

NEWSLETTER 26

29th August 2024

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

Dear Families,

It has been amazing time at SFX as we celebrated Book Week 2024. Yes **'Reading really is especially Magic'** at SFX this year with so many exciting events that focused on books, authors, illustrators, fiction and non-fiction.

We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful Discovery Centre at our school filled to the brim with literature that children love to read. The Discovery Centre is open for use at recess and lunchtime on most days and the students love to use this as a place where they can become lost in a world of literature.

Thank you to Ms. Morello, our Discovery Centre teacher and Ms. Johnson our exuberant Library Technician who both instill in our children a great love of literature. We are so fortunate to have these staff members always reminding us about the value of books and literature in our learning.

Thank you to the parents who dressed their child/ren for the Book Week Parade 2024. It is always so colourful and the school hall was filled to capacity. Also to the parents who attended the Magic Show and the Family Book afternoon. Your support of these big school events tells your child that they are important and what they are learning is important. There is no greater skill that we can impart than to teach our children to read.

Thanks for a super fun week at SFX everyone.

SFX OUTREACH INTO THE COMMUNITY

Last Wednesday we welcomed 44 children from Yallambie Park Pre-School to SFX. Elizabeth, the current Director at the Pre-school and former SFX student herself, made connection with our school and was overwhelmed by the welcome she and her students received. Ten of these children will be attending SFX in 2025 (*maybe even more*). In the next month we will also welcome another 42 pre-schoolers from Guardian Pre-School in Montmorency. The word is getting out there about SFX as the school of choice in the local area and some of the great specialist classes we have as part of our weekly timetable.



"Dear Phil,

Just wanted to thank you and the Specialist teachers for coordinating such a wonderful day for the kinder children today. Alex(Performing Arts), Briohny(Visual Arts), Michael (STEM) and Siobhan (Discovery Centre) had the children 'eating out their hands' - they were (are) brilliant!

The Yallambie Park Preschool staff and parents were blown away. So lucky the children had the opportunity to be involved in the 4 rotations of activities with the specialist teachers. The teachers' passion for their specialty areas was so evident and the activities aligned so well with the children's needs/capabilities. Was a beautiful introduction to school for all of them. The bus ride and Zooper Dooper was quite the added treat too! "

SFX PARISH NEWS

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Over the past few months, the Risen Christ Parish Pastoral Leadership Community have been working on a survey designed to gather input from our community, which will be instrumental in shaping the Pastoral Plan for our Parish.

This initiative builds on the foundational work of the Transitional Leadership Community, which helped establish our Parish, along with its mission and vision statements.

As we all know, COVID-19 had a profound impact on our society and community. It affected our work, our families, our social connections, and even how we practice our faith. Now, we aim to rebuild and strengthen our community, and we believe this survey will provide valuable insights on how to do so.

We are excited to announce that the survey is now live and ready for your participation. You can access the brief survey by clicking the link here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/mqpQS6apUR>

The survey will close on 9 September and is completely anonymous. We'll also be sharing it within our Parish Schools to ensure broad participation.

We ask that you take the time to reflect, pray, and share your thoughts with us. If it's relevant, please also involve your partner, children, grandchildren - especially students within our parish - and any social groups you believe are, or should be, part of our community.

After the survey closes, we will collate and review the information and report back to the community in late October.

God bless you all,

The Risen Christ Parish Pastoral Leadership Community

SCHOOL VISION. MISSION & VALUES DAY

It was great to gather as an SFX staff on our school closure day last Thursday to formulate a new SFX Vision, Mission and Values statement for our school. It is more than 10 years since the current Vision Statement was written, with the majority of the current staff not being present. I am thrilled to say that we have written a draft of a new Vision, Mission and Values statement for

2024 - TOGETHER WE SHINE

Over the next couple of weeks prior to this release I want to show the community some of parent responses to the question:

The program we use to design this shows the parent response rates. **The larger the print the more responses.** Words that are joined together need to be read as separated. It made for interesting reading from the parents who choose our school about what is important to them and what they see in our school].



SPORTS NEWS

Cricket Mixed Lost	Cricket Girls Lost
Volleyball Mixed Lost	Volleyball Girls Lost
Basketball Mixed Lost	Basketball Girls Won
Softball Won	Downball Lost

This week we play St Thomas School at home

day showing great school spirit. All students tried their best and we congratulate everyone for their effort and especially the students who got first, second, third or fourth place. SFX did a brilliant job this year, scoring 293 points and getting 4th place. Good Luck to any students who are advancing to the next stage. Congratulations to all who competed in the District Athletics.

