

## NEWSLETTER NO. 7

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

*We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our school stands*

Dear Parents,

Eventhough we start the week with a relaxing public holiday, this week is hugely anticipated and exciting for all students. I am sure there will be a few weary students and staff on Friday night. Thank you for your support SFX parents. We have been buoyed by your desire to be part of our special School Musical this week. This is the first slice of 'normality' after two frustrating years of COVID, parents have voted with their feet and purchased more than 840 tickets to the two performances. We have and will give it our best on Wednesday and Thursday night and I am sure that you will be entertained on the night.

### **LETTER OF THE MONTH ...OUR LEADERS IN ACTION**

*"Hi Phil, I hope you are having a great week. I just wanted to send you an email and tell you how impressed I was with a Year 6 girl on Wednesday morning. We were walking into school and my daughter feel over and the Grade 6 girl (I wish I knew her name) came rushing over and asked if she was ok and did I need anything? She stayed with us until my daughter had calmed down. She was just lovely and displayed so much kindness and compassion. What a great role model for my son in Prep, who was watching and listening, someone to look up to and strive to be like. Thanks again Phil and have a great day! Many thanks."*

All of our Year 6 students are endeavouring to show their leadership not only by word, but also by action. This particular student knows who she is. A fantastic example of the Spirit of Jesus within our school community.

### **SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS 1932 TO 2022**

Having consulted the SAC and Parents Association a great deal of excitement was generated about some of the great events that could be staged this year. If you are interested in being part of a committee that will organise our 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations please email [principal@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au). After being apart for two years let us come together to celebrate this auspicious occasion in our school's history.

### **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP - WEEK 8, 9, 10**

During the final three weeks of term, beginning tomorrow Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Ms Patrizia Rinaldo will be Acting Principal, whilst I take three weeks of Long Service Leave. Unlike last year when I had VCE study commitments, this time it is pure relaxation and time away at a beach. Supporting Ms. Rinaldo will be the School Leadership Executive namely:

- ✚ Melissa Kerr – Faith Education Leader
- ✚ Sarah Karakaltses – Numeracy Leader
- ✚ Deb Butler – Literacy Leader
- ✚ Amelia Burnie – Junior School Leader

✚ Anne Hibbert – Senior School Leader

✚ Caroline Jones – Student Wellbeing Leader

I am always confident that when I am not at SFX that the school is in very good, capable and responsible hands.



### **2022 SCHOOL MUSICAL "ROCK BOTTOM"**

The time has finally come. It is show time. Having postponed the School Musical twice in 2021 due to theatres being closed due to COVID, having faced students going into isolation even in the weeks leading up to the performance, rehearsing dances in an online environment and students having to wear masks during rehearsals, the staging of Rock Bottom the Musical could not have been made more difficult. I am so proud that through all the adversity and frustrations of the past 18 months, we have had the fortitude, dedication and perseverance in putting on this year's school musical.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm**  
**(Limited tickets still available)**

All current Prep to Year 6 students will be expected to attend Magis Performing Arts Centre (MPAC) at Loyola College 325 Grimshaw Street Watsonia on **BOTH** nights.

SFX students will not need to purchase a ticket as they will be performing on stage in our school musical spectacular. Even our new 2022 Preps will be on stage for their first official introduction to the SFX community. All ticket purchases must be completed through the TryBooking site. There will be no ticket sales through the school office.

Here's the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXKJF>

There will be a limited number of Programs printed. These can be purchased from the Theatre Foyer prior to the performance for **\$10.00 (Cash only)**

### **THANK YOU TO OUR SFX PARENTS**

For being so diligent with RAT and PCR testing your children when they have shown even the slightest sign of illness. In the coming weeks there may be changes to 'close contact' rules and isolation. Please read this newsletter carefully to see how any changes apply to schools. The last week has shown the SFX community just how virulent the Omicron COVID variant is. If the new variant 'Son of Omicron' or 'BA-2' is 40% more virulent then we need to be on our highest alert for this not to spread when it gets into our classrooms. Although difficult and unpleasant for students and teachers, 'bubbling'

