

## NEWSLETTER NO.9

27<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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

Dear SFX families,

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 Student Leaders who represented our school at the Annual Catholic Education Week St. Patrick's Day Mass. Our four School Captains Eli, Anna, Ben and Ava, our Year 6 Jubilee Leaders James and Poppy, and our newly appointed Year 5 SFX Fire Carriers Puja, Ben, Jack and Alice joined many thousands of other Primary and Secondary students from all around the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate Mass with Archbishop Peter Comensoli. We have much to be proud of being just a small but important part of the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) here in Montmorency. Let our light continue to shine in all that we do and say in our daily lives, creating the adults of tomorrow.



### **PRINCIPAL FORUM – TERM 1 2025**

One of the ways we engage with parents at SFX is by holding Principal Forums each term. These are normally held each term and are an informal way for parents and school leadership to catch up over a cup of tea and coffee to discuss SFX school.

**Our first forum of the year will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ 9.05am immediately after assembly.** There are no set agendas and any topic is open for discussion. The only protocol of the meeting is that you cannot denigrate any child, any family or member of staff. These forums are always a great way for parents to understand the thinking and strategy behind school decisions, programs and protocols and meet other parents. Please put this date in your diary.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Congratulations to our 2025 FIRE Carriers!**

On Tuesday 18th March, we held our 2025 FIRE Carrier Commissioning Ceremony. FIRE stands for Friends Igniting Reconciliation through Education. The FIRE Carrier program promotes reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Victorian Schools. We are pleased to announce that our 2025 Year Five FIRE Carriers are: Puja, Alice, Jack and Ben! We congratulate these children and look forward to them sharing their passion for learning about Aboriginal culture and history with the SFX community. A special mention to all of our Year Five FIRE Carrier applicants, who demonstrated great leadership and courage in presenting their speeches.

We also thank our 2024 FIRE Carriers James, Majella, Emmabelle and Jemma who have been dedicated and enthusiastic FIRE Carriers. Well done to all of our FIRE Carriers, both past and present!



### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Our Year Four children will make their Sacrament of Reconciliation next Tuesday 1st April, 7pm at the SFX Church. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we hope that we can become more forgiving and understanding of others. We thank our Year Four Teachers Mrs Ahn and Mrs Overton for their work in preparing the children for the Sacrament. Please keep our Year Four children in your prayers at this special time.

### **Holy Week Easter Tableau**

We warmly welcome families to attend our 2025 Holy Week Easter Tableau. This will be held on Friday 4th April at 10.15am

in the SFX Church. During our Easter Tableau, we come together as a faith community. Classes will retell the events of Holy Week, providing us with an opportunity for prayer and reflection as we journey towards Easter.

Megan Bird, Faith Leader.

### SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Anna C, Mila O, Poppy B, Livia D, Kye M and Caelan C on their fantastic efforts at the Regional Swimming Competition last Thursday. **Poppy B received the bronze medal in the 50m breaststroke**

### SFX Athletics

The focus is now on our 3 to 6 Athletics Day on Thursday 3rd April at Willinda Park. All Year 3 to 6 students rotate through the 100, 200 and 800 metre track events and then the discus, shotput, long jump, triple jump and high jump. You should have received a note about this earlier in the week. If any parents are available to assist on the day please return the note identifying this. Parents who assist must have completed the 2025 Child Safety/Parent Helper Course and have a current Working With Children Check.

### Interschool Sport

The first round of Interschool sport for Year 5 and 6 will be on Friday 2nd May. More details to follow.

### Cross Country

Term 2 also sees the Year 3 to 6 students competing in the SFX Cross country. This will take place on Thursday 8th May with the District event being held the following week on Friday 16th May

### SFX PETITION TO BANYULE COUNCIL

Over many years we have tried to involve the City of Banyule and different Councilors to address some of the traffic concerns around our school. The stream of constant complaints from neighbours and "near misses" implores us to do something and recommend changes that will assist the traffic flow around our school. The SFX School Advisory Committee will be petitioning Banyule Council to open up Mayona Road so that traffic can approach/leave the school from multiple directions. We ask that parents and community members who are in favour of the proposal, sign the petition and leave their petition at the school office. Collect as many signatures from locals as you can. The SAC will put these signatures together and submit to council on the school's behalf. Let's get behind the SAC proposal as just the first step in improving safety around our school.

