

## NEWSLETTER 30

10<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

Dear SFX families,

Welcome back to Term 4. Some may call it the 'Premiership' quarter; the quarter of the year where all the learning we have completed thus far comes together and gets us ready to progress to the next year level. We hope that all families were able to spend some quality time with one another, enjoying each other's company, learning more about each other and most importantly enjoying the life that living in a country like Australia has to offer. We are indeed so lucky to have won the greatest lottery prize in life when we were chosen to live in this wonderful, peaceful, safe country of ours.

We welcome Ms. Vanessa Burns who will be an additional Learning Support Officer in Year Prep. Ms. Burns comes to us from Giant Steps School in Kew and will be a great support to our Prep teachers.

### **CONGRATULATIONS MS WYNN - YEAR 3 CLASS TEACHER**

Ms Wynn has announced that she and husband Hamish are expecting their first child in March next year. This is super exciting news for the Wynn family and for the SFX staff. After multiple SFX babies last year, Ms Wynn has been our only baby announcement this year (thus far....). We wish Jess and Hamish wonderful times ahead with Baby Wynn.



### **SURPRISE...SURPRISE... MS. SERRA - YEAR 1 CLASS TEACHER**

It was fantastic for the SFX staff to have received an email announcement from Ms. Hannah Serra our Year 1 class teacher that she and partner Vince became a married couple over the school holidays. My understanding is that this is the way Hannah and Vince always wanted it to be a surprise for their parents, family, friends and colleagues. We wish Hannah and Vince well for an exciting and fulfilling life together.



### **LETTER OF THE MONTH**

It is always great for our SFX staff to know that their efforts and dedication to the children are appreciated by the parent community. Thanks for taking the time to email.

*"Hi Phil,*

*Thanks to you and the SFX staff for another fantastic term. I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break after a huge few months of dress ups and events! I know it's a lot for staff to organise and manage, but we are appreciative that they go the extra mile to help make primary school a fun and memorable experience for our children. With thanks."*

### **PRINCIPAL FORUM - TERM 3**

Here are a list if topics that were discussed at the last Principal Forum on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Classes and Class sizes for 2025**

##### **Response:**

Part of this week's newsletter.

3 x Prep/ 3 x Year 1/ 2 x Year 2/ 2 x Year 3 / 2 x Year 4  
2 x Year 5 / 2 x Year 6

Prep & Year 1 will have about 20-22 students

Other Classes 25-27 at this stage

Whilst CEMEA teachers award says we can go up to 29 students in a class, we always keep a couple of places in reserve for an enrolment of a large family

#### **Given Year 4 students were in Lockdown for Prep & Year 1, is there any way of having 3 Year 5 classes in 2025?**

##### **Response:**

Unfortunately not. As with everything we need to remain within budget & it would cost at least \$120, 000 to have a third classroom teacher for that Year level. They are also not the biggest classes. In fairness we need to balance across Year 2-5 and if possible we will employ another LSO for those Year levels so that there is a classroom teacher & LSO in each of the classes rather than 1 that is shared. Many Catholic schools in the area have always had 28/29 students in a class - this is not unusual.

#### **District Athletics - Is it possible to have a school rep at all these events?**

##### **Response:**

At the initial heats where we have large student numbers compete, we release teachers and LSOs to be at the events. As students progress and numbers fall (e.g. 12 students, 4 students etc), it is unfortunately not financially viable for the school to have staff at the events, leaving large numbers of students requiring a replacement teacher which are difficult to get. Mr Anderson will often do things outside of his paid work hours. Whilst in the past it may have been the case that 2 staff members were at an event for 10 students, it left the school in enormous debt due to replacement costs. We no longer have "floating" staff or excesses in staffing with staff not tied to classrooms. Every staff member now has face to face class duties including the Deputy Principal

##### **Idea Raised:**

As a way of bringing together the students who do progress and giving support to one another, can a parent who has completed the SFX Parent Course & has a current WWCC be nominated as the volunteer contact at these competition events. This person would collect the school flag, have the list of students competing & be the point of call & identify the meeting place for the students. It will give the parents & the students a face to contact and a place to gather.

##### **Response:**

Great idea, definitely one we can put into action.

## PARKING ACROSS SCHOOL DRIVEWAYS

It has been brought to our attention that parents are:

1. Parking across school and Parish driveways. This prevents us from getting an emergency vehicle into the school and is always illegal
2. Using school driveways to do a U-turn at pick up and drop off time. Please use Luisa Court to do Uturns as children are using the footpath as a means of travel

In particular we have been sent a photo of a "black vehicle" that is always parked across the school driveway near the school letterbox at number 90 every afternoon. Please save us the embarrassment of having to tell you to move on and simply do the right thing that you know is legal.

## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

### 'Live Lunch' Concert Series Semester 2 2024

To all students who signed up to perform at 'Live Lunch Semester 2' the concert will be next lunchtime on **Thursday 17th October** (Week 2). Please remember to bring in your music or backing tracks for the day.

Students on the playground will be allowed to come in to listen to the concert if they want to on the day.

It will be a great opportunity for any students doing AMEB exams to perform to an audience in an informal setting.

### LARGE FRIDGE/FREEZER CARDBOARD BOXES REQUEST...

If any parents have any large fridge/freezer cardboard boxes please could they be donated to the Performing Arts as we start gathering resources for our 2025 Musical preparations.

Plus any fabric, material would be great!

*Ms. Alexandra Beaumont – Performing Arts Specialist*



## SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 4 2024

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – SFX Twilight Athletics at Willinda Park 5pm to 8pm**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Bike Education Begins

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 2025 Prep information Night @ 6pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October – Dental Van returns

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October-2025 Prep Transition session #1 @ 10am

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October-School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October-2025 Prep Transition session #2 @ 10am

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – 2025 Visual Arts Exhibition**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – School Advisory Committee Meeting @ 7pm

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 2025 Prep Transition Session #3 @ 10am

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Final date for all 2024 School Fee payment**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November-School Closure Day – Semester 2 Report Writing

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November-School Tour for Prospective Parents

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Working Bee L-Z families – 9am to 12pm**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November – School Advisory Meeting @ 7pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - School Tour for Prospective Parents

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Swimming Program Prep to Year 6 - #1

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Swimming Program Prep to Year 6 - #2

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - School Tour for Prospective Parents

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – SFX Feast Day

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Swimming Program #3

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Swimming Program #4

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December - School Tour for Prospective Parents

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December-SFX Christmas Carols – 5pm to 7pm**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – School Closure Day – 2025 Planning Day

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Swimming Program # 5

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December- School Tour for Prospective Parents

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Swimming #6

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Swimming #7

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Swimming #8

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Graduation Ceremony & Dinner

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Big Day out

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - School Tour for Prospective Parents

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December-Sem 2 Parent Teacher Interviews 2 to 8pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Step up Day 2024 – Prep to Year 5

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Farewell Ceremony @ 12.40pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Term 4 concludes @ 1pm

SFX PRESENTS  
**2024 ART SHOW**  
Together We Shine  
FEATURING OUR VERY FIRST  
**GLOW SHOW**  
FAMILIES A-K  
THURS 24TH OCT 5.30-7.30PM  
FAMILIES L-Z  
FRI 25TH OCT 5.30-7.30PM  
\$5 ENTRY PER PERSON  
CASH AND EFTPOS ACCEPTED  
(SFX STUDENTS AND CHILDREN  
UNDER 5YRS ARE FREE)  
Come and enjoy all the amazing artwork created  
by our wonderful students throughout the year!  
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF  
SCULPTURE DISPLAYS THAT ARE VERY FRAGILE.  
WE KINDLY ASK THAT TODDLERS AND CHILDREN BE  
SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES

**ELTHAM CFA**  
**OPEN DAY**  
**Sunday 13 October 2024**  
Come visit the station & meet your local firefighters!  
Kids Activities  
Toy firetruck races  
See our firetrucks up close  
Summer fire safety  
FREE Sausage Sizzle  
Raffle & prizes  
10am - 3pm  
909 Main Road, Eltham, VIC 3095

# SFX TWILIGHT SPORTS

We have had the Olympics, the AFL and NRL Grand finals and now this Friday is the biggest of them All.

Our Twilight Athletics Sports. Well maybe not bigger than Brisbane Football Club winning!!!!!!

We ask students to arrive between **4:30 and 4:45pm**.

Bring a labelled water bottle and a snack to go with the BBQ dinner provided by the SFX Parents Association.

Wear House Colours (Blue-Loyola/Red-McAuley/Yellow-Xavier/Green-Padua) and a hat.

