

NEWSLETTER NO.4

22nd February 2024

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

Dear SFX Families,

We are motoring through Term 1 and the students have already settled into good routines and working patterns. There is a really nice 'vibe' and feel around SFX at the moment. I call it the "BUZZ" of learning with students really engaging with their peers and teachers to grow and challenge themselves. I hope that last week's "Meet the Teacher" meetings from Prep to Year 6 were beneficial and that it was an opportunity to share information, clarify processes and learn more about the Home-School Partnership. When school and home sing from the same page, it forms a very powerful alliance that only assists in the progress and development of each child. Let's keep supporting each other.....being positive about our SFX programs and staff and their efforts....and working together in unity.

THANK YOU TO THE SFX PARENTS ASSOCIATION

A huge thanks to the SFX Parents Association who last week approved the transfer of **\$40,000** to our school accounts for the Chromebook purchase of 2023/2024. This is a tremendous effort that has come out of many fundraisers during the year.

Every cent that is raised by the Parents Association goes into visible, tangible legacy items that assist SFX students with their learning. Raising \$40,000, especially in the current economic climate does not come easily...so this is an extra special effort and contribution to the school. We have purchased an extra 50 Chromebooks in 2024, so that students in our new Prep class and new students to our school can also have 1:1 Chromebook access.

The students have loved using their Chromebooks. They are light, easy to carry, fast, connect to the internet reliably, have touch screens, and really assist with student learning.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

***School Photo Day** - Payments online or drop your photo envelope off on the day into the school office.

*** School Fee Statements** - Please check your email for your statement. Thank you to the families who have set up their direct debit payments for 2024. A reminder that it is not too late to set up your direct debit payments if you wish. Please drop off your form to the school office ASAP.

* Families who have a Health Care Card are reminded to submit their details to the office for processing.

Susy Perizzolo - School Burser

CHILD SAFETY/ PARENT HELPER SESSIONS 2024

At SFX, we take nothing else more seriously than providing a Child Safe school. A clear M.A.C.S directive (*Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools*) is that any parent who wishes to volunteer in any capacity be afforded an information session on

an annual basis. We will be offering **three** sessions at different times during the week to suit all families.

The dates and times of these sessions are:

Session #1 - Wednesday 28th February @9.10am - School Hall

Or

Session #2 - Thursday 29th February @ 7pm - Performing Arts Room

Or

Session #3 - Tuesday 5th March at 2.30pm - Performing Arts Room

It is anticipated that the session will run for approximately 1 hour. All parents regardless of whether you have done the Child Safety course, or your occupation **must** complete the 2024 course to qualify.

The Child Safety Parent Information sessions apply to all parents who:

- ✚ Would like to help out in the classroom e.g Literacy
- ✚ Would like to attend excursions
- ✚ Would like to assist with school events such as Twilight Sports
- ✚ Would like to assist and be part of the School Advisory Committee
- ✚ Would like to assist at any Parents Association functions where children are present Eg. Mother's Day stall, School Disco etc

These dates will be the **ONLY** opportunity to achieve your accreditation and we will not be running the sessions later in the year or on an individual basis for those who have missed out. Please fill in the form below to let us know which session you will be attending and your availability/capacity to help.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18kf2wjdGazWwNjSpzSZtYCFt5iuFPztFDKPTu6uoCa0/edit?ts=65c02f3a>

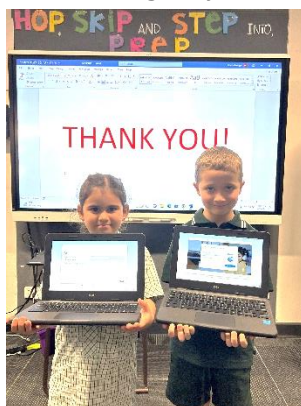
CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2024

One of the major conduits between the Parents Association and the classrooms are the Class Reps that we have for each of the 15 classes. As a Class Rep you provide the 'coal face' communication between the activities and events of the Parents Association that are held throughout the year and each of the families in your classroom. If you would like to be the Class Rep for your class can you please email me at:

principal@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au We will publish the names of those who have offered their services as Class Rep in next week's newsletter.

