

NEWSLETTER NO.12

8th May 2025

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

Dear SFX Families,

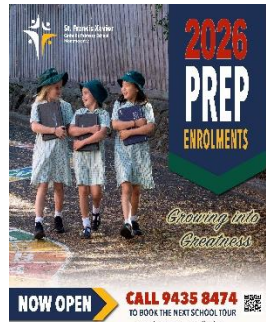
Thank you to members of our SFX Parents Association for putting on another school fundraiser at the Federal election last Saturday. So much work and preparation goes into events like this and it is so rewarding to the SFX Parents Association Exec when parents come out of the blue and offer their services... *"I can help for an hour.....I can wrap this...I can bake a cake..."* The use of SFX Hall by the Australian Electoral Commission is gaining popularity and it is good for the community to come into our school and see our facility. According to AEC statistics 1335 people voted at the SFX hall and this was a marked increase from when it was used for the Referendum voting last year.

Always remember that every cent of SFX Parents Association Fundraising goes into buying/paying off tangible, legacy items for the students. It is never used for gifts, wages or flowers etc.

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.... **64** applications in hand

which means that a third Prep class in 2026 is now likely. 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.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

If you choose to park your car in the school carpark after school, you need to have entered the carpark before 3.20pm. You must always pick up your child from inside the school grounds and walk them safely to your car, using the crossing at the top of Kiss & Drop. **At no point are children to be waved across the Kiss & Drop line and oncoming traffic by their parents.** We have had two near misses in the past couple of weeks and both times it was the parent's fault and not the driver's fault by not following school protocols.



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

CHILD SAFETY

A reminder that parents are not permitted to take photos of any child other than their own during SFX school events. The Safety and Wellbeing of children in our care is our highest priority at St. Francis Xavier School Montmorency. At no time may parents post photos of any child (other than their own) on any of the Social Media platforms.

Spirit of Jesus Awards Term Two, Week Two, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Pia H	For always coming to school with a positive attitude and being ready to learn! You make everyone in our class laugh and smile with your funny jokes and happy energy! Well Done Pia!
PJV	Prep JV	For starting the new term with amazing enthusiasm and joy. You make coming to school an absolute pleasure. The way you care for and look after each other every day really makes our school values come alive. Keep up the incredible work.
PRJ	Marlow F	For the gentle, respectful and caring way he treats others in the classroom and out on

		the playground. He has a very positive attitude which is especially apparent in the way he plays and shares with others. Thank you Marlow for your kindness and happy nature.
1CM	Isabella X	For always being such a respectful student. You consistently show whole body listening and use your lovely manners every single day. What a wonderful role model you are for 1CM. Well done!
1KH	Gwendolyn B	For always treating others with respect and care. Your kindness is felt by those around you and your thoughtful actions show what it means to be a good friend. Thank you Gwen!
1LC	Coco H	For always being a respectful member of our class by showing whole body listening, using your manners and treating others with kindness. Keep it up Coco!
2BB	Eliza B	For always having beautiful manners, a hard work ethic and demonstrating all of the school values at SFX! Congratulations Eliza!
2SK	Isobel K & Johanna L	For the resilience you have shown settling in so well to your new school, we are so happy that you have joined 2SK
2SM	Eloise S	For always bringing a positive attitude to class and being responsible in your learning throughout the day. Fantastic work!
3DH	Zara A	You consistently demonstrate respect to your teachers and peers. Keep up the great work, Zara!
3HS	Hugh B	For showing our school value of responsibility and always putting his best effort into his learning. Well done, Hugh!
4DO	Milla L	Milla has shown the Spirit of Jesus through her courage and determination at Athletics Day. Just as Jesus showed bravery when facing challenges and continued on with strength, Milla gave her very best, even when the events were tough. She approached each moment with a positive attitude, persistence, and a willingness to push through. Her effort and resilience were an inspiration to others. Milla reminds us that true courage is not about being fearless—but about choosing to keep going, even when it's tough.
4MA	Kobe H	For always showing respect to his teachers and friends. You always include others, speak kindly and lead by example with a caring heart. Keep it up Kobe!