## Spirit of Jesus Awards

Term One, Week Eight, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Mila P	For coming to school with a big smile and a brave heart every day, excited to start the day, and for always doing your best to sound out and write new words! I am so proud of you Mila!
PJV	Charlie K	For the quiet way you go about getting your work done, while still being aware of

		opportunities to help others. Your kindness and thoughtfulness make our class a happier place. Keep up the great work Charlie!
PRJ	Josh W	For being a caring and attentive member of Prep RJ. Thanks for the way you offer to help others in time of need, you truly carry and use the Spirit of Jesus each day. Well done Josh!
1CM	Ari L	For showing resilience in your writing, even when faced with challenges. Your desire to keep learning and growing is truly inspiring! Excellent work!
1KH	Iris	For demonstrating responsibility inside and outside of the classroom. You are striving to try your best especially with writing tasks. Keep up that fabulous growth mindset!
1LC	Shylo L	For demonstrating resilience when completing this week's addition activities. The way you carefully think problems through and keep trying does not go unnoticed. Keep it up Shylo!
2BB	Emmy J	For being a kind and hardworking student who always aims high to do her very best. You tried super hard to learn new time concepts and procedural writing. Congrats Emmy!
2SK	Jaxon Mamo	for your thoughtful contributions to our class discussions about Lent - thanks for sharing your ideas and generous spirit with your classmates.
2SM	Emma A	For always being a responsible learner who tries hard in all she does and shows resilience when obstacles occur. Keep it up Emma!
3DH	Jordan P	You always take action to complete tasks and are open to receiving feedback along the way. Great learning qualities, Jordan!
3HS	Sebastian Drake	For being such a caring friend and looking after your classmates when they were hurt. Keep it up, Seb!
4DO	Zoe O	Zoe for always demonstrating kindness and a helpful heart in our classroom. Through her hard work, consideration for others, and willingness to support her classmates, Zoe reflects the love and compassion that Jesus teaches us every day.
4MA	Thomas G	For making choices that reflect kindness, integrity and respect. You always make



		thoughtful choices and set a positive example for others. Keep it up Thomas!
5EG	Amelia H	For making a wonderful SRC speech and confidently presenting to her peers. It takes courage to put yourself in that position and I am very proud of you. Thanks for being a class member who always aims to do her best.
5SN	Harry S	For setting a wonderful example for his classmates and stepping up into a leadership role and being voted the SRC for 5SN.
6AH	Xavier S	For showing a growth mindset and working hard in all learning areas. We really appreciate the insightful thought that you offer during class discussions. Keep up the positive attitude Xavier!
6DM	Lily W	For bringing her unbridled energy and enthusiasm every day. You make our classroom a great place to be! This is also evident in your PBM Leader role where you are setting a wonderful example for your peers. Brilliant work Lily, keep it up.

### TERM ONE 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – SFX PA – Blokes Barefoot Bowls event  
 Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March - SFX PA - Mums Barefoot Bowls event  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Year 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 7pm  
 Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – School tour for prospective parents 11.30am  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 3 – 6 Athletics Willinda Park Track  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Principal Forum- Term 1 @ 9.05am  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Term 1 concludes for students at 1pm  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday Public Holiday  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – School Review #1 – School Closed  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – School Review #2 – School Closed  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Staff PD Day – Spelling/Maths – School closed  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day Public Holiday – School closed  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Term 2 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Term 2 concludes at 1pm  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Term 3 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Term 3 concludes @ 1pm  
 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Term 4 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Term 4 concludes @ 1pm

**Easter Hot Shots**  
School Holiday Tennis Clinics

Fun, social and active way to spend the school holidays.  
Exclusive daily Easter egg hunt and giveaways.

**WEEK 1 7, 8, 9 APRIL**  
**WEEK 2 14, 15, 16 APRIL**

**REGISTER NOW**  
TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT.

www.fireballtennis.com.au | memberservices@fireballtennis.com.au **0422 270 224**

## Easter dance fundraiser!

Attend any of the following, donate to our Good Friday Appeal as entry!

