

## NEWSLETTER NO.11

1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

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

Dear SFX Families,

Welcome back to Term 2 which promises to be an exciting term for all classes. I hope families were able to take advantage of the incredible autumn weather and the extended school holiday. This term our school value is:



This is such an important value at our school. Respect for each other, respect for property, respect for oneself. In a world where we see and hear of so many instances of dis-respect, it is important that we teach 'how' to show respect to the students at SFX. Many will have noticed some new signage around our school where we have linked our school values to a passage from scripture. So the value of **RESPECT** is so beautifully summarized in a simple yet powerful phrase from the Gospel of Matthew:



Even within our own SFX P.B.M school rules all six come out of the value of RESPECT.

1. **Follow Directions.** If I listen to my teacher and follow their directions, I am showing **RESPECT**.
2. **Use your hands, feet and objects in an appropriate way.** If I follow the "Hands Off" rule I am showing **RESPECT** for people's personal space.
3. **Listen without interruption.** If I am listening to my teachers and class mates in class and not talking or distracting others, I am showing **RESPECT** for them as I am allowing everyone to learn.
4. **Speak appropriately.** If I am showing good manners and saying 'Please' and 'Thank you' this shows **RESPECT** for people I meet.

5. **Treat all property with care.** If I take care of my Chromebook and sports equipment at school I am showing **RESPECT** to my parents who work hard to pay for my school fees and my peers who use this equipment.
6. **Move safely around our school.** When I am moving safely and quietly between specialist classes, then I am showing **RESPECT** for others' learning by not disrupting them.

My hope is that one of the reasons parents choose to enrol their child at SFX is that we hold teaching the value of **RESPECT** very highly. We are teaching our students to be the good citizens of today and tomorrow.

### CONGRATULATIONS MS SERRA

At the end of Term One, Ms Hannah Serra our Year 3 class teacher announced that she and husband Vince were expecting their first child. This is such exciting news for Hannah and the Serra family. It is anticipated that Ms. Serra will begin her Parental Leave at the beginning of Term 3. We will keep parents posted as to when a replacement teacher has been found.



### ANZAC DAY 2025

Thank you to Ms Bird, our Faith Leader for organising such a beautiful ANZAC Day commemoration for the SFX students on Monday and to our school leaders and Tim Riley, father of Arthur (Prep) and Arabelle (Year 3) for leading the Ode of Remembrance. ANZAC Day has become one of the most significant days in the Australian calendar and it is good that

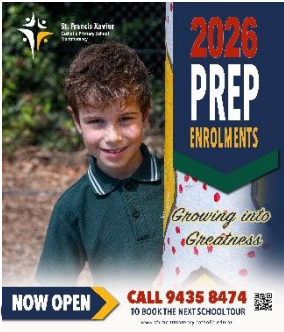
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we give it that status. SFX School was so well represented at the ANZAC Day commemoration ceremony last Friday when our School Captains and Vice Captains, Eli, Anna, Ava and Ben and Ms Rinaldo marched and lay a wreath at the Montmorency RSL Cenotaph.



**2026 PREP ENROLMENT**

Most would have seen the new 2026 enrolment signage around Montmorency declaring our Prep enrolment is now open. Actually, we have had many families ahead of the game who have already enrolled for Prep 2026....48 applications in hand which means that a third Prep class in 2026. These families should receive their letter of offer in mid May. School tours ramp up to twice a week this term and one of the joys is leading families around our school. Most have come on the tour as they have heard great things about SFX. Word of mouth from our families is responsible for the majority of our enrolments and for this we are thankful.



**Spirit of Jesus Awards**

**Week 10 Term 1**

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Isobella W	For always being so kind and helpful in our classroom! You set a wonderful example by always trying your best and helping your classmates. Keep up the amazing work!
PJV	Greta B	For the wonderful way you look out for our class members, always checking everyone is ok. You make our classroom a beautiful place to be with your