5EG	Angus Z	For always showing respect to others. The way you treat the people around you with kindness and grace is a gift.
5SN	Livia D	For showing fantastic resilience returning from an extended absence and easily returning to he routines and not missing a beat. Great work!
6AH	Jobe W	For working hard to achieve your goals and having a positive attitude towards your learning. You are a kind and caring classmate who goes out of his way to help others. Keep up the amazing work!
6DM	Ava N	For striving to achieve your best in all that you do. Whether it is in the classroom or with your sporting pursuits, you commit entirely. Congratulations on making the next stage of School Sport Victoria Netball trials. We wish you all the best Ava!

TRY INLINE

SPEED SKATING »

Looking for a new, exciting way to stay active? Come and give Inline Speed Skating a try! Whether you're a beginner or already quick on skates, this fast-paced and fun sport is perfect for all skill levels.

WHY TRY SPEED SKATING?

- **Improve agility, balance, and speed**
- **Build confidence and endurance**
- **Make new friends and develop teamwork skills**

1st SPEED SKATE CLUB SESSION FREE!

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity! For further details or to sign up, email Kelly elthamspeedskaterz@gmail.com

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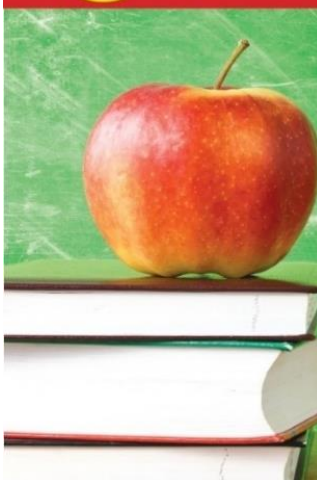
SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM

We are pleased to advise you that our school has engaged Semper Dental to provide your children with the opportunity of visiting the Semper Dental treatment team at school commencing on **Friday 23rd May**. Semper Dental is a well-respected catholic family business and is a significant provider of oral hygiene education and dental treatment services with programs running in more than 80 schools in greater Melbourne. The program is available to participating students from all year levels at the school. The basis of this offer will be fully explained in the Semper Dental parent consent forms and in the Semper Dental information flyer.

Semper Dental provides a preventative treatment program involving an oral examination and treatments such as scale, cleaning, fluoride application and fissure seals where necessary. Semper Dental will then provide you with a treatment plan for your child following the visit and will inform you if your child requires additional dental care.

Forms need to be returned to the school by Monday May 19th.

LET US HELP YOU LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILD'S TEETH @ SCHOOL



- We take the trouble out of visiting the dentist by bringing our oral hygiene education and treatment program to your school.
- We provide comprehensive dental services under the The Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS)

www.semperdental.com.au

SFX SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country

As you are reading this, the Cross Country for Year 3 to 6 students will have taken place today. The winning house will be announced Monday and posted in the newsletter next week. The team will be selected and compete at the Montmorency District on Friday 16th May at Bundoora Park

Interschool Sport

Congratulations to all the Year 5 and 6 students who participated in Round 1 of Interschool sport against Eltham East on Friday

Results were:

Teeball SFX 13 to Eltham East 5

Football Boys 71 to 27 Girls 20 to 33 but win by forfeit

Soccer Boys 2 to 1 Girls 2 to 4

Tennis Boys 8 sets to 4 sets Girls 8 sets to 4 sets

Netball Girls 11 to 8 Boys 7 to 11

This week we play Montmorency Primary school away

TERM ONE 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 9th May – Mother's Day Celebration

Friday 9th May– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Sunday 11th May – Mother's Day 2025

Tuesday 13th May – Father Michael's Birthday

Wednesday 14th May–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Thursday 15th May– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Friday 16th May – District Cross Country

Monday 19th May – STEM Week @ SFX

Wednesday 21st May- STEM Family Night @ 7pm

Tuesday 20th May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Friday 23rd May – Dental van @ SFX

Friday 23rd May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Monday 26th May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Wednesday 28th May–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

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

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

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

Tuesday 3rd June – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Thursday 5th June – District Cross Country