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students (and staff) and wearing facemasks has actually helped contain illness at our school especially in the past week. Parents should note that there have been primary schools in Melbourne, where parents have been asked to keep their children at home if they can when many teachers are absent, as CRT's (Casual Replacement Teachers) can not be found and classes cannot be properly supervised. We, as a school, have been fortunate to not have to resort to this so far. Much of it seems to be related to the low immunisation rates of primary aged students with the likelihood of transmission being quite high. Parents should also be under no misapprehension - we have had students in our own school who had COVID in December/January and have once again become infected in March. What is school life going to be like as we move into the winter months when we spend so much more time indoors? All food for thought that keeps us vigilant and on our toes. As the world returns to 'normal' primary schools are still back at COVID first base and we need to keep doing the COVID 'basics' to keep safe.

### SFX UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

We so appreciate the work of Susan and Rachael, two of our wonderful parent helpers who voluntarily give of their time each week to ensuring that there are many thousands of pieces of uniform in stock. They have generously agreed to open the uniform shop each **Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm to 4.30pm** during COVID times. This may change when parents are allowed to come onto the property when COVID is gone. Please always show your appreciation and good manners to these ladies....they do an amazing job at servicing the families in our community.

### SPIRIT OF JESUS AWARDS - WEEK 6 2022

**Prep AB - Amalia Bettiol Bellofiore -**

For keeping her hands and feet to herself.

**Prep EL- Flynn Young-** For keeping his hands and feet to himself.

**1HS - Chloe Cumberland -** For always offering to help her peers.

**1KG - Lewis Borg -** For checking in on his friends and teachers and making sure they are okay

**2JV - Patrick Fraser -** For being a wonderful role model to his peers, helping, encouraging and bringing fun to our learning

**2SK - Thomas Blair -** For always following directions and coming to class with a positive attitude, ready to learn.

**3CN - Madeleine Nealy -** For leading by example in each concert practice and always willing to help those around her.

**3AB - Darlie Gunn -** For always following directions during her concert practice time, remembering to listen without interruption.

**4AM - Abigail Fisher -** For being organised and responsible.

**4AH - Abigail Veerhuis -** For consistently encouraging and supporting others to be their best.

**5JW - Isla Gunn -** For helping others at all times

**5MK - Lola Lo Presti -** For being responsible and organised with her learning.

**6MA - Jasper Griffiths -** For showing great leadership and setting a fantastic example for his prep buddy to follow.

**6DM - William Griffiths -** For always bringing your positive attitude into the classroom. You are setting a great example for your peers.



### **BUCKET FILLER AWARDS**

Angus Adams Madeleine Jones  
Griffin Thompson Zoe O'Connell  
Lucy Makhoul Liam Rhyder  
Aaron Wheeler Isabelle Reale  
Toby Condon Shuan Tijan  
Leah Williams William Stevens



Archie Holland  
Aidan Dicello

### SCHOOL PROMOTION 2022

The students will have noticed a lot of photographers and cameras around SFX over the past couple of weeks. This is something that we have been wanting to do for two years and am now able to because we actually have students and staff onsite at school.

Firstly, we have commissioned Shon Productions to develop a 5 minute video about our school and what it has to offer prospective parents. The film crew were at our school for some 7 hours capturing the various aspects that makes our school tick. I have already seen a first cut and it is wonderful. Once again the real stars of the show are the students.

Secondly, we have commissioned Print Design Australia to develop new promotional brochures for our school. These were last developed 7 years ago when our current Year 6 students were in Prep. So it is well and truly time to rebrand. In the coming fortnight you will also notice **2023 Prep Enrolment** signs going up around Montmorency. My understanding is that we have many siblings coming our way next year. Could all current families please be in contact with Anne McCallum, our School Registrar, to obtain an enrolment form for next year ASAP. Families should never simply assume that know of a younger sibling coming our way next year. You must enrol.

### SCHOOL DIARY - TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Sacrament of Reconciliation SFX 7pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Regional Swimming Championships

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March -2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March-Sacrament of Reconciliation OLHC 7pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3/4 Whitefriars Excursion

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March-2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March - School Closure Day - Maths PD

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Maths Night @ 7pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March-2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Year 3/4 Excursion to Banyule Council

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March- 2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April -2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April- Term One concludes @ 1pm

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Term Two commences @ 8.55am

This week marks the beginning of Catholic Education Week 2022.