		gorgeous smile and positive attitude. Thank you so much Greta!
PJV	Bodhi M	For the amazing effort you are putting into listening carefully and remaining focused. Thank you for being such a responsible learner. I am very proud of you Bodhi!
PRJ	Hallie S	For her gentle manner and the way she focuses on her work, always striving to do her best and even more. She constantly helps others in the classroom including her teacher. Thank you so much Hallie!
1CM	Aurelia W	For always showing kindness in our classroom. Your actions bring smiles to those around you and make everyone feel valued and included. Great job!
1KH	Evelyn A	For leading our safety line responsibly every day and for listening attentively in class. You follow directions quickly and remain focused during learning time. Well done Evelyn!
1LC	Richie G	For always offering his thoughts and opinions during class discussions. The way you listen carefully and try your best should be admired. Keep it up Richie!
2BB	Thomas Byrne	For aiming high and working hard during UFLI lessons and Reading Rotations. Your enthusiasm and dedication has been fantastic. Well Done Thomas!
2SK	Billy H	For showing great resilience and problem solving in Maths
2SM	Mac N	For always having a positive attitude to learning and persisting with all tasks even when they are difficult. You are a perfect example of what a growth mindset looks like. Well done Mac!
3DH	Toby R	Well done for consistently setting a good standard with your learning habits and enjoying a challenge during Maths. Keep it up!
3HS	Hamish G	For showing our school value of responsibility and always putting your best effort into your learning. Well done, Hamish!
4DO	Eloise A	For demonstrating respect, hard work, leadership, and integrity, Eloise



		exemplifies the Spirit of Jesus in our school community.
<b>4MA</b>	<b>Scarlett P</b>	For showing dedication and working hard for the Year 4 Inquiry Project, you have demonstrated outstanding leadership and teamwork. Well done Scarlett!
<b>5EG</b>	<b>Jude F</b>	For following in the footsteps of Jesus. You are a hard working person who is humble in their words and actions. You show resilience and respect in all that you do and say. Thank you for being a lovely human.
<b>5SN</b>	<b>Patrick F</b>	For continuing to grow in confidence and speaking up in class & stepping into the spotlight for our Easter Tableaux as one of our main players! Great Stuff!
<b>6AH</b>	<b>Emmanuelle T</b>	For your outstanding hygiene presentation. You have worked hard all term on extending yourself in your learning. You are a kind and caring classmate. Keep up the excellent work.
<b>6DM</b>	<b>Jemma H</b>	For your exceptional Nutrition Presentation. You worked tirelessly in the lead up and the confident way you shared your information was impressive. All your efforts in Term One have set you up for a wonderful final year of primary school! Brilliant work Jemma!

### NEWS FROM OUR STUDENT WELLBEING LEADER

I hope you had a fabulous Easter! As we come to the end of the month, it's important to highlight that April was Autism Awareness Month—a time when we come together as a community to better understand autism and reflect on how we can create more inclusive, supportive environments for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). At SFX we believe in fostering kindness, understanding, and acceptance for all students, regardless of their differences.

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a developmental condition that affects how individuals experience the world and interact with others. It is a spectrum, meaning that it can present in many different ways, with varying degrees of intensity. Some children may need more support than others, but all children deserve the same respect, understanding, and opportunities to thrive in our school environment. At SFX we provide opportunities that highlight the importance of these values and we reflect on how we can support all of our students to thrive.

Being inclusive goes beyond just being kind—it means creating spaces where everyone feels valued and understood. Encouraging empathy and fostering acceptance are vital to helping children with autism feel seen and supported. When

we all make an effort to understand the challenges that people with Autism may face, we are building a more inclusive society for everyone.

Sue Larkey, a leading expert in the field of Autism, she is one of many individuals dedicated to providing resources and strategies that help teachers, parents, and caregivers better support children with Autism. Sue offers fantastic online resources, including her website and podcasts, which provide valuable insights into how to create positive, supportive environments for children on the spectrum. Her strategies help to unpack complex ideas and offer practical solutions that can make a real difference in our daily interactions with children with Autism.

We encourage all families to explore these resources and learn more about how we can all contribute to a more inclusive and understanding world for children with autism. By working together, we can ensure that every child feels respected and empowered to be their true selves.

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Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a warm, welcoming environment for all of our students. We are grateful to have such a dedicated school community working toward positive change.

Deb Butler Student Well Being/Learning Diversity Leader

### NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Welcome back to term 2. Interschool sport begins this week for the Year 5 and 6 students. We play Eltham East away. Games commence at 1:00 pm and conclude at 2:20 pm.

