

NEWSLETTER NO.3

13th February 2025

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

Dear Families,

It was a great first 'full' week of school last week. Unlike the past three summers, this one has been much more challenging for the students with extreme heat and power blackouts in the area that have prevented families from cooling their homes at night. A lack of sleep for students is never a great way to begin the school year....however that is life in Melbourne. We are so pleased with the resilience of our SFX students.

Over the past two weeks our Year 6 students have been looking at "Leadership" and what it means. Indeed there are many great examples of leaders in our world at present (*and some not so great*) and the students were very aware of these. In all things we expect our Year 6 leaders at SFX to be:

1. People of **SERVICE** – Every one of the Year 6's will have a leadership position in 2025. Our school could not run as efficiently as it does if we did not have the assistance in the day to day running of the school.
2. People of **EXAMPLE** – We expect our Year 6 leaders to always model great behavior and compliance with school expectations. The way they wear their school uniform, the way they show respect and kindness are all important in setting the 'tone; for our school.

I have attached all the names of all of our Year 6 leaders and their important roles for 2025.

We congratulate these four students in particular who were voted by their Year 4,5,6 peers and SFX staff as being most worthy candidates as our School Captains and Vice Captains in 2025. They have big shoes to fill and they are looking forward to the challenge.



**Anna
Cusack
Captain**

**Eli
Zoroje
Captain**

**Ben Jones
Vice
Captain**

**Ava Norman
Vice
Captain**

We pray for all of our Year 6 students and their teachers as they begin their last year of Primary Schooling.

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES 2025

One of the major conduits between the SFX Parents Association and the classrooms are the Class Reps that we have for each of the 17 classes. As a Class Rep you provide the 'coal face' communication between the activities and events of the SFX 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
These are the volunteers so far:

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| Prep JV | Vacant | Prep RJ | Vacant |
| Prep BM | Rachel Walker San Martin | Year 1 KH | Angela Bryce |
| Year 1 CM | Vacant | Year 1 LC | Vacant |
| Year 2 SK | Vacant | Year 2 SM | Vacant |
| Year 2 BB | Vacant | Year 3 DH | Georgie Bugeja |
| Year 3 HS | Jacqui Lavric | Year 4 MA | Vacant |
| Year 4 DO | Vacant | Year 5 SN | Vacant |
| Year 5 EG | Vacant | Year 6 DM | Elise LoPresti |
| Year 6 AH | Belinda McParland | | |

SFX - A SUNSMART SCHOOL-SEPTEMBER TO APRIL

Children at our school must wear a school hat at recess and lunchtime until the end of April. Children also wear a hat during sports lessons. This will have great benefit in the years to come when the chance of having skin cancers and melanoma are greatly reduced. The children know our slogan: **"NO SCHOOL HAT MEANS NO PLAY"**. Children who do not have a school hat must sit on the seats in the shaded play area on the upper playground, rather than play with their friends around the playground in direct sunlight. We have ample stock of school hats in our uniform shop. Please label these clearly with your child's name.

PARENTS & MORNING PRAYER TIME

One of the beautiful ways we engage with parents is by inviting them into morning prayer time. Based upon the success of the initiative last year, this will continue in 2025. There are a couple of parameters that SFX staff would like to see if this unique reflection and sharing time with parents is to continue this year.

2025 - GROWING INTO GREATNESS

Due to timetable constraints and seven specialist classes beginning at 9.10am each day, it is important that we have our regular school assembly, children move into class and get unpacked for the day, and then settle for prayer. All this needs to be done before specialist classes begin or Literacy block begins in all classes at 9.10am. As such it is probably our busiest time of the day. **When a class has a specialist at 9.10am we ask that parents do not attend prayer session in this particular morning as it is 'super' busy.**

Parents need to remember that this is not a time for an impromptu chat with the teacher or other parents or a time for parent teacher interview. It is a time of prayer and reflection. Please respect that our teachers are getting their students ready and focused for the day ahead and parents should not be a distraction from what needs to happen each morning.