Prep RJ	Emma O' Malley (<i>mother of Jack</i>)
Prep JV	Gabriella Ganino (<i>mother of Anika</i>)
Prep BM	Virginia De Santis (<i>mother of Francesca</i>)
Year 1 LC	Elise Lo Presti (<i>mother of Sadie</i>)
Year 1 HS	Lauren Norman (<i>mother of Mac</i>)
Year 2 SK	Georgina Bugeja (<i>mother of Isaac</i>)
Year 2 SM	Emily Zann (<i>mother of Holly</i>)
Year 3 JW	Krissy Veerhuis (<i>mother of Madeleine</i>)
Year 3 DH	Belinda McParland (<i>mother of Austin</i>)
Year 4 AH	Denise Egan (<i>mother of Alexandra</i>)

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Year 4 MA	Jodi Warren (<i>mother of Chloe</i>)
Year 5 AM	Mia Jones (<i>mother of Ben</i>)
Year 5 BB	Kathryn Hannon (<i>mother of Evie</i>)
Year 6 AH	VACANT
Year 6 DM	Brigid Douglas (<i>mother of Keegan</i>)

SFX PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Our **first meeting** was well attended, bolstered by many new Prep families – welcome! The agenda, minutes and financials can be found on the school website under the PARENTS tab.

Key highlights from the meeting include:

- **\$40,000** raised last year is to be transferred to the school as a second installment on the Chromebooks that were purchased at the beginning of 2023. The school has also purchased an additional 50 Chromebooks to cater for the new students who have enrolled at SFX in 2024.
- Events outlined across the year – watch out for volunteer sign up sheets to come out soon.
- Values and Goals survey is open until the end of Feb. Tell us what is important for the PA to focus on for 2024-2025. Survey is here: <https://forms.gle/rCpjVcVjJ1PdVJcBA>
- Nominations are open (to everyone) for executive positions – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Email principal@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au with nominations
- Next meeting March 6 at 7pm– This is the Annual General Meeting (A.G.M) to lock in our goals and executive position for the year. All welcome, no RSVP necessary.

Upcoming and recent events


Shrove Tuesday was a great success with the students loving their pancakes. Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers and coordinators who ran the day.

Blokes Barefoot Bowls is back to officially welcome new Dads to the school. Mark the 22 March in your diary and book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPLBW>

The **Easter Hat Parade** and **Easter Raffle** supported by Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 families will be on the last morning of Term 1. Donations can be made to the office. Get your tickets here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPAPO>

The **Mothers Day Breakfast** and Mothers Day Stall will be happening soon. The Mothers Day Raffle supported by Year 3 and 4 families always brings a smile to many mums, carers and grandmothers. Donations can be made to the office now. Volunteer sign up sheets and bookings to come soon.

Rhiannon Saward – SFX PA President 2023

First Week of Lent
(Week beginning Monday 19 February)

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

Meet **Ronita** from the Philippines. Ronita lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Meet **Leaia** from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet **Memory** from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.


Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of **Ronita**, **Leaia** and **Memory**. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

Watch a short film: [Introduction to Project Compassion](#) (Primary school version) or [Introduction to Project Compassion](#) (General)

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes, online by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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BUILDING POSITIVE BODY IMAGE IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Banyule Youth Services would like to invite you to our first parent/carer session of the year "Building positive body image in young people"

This FREE session will be hosted by [Eat Love Live](#) and is suited for anyone who is supporting young people to have a positive mindset when thinking about their body image, in particular when navigating social media. Marina Payne an eating disorder dietitian will explore:

- Risk factors, warning signs and the impact of social media.
- Learn how to be a positive role model
- Learn practical support and where to access help.

