



Term 3, September 2026

ST FRANCIS XAVIER COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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LEADING COMMUNITY

JUSTINE SMITH - PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come to the end of another wonderful term at St Francis Xavier Primary School, I have been reflecting on the many moments that have made me proud to be part of this community. One memory, in particular, stands out. During our Jumps and Throws Carnival, I spent some time watching the Year 4 boys compete. While there were certainly some impressive athletic performances, what caught my attention was not the distances jumped or the lengths thrown. It was the way the boys treated one another. After each event, they congratulated those who had done well and encouraged those who were disappointed. There were handshakes, high fives, pats on the back, words of encouragement and genuine acknowledgements of each other's efforts. There was joy in success and compassion in disappointment. In that moment, I was reminded of exactly what we are about at SFX.

Our school values are not simply words on a wall. They are lived out each day through the actions of our students. Compassion, honesty, respect, inclusivity and self-control are most powerful when demonstrated in ordinary moments, and what I witnessed at the carnival was a beautiful example of young people putting these values into practice. It was sport teaching life lessons, and it was a joy to see.

These qualities do not develop by chance. They are nurtured through the dedicated work of our staff and through the strong partnership we share with you, our parents, caregivers and families. Together, we help our children learn not only how to achieve, but also how to support others, show resilience, celebrate success with humility and face challenges with grace. Thank you for the role you play in helping us form young people of strong character and faith.



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

BILL BRADLEY

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As always, the term has been incredibly busy, providing our students with a wide range of opportunities to learn, grow and flourish. Our students have challenged themselves through Athletics Carnivals, AFL Football, interschool sport and many other sporting pursuits. They have stretched their thinking through the Numero Competition and engaged in rich learning experiences across all curriculum areas. Their creativity has been showcased through the Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards, while their confidence in speaking and performing has shone at the Music and Poetry Festival. Students have also embraced instrumental music lessons and choir, sharing their talents with others.

Our faith journey has remained at the centre of all we do, with many students preparing for and celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the same time, our commitment to wellbeing has continued through Buddy Time, Friendology activities and the many opportunities we provide for students to build positive relationships and a strong sense of belonging.

When I reflect on all of these experiences, I am reminded that this is who we are at SFX. We are a community that values academic growth, sporting endeavour, creative expression, faith formation and personal wellbeing. We see each child as a valued member of our community, and we provide opportunities for each student to discover their strengths, develop their character and experience success.

As we head into the holiday break, I thank our staff for their incredible dedication and commitment throughout the term. I also thank our families for your ongoing support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we continue to create a school community where every child is known, valued and inspired to be their very best.

I wish all our students, families and staff a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break, and I look forward to all that awaits us in Term 4.

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

SFX Climate Survey 2026: Feedback



1. Living Our Faith Every Day: Catholic Identity in Practice

One of the strongest areas identified in the 2026 Parent and Caregiver Survey was Catholic Identity in Practice. Families indicated that the Catholic faith is clearly visible in the life of our school and reflected in the relationships, values and experiences we provide for students.

At St Francis Xavier, our Catholic identity extends beyond prayer and liturgical celebrations. It is evident in the way students are encouraged to show compassion, respect and service to others each day. Parents and caregivers recognised the school's commitment to helping students grow in faith while developing strong moral values and a sense of social responsibility.

We thank our families for partnering with us in nurturing our students' faith journey and helping us create a community centred on Gospel values.

Five-Day Kindy Survey reopened

The survey has been reopened to give families an opportunity to provide feedback on the potential introduction of a five-day Kindy program.

If you didn't get a chance to respond to the 'Potential 5-Day Kindergarten Survey' sent out in June, now is your chance! We are seeking further 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. Thank you in advance for taking the time to contribute your thoughts.

[Potential 5 Day Kindergarten Survey.](#)

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A FAITH COMMUNITY

SIMON PLACE - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Sacrament of Confirmation

Earlier this term, our Year 6 students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation, an important milestone in their faith journey. Surrounded by family, friends, staff, and parish members, the students prayerfully received the gifts of the Holy Spirit and strengthened their commitment to living as followers of Christ.



We extend our sincere thanks to Bishop Michael and Fr Tai for officiating this special celebration and helping make the occasion such a meaningful experience for our students and families.

As part of their preparation, students learned about the gifts of the Holy Spirit, including wisdom, understanding, courage, and knowledge, and explored the fruits of the Holy Spirit such as kindness, patience, self-control, and love. They reflected on how these qualities can guide their choices and actions each day.

