

## NEWSLETTER 9

28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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

Dear Families,

This is a very special time in the Church year as we enter Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Beginning with Palm Sunday which was last Sunday where Jesus was welcomed into the streets of Jerusalem, to his crucifixion and death on Good Friday, and concluding with his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Having visited the Holy Land in 2019 visiting the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed and walked the same streets where He fell and was taunted, and to the place where he was buried in the tomb, when I listen to the readings of Holy Week I can picture how this all would have happened. To now, more than 2000 years later, this Holy Land is a land of fear, terror and war. Maybe things have not changed much after all but continue to pray for peace around the world in the light and hope of the Resurrection.



*driveway at this point for the cars that park out on Bridge Crescent. Or when I am exiting and children are waiting near the back of their car to walk in with a parent. There is no room and someone could be hit."*



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SFX SWIMMERS

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Northern Metropolitan Regional Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Ava, Poppy, Anna and Mila had a really great experience representing SFX and came 7<sup>th</sup> in the relay. They won their heat by half a lap! Poppy came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the breaststroke and 6<sup>th</sup> in the backstroke. You represented our school and your families with such great distinction, class and competitive spirit. Well done.



### SPIRIT OF JESUS AWARDS Term One, Week Nine, 2024

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Evelyn Abbey	For always being such a caring and thoughtful friend and classmate. Thanks Evie!
PJV	Caspian White	For showing beautiful manners and always treating his classmates with kindness and respect. Thank you Caspian!

### PARKING NOT WITHIN PARKING BAYS

We have received an email from a concerned parent about illegal parking in the SFX car park. We agree with the sentiments and would ask these parents to follow the road rules of any other car park.

*"Hi Philip,*

*I drop my kids off every day and recently every morning there is a car(s) that park outside the designated parks on the left at the bottom near the tennis court. It narrows this section, not leaving enough space for a car to exit & pedestrians to walk up the*

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PRJ	Ryan Cai	For his wonderful singing of our Palm Sunday song. It has been great to see how he has learnt and remembered all the words to the song. He is an awesome example to follow for all the prep children. Well done Ryan!
1HS	Zoe Sheedy	For working so hard at your activities and demonstrating resilience when things don't go to plan. Well done Zoe!
1LC	Harry Blair	For being a kind and caring friend to others in need. Your help is always appreciated. Keep it up Harry!
2SK	Macsen Reynolds	For the focus and effort you have been putting into your Holy Week writing. Awesome job Macsen, keep it up!
2SM	Evie Dwyer	For her hard-work and effort in our UFLI spelling over the past week. Your effort and progress is shining bright. Well done Evie!
3DH	Jay Schumann	Well done Jay for consistently displaying great learning habits. You are an excellent role model in our class. Keep it up!
3JW	Imogen Saward	For being an independent and reflective learner who seeks clarification and listens to feedback. These are wonderful traits that will lead you to success. Sensational effort Imogen!
4AH		
4MA	Laura Key	For showing great leadership and setting a fantastic example for others to follow.
5AM	Vivienne Lo Presti	For putting in your best effort during NAPLAN, consistently trying your best and taking on the role of Jesus in our Easter Tableau with enthusiasm. Well done Vivi.
5BB	Owen Bryce	For making well thought out contributions in class discussions and working hard to improve in all areas of the curriculum.
6AH	Mia Logan	For rising to the challenge and completing and amazing 'Robot' as part of our Maths lesson. You pushed yourself incredibly hard and the end result was brilliant!
6DM	Ava Dwyer	Your ability to accept challenges is outstanding. You are a driven learner who is also always thinking of others and how you can support them. What a wonderful role model you are for your peers. Well done Ava!

### SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 2024

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Term 1 concludes at 1pm  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Term 2 commences @ 8.55am  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April – School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Interschool Sport V Eltham North PS (Yr4,5,6)  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Dental Van @ SFX  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Dental Van @ SFX  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – School Tour for Prospective Parents

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – School Closure Day PD - Spelling  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day Stall  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day Breakfast – 8am  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Parent Info Night Confirmation @ 7pm  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 2024 SFX Children's Disco 3.45pm to 5.45pm  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School Advisory Committee Mtg @ 7pm  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – King's Birthday Public Holiday – School closed  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5/6 Camp at Camp Adanac  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5/6 Rest Day – No classes for Yr 5/6  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Semester 1 School Reports distributed  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour for Prospective Parents  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Parent Teacher Interviews Year P to 6  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Term 2 concludes @ 1pm



## FAMILY TOURS TERM 2 DATES

Discover a World of Opportunities at Parade College



**Term 2**

- Tuesday 23 April
- Thursday 23 May
- Tuesday 30 April
- Thursday 6 June
- Wednesday 8 May
- Friday 14 June
- Tuesday 14 May
- Wednesday 19 June

■ Tours commence at 9:15am and conclude at 10:45am

Visit [www.parade.vic.edu.au](http://www.parade.vic.edu.au) to book a Family Tour today

On behalf of the SFX staff we wish all families a happy and holy Easter season. We look forward with great excitement to Term 2 and the amazing learning that will happen next term.

