

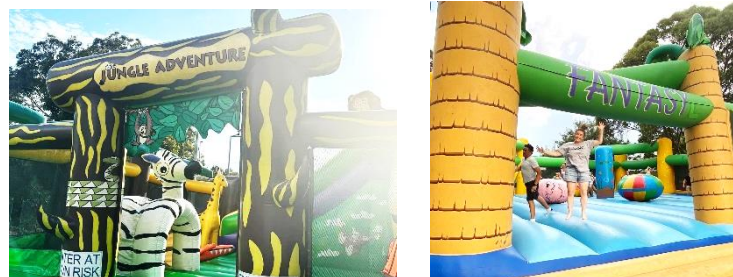
NEWSLETTER 5

29th February 2024

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

Dear Families,

A huge thank you to the many, many families who attended the Welcome Picnic last week. Under threatening skies (*we were lucky*) and warm sunshine we had a beautiful evening together. It was so great to gather as a community; to become 're-connected' with one another, meet with our SFX teachers and staff, see 'old' faces that we had not seen for many years. The SFX students were such a credit to themselves and their families. The employees of Action Events who put on the jumping castles all commented on how well mannered and well behaved our students were. I am sure the children were chuffed to see the parents having a 'bounce' themselves later in the night. It was a perfect evening for our SFX community and one that we were so proud to host.



LETTER OF THE MONTH

For those new to our school, we try and feature some of the positive and constructive emails that I receive on a weekly basis. The intent of these is to foster a positive school culture where parents focus on the many great things that are happening at SFX that we may take for granted and which may not happen at many other schools. In a world where everywhere we look... on the TV, on the news each night, in the daily newspapers our world is surrounded by the negative. It is always uplifting for our SFX staff to receive an email of thanks, of acknowledgement and/or praise for something that has happened in our working day. It truly encourages all SFX staff to 'go beyond' on that next occasion. Do we always get it right? No we don't. After all we are a 'human' organisation who always seeks to do things well, and if we don't, we learn from the experience and do things better next time. Here's an email that I received last week.....

"Hi Phil,

Thanks for a wonderful start to the year!

My children seem to have settled in well, a big thanks to their teachers for all their efforts. My children are so excited to be involved in their specialist classes already - they have so many wonderful opportunities scattered throughout their days and don't they know it! A highlight for them was having pancakes at school - thank you for supporting that special treat!

Many thanks."

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

*** 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 #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:

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- 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/18kf2wjGazWwNjSpzSZtYCFt5iuFPztFDKPTu6uoCa0/edit?ts=65c02f3a>

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2024


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 (mother of Jack)
Prep JV	Gabriella Ganino (mother of Anika)
Prep BM	Virginia De Santis (mother of Francesca)
Year 1 LC	Elise Lo Presti (mother of Sadie)
Year 1 HS	Lauren Norman (mother of Mac)
Year 2 SK	Georgina Bugeja (mother of Isaac)
Year 2 SM	Emily Zann (mother of Holly)
Year 3 JW	Krissy Veerhuis (mother of Madeleine)
Year 3 DH	Belinda McParland (mother of Austin)
Year 4 AH	Denise Egan (mother of Alexandra)
Year 4 MA	Jodi Warren (mother of Chloe)
Year 5 AM	Mia Jones (mother of Ben)
Year 5 BB	Kathryn Hannon (mother of Evie)
Year 6 AH	VACANT
Year 6 DM	Brigid Douglas (mother of Keegan)

*** A reminder that all 2024 Class Reps need to complete the 2024 Child Safety/Parent Helper session (details in this newsletter)***

Second Week of Lent
(Week beginning Monday 26 February)



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partner in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."


Watch [Ronita's Story](#)

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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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Swimming

Congratulations to the 28 students from SFX who represented the school with pride and passion on Friday at the District Swimming carnival. All should be very proud of their efforts. The following students have continued onto Division which by the time you read this will be over as it was held yesterday at Northcote.

Caelen C 1st Backstroke
Anna C 2nd Freestyle
Poppy B 1st Breaststroke, Backstroke and Butterfly
Claudia M 2nd Breaststroke
Jude A 2nd Breaststroke
Keegan D 1st Backstroke



Matthew L, Caelen C, Jude A, Patrick F 2nd in Relay 10 yrs
Ava N, Mila D, Anna C, Pobby B in Relay 11 yrs
Keegan D, Nick W, Dylan C, Mitchell S 2nd in relay 12 yrs

AFL KICK TO KICK SESSION

Today AFLVIC ran a Kick to Kick fun session in the lead up to many AFL AUSKICK Centre kicking off soon. This was for Prep to 3 students on the oval at lunchtime. You may like to connect to the local Auskick program ran at Montmorency Auskick.

<https://mjfnc.org.au/2024-registration/auskick/>

SCHOOL UNIFORMS & LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to all parents to **CLEARLY** label their child's uniform. We currently have **11** items in the lost property drawer with NO names on them. **9** are bomber jackets and **2** beanies.

By clearly marking your child's uniform we are able to return it to them. Even if you have purchased a second hand item please remove the previous child name to ensure it is returned to the correct child.

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.