Friday 30th August – Fathers’ Day Breakfast & Footy Parade
 Wednesday 4th September – School Advisory Committee @ 7pm
 Thursday 5th September - School Tour for Prospective Parents
 Monday 9th September - School Tour for Prospective Parents
 Wednesday 11th September – Parents Association Meeting 7pm
 Monday 16th September – 2024 LOTE Mandarin Day
 Wednesday 18th September - School Tour for Prospective Parents
 Friday 20th September – Term Three concludes @ 1pm
 Monday 7th October – Term 4 commences @ 8.55am
 Wednesday 9th October – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
 Thursday 10th October – SFX Twilight Athletics at Willinda Park
 5pm to 8pm

Tuesday 17 December Term 4 concludes @ 1pm

Philip Cachia
Principal

2024 - TOGETHER WE SHINE

Spirit of Jesus Awards

Term Three, Week Seven, 2024

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Oscar Abrahams	For showing resilience in every challenge and doing it with a smile on your face everyday! I am so proud of you, Well Done!
PJV	Layla Rossi	For your amazing efforts with your writing and spelling, being such a responsible learner listening and having a go. Wonderful work Layla!
PRJ	Felix Staubli	For the great way he has settled into Prep RJ and for his wonderful sense of humour. He has an infectious smile and a happy nature. Welcome Felix to the class!
1HS	Ava Lavric	For being a cheery member of 1HS and for having a positive attitude towards her work.
1LC	Hudson Oliver	For showing great responsibility for his learning by remaining focused and by being a resilient learner. Keep it up Hudson!
2SK	Kai Higgins	For being a respectful listener and always putting your best efforts in during whole class teaching time. Thank you Kai!
2SM	Jacob Suckling	For your amazing effort and focus during your UFLI extension work this past week. Keep rising to the challenge Jacob, well done!
3DH	Sonny Keane	Well done for improving your time management skills to make sure you are making good choices at your table and completing tasks in the expected time. Keep it up!
3JW	Remy Yaghmai	For being a responsible and enthusiastic participant at Year 3 Day Camp! Well done for upholding the school values, interacting with everyone, and giving everything a go!
4AH	Matthew Little	For your positive attitude and resilience on Year 4 Camp. You gave everything a go and worked cooperatively with others.
4MA	Angus Zappia	For demonstrating remarkable resilience and perseverance at camp. Well done Angus!
5AM	Claudia McParland	For your consistent dedication and hard work towards all areas of your learning. Thank you for always being the first to offer help and support to your peers. Well done Claudia!!
5BB	Lily Karakaltses	For working hard to stay focused and finish her writing and comprehension tasks to a high standard. Go Lily. Wooohooo!
6AH	Alexia Loutfallah	For showing perseverance and resilience during our fractions, decimals and percentages work. It is wonderful to see you growing in confidence and developing your mathematical skills and knowledge.
6DM	Ellie Harvey	For showing perseverance and resilience during our fractions, decimals and percentages work. It is wonderful to see you growing in confidence and developing your mathematical skills and knowledge.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRESENTS....

READING IS MAGIC

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK | 2024

Congratulations to the winners of the Book Week costume parade. These students received a golden ticket to our "Luncheon" which will be held on a Wednesday 4th September.





YEAR 3/4 CAMP OASIS – MT. EVELYN 2024



More photos and reflections from our Year 3/4 Camp next week.....



St Francis Xavier

We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a fundraising pie drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Thursday, September 19, 2024**.

Last day to order is midnight, Monday, September 16, 2024.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make.

We **need** the support of **everyone** to make this fundraising a success.

Product Per 1/2 Dozen	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You	Family	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You
Steak Pies	\$42	\$36	Steak Pie	\$18	\$16
Steak & Mushroom	\$42	\$36	Steak & Mushroom	\$18	\$16
Steak & Cheese	\$42	\$36	Steak & Cheese	\$18	\$16
Chicken & Vegetable	\$42	\$36	Chicken & Vegetable	\$18	\$16
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$42	\$36	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$15	\$13
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$42	\$36	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$15	\$13
Pasties	\$42	\$36	Pasties	\$18	\$16
Sausage Rolls	\$24	\$21	Apple Pie	\$14	\$12
Party Pies	\$12	\$10	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$14	\$12
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Cauliflower Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Apple Pies	\$42	\$36			
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$42	\$36			

To start ordering open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code till the link pops up.