Philip Cachia  
Principal

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## 2024 Student Representative Council (S.R.C)

Class	Name of Student
Prep BM	Alfie Heenan
Prep JV	Gwendolyn Bryce
Prep RJ	Harry Bugeja
1HS	Ivy Velkov
1LC	Sophie Cusack
2SM	Charlie Butera
2SK	Eva Mithen
3DH	Eloise Abbey
3JW	Isabelle Alexander
4AH	Lucy Makhoul
4MA	Jack Grant
5BB	Jaxon Avgoulis
5AM	Claudia McParland
6DM	Abbie Tomkins, Keegan Douglas & Dylan Cummings
6AH	Abigail Veerhuis



It's been a wonderful, event packed start to the year! We've warmed up Term 1 with a fantastic evening of fun with the Welcome Picnic; the kids have enjoyed pancakes to mark the beginning of Lent; we have welcomed new and old Dads at the Blokes Barefoot Bowls night; and have received fabulous donations for the Easter Raffle, which will be drawn on 24th March with the Easter Hat Parade! And best of all, we've had lots of new faces at the PA meetings adding energy and new ideas.

## Meeting times

Our next Parents Association Meeting is scheduled on the **17th April**, allowing for final touches to the Mothers Day Stall and Mothers Day Breakfast. The PA meets monthly on Wednesday's at 7PM. Everyone is welcome and no RSVP needed.

## AGM

Our AGM, held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, installed our executive positions. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers. The positions filled are: Rhiannon Saward – President; Leah Heenan – Vice President; Liz Blair – Secretary; and Deanna - Treasurer

## Calendar of Events

Over the course of the year the Parents Association works with the school to host a range of events for adults, mums, dads, kids and families. These will be worked through at Parents Association meetings.

If you can help out in anyway, please sign up [here](https://volunteersignup.org/9HXQ9) [volunteersignup.org/9HXQ9](https://volunteersignup.org/9HXQ9) and the coordinator will get in touch with you.

Please mark these in your calendar:

### Term 2 events

- Mother's Day Stall **Tuesday 7th May**
- Mothers Day Breakfast **Friday 10th May**
- School Disco Friday **Friday 31 May**
- The kids social event of the year! Featuring DJ Phil, face painting and dance-offs, this event's loved by parents and kids alike.

### Term 3 events

- Ladies Day (Sip & Paint TBC) - **Saturday 20th July (TBC)**
- A relaxed afternoon and evening event, where ladies can paint and sip. Held at a local venue with good company and food.
- SFX Mixer – Adults Social event @ RSL - **Saturday 24th August**
- A PTF event held at the Monty RSL. The theme is a touch of gold, allowing people to dress up and have a fun relaxing night. There will be an auction of donated goods and services.
- Father's Day Stall and Breakfast – Footy Colours Parade- **Friday 30th August**

- Bunnings BBQ (TBC) – Eltham Bunnings

### Term 4

- Kids Movie night (TBC 7/8th Nov)
- Over two nights the kids get to stay up late with their friends watching a movie. A much anticipated night of excitement.
- Carols by Candlelight (TBC **Saturday 7 December**)
- A community event celebrating Christmas. Set in our school grounds, a stage will host carollers. Families will sing along with friends enjoying picnics. There will be market stalls and food trucks. The big man himself might make a visit too.

## Support and volunteering

There are lots of ways to be involved in supporting the kids and the school. To be able to help out when the kids are involved you will need a Working With Children's check and to complete the 2024 Child Safety Course. This needs to be done each year, even if you've done it in previous years.

To get involved you can volunteer time:

- Come along to a Parents Association Meeting (Monthly on Wednesdays @7pm) and share ideas
- Help out with one of the Parents Association events above
- Help out ad-hoc as call for volunteers go out.
- Help out with sponsorship and donation drives
- Help with communications, graphics and messaging

To get involved in any way, please email Rhiannon at [president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au](mailto:president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au) or sign up here: [volunteersignup.org/9HXQ9](https://volunteersignup.org/9HXQ9)

## Parents Association Values & objectives - Survey results

[https://www.sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/sfx\\_pa\\_values\\_and\\_goals\\_survey\\_2024\\_results.pdf](https://www.sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/sfx_pa_values_and_goals_survey_2024_results.pdf)

To help guide the Parents Association's activities and goals, we put together a short, anonymous survey to help shape our values, objectives and goals this year. We received 12 responses, which is a general indication that most people are happy with the PA activities. The full survey results will be made available on the school website. The key messages included:

- Make goals clearer
- include other ways to help out using parents skills
- consider future focussed, kindness and social impact in PA mission
- Goals: basketball court upgrade, playground upgrade, kitchen garden program, shade, tech equipment and nature play / more vegetation and soft surfaces.
- Interaction with the kids at the Mother's Day breakfast

On behalf of the PA, have a wonderful holiday and happy Easter

Rhiannon Saward PA President