Thursday April 10th:

- 4:30pm-5:15pm - Hip Hop/Funky Jazz (Prep-Gr2)

Friday April 11th:

- 9:30am-10:15am - Preschool Dance (3-5yrs)
- 10:30am-11:15am - Parent Assisted Dance (1.5-3yrs)
- 4pm-5pm - Hip Hop/Funky Jazz (Gr2-3)
- 5pm-6pm - Hip Hop/Funky Jazz (Gr4-6)

Wednesday April 16th:

- 4pm-4:45pm - Ballet/Tap/Jazz (Prep-Gr2)
- 4:45pm-5:45pm - Acro (Prep-Gr2)

Thursday April 17th:

- 9:30am-10:15am - Easter Preschool Dance (3-5yrs)
- 10:30am-11:30am - Easter Games (Prep-Gr2)
- 11:30am-12:30pm - Easter Games (Gr3-6)

PROUDLY SUPPORTING **goodfriday appeal** THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

**DPS** Dance Plus School

**Email us to book in:**  
 info@danceplus.com.au  
 www.danceplus.com.au  
 28A Main St, Greensborough

### Youth Sports School Holiday Program

Banyule City Council is hosting two free school holiday sports programs to celebrate Active April and get more youth moving!

Come and try one sport or try them all! Most suitable for kids 5-14. Both events include coffee and sausage sizzle lunch at 12pm.

**Wednesday 9 April**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
Willinda Park, Greensborough

Come and Try:  
Soccer  
Athletics  
Baseball

To book scan QR code or visit  
trybooking.com/CYTOO

**Tuesday 16 April**  
10.30am - 12.30pm  
Ford Park, Bellfield

Come and Try:  
Football (AFL)  
Cricket  
Basketball

To book scan QR code or visit  
trybooking.com/CYTTE

For any questions contact Active Banyule Lead, Catherine Corbett on 0942 3471 or catherine.corbett@banyule.vic.gov.au

**Looking for a fun, friendly team?**  
**Come and join the Panthers**  
**U10 Girls**  
**U10 & U11 Boys teams**

- Make new friends
- Learn new skills
- Have fun

Come down for a FREE trial and see what we're all about!

SPOTS ARE FILLING FAST, JOIN US TODAY!  
 Registration enquiries - registrations@elthamjfc.com.au



Please join us as we come together as a Catholic faith community to participate in our

SFX 2025

# HOLY WEEK

## *Tableau*

-Retelling the events of Holy Week-

**FRIDAY 4TH APRIL**  
**10.15AM SFX CHURCH**

*Featuring*

**Piano Music by our SFX Music students**  
**SFX Choir Performance**  
**Classes retelling the Easter Story**

As we journey towards Easter, let us take time to pray, reflect, and remember the events of Holy Week.

LUKE 22:19

AND HE TOOK BREAD, GAVE THANKS AND BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, "THIS IS MY BODY GIVEN FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

# ONE MORE WEEK TO DONATE!

During Week Two of the Caritas Project Compassion Campaign, our wonderful SFX community have raised \$218.85, adding to our running total of \$390.60.

Congratulations to 3HS who this week raised \$29.60 and to 6AH who raised \$27.70!

You can continue to support Project Compassion by placing money in the classroom donation boxes until the end of term. Thank you for your generous donations and support.



Photo credit: Caritas Australia

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION

Unite Against Poverty this Lent

*Thank you for standing with us, as we  
Unite Against Poverty this Lent*



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Third Week of Lent**

*(Week beginning Monday 24 March)*

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative, Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives.

# Easter Raffle

Inviting SFX families to donate, celebrate!

*Please deliver to SFX Office by Wednesday 2 April*

**Every year, the Easter Raffle is the Parents Association's most popular raffle - and this year, it's bigger than ever!**

SFX families are invited to donate Easter treats, activities, books, games and other small items.

**This is the ONLY time in 2025 we'll ask families to donate goods to support PA raffles.**

The raffles will be drawn at final assembly before Easter holidays, on **Friday 4 April at 12.30pm** - an exciting event for the whole school!