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

SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 2024

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

SFX SPORTS NEWS

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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



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
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- Thurs pre-season training from 5pm
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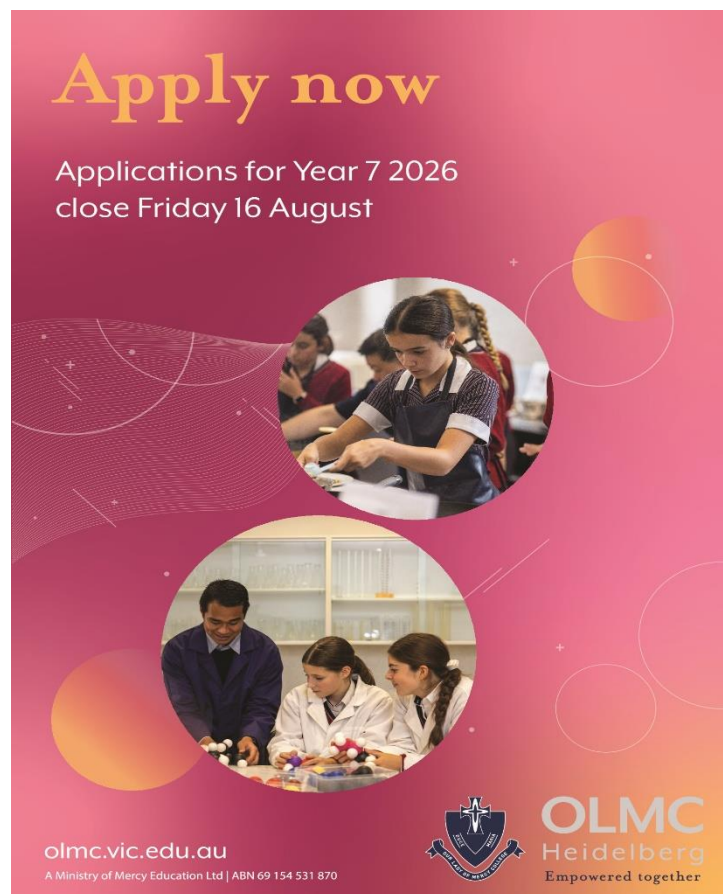
Fri 22 March * 6 – 9:30pm
 Montmorency Bowls Club
 RSL after bowls till late
 Mountain View Rd (Petrie Park)
 Tickets: \$25 (includes pizza)

Drinks available at bowls club prices.
 Formal welcome to Prep and new Dads,
 old stagers and Grandads.

For more information contact
 Ben McDonald 0422 992 244 or
benmcdonald1974@gmail.com





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<u>SUMMER UNIFORM - GIRLS</u>	<u>SUMMER UNIFORM - BOYS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SFX school dress (optional) Polo shirt (short or long sleeve) bottle green with white stripe on the collar and school emblem Bottle green gabardine shorts Bottle green bomber jacket with school emblem Black shoes/ All black runners. Plain White socks St Francis Xavier sunhat <p><i>(mid August to the end of April)</i> <i>Bucket or Micro-stretch Wide Brim Sunhat</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polo shirt (short or long sleeve) bottle green with white stripe on the collar and school emblem Bottle green gabardine shorts Bottle green bomber jacket with school emblem Black shoes/ All black runners. Plain White socks St Francis Xavier sunhat <p><i>(mid August to the end of April)</i> <i>Bucket or Micro-stretch Wide Brim Sunhat</i></p>
<u>WINTER UNIFORM - GIRLS</u>	<u>WINTER UNIFORM - BOYS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green black and white tartan tunic. Box pleat or Princess Cut (optional) White long sleeve girls' blouse with Peter Pan Collar (to be worn with tunic only) Winter tights (Black) or white socks Girls' classic pants Polo shirt (short or long sleeve) - bottle green with white stripe on the collar and school emblem Bottle green bomber jacket with school emblem SFX School Beanie <i>(optional)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gabardine long pants Polo shirt (short or long sleeve) - bottle green with white stripe on the collar and school emblem Bottle green bomber jacket with school emblem Black shoes/All Black Runners Plain white socks SFX School Beanie <i>(optional)</i>
<u>SPORT / PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAYS - (ONLY) GIRLS</u>	<u>SPORT / PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAYS - (ONLY) BOYS</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottle green tracksuit pants Bottle green bomber jacket with school emblem Polo shirt (short sleeve) Runners Plain White sport socks Sports Shorts / A-line Skort 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bottle green tracksuit pants Bottle green bomber jacket with school emblem Polo shirt (short sleeve) Runners Plain White sport socks Sports Shorts

Jewellery: No nail polish, make-up or jewellery is allowed. For pierced ears, studs only are acceptable due to danger of injury when playing games. Chokers, dangly earrings or chains worn outside clothing are considered too dangerous for school days.

Hair: Students with longer than collar-length hair must have it tied back at all times with plain green or yellow elastic or 'scrunchie.' Hair bands may be worn, but must be plain green, white or yellow. Hair accessories may also be worn if they are purchased from the SFX Uniform Shop.

Shirts are to be tucked in when wearing a jumper or bomber jacket.

Scarves / Coats / Rain Jackets :

- may be worn to and from school
- are not to be worn in classrooms
- scarves are not permitted to be worn on yard at recess times for safety reasons

Hats: Regardless of time of year only the SFX school hat/beanie may be worn

Accessories:

- Headbands/Ribbon Hair Tie/Hairclip in school colours
- Hair ties in school colours
- Jewellery is not part of the school uniform
- St Francis Xavier school bags available from the Uniform Shop. As are the Raincoat, Art Smock, Book Satchell & Lunch Order Bag

SFX Bomber Jacket can be worn at any time. For Year 6, the Bomber Jacket is offered as a graduate jacket version with all Year 6 students' names and heading: Eg. Class of 2024