A highlight of the preparation process was researching and selecting a Confirmation saint. Students thoughtfully considered the lives of various saints before choosing one whose faith and example inspired them. These saints now serve as role models for our students as they continue to grow in their faith.

Congratulations to all of our Year 6 students on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen them in the years ahead.



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

MARTIN LUTHER KING

Year 5 Flotsam and Jetsam Exhibition

Our Year 5 students recently showcased their creativity and environmental awareness through the Flotsam and Jetsam Exhibition. Using their imagination and ingenuity, students transformed rubbish collected from the ocean into unique works of art.

The exhibition highlighted not only the students' artistic talents but also their understanding of the importance of caring for our environment. By reusing discarded materials, they demonstrated how creative thinking can help reduce waste and protect our world.

This project was a wonderful example of Pope Francis' Laudato Si' message, encouraging us to be responsible stewards of God's creation and care for our common home. Through their artwork, students showed that small actions can make a meaningful difference.

Congratulations to all of our Year 5 students on their outstanding efforts. Their creations were a true celebration of sustainability, innovation, and environmental stewardship. The exhibition was enjoyed by all who attended and served as a powerful reminder that rubbish can be transformed into something truly special.



Mrs Smith award - Annie Shepherd "Earl the Pearl"
Mr Place award - Evie Eastman "The Geraldton Jellyfish"
Mrs Hosking award - Harper Liprino "Octopus"
Mrs Horton award - Grace Melbin "HMAS Sydney"
People's Choice - Ella Wilson "Jellyfish Ocean"

Simon Place

A LEARNING COMMUNITY

BELINDA HOSKING - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Athletics Carnival Celebrations

Our Athletics Carnival was a wonderful celebration of participation, effort and school spirit. Students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the day, encouraging one another, showing respect and always striving to do their best.

It was inspiring to see our school values on display as students showed perseverance, teamwork and resilience in every event. We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented themselves, their houses and our school community. Well done to everyone who participated and contributed to such a positive and successful day.

Championship Results:

Yr 1 Girls:	Champion	Lakey B
	Runner-Up	Stella B
Yr 1 Boys:	Champion	Kyenana W
	Runner-Up	Alexander P
Yr 2 Girls:	Champion	Chanda-Rose W
	Runner Up	Maya P
Yr 2 Boys:	Champion	Patrick S
	Runner Up	Jordy H
Yr 3 Girls:	Champion	Shiloh B
	Runner Up	Anna R
Yr 3 Boys:	Champion	William P
	Runner Up	Hamish O
Yr 4 Girls:	Champion	Evie M
	Runner Up	Lulu C
Yr 4 Boys:	Champion	Linux B
	Runner Up	Corbin M
Yr 5 Girls:	Champion	Harper L
	Runner Up	Chloe F
Yr 5 Boys:	Champion	Lucas B
	Runner Up	Hunter C
Yr 6 Girls:	Champion	Saoirse B
	Runner Up	Alice K
Yr 6 Boys:	Champion	Samuel L
	Runner Up	Ryker L

Regional Numero Competition Success

Congratulations to our talented teams of Year 6 students who proudly represented St Francis Xavier Primary School at the Regional Numero Competition held at Allendale Primary School. Competing against 18 teams from across the region, our students demonstrated outstanding mathematical thinking, teamwork and strategic problem-solving throughout the day.

We are thrilled to celebrate the impressive achievements of one of our teams, SFX Gold, who placed in the following sections:

- 1st Place – Scramble
- 2nd Place – Top Team Take
- Equal 4th Overall out of 18 teams



These fantastic results are a testament to the students' dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm for mathematics. We are incredibly proud of the way all of the selected students represented our school and congratulate them on their excellent performance.



Australian Maths Competition

Congratulations to the students from Years 3 to 6 who recently participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. We are proud of their willingness to challenge themselves and apply their mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills in this national competition.

A special congratulations goes to Olivia, Elijah and Archie, who each achieved a Certificate of Distinction, an outstanding result that reflects their dedication, perseverance and mathematical ability.

We commend all participating students for their effort and enthusiasm, and for representing St Francis Xavier Primary School so proudly. Well done on your achievements!