#### Cross country

The SFX Cross Country event will take place on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at Petrie Park. The event will commence at 12:00pm. This event is for all Year 3 to 6 students.

#### Congratulations

Last week Ava N and Lily Anne W competed in the regional netball trials which is the first step in the process towards State team selection. A great effort Girls.

### TERM ONE 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Year 5/6 Interschool Sports Begins

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**

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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day Stall for students

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day Celebration

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Mother's Day 2025

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Father Michael's Birthday

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – District Cross Country

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – STEM Week @ SFX

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May- STEM Family Night @ 7pm

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Dental van @ SFX

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**

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Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Human Sexuality Session P/1/2 (6pm) & Year 3/4 (7pm)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Human Sexuality Session Year 5/6 @ 6.45pm

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Working Bee #1 – A to K families – 9am to 12pm

[Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am](#)

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – District Cross Country

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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm

[Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am](#)

[Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am](#)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – LOTE Mandarin Day 2025

[Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am](#)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – School Advisory Committee Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Regional Cross Country

[Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am](#)

[Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am](#)

[Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am](#)

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Semester One Report Distributed

[Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am](#)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews – 2pm-8pm

[Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am](#)

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

## **PETITION TO BANYULE COUNCIL – MAYONA ROAD**

We have had very few signatures on our school petition to Banyule Council for the opening up of Mayona Road. This petition was borne out of discussions by our very own SFX School Advisory Council that will greatly increase the access of vehicles and parking around our school, and most importantly safety of our students. If we cannot get at least 200 signatures of people who are directly impacted by the current access to Mayona Road, it will not hold weight with council and it will not proceed.

Just think of what removing this Mayona Road 'road block' will do.....you will be able to access the school through Woodland Grove and Lillicur Rd both of which run off Calrossie almost tripling the access to our school. Imagine not being stuck at the round-about at Mountain View Rd and Calrossie Ave. This will give SFX families such great access options to our school. A copy of the petition is at the SFX Office counter for you to sign.



# **FIREBALL TENNIS!**

**GROUP LESSONS, PRIVATE LESSONS & SQUADS NOW RUNNING!**

**BOOK A FREE TRIAL LESSON NOW!**



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[fireballtennis.com.au](http://fireballtennis.com.au)

**YALLAMBIE TENNIS CLUB, SFX TENNIS CLUB & GREYTHORN PARK TENNIS CLUB**

**BOOK HERE:**



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**Are You Ready?**

# **STEM/Digital Tech Parent and child Night**

The Biggest Night on our School Calendar returns with more Tech, More Machines, More Fun!