Thursday 5th June – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Monday 9th June – Kings Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 11th June – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday 11th June–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Friday 13th June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Monday 16th June – LOTE Mandarin Day 2025

Tuesday 17th June - School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Wednesday 18th June – School Advisory Committee Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday 18th June – Regional Cross Country

Thursday 19th June – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Wednesday 25th June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Friday 26th June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Monday 30th June – Semester One Report Distributed

Monday 30th June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

Thursday 3rd July – Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews – 2pm-8pm

Thursday 3rd July– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am

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



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Dear Philip,

Anzac Day 2025

On behalf of the Montmorency Eltham RSL Sub-Branch, I would like to extend our thanks to the St Francis Xavier Primary School for participating in our Anzac Day services. I would like to make particular mention of Father Michael for reciting the Lord's Prayer and thank him contribution.

The strength and spirit of our community are what make these commemorations so meaningful. Your support ensures that the sacrifices of our servicemen and women are honoured with the dignity and respect they deserve. It is through coming together as a community that we keep the Anzac spirit alive for future generations.

Thank you for standing with us in remembrance, and for being such an important part of our commemorative efforts.

Lest we forget,

Ash Graham
President
Montmorency Eltham RSL Sub-Branch

president@mersl.com.au

29 April 2025



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BOOK HERE:

2025 Eucharist RETREAT DAY

On Thursday 1st May, the Year Five Children from SFX joined together with our two other Risen Christ Parish schools, Holy Trinity and Our Lady Help of Christians, for a special Eucharist Retreat Day. The aim of the day was to immerse the children in a day of prayer and preparation, as they journey towards receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist.



A day of Prayer & Preparation

Our day commenced with some get-to-know you games and activities. We then gathered together in prayer, as we participated in a Liturgy at the OLHC Church. Following our Liturgy, the children enjoyed participating in three Eucharist preparation activities:

- Learning how to receive the Bread and Wine
- An Art activity creating a stained glass chalice
- Completing activities in the Eucharist workbook

Our day concluded with prayer and an opportunity for students to give thanks for a wonderful day together.