Belinda Hosking

ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN FOR 2028 & BEYOND

**WE ARE TAKING
ENROLMENTS
FOR 2028
AND BEYOND**



**PLACES ARE FILLING FAST
FOR 2028 & 2029
FOR BOTH
THE 3YO PROGRAM &
KINDERGARTEN**



**IF YOU INTEND TO ENROL SIBLINGS AND/OR
KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS LOOKING TO ENROL,
PLEASE COLLECT AN ENROLMENT PACK ASAP**

**ONLINE ENQUIRIES [HTTPS://SFX.WA.EDU.AU/PARENT-
PORTAL/ENROLMENTS/](https://sfx.wa.edu.au/parent-portal/enrolments/)**

LIBRARY NEWS

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FOR OUR

BOOK
FAIR!

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OCTOBER 26
TO
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 29

BOOK FAIRS HELP YOUR SCHOOL STOCK UP ON
RESOURCES TO ENRICH YOUR CHILDREN'S
EDUCATION. BEST OF ALL, EACH FAIR
PROVIDES KIDS ACCESS TO MORE BOOKS.



SO, SAVE THE DATE AND
GET YOUR CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING IN EARLY



SPORT NEWS

Interschool Athletics

Our students recently represented St Francis Xavier Primary School with pride at the annual Interschool Sports Carnivals. It was a wonderful day of competition, teamwork, determination and school spirit, with students giving their very best in every event.

We were incredibly proud of the way our students conducted themselves throughout the day. Whether competing on the track, in the field events, team games or cheering on their teammates from the sidelines, they demonstrated resilience, encouragement and outstanding sportsmanship. These qualities are just as important as the results achieved and reflect the values we strive to nurture at SFX.

Congratulations to all students who competed and represented our school so positively. A special congratulations to:

Sunny Sharpe - Intermediate Runner Up Champion Boy

Thank you to our staff for their preparation and support, especially to Mr Miller and to the many families who attended and cheered on our students throughout the day. Your encouragement helped create a wonderful atmosphere and made the carnival a memorable experience for everyone involved.

Well done, SFX! We look forward to building on this success in future sporting events.



CANTEEN NEWS



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

Our school has been asked to circulate the information below regarding the Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) 2026 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning, that is being conducted by CSPA and the University of New England. Those interested in participating can click the link in the notice below for more information, and for contact details of the research team should you have any questions.

National Parent Survey!

The CSPA 2026 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is interested in the perspectives of parents/carers of one or more children who attend a Catholic School in Australia. Parents/carers who would like to share their views on existing and emerging concerns and interests they may have in relation to their child/children's wellbeing and learning are invited to consider completing this anonymous, confidential, and completely voluntary online survey. More information about the study, how to have any questions answered and how to participate can be found using the link below. Thank you for your interest!

https://unesurveys.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bDFBiwnMuAjBOUe

This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of New England (Approval No. HE-2026-3196-6429, Valid to 18/12/2026)



IMPORTANT DATES

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)

COMMUNITY NEWS

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DISCOVER SAILING DAY

discoversailing.org.au

SUN 11 OCTOBER • 11am – 1 pm





REGISTER NOW

SUN 11 OCTOBER • 11am – 1 pm





GERALDTON PORT BOAT TOURS

There's never been a better time to explore the Port!

10 & 11 October 2026

Experience the sights, sounds and scale of our working port from the water while seeing firsthand how the port is evolving for the future.

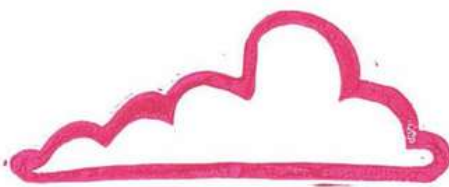
Tickets on sale from 18 September

Booking link

bit.ly/4xb8pUI

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BIG SKY kids festival
BIG SKY KIDS FESTIVAL

Kids Sunday Funday

Returns Sunday 25 October

9.30am-12.30pm

for a morning of

FUN and GAMES at the Geraldton Regional Library

Activities under the tent @ Library carpark, Chapman Rd.

Free event, no bookings required. Get crafty and creative!

Face painting with Fairy Jo.

**** Enjoy listening to Children's Authors and Storyteller
Extraordinaires, Kylie Howarth and Mark Evans ****

Big Sky Book Fair (new and secondhand books for sale).