Wednesday 21 May 2025  
7-8 pm School Hall & Surroundings

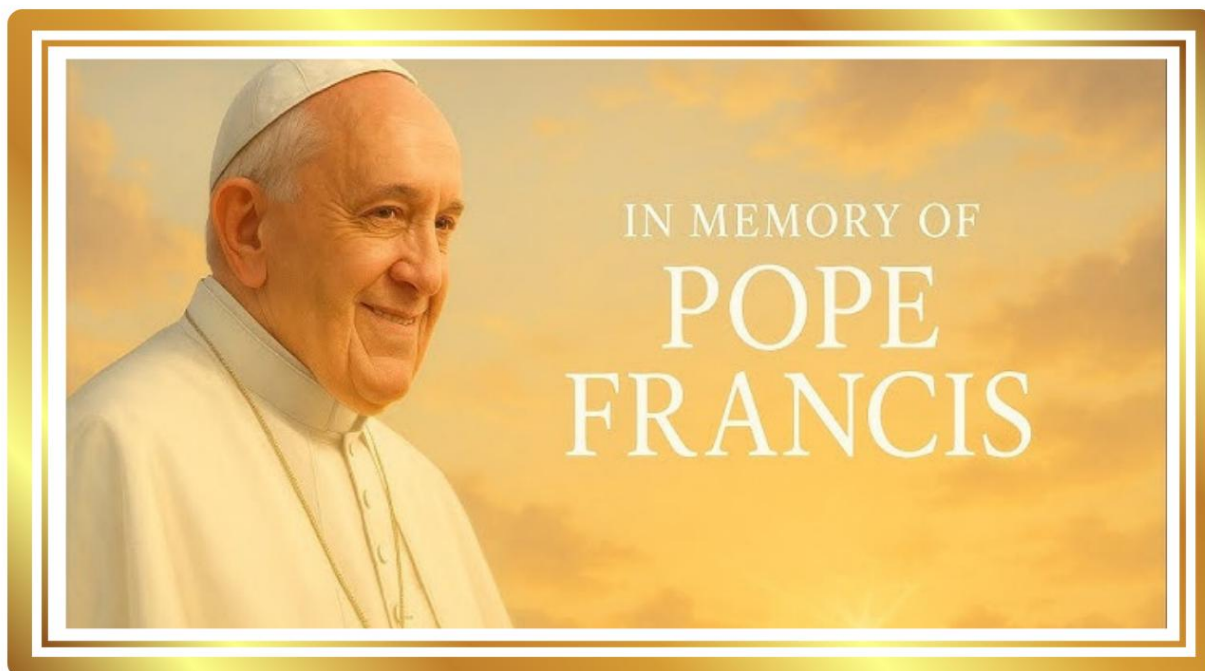
**SAVE THE DATE**

The staff and I are so looking forward to sharing Term 2 with you and exploring the excitement of learning the SFX Way.

Philip Cachia  
Principal

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**POPE FRANCIS**  
**1936-2025**



It is with sadness that our SFX School and Parish community acknowledges the passing of Pope Francis. Pope Francis was a beacon of hope and compassion, whose teachings and actions profoundly impacted individuals, families, and communities across the world.

Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis walked in the footsteps of Jesus, extending compassion and dignity to the poor, the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers, the sick, those in prison, and all who were marginalised. His deep empathy and commitment to social justice inspired people of all faiths and backgrounds.

In the final week of his life, Pope Francis visited a prison in Rome — an act that reflected his lifelong ministry to those on the margins. He consistently demonstrated a profound respect for the dignity of every individual, embracing people from diverse backgrounds and communities and was a passionate advocate of Indigenous rights.

Here at SFX, we honour his legacy and strive to continue his mission of love, compassion, and service.

*May his soul rest in eternal peace.*



**Well done to all Year 5/6 students who auditioned for 'Peter Pan' Term 3 production**

Thank you to all the 60 Year 5 and Year 6 who auditioned this year. They should be all proud of working so hard and thanks to the parents for supporting learning at home.

A cast has now been chosen and will be starting rehearsals next week.

**Choir to perform at Mother's Day Breakfast – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 8:50am**

Just a reminder that Choir will again be singing around 8:50am for the Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

**Parent Prop making Working Bee – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June (11-3pm)**

As the costumes and props are a very important part of the visual appeal of our shows. This year we will be running a designated Saturday working bee for parents to come and help. Please note similar to other working bees this will be a child-free event.

Jobs will include:

- Painting backdrops such as a 2d boat
- Painting staging
- Drawing scenes onto backdrops and drawing
- Creating different props as directed (e.g a fire, dog kennel etc)
- Make costume accessories as directed (Peter Pan hats, Crocodile hats, bows and arrows, cloud hats)

Resources and instructions will be provided, but if you have a spare glue gun that would be handy to bring along!

If you know you are able to attend this day, please can you complete the following slip attached below by Week 4. Miss Beamont will allocate jobs on the day. However, if you have a particular skill, e.g. drawing or sewing please note it below.

-----For Miss Beamont – Performing Arts

**Parent School Musical Working Bee**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025 11-3pm**

I will be available to attend the Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June working bee at SFX.

I am \_\_\_\_\_ the parent of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Preference of help (circle): Sewing/Costume accessories   Drawing   Painting

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_



# Lunch Order Menu

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## Sandwiches/Wraps/Rolls

### (Wholemeal/White bread/Gluten Free/Toasted)

Sandwiches/Wraps with 1 filling \$4.00

Rolls with 1 filling \$4.50

(add 50 cents for each extra filling)

Gluten Free Bread add .50c

### FILLINGS: add .50c per item

Real Chicken / Cheese / Ham / Egg

Tuna / Pineapple / Carrot / Vegemite

Tomato / Lettuce / Avocado / Cucumber

(Vegan Cheese add .80c)