There can be no better way of celebrating the week than showcasing the immense talents of our students. Let us be proud to be part of the Melbourne Archdiocese and its 112,000 students across 290 primary and secondary schools. Philip Cachia  
Principal



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THE SFX PARENTS ASSOCIATION INVITES ALL DADS

## 2022 Annual Blokes Barefoot Bowls



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Friday 1 April  
6.30 - 9.30pm



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SFX PARENTS ASSOCIATION 2022

# EASTER EGG RAFFLE

RAFFLE DRAWN AT  
ASSEMBLY  
FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

TICKETS \$2.00 EACH  
OR 3 FOR \$5.00

Raffle tickets will be sent home to each family and must be returned to their teacher in the envelope provided **no later than Wednesday 6th April.**

Alternatively feel free to purchase via Trybooking:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BXURD>

If you have any questions, please speak with your Class Rep or contact Kate Harford at [president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au](mailto:president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au)



St Francis Xavier  
Catholic Primary School  
MONTMORENCY

## SFX Mathematics Parent Evening



Rob Vingerhoets  
Educational Consultancy  
"Maths Doesn't Have to Hurt"

Following our School Review process in 2021, as a school we have prioritised **Mathematics** as a focus for Professional Learning for staff. Our goal is to ensure that we continue to challenge our students through purposeful learning experiences and instill in them a love for creative thinking and problem solving through Maths. We greatly value our partnerships with families and invite parents to join us in celebrating contemporary Maths learning with facilitator Rob Vingerhoets.

This promises to be an insightful and entertaining evening that shifts our thinking around learning in Mathematics and gives parents the confidence and know-how to support their child at home. We would love to see as many families as possible represented at this hands-on and practical Maths extravaganza!

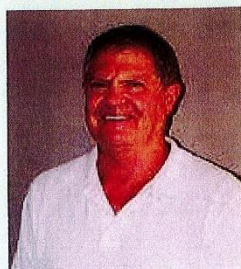
Please return the attached **RSVP by Wednesday 23rd March, via the classroom tub.**  
Attendee numbers will need to be capped so please **RSVP sooner rather than later.**

**Who:** Parents of SFX students  
**When:** Monday 28th March  
**Where:** Parish hall  
**What Time:** 7:00-8:30pm  
**Cost:** Gold coin donation

Rob Vingerhoets is an experienced and highly effective educator and subject matter expert who has worked with teachers and students throughout Melbourne, country Victoria, interstate and overseas (New York City, Beijing). Prior to this he was a primary School Principal, Curriculum Coordinator and classroom teacher. He is an experienced teacher and author, having written a number of best-selling Maths resource books and numerous articles.

Rob is a popular and engaging presenter of hands-on and engaging Maths ideas and practices and he essentially believes and teaches by his credo that "Maths doesn't have to hurt".

### About the facilitator



St. Francis Xavier  
Catholic Primary School  
Montmorency

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# Let's raise some dough with delicious Hot Cross Buns



**This Easter we're running a super delicious fundraiser with Bakers Delight, and we're egg-cited!**

## HOW IT WORKS:

Order your Traditional, Apple & Cinnamon or Choc Chip Hot Cross Buns at \$8.50 per 6-Pack, by simply filling out this order form and \$2.00 from every 6-Pack purchased will be donated back to us. How great is that!

**Simply complete and return the form below to place your order:**

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number

Group (i.e. Class/Team)

**Please enter the number of Hot Cross Bun 6-Packs you require below:**

Traditional Hot Cross Bun 6-Pack

Choc Chip Hot Cross Bun 6-Pack

Apple & Cinnamon Hot Cross Bun 6-Pack

Additional comments:

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# SFX Mathematics Parent Evening

## RSVP

Please return your RSVP via the classroom office tub  
by Wednesday 23rd March

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I/ we will be attending the Mathematics Parent Evening on March 28th

Name:

Contact Number:

Name and class of children:

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