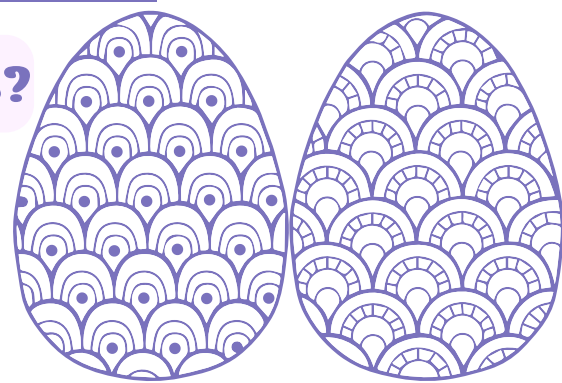
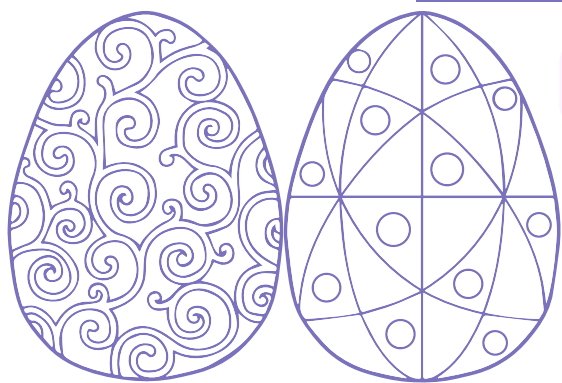
**TIX \$2, or 3 for \$5!!**  
**[trybooking.com/DAKRZ](https://trybooking.com/DAKRZ)**



## Helpers welcome!

Volunteer to bundle prizes on Thurs 3 April, 2pm - 3pm  
[volunteersignup.org/THFPY](https://volunteersignup.org/THFPY)

**Got preschoolers?  
Little bunnies  
can attend and  
help too!**





# Trivia tops \$15k!

Thanks again to all the incredible organisers, sponsors, supporters and enthusiastic attendees of the R&S Auto SFX Trivia Night!

The Parents Association and organising committee is excited to share that the event and online auction raised:

 **\$15,150!** 

A huge effort by all involved, and a brilliant way to start the year - connecting SFX families and community for fundraising and fun!

Event ideas and volunteers always welcome, share with PA co-presidents Deb and Mary via [president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au](mailto:president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au) or at a PA meeting!

Plus, plenty more ways businesses can support and sponsor -huge thanks again to the SFX Trivia Night major sponsors!



WHITEFRIARS  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS

**Learn more in March meeting minutes, [bit.ly/SFXPAMar](http://bit.ly/SFXPAMar)**

## LAST CHANCE FOR BAREFOOT BOWLS - BOOK BY THURSDAY NIGHT!!

SAVE SOME DATES...

**Mother's Day Stall - Thurs 8 May**

**Mother's Day Event - Fri 9 May**

**Next PA meeting - Wed 14 May**

**Pierross Pizza Fundraiser - Fri 20 June**

**Father's Day Stall - Thurs 5 Sept**

**Father's Day Footy Colours - Fri 6 Sept**

*.... and more to come!*



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)

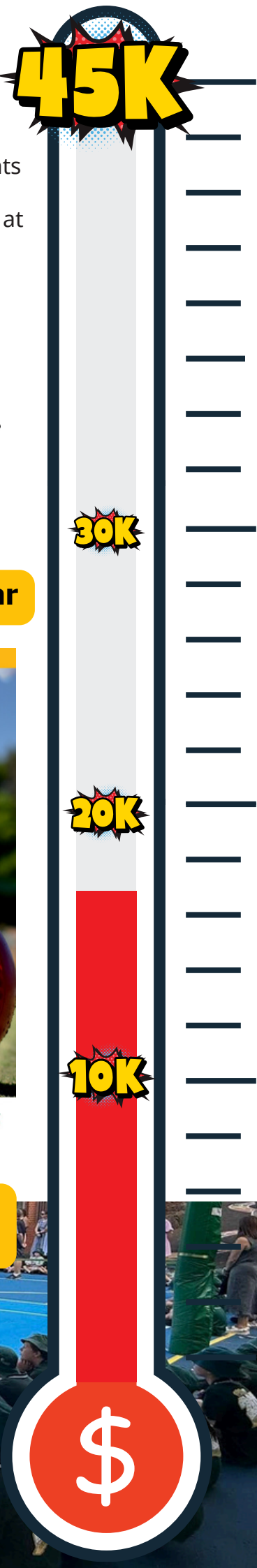
Drinks available at bowls club prices.