Or copy and paste the link below into your browser to start ordering on your PC.

<https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/st-francis-xavier>

27/08/2024

Mr Phillip Cachia
St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School

Dear Phillip,

Re: St Francis Xavier OSHClub pricing update, effective Term 4, 2024

As you will have likely read, on 8th August this year the Australian Government announced it will support a wage increase for the early childhood education and care (ECEC) workforce. This funding is designed to aid worker retention, and will consist of:

- 10% on top of the current national award rate in the first year
- 15% above the current national award rate in the second year.

The worker retention payment will commence on the 1st December 2024 and run for 2 years. This is on top of the 3.75% increase to award wages and the increase to the superannuation guarantee (funded by Junior Adventures Group) that came into effect on 1 July this year. We are fully supportive of these wage increases, and truly value the work that our team do in connection with your school, and the St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School community.

Concurrently, the Australian Government announced that there would be a pricing constraint placed on service fee increases of 4.4%. As a result, and so that we can make a timely application for the wage funding grant, as well as provide as much notice to families as possible on the upcoming fee change, we will be adjusting our session fees effective from the commencement of Term 4, 2024 as follows:

Booking Type	Booking Requirement	Cancellation terms	Session type	Price per session BEFORE CCS (childcare subsidy)	Average out of pocket cost per session AFTER CCS*
Early Bird	Book 15 or more days in advance of session start time	Free cancellation if notice provided 14 or more days in advance	Rise then Shine	\$26.10	\$12.63
			Stay and Play	\$33.93	\$17.10
Flexible	Book 3 or more days in advance of session start time	Free cancellation if notice provided 48 hours or more in advance	Rise then Shine	\$28.71	\$15.24
			Stay and Play	\$37.38	\$20.55
Last Minute	Book 48 hours or less in advance of session start time	No free cancellation	Rise then Shine	\$31.32	\$17.85
			Stay and Play	\$39.15	\$22.32

**This childcare subsidy (CCS) percentage is the average CCS payable for St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School families as of July 2024.*

We will continue to offer discounted term-time bookings for families with multiple children, and those who attend our programs regularly via our *Adventure Packs*. These discounted prices are also detailed as follows:

Booking Type	Cancellation terms	Session type	Price per session <i>BEFORE CCS</i>	Average out of pocket cost per session <i>AFTER CCS*</i>
Adventure pack 90 <i>Book 90 or more sessions, 15 or more days in advance^ to receive a 20% discount</i>	No free cancellation	Rise then Shine	\$20.88	\$9.64
		Stay and Play	\$27.15	\$12.54

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^Session types can be both Rise then Shine and Stay and Play to qualify for the discount. Total number of bookings includes bookings for multiple children in the same family. Bookings must be made in a single instance via the parent portal, must occur within a single term, and cannot be carried over to subsequent terms.

In line with industry standards, and reflecting the mandated 4.4% pricing constraint, our standard terms and conditions will also be adjusted as follows:

Non-notified absence fee If families do not notify the service of their child's absence from a booked session either via the parent portal, in the app, or via telephone call to the service prior to a <u>Stay and Play</u> session start time, a fee will be charged to the family's account.	\$20.88
Late pick up fee If a child is not picked up before the official closing time of the service, a fee per 15-minutes per child will be automatically applied to the family's account.	\$20.88 per child per 15 minutes
Late booking fee For Holiday HQ and pupil free days, a late booking fee applies to sessions booked less than 5 days in advance of the session start time.	\$4.18

So that we can provide at least 14 days' notice to share details of this change with our families, it would be appreciated if you could please confirm receipt of this fee change in writing prior to Tuesday 10th September 2024.

Childcare Subsidy Reminder

All outside school hours care programs including our Rise then Shine and Stay and Play program, as well as pupil free days and holiday programs are eligible for childcare subsidy (CCS). Families may receive up to 90% rebate on the cost of attending, and eligibility for CCS has been extended to families whose combined family income is up to \$533,279. If you would like more information to share with families at St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School, please let us know.

We thank you in advance for your support and look forward to continuing our strong and successful school partnership in 2025.

Warm regards,

Sarah Hume
Regional Director
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