DATE: Tuesday 5 March 2024

TIME: 7-8pm

WHERE: ONLINE via zoom

Bookings

essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPDUE>

AGES: Parents & Carers of young people 10-25

COST: FREE

CONTACT: Jess

Sayers jessica.sayers@banyule.vic.gov.au 94579983

*Please note this session will be recorded and available for those registered for 2 weeks after the delivery date.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 2024

Friday 23rd February – School Photo Day 2024

Friday 23rd February – District Swimming Competition

Monday 26th February – Preps are now full time

Tuesday 27th February- Year 3/4 Community Walk

Wednesday 28th February – District Swimming Competition

Wednesday 28th February – Child Safety Info session #1 @ 9.10am

Thursday 29th February- Child Safety Info session #2 @ 7pm

Friday 1st March - School Tour for Prospective Parents

Tuesday 5th March – Child Safety Info session #3 @ 2.30pm

Wednesday 6th March – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm

Thursday 7th March – School Tour for Prospective Parents

Monday 11th March – Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th March – School Closure Day – First Aid Training for all SFX Staff (Level 2)

Wednesday 13th March – NAPLAN begins – Year 3 & 5

Wednesday 13th March – School Tour for Prospective Parents

Friday 15th March – St. Patrick's Day Mass @ Cathedral for student leaders

Tuesday 19th March – Regional Swimming Competition

Tuesday 19th March – Year 3/4 Excursion Banyule Council

Wednesday 20th March – School Advisory Committee @ 7pm

Friday 22nd March – Year 3 – 6 Athletics Event (TBC)

Monday 25th March – NAPLAN concludes – Year 3 & 5

Monday 25th March – School Tour for Prospective Parents

Wednesday 27th March – SFX Easter Liturgy

Thursday 28th March – School Tour for Prospective Parents

Thursday 28th March – Term 1 concludes at 1pm

Monday 15th April – Term 2 commences @ 8.55am

Have a great week everyone. The Prep students are full time as of next week. So exciting for them and their families.

Philip Cachia
Principal

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SFX PARENTS ASSOCIATION 2024

EASTER EGG RAFFLE & EASTER HAT PARADE

**EASTER RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN
AT THE END OF TERM ASSEMBLY
THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

*The Easter Raffle is kindly supported by our Prep, Year 1
& 2 families. Donations for the Easter Raffle can be made
to the Office.*

TICKETS \$2.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5.00

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE VIA

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/CPAFO](https://www.trybooking.com/cpafo)



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What's been happening...

It's been a wonderful start to the year so far.

We have started to introduce our 'clubs' which will be running on a weekly basis. Art Attack on a Tuesday afternoon, Cooking Club alternating on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon each week, and our Friday Funday's (with a different theme each week) so far, we have had our pizza party which coincided with international pizza day, Lunar New Year celebrations, and coming up will be our movie day!

We have also started planning our end of term party, be on the lookout for further details in our newsletter and on Class Dojo!

Our preps are settling in well at OSHC, with the older children being very supportive and helpful.

ClassDojo...



OSHClub ClassDojo is now set up for our families, with most already linked, for us to be able to share all the fun we have with you!

If you haven't already, please scan the QR code to join!

If you have any questions, please come and see Rachel & Keely in the OSHClub room.

Photo gallery...



What's new...

We are continuing with the revamp of our OSHC room. New updated displays, space on the walls to showcase the children's artwork, the program journal where you can see photos of what we have been doing at OSHC each day.

We welcome your feedback and invite any suggestions you may have on activities, menu options, recipes for cooking club, and any games or resources your children are interested in.

Reminders...

Please advise us of any updated **medical conditions** or **dietary requirements**.

Cancellations need to be made **48 hours prior to start of session** time to avoid out of pocket costs.

Another friendly reminder to please let us know if your child is going to be **absent**.

Please make sure **you** are signing your child/ren in and out of Kidsoft.