If younger siblings and toddlers are going to accompany parents to the session, they must not be a distraction to the students in the class. We are asking the students to focus, pray and reflect reverently. If your toddler cannot remain quiet at the moment, you may have to wait until such a time as they can and not join the class at this time.

If your presence in the room, distresses your child and they feel it is a way of going home with you rather than staying at school, it may be best not to attend until your child is able to cope with your presence.

Parents will know when it is time to leave and we ask parents to do this quickly and quietly so that the learning day can commence. Please do not distract your child or others as you walk out.

MOBILE PHONES & SMART WATCHES AT SCHOOL

As of January 2020, the Minister for Education banned the use of mobile phones in **all** Victorian schools. I would strongly encourage parents to not allow children to bring mobile phones or smart watches to school. Please do not be influenced by your child saying "we are now allowed to bring phones to school" or "everyone has a phone at school".

This is not true. Mobile phones for primary aged students are unnecessary, are a distraction, and can lull parents into a false sense of security that a child walking home with a mobile phone will keep them safe.

My deepest concern is for students who walk home staring and engrossed in their mobile phone, often with their ear buds in, oblivious to oncoming or turning traffic and then crossing the streets dangerously because they are not using their eyes or their ears to monitor the street environment. If parents choose not to support this rule and a mobile phone is lost, damaged or stolen, the school cannot be held responsible for replacing the phone or paying out the contract. If mobile phones are seen or heard by a staff member during school time within the bounds of the school, they will be confiscated and parents will need to collect these from the Principal's office.

Another new trend is for some students

wearing Smart watches to school, calling and sometimes messaging parents from their Smartwatch. Again this is a totally unnecessary and very expensive distraction. If parents need to be contacted during the day or if parents need to contact a child this can be easily done through the school office on 9435 8474. Once again the school will not be responsible for replacing or repairing a lost, stolen or broken Smart watches.



SFX

YEARS 2-6 CHOIR

YEAR 2 – 6 CHOIR

THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES

WHEN THURSDAY lunchtimes from WEEK 2
SECOND Lunch Bell


WHERE Performing Arts Room

WHAT TO BRING Your water bottle
Your fine voices!

WHAT TO DO: Please email Miss Beamont if you wish to attend ASAP as maximum 40 places:

Commitment Pledge:

Please note you will need to commit to every week and a roll will be taken. We will be working towards a performance so your regular attendance is essential.



REMINDER ALL FAMILIES

A gentle reminder that there were two important items distributed to all families at the 2025 Meet the Teacher Meetings last week.

1. MACS SFX Parent/Guardian/Carer Code of Conduct
2. MACS SFX Photography & Recording Permission form

The due date for these returned to the office is today Thursday 13th February.

Please read these carefully. We have high expectations of how parents should act at SFX School affording SFX staff and students the now necessary OH&S protections by law. If parents stick with the mantra **TRUST & RESPECT** then this creates a positive, happy and safe school environment for staff and students.

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TERM ONE 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Tuesday 18th February – Welcome Picnic – 5pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 19th February – Prep Assessment Day – No classes
- Wednesday 19th February – School Advisory Committee 7pm
- Thursday 20th February – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am
- Friday 21st February – District Swimming Competition
- Monday 24th February – Preps are now full time at school
- Monday 24th February – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am
- Tuesday 25th February – 2025 Child Safety Session @ 2.30pm
- Wednesday 26th February – 2025 Child Safety Sessions @ 7pm
- Friday 28th February – School Photo Day 2025
- Tuesday 4th March – Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday 5th March – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am
- Thursday 6th March – 2025 Child Safety Session @ 9am
- Monday 10th March – Labour Day Public Holiday – school closed
- Wednesday 12th March – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
- Friday 14th March – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am
- Saturday 15th March – SFX Parents Association Trivia Night 2025
- Monday 17th March – Catholic Education Week 2025
- Monday 17th March – SFX Book Fair begins
- Tuesday 18th March – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am
- Wednesday 19th March – School Advisory Committee 7pm
- Thursday 20th March – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am
- Friday 21st March – Harmony Day 2025
- Friday 21st March – St. Patrick's Day Mass @ St Pat's Cathedral
- Monday 24th March – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am