For more information contact Ben McDonald 0422 992 244 or [benmcdonald1974@gmail.com](mailto:benmcdonald1974@gmail.com)

Book by Wed 26 March at: [trybooking.com/CYPSR](http://trybooking.com/CYPSR)

**Hitting our target means SFX's amazing new sport courts are fully paid off! (\$85k total over two years)**



## What's been happening...

Hey everyone!

Hope everyone's having great week. Easter is approaching and we have so many fun activities planned at OSH, including an Easter egg hunt! These past few weeks have been filled with so many fun activities, the kids at OSHC have really been into teamwork challenges and they also adore cooking. My personal favourite activity that we did last week was build a giant fort, seeing the kids all work together and create something they could all share was special.

Here are our club highlights:

### Art

- Giant paper chain
- Recycle, reuse

### Cooking

- Decorating cupcakes
- Donuts

### Sports

- Down ball competition
- Dodgeball

## Photo gallery



## Donut Bites

### Ingredients

- 1 cup plain flour
- 3/4 cup milk
- 125g butter, chopped
- 3 free range eggs, at room temperature, whisked
- 1 cup caster sugar
- 2 1/2 cup vegetable oil, for deep frying

### Recipe

Place milk and butter into a small saucepan over a medium-low heat, stirring until butter melts and mixture comes to the boil. Add flour and stir vigorously with a wooden spoon until well combined. Continue stirring for about 2 minutes or until mixture comes away from the side of pan and forms a ball.

#### Step 2 of 4

Transfer to a food processor. With motor running, add eggs, one at a time, and process well between each addition until thick and glossy. Transfer mixture to a bowl and cover surface with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm.

#### Step 3 of 4

Place sugar in a bowl and set aside. Pour oil into a small saucepan until approximately 10cm deep. Place over medium-low heat. Using oiled hands, roll tablespoons of mixture and place onto a baking tray lined with plastic.

#### Step 4 of 4

Drop 5-6 balls into oil and cook for 5-7 minutes or until golden and cooked through. Remove with a slotted spoon and roll in sugar. Continue to cook remaining dough balls, taking care that the oil does not get too hot. If dough balls are cooking too fast, remove saucepan from heat and allow oil to cool.

## Coming up...

### Clubs:

**Mindful Mondays**

**Tuesdays Stay and Play**  
Art Attack Club

**Thrilling Thursdays**

STEM activities or cooking

**Friday Stay and Play:**

Friday Friday (new theme each week)





# Petition to Banyule City Council – Reinstatement of Mayona Road to Ease Congestion

Date:

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Petition Organiser: St Francis Xavier Primary School Advisory Council

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Address: 90 Mayona Road Montmorency

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Telephone Number: 03 9435 8474

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We, the undersigned, urge the Banyule Council to action the following matter and prioritise the safety and well-being of our children and community.

We propose Mayona Road be opened to traffic to help distribute vehicle flow more evenly and reduce congestion. The current traffic situation is causing significant disruptions, safety hazards, and delays for students, parents, school staff, and local residents.

This change would significantly improve safety, accessibility, and efficiency for everyone in the community, including traffic flow on Mountain View Road.

We request that the council conduct an urgent traffic study and implement necessary infrastructure changes to facilitate this improvement.

This is the current view:



This was the original road boundary:



## Privacy statement

Banyule City Council has provided this proforma for the purpose of guiding community members when completing a petition for submission to Council. Council will use this information when considering/actioning the petition and advising organiser of the outcome. Information provided on petitions will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission, or we are required by law.