4:30	Students arrive and move to house area/ Teachers in house group						
4:45	General Announcements and start to settle students down						
4:55	Official Welcome and Introduce Captains						
5:00	Captains welcome and warm up routines						
	ACTIVITY 1	ACTIVITY 2	ACTIVITY 3	ACTIVITY 4	ACTIVITY 5	ACTIVITY 6	ACTIVITY 7
5.10PM	Prep Dinner	Year 1 Shuttle Relays	Year 2 Jumping Sacks race Egg and spoon Tic tac toe	Year 3 Proactivity Soccer target	Year 4 Proactivity Earth balls relay	Year 5 Proactivity Ninja Course	Year 6 Tug of War/Rob the nest
5.25PM	Prep Tug of war Rob the nest	DINNER Year One	Year 2 Shuttle Relays	Year 3 Jumping sacks race Girls/Boys Egg and spoon/Tic tac toe	Year 4 Proactivity Soccer target Girls/Boys	Year 5 Proactivity Earth Balls Relay Girls/Boys	Year 6 Proactivity Ninja Course Girls/Boys
5.40PM	Prep Proactivity Ninja Course Girls/Boys	Year 1 Tug of war Girls/Boys Rob the nest	DINNER Year 2	Year 3 shuttle relays	Year 4 Jumping Sacks Girls/Boys Egg and spoon Tic tac toe	Year 5 Proactivity Soccer target Girls/Boys	Year 6 Proactivity Earth ball relay Girls/Boys
5:55	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
6:10PM	Prep Proactivity Earth balls Relay Girls/Boys	Year 1 Proactivity Ninja Course Girls/Boys	Year 2 Proactivity Tug of war Girls/Boys Rob the nest	DINNER Year 3	Year 4  Shuttle Relays	Year 5 Jumping sacks Girls/Boys Egg and spoon Tic tac toe	Year 6 Soccer target Girls/Boys
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7:10PM	Prep to Year 6 100 metre races						
7.40 pm	Mum's 100 metre race						
7.45 pm	Dad's 100 metre race						
7.50 pm	Toddler's race						
7.55pm	Announcement of results – House Sports Trophy and Team Spirit Trophy						

**There is limited parking onsite. It is recommended that you park at the Montmorency or Lower Plenty Football grounds and walk across from there or near Montmorency Secondary school.**

**The 2024 Twilight Athletics is an ALCOHOL FREE – CHILD SAFE EVENT.**

**Only those parents who have completed the 2024 Parent Helper/Child Safety Course can assist at this event.**



# Spirit of Jesus Awards

Term Four, Week One, 2024

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	<b>Hugo Gallo</b>	For being a caring member of Prep BM. He happily helps others when needed and he shares his kindness everyday. Well Done Hugo!
PJV	<b>Shylo Lindstrom</b>	For always having a positive attitude, encouraging others to do their best and have a go. "That's how we Learn' is her motto. Thanks for bringing the positive vibes to PrepJV Shylo!
PRJ	<b>Lia Connors</b>	For her great start to Term 4 and for being a focussed and determined worker. Her work is always neat and well presented, always completing her tasks on time with great care. Well done Lia!
1HS	<b>Cody Barber</b>	For being a helpful friend and caring for those around you. Well done, Cody!
1LC	<b>Finn Staubli</b>	For always being a kind student who continues to be a good friend to others. Well done Finn!
2SK	<b>Chloe Saward</b>	For the excellent effort you have been putting into your reading, making sure you are using the strategies you have learnt to break down the word instead of taking a guess. Awesome resilience Chloe, keep it up!
2SM	<b>Zara Abraham</b>	For always being a positive class member and for always showing kindness and patience towards your peers and teachers. Keep it up Zara!
3DH	<b>Florence Dwyer</b>	Well done for always showing initiative and taking action with your learning. Keep it up!
3JW	<b>Thomas Grant</b>	For being a mature and responsible learner, acting as a natural and positive role model for your peers. Keep shining bright!
4AH	<b>Alexandra Gogorosis</b>	For your hard work developing your picture story book. You took the time to make changes and produce an engaging story.
4MA	<b>Harry Stead</b>	For being committed to his learning and always striving to achieve his best. Well done Harry!
5AM	<b>Charlotte James-Sanguinedo</b>	For your maturity and perseverance during learning time. You should be very proud of your attitude towards school. Well done Charlotte and keep up the great work!
5BB	<b>Mia Champion</b>	For being a kind and friendly member of 5BB. You always look out for your peers and try your hardest to do your best.
6AH		For working so collaboratively and preparing our Year Level Assembly with limited time. You were focused and all contributed to producing an excellent product. Well done Year Six!
6DM		

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ATHLETES WHO REPRESENTED SFX LATE LAST TERM

It is so great to see our students doing well in all aspects of learning especially these students who will progress to representing our school at Regional Competition in the future.

**Claudia McParland** - 1st 1500 metres

**Ava Dwyer** - 1st in 200 metres and 2nd in 100 metres

**Archie Holland Baker** - 1st in 100 metres

**Caelan Cummings** - 1st in discus and shotput

Special mention to **Daniel Jurdi** 3rd in High Jump & **Claudia McParland** 3rd in discus