



10 December 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers

At the start of the school year I encouraged families to take a mental snapshot of their child as a way of reflecting on their growth throughout the school year. As a school leader, I take this opportunity to reflect on our collective achievements as a learning community.

In literacy and numeracy, children’s learning outcomes have greatly improved. Our NAPLAN results show the school growth compared to CEWA, CEWA Similar Schools, WA and National growth over the past four years has steadily increased.

2016- 2018					2017-2019				
CEWA	CEWA SIM.	WA	National	School	CEWA	CEWA SIM.	WA	National	School
85	80	86	83	91	82	81	80	75	102
93	93	95	92	103	89	84	70	86	104
44	54	45	44	37	64	63	81	60	81
74	77	75	67	104	68	66	74	60	78
88	87	88	82	106	91	94	87	85	103

**KEY**

	More than 10 above NAPLAN units than the national mean
	More than 5 above NAPLAN units than the national mean
	+ or – 5 NAPLAN units of national mean
	More than 5 below NAPLAN units than the national mean
	More than 10 below NAPLAN units than the national mean

But NAPLAN is only one measure of our school community’s success. As a diverse learning community, we have also excelled in our specialist areas. Music, Science, Physical Education and Media Arts has had an amazing impact on our school and enabled all children opportunities to engage in a range of learning experiences. Our Choir, Numero, TOMS, Spelling Bee, Solar Challenge, Red Ball Tennis and many other learning activities are a testament to the commitment of staff in ensuring all children have opportunities to achieve.

As an educational community our focus is developing the whole child to be Christ Centred, life-long learners. I am extremely proud to see children’s confidence and resilience as learners develop. The friendship and support students display to each other cannot be measured however, I know that our values of inclusivity, respect, honesty, compassion and self-control are an authentic part of our school.

Reports will be sent home later this week. Whilst celebrating your child’s growth I encourage you to reflect on more than just the curriculum and celebrate the achievements they have made as lifelong learners.

Earlier in the year communication regarding changes to Catholic Education Governance Structure was also provided. An update of changes is outlined below.

Following the Bishops' decision to incorporate Catholic education in Western Australia earlier this year, I am pleased to inform you the new company is now registered as Catholic Education Western Australia Limited (CEWA Ltd). CEWA Ltd will commence operation from 1 January 2020, with the four diocesan Bishops as the owners, who in turn will appoint a Board of Commissioners to provide strategic governance of the system.

The Bishops have continuously improved the governance of Catholic education in WA, starting 50 years ago when they agreed to combine their four dioceses under the governance of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia (CECWA). Incorporation ensures your child and our school community continue to benefit from membership of a system of 76,000 students enrolled in 163 schools. The CECWA will cease its governance on 31 December 2019 and the Bishops will announce the full membership of the new CEWA Ltd Board of Commissioners in due course.

Our school will become part of CEWA Ltd on 1 January 2020. I ask you to join me in welcoming and supporting our move to a more contemporary governance structure. As in all the Bishops' decisions, it is made in the best interests of our students in their community of faith. The change in governance will have minimal effect on the operations of our school.

This communication serves to notify you that the rights and obligations under your enrolment agreement and other laws will transfer to CEWA Ltd from 1 January 2020.

Staffing for 2020 is also included in this final newsletter. As a school community we are truly blessed with a dedicated and committed staff. Our focus is always on the students and continuing to improve our practice to meet the diverse social, emotional, spiritual and educational needs of the students we are entrusted to serve. Every attempt has been made to ensure accuracy in the staff list, however changes may be required.

As the 2019 school year closes, I thank all families for the opportunity and privilege to lead the school community. I look forward to continuing to work with the Staff to develop a school community which encompasses the needs of students, exceeds the expectations of parents and reflects the values of the Church.

I wish all families a safe and holy holiday period.

God Bless

Ben Doyle  
Principal



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL 2020 DRAFT Staffing

<b>PRINCIPAL AND TEACHERS</b>	
<b>Principal</b>	Ben Doyle
<b>Assistant Principal RE and Pastoral Care</b>	Murray Gardiner
<b>Assistant Principal Curriculum</b>	Judi Hollands
<b>3YO Kindergarten</b>	Jayne Shepherd
<b>Kindergarten S</b>	Jayne Shepherd
<b>Kindergarten G</b>	Beth Gaudio
<b>Pre Primary A</b>	Kym Abbott
<b>Pre Primary D</b>	Sarah D'Mello
<b>Year 1</b>	Melinda Jupp
<b>Year 1</b>	Michele Russell
<b>Year 2</b>	Gemma Clarkson
<b>Year 2</b>	Theresa Wells
<b>Year 3</b>	Mikala Cooper
<b>Year 3</b>	Madeline Harwood
<b>Year 4</b>	Leanne Voss
<b>Year 4</b>	Michael Patrick
<b>Year 5</b>	Sue Schneider
<b>Year 5</b>	Simon Place
<b>Year 6</b>	Megan Drennan
<b>Year 6</b>	Mia Quarrington-Rhodes
<b>Disability Support /Support Coordinator</b>	Peta Turner
<b>Science</b>	Karen Valenti Kindy – Yr 2 Peta Stokes Yr 3 – 6
<b>Music</b>	Alida Crothers (Mon – Thursday) Meg Whyatt (Friday)
<b>Physical Education</b>	Alisha Wyatt (Monday – Thursday)
<b>Media Arts</b>	Murray Gardiner, Judi Hollands, Ben Doyle, Karen Valenti
<b>LOTE</b>	Joanne Chan (Yr 3 – 6)
<b>TEACHING ASSISTANTS</b>	
<b>Play Group</b>	Natassja Beaver (Mon and Fri)
<b>3YO Kindergarten</b>	Priscilla Townsend (Mon and Fri)
<b>Kindergarten S</b>	Kim Keefe (Tues – Thurs) Natassja (Wed and Thurs), Jo McGuire (Tues)
<b>Kindergarten G</b>	Daisy Mercer (Tues – Thurs) Michelle Burke (Tues – Thurs)
<b>Pre Primary D</b>	Renee Clark (AM)
<b>Pre Primary C</b>	Elizabeth Cook (AM)
<b>Student with Disability Teaching Assistant</b>	Anna Caniglia and Jo McGuire
<b>Class Support Teaching Assistants</b>	Debbie Rigby, Leanne Orlando, Michelle Barley
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEES</b>	
<b>Administration Officers</b>	Jane Quarrington – Finance Officer Michelle Lingius – Finance Officer Jody – Reception
<b>Library Technician</b>	Debbie Boxall
<b>ICT Technician</b>	Greg Hollands (Mon and Wed)
<b>Canteen</b>	Linda Zammit (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
<b>Liturgical Singing</b>	Murray Gardiner
<b>Grounds</b>	Brett Miller, Lino Andreoli (Casual)

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2019

Churches	Christmas Eve			Christmas Day	
	Vigil	Carols	Night	Morning	
St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Geraldton	6:00pm	9:30pm	10pm	7:30 & 9:30	No evening Mass
St. John's Church Lot 1931, Off Banksia Street, Rangeway	6:30pm			8:30am	
St. Peter's Church 54 Gregory Street Greenough				8:00am	
St. Lawrence's Church 346 Chapman Road, Bluff Point	6:00pm	10:30pm	11pm	9:00am	
St. Patrick's Church Cnr. Howard & Third Streets, Wonthella				7:30am	
Our Lady Help of Christians, Cornell Street, Kalbarri				11:00am	

### SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Francis Xavier Cathedral	16 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday	7:00pm
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