ARTS and CRAFTS, Storytelling, GAMES, Facepainting



*All ages.
Coffee van on site.*



TREASURE MADE HOLIDAY MAKERS

90-minute creative workshops during the school holidays at **The Zone**



Little Makers

Ages 6–10

Wood Art • 3D Art Painting •
Mosaics • Nature &
Mixed-Media Collage

\$35



Junior Makers

Ages 11–15

Wood Burning • Stained Glass •
Mosaics • Nature &
Mixed-Media Collage

\$35



Create Together

Adult + Child

Available at all
craft sessions

\$60
for two makers



Play + Create

Gaming +
90-minute
craft session

\$70



Gaming Only

Up to
4 hours
gaming

\$50

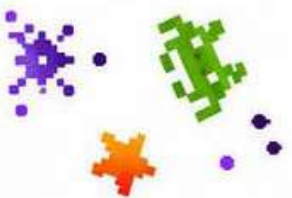


One can play. One can create. Or do a bit of both.



Interested? Comment below or send us
a message with your child's age and preferred option.





• **COMPUTER GAMING** •
MORE THAN JUST GAMING



2026 SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Play. Create. Or Do Both.

Gaming sessions at The Zone + Treasure Made Holiday Makers workshops

GENERAL PLAY
- \$50

MINECRAFT COMPETITION
- \$60

HOLIDAY MAKERS
- \$35

PLAY + CREATE
- \$70

CREATE TOGETHER
- \$60/pair

♡ Create Together is available at all Holiday Makers sessions.

WEEK 1		Mon 28 Sept	Tue 29 Sept	Wed 30 Sept	Thu 1 Oct	Fri 2 Oct	Sat 3 Oct
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PM 2pm-6pm	GENERAL PLAY 9am-1pm HOLIDAY MAKERS Little Makers - Wood Painting 2:30pm - 4:00pm Junior Makers - Wood Burning 4:30pm - 6:00pm	GENERAL PLAY 2pm-6pm	GENERAL PLAY 2pm-6pm	GENERAL PLAY 2pm-6pm	GENERAL PLAY 2pm-6pm	GENERAL PLAY 2pm-6pm	GENERAL PLAY 2pm-6pm
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Geraldton WA



REGIONAL STEM ROADSHOW

COMMUNITY, COUNTRY & CITIZEN SCIENCE

JURIEN BAY

Thursday 1st October
Shire of Dandaragan
Classrooms 2 & 3
67 Bashford St,
Jurien Bay

GERALDTON

Fri 2nd & Sat 3rd October
Geraldton Multipurpose
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Geraldton

FREE FAMILY EVENT!

WORKSHOPS ~ TWO-WAY SCIENCE
ACTIVITIES ~ LOCAL EXPERTS STALLS

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www.wagouldleague.com.au

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WA



Government of Western Australia
Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation

Club
Wonthella

JUNIOR LAWN BOWLS

Play
Learn
Make Friends
Have Fun!

Football not
their thing?

Rugby not
for them?

Soccer not quite
hitting the mark?

Cricket not their
cup of tea?

Looking for
something a little
different for
your child?

Why not give
LAWN BOWLS
a go!

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST!

Wonthella Bowling Club is looking at starting a Junior Lawn Bowls Program, and we want to find out how much interest there is from local kids and families.

Lawn bowls is a great sport for boys and girls of all abilities – and you don't need to be the fastest, strongest or most athletic kid on the field!



Learn a new skill



Develop confidence and concentration



Make new friends



Have plenty of fun



Get involved in our local community



Maybe even discover a sport they absolutely love!

NEVER PLAYED BEFORE? NO WORRIES!

We've got the bowls, the green and plenty of people ready to help get them started.



Junior players
of all abilities
welcome



Equipment
will be
provided



Wonthella
Bowling Club



Boys
and girls
welcome!

Interested?



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or call Reeva 0400624072



We're currently seeking Expressions of Interest so we can work out the best age groups, format and times for the program.

Wonthella Bowling Club – giving kids another way to play, learn and belong. ♥



Midwest School Holiday Events

Programs for young people aged 7-12 who are at risk of developing a mental health challenge.

Art for the Mind

A supportive and engaging workshop where kids explore their emotions through fun and creative activities. Includes an excursion to Geraldton Cinema.

September 30 & 1 October

9AM - 3:30PM

192 Marine Terrace,
Geraldton



Scan the QR Code to register your interest online or head to: helpingminds.org.au/school-holidays



Helping Minds

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PLAY JUNIOR CRICKET

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

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OR REGISTER ONLINE TODAY

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SCAN TO REGISTER



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