- Wednesday 26th March – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am
- Friday 28th March – SFX PA – Blokes Barefoot Bowls event
- Sunday 30th March – SFX PA – Mums Barefoot Bowls event
- Tuesday 1st April – Year 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 7pm
- Tuesday 1st April – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am
- Thursday 3rd April – Year 3 – 6 Athletics Willinda Park Track
- Friday 4th April – Term 1 concludes for students at 1pm
- Monday 21st April – Easter Monday Public Holiday
- Tuesday 22nd April – School Review #1 – School Closed
- Wednesday 23rd April – School Review #2 – School Closed
- Thursday 24th April – Staff PD Day – Spelling/Maths – School closed
- Friday 25th April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday – School closed
- Monday 28th April – Term 2 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am
- Friday 4th July – Term 2 concludes at 1pm
- Monday 21st July – Term 3 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am
- Friday 19th September – Term 3 concludes @ 1pm
- Monday 6th October – Term 4 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55
- Tuesday 16th December – Term 4 concludes @ 1pm

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY P TO 6

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\$320 TABLE OF 10
+ BOOKING FEE

TRIVIA NIGHT AT
SFX MONTY HALL



SFX PA

▶ Gather your parent/ carer friends or reach out to new parents and book a table of 10 for the best value and a fantastic night out!

▶ Don't wait! Tickets are selling fast - secure your spot before it's too late.

▶ Rad 80s theme (optional) Rock the neon or come as you are - it's all about fun!

▶ Bring your own snacks and drinks, or treat yourself to a delicious grazing box for the night!

▶ HAVE FUN!

BIG THANKS TO SILVER SPONSOR:



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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Which Neighbours actress, known for her role as Charlene Robinson, topped the Australian charts in 1988 with "I Should Be So Lucky"?

So you think you know music? Prove it! Our Instagram [sfxmontyloves](https://www.instagram.com/sfxmontyloves) is serving up 5 trivia questions this week with a chance to win a set of neon highlighters! Get ready to glow! Plus, we're shining a spotlight on our fabulous grazing box supplier, B. Food Design & Catering - check them out on our Insta profile!

[@sfxmontyloves](https://www.instagram.com/sfxmontyloves)

2025 - GROWING INTO GREATNESS

2025 YEAR. 6 LEADERSHIP ROLES

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| School Captains | Eli Zoroje Anna Cusack |
| School Vice Captains | Ben Jones Ava Norman |
| McAuley HOUSE CAPTAIN | Sienna Dean Emmabelle Angelucci Coben Gaversjo |
| Padua HOUSE CAPTAIN | Jobe Warden Vivienne Lo Presti Matilda Meakin |
| Xavier HOUSE CAPTAIN | Claudia McParland Lily Karakaltses Jonathan Veerhuis |
| Loyola HOUSE CAPTAIN | Jemma Hoseason Mitchell Stevens Archie O'Connell |
| ICT LEADERS | Oscar Molloy Owen Bryce Gianluca Saviane Alex Pysk |
| CULTURAL LEADERS | Olivia McDonald Roja Parsi |
| FLAG LEADERS | Max Gregan Aaron Wheeler |
| DISCOVERY CENTRE LEADERS | Charlotte James-Sanguinedo Imogen Starnes Poppy Keane Charley Conte Ruby Harvey |
| POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT LEADERS | Lily Anne Weller Darlie Gunn Mia Champion |
| PERFORMING ARTS LEADERS | Evie Hannon Emmanuelle Thompson Majella Humberstone Madeleine Nealy |
| VISUAL ARTS LEADERS | Isabelle Reale Kainen De Livera |
| SCHOOL SECURITY LEADERS | Ayden Fiasco-Jones Kavya Deriya Mason Wong Rhy Turner |
| JUBILEE LEADERS | James Mithen Poppy Blair |
| NEWSPAPER LEADERS | Mila O'Doherty Jaxon Avgoulis Xavier Suckling |
| ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS | Ari Miers Camden Ross |

Thank you!

TO ALL AT SFX FOR YOUR SUPPORT



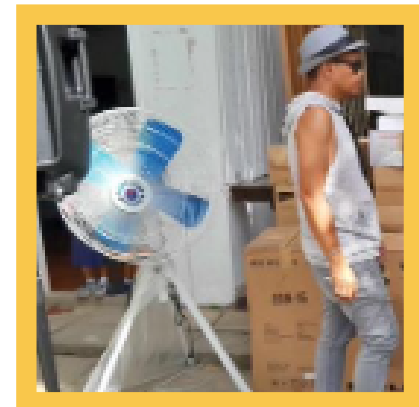
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The children were so excited to receive new classroom stationery!
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Our SFX Friendship school, Buhisan Elementary, in the Philippines.
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Newly built village houses able to withstand floods and typhoons.
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The money that SFX raised in 2024 has purchased school fans AND a sound system!
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The box of supplies that SFX sent over, was gratefully received.
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Thank you to the children & families at SFX from Buhisan Elementary.
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In 2024, the Year Six children, supported by the generosity of the SFX community, raised an incredible \$4042.30 from activities held on our Feast Day.

Anni Miers, Friendship School Coordinator, has passed on her grateful thanks to SFX and supporting schools:

This resulted in very generous donations of educational resources, sporting equipment, water tanks, upgrading of toilet facilities and installation of sound systems. Sound Systems might seem superfluous, but they are vital for Emergency Management for the multiple disasters of fire, earthquake, flood and typhoon. They also facilitate assemblies where dance and music are hugely enjoyed and culturally important to our Filipino friends. - Anni Miers

Congratulations to our 2024 Year Six students & teachers and our SFX children and families. Here at SFX, we are making a difference as we live out our faith by helping others, just as Jesus did.
- Megan Bird, Faith Leader



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SFX parents Rami and Deanna are proudly supporting our community as Gold Sponsors of the R&S Auto SFX Trivia Night in 2025.

GIMME SHELTER!

We can't wait to kick off the year with SFX families at the Welcome Picnic on Tuesday 18 Feb, and we'd love to have a few extra shade options on the SFX Oval to keep it comfortable!

If you can lend a 3m x 3m pop-up marquee, email president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au - families are asked to drop it off anytime on the event day, and help pack up and take home at the end of the night!



Run a business?

Sponsor the PA and promote your services to our SFX community!

Email president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au

SEEKING AUCTION DONATIONS FOR TRIVIA NIGHT NOW!



SFX 2025

WELCOME PICNIC

TUESDAY 18 FEB
5PM - 7PM
SFX OVAL

Fun for all our families!

- BYO food, no alcohol
- Picnic rugs (no camp chairs please)
- PA \$1 Zooper Doopers stall
- Jumping castle!

NO RSVPs, just turn up and connect with old friends and new ones!

SFX Parents' Association proudly presents

Let's roll!

BAREFOOT BOWLS

BLOKES BAREFOOT BOWLS
Fri 28 March 6-9pm

GIRLS ON THE GREEN
Sun 30 March 12-3pm

Montmorency Bowls Club
RSL after bowls
Mountain View Rd (Petrie Park)
Tickets: \$25 (includes pizza)

Drinks available at bowls club prices.

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



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St Francis Xavier
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What's been happening...

Hey everyone!

Welcome back! We have been having so much fun at OSHClub. Here are our club highlights:

Science

- Edible slime
- Homemade paint
- Volcanos

Art

- Cereal Art
- Self portraits
- Painting with sports equipment

Cooking

- Mystery Box challenge
- Pear, Apple and cinnamon crumble

Mystery Box Challenge

Ingredients:

Pastry
Cheese
Tomato paste
BBQ sauce
Vegemite
Apples
Jam
Icing sugar
(any other ingredients of personal choice)

Method

1. Choose which ingredients to use
2. Prepare dish
3. Be creative

Photo gallery...



Coming up...

Clubs:

Mindful Mondays

Tuesdays Stay and Play
Art Attack Club

Thrilling Thursdays

STEM activities

Friday Stay and Play:

Friday Funday (new theme each week)