## Snacks

Choc chip cookie \$2.50

Hedgehog slice \$2.50

Vanilla cupcake \$2.50

Banana Bread \$4.00

Seasonal fruit salad \$4.00

Tomato sauce sachet = 30c

***NB. If you have multiple items that you want with sauce, please ensure you order the adequate quantity of sauce sachets. An order of 1 sauce will give 1 sauce sachet.***

## Hot Food

Routleys Beef Pie \$4.50

Schools out' Beef Lasagna \$4.50

Routleys Sausage Roll \$4.00

Routleys Spinach & Ricotta Roll \$3.50

Routleys Wholemeal Veggie Pastie \$4.50

Party Pie \$1.30

Steamed Dim Sim with soy sauce \$1.20

Hans Hot Dog (with a fresh baked roll) \$3.50

Apple pie \$2.50

Margarita Pizza \$4.00

Ham & Pineapple Pizza \$4.50

Chicken Pizza \$4.50

## Drinks

Fruit juice (O.J. or Apple) \$2.50

Choc or Strawberry milk \$2.50

Plain milk \$2.20

NB. We are very pleased to offer a small variety of gluten friendly options on our menu. Please note we are NOT a gluten-free certified kitchen. Whilst every effort is made to ensure that cross contamination does not occur, we cannot guarantee this will never occur. We have processes in place to minimise risk however, if you are a Coeliac and/or highly sensitive to gluten, please know that we will do our best but cannot guarantee your order will not touch gluten somewhere in the process. We apologise for any inconvenience. **For manual orders, simply fill out your child's name, their class and their order on a paper bag and place the money inside. Only Australian currency accepted. Any shortfall may result in omission of items. Online ordering is available at [www.mymumandi.com.au](http://www.mymumandi.com.au). Please ensure you select the correct school for your child.**

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## Special Dietary Hot Food

Gluten Free Meat Pie	\$6.00
Gluten Free Party Pie	\$3.00
Gluten Free Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Gluten Free Cheese Toastie	\$4.50
Gluten Free Cheese & Tomato Toastie	\$5.00
Gluten Free Ham & Cheese Toastie	\$5.00
Gluten Free Ham & Tomato Toastie	\$5.00
Gluten Free Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie	\$5.50
Vegan Margarita Pizza	\$4.50
Vegan Sausage Roll	\$4.50

## Special Dietary Snacks

Gluten Free & Vegan Choc Chip Cookie	\$3.50
Carrot Sticks (3 pieces)	\$1.50

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# SHOP FOR MUM!

**SFX PA Mother's Day Stall**

**Thursday 8 May**

**[www.trybooking.com/DARMF](http://www.trybooking.com/DARMF)**

- \$10 per gift
- Pre-pay online or cash on day
- Every class gets to browse!

## Good times roll as bowls events grow!

Term 1 wrapped with fun at Montmorency Bowling Club, for two big SFX events - Blokes Barefoot Bowls, and Girls on the Green! Traditionally a Friday night event for SFX dads, a Sunday arvo for mums meant more than 80 parents got involved.

Thanks to organisers Ben McDonald and Deanna Makhoul, the events were fun and relaxed, with good competitive spirit! Congrats to Bevan Dimeck, Simon Grant, Elisha Harvey and Leah Stackpoole, taking out nearest-the-pin bowls!

The Parents Association is grateful to a generous deal from Global Pizza in Montmorency for feeding the hungry bowlers.

Jacqui, Peter and David from Montmorency Bowling Club also delivered great hospitality.

Thanks to everyone who made the events epic - look forward to welcoming even more next time! (More photos at [www.instagram.com/sfxmontyloves](https://www.instagram.com/sfxmontyloves) ❤️)





# Morning with Mum

Friday 9 May | From 8am  
SFX BASKETBALL COURTS & SFX HALL

Join us for a special morning filled with ...

- ♥ Barista made coffee
- ♥ Mum & Me Yoga (Optional)
- ♥ Photo Booth
- ♥ Sweet Treats
- ♥ Special Mother's Day Assembly
- ♥ Classroom Activity (Families Grouped together)
- ♥ Mother's Day Raffle (Pre-purchase or on the day)

RSVP by Thursday 8 May

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(RSVP is required for Catering & Yoga Class Purposes)



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