SFX Student Feedback

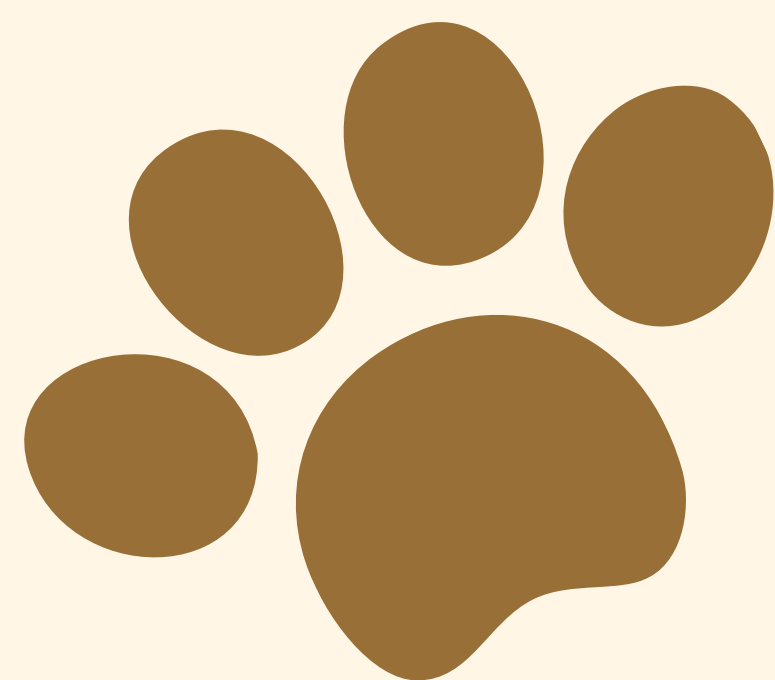
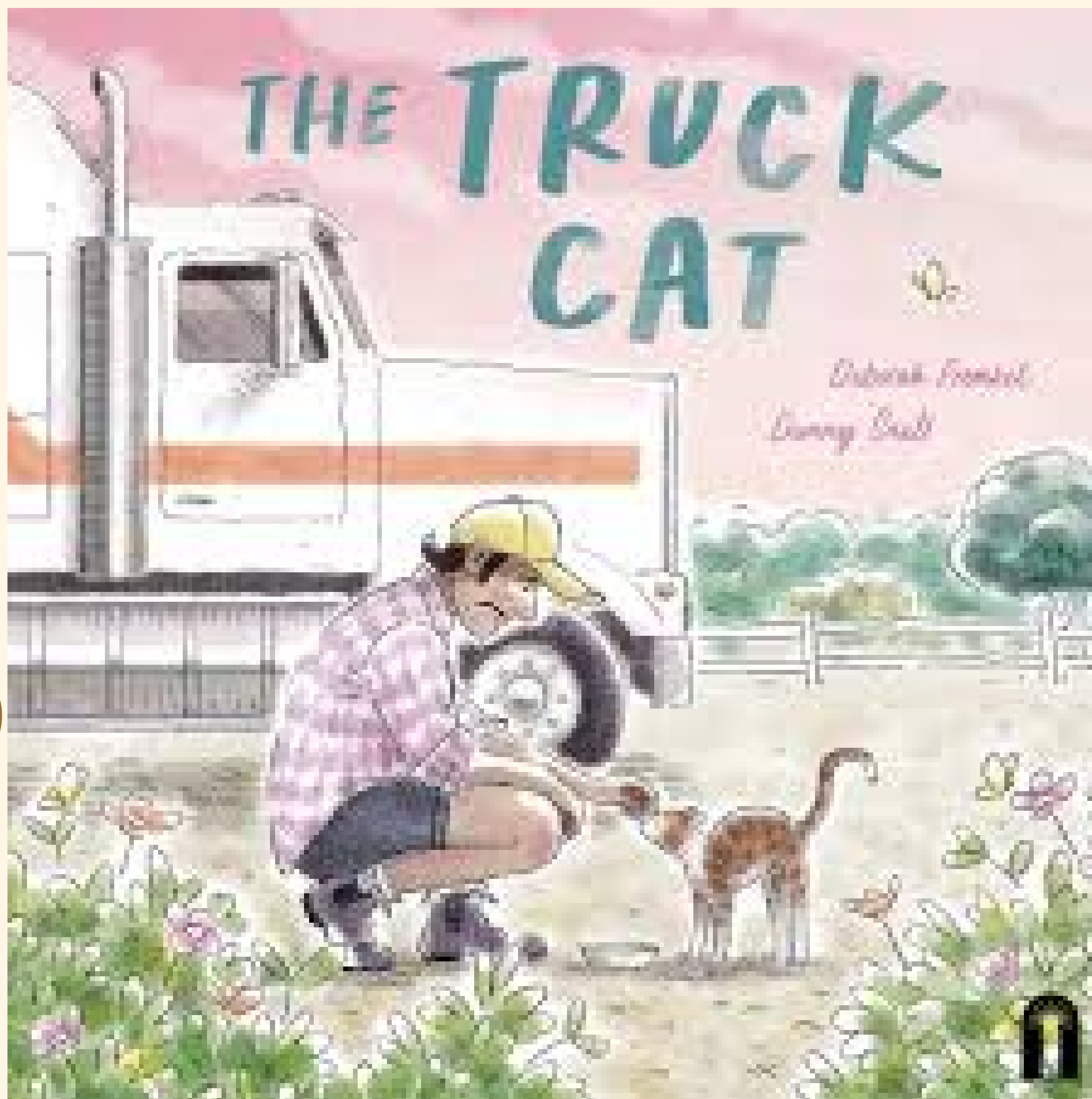
"I liked the Four Corners get-to-know you activities" - Ren

"I enjoyed meeting children from other schools" - Puja

"I liked doing the stained glass art activity" - Lexi



Thank you to Mr Cachia, Mrs Vadala, Mrs Douglas and Mrs V for accompanying us. Congratulations to our SFX children for their focused and prayerful participation! - Mrs Bird



This year the students will have the opportunity to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime.

