.50

Now available on Quickcliq



IMPORTANT



Any orders that have special dietary requirements must be placed in person at the canteen



CUT OFF FOR ORDERS FOR CARNIVAL
DAY IS MONDAY AUGUST 24 AT 9AM



**THE WEATHER HAS BEEN
SO COLD THIS
WINTER**

**FRESHLY COOKED, HOMEMADE
HOT MEALS ARE A GREAT WAY
TO TAKE THE EDGE OFF**



**PIZZA'S, MUFFINS AND
MUCH MORE
ARE ALL MADE IN OUR
VERY OWN SFX CANTEEN**

**CHECK OUT THE MENU
OPTIONS
ON QUICKCLIQ**

**[HTTPS://SFX.WA.EDU.AU/P
ARENT-PORTAL/CANTEEN/#](https://sfx.wa.edu.au/parent-portal/canteen/#)**





OUR SCHOOL
CANTEEN IS
LOOKING
FOR MORE
VOLUNTEERS

OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS
HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD
FOR MANY YEARS AND
ARE WELL OVERDUE FOR
A WELL EARNED
BREAK

IF YOU HAVE SOME
TIME TO SPARE
BETWEEN 9AM AND
12:30PM ON ANY
MONDAY, TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY OR
FRIDAY
WE WOULD LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU

PLEASE CONTACT
ADMIN
ON 9923 5800
OR EMAIL
ADMIN@SFX.WA.EDU.AU

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

P&F NEWS

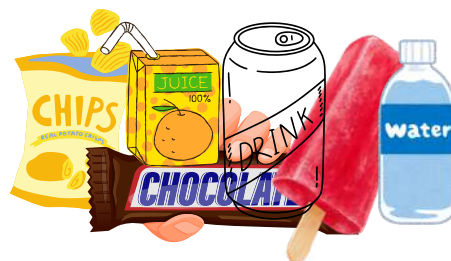
Thankyou to all of our volunteers who helped bring a smile to our little swimmers faces with a hot chocolate.



It's moments like these that make what we do worthwhile! We couldn't do it without you!



Jumps & Throws is coming up



Then don't miss us again at the Sports Carnival



The P&F will have a range of chocolates, chips, icy poles, soft drinks, juice and water for sale

We will have all your favourites plus lunch covered too! Gluten Free and Vegan options available. Cash preferred but eftpos will be available

BUT

Stall availability is pending volunteer involvement.
DETAILS ATTACHED



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 24th August
- Senior Jumps & Throws - Tuesday 25th August

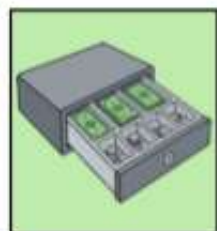
SAUSAGES, SNACKS & BEVERAGES -

- Athletics Carnival - Thursday 27th 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



COMMUNITY NEWS



BOOK WEEK

ONE MORE ADVENTURE

THE PARADE AFTER THE PARADES



9:30AM - 11AM
Saturday 29 August



Meet at Edith
Cowan Square



COSTUMES ENCOURAGED



**PRAMS, BIKES, TRIKES
WELCOME**



WALK ALONG THE FORESHORE

FREE EVENT

**SHAKERS & HOMEMADE INSTRUMENTS
OPTIONAL**

This isn't a drop-off activity.
If your child needs support or supervision, please come along with them.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!



PLAY. BELONG. GROW.

PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

- ✓ UNDER 10 (YEAR 3/4)
- ✓ UNDER 12 (YEAR 5/6)
- ✓ UNDER 14 (YEAR 7/8)
- ✓ UNDER 17 (YEARS 9-11)

REGISTER NOW

NEW SEASON COMMENCES TERM 4

BOYS & GIRLS • AGES 8 - 17 • ALL ABILITIES WELCOME



OR REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/b904d3>

SCAN TO REGISTER



SCAN TO REGISTER TODAY!

#TOWNSPROUD



YEAR 5 PLAYERS *in 2027!*

GNA CLUBS ARE NOW TAKING ENQUIRIES!



GNA Clubs are now taking enquiries for players in Year 5 in 2027.



If you have a preferred club, please ensure you get in touch with the club **ASAP** as numbers will be capped & **fill fast**.



If you would like a list of club contacts please contact GNA office on admin@gna.asn.au for a copy.



Get in touch with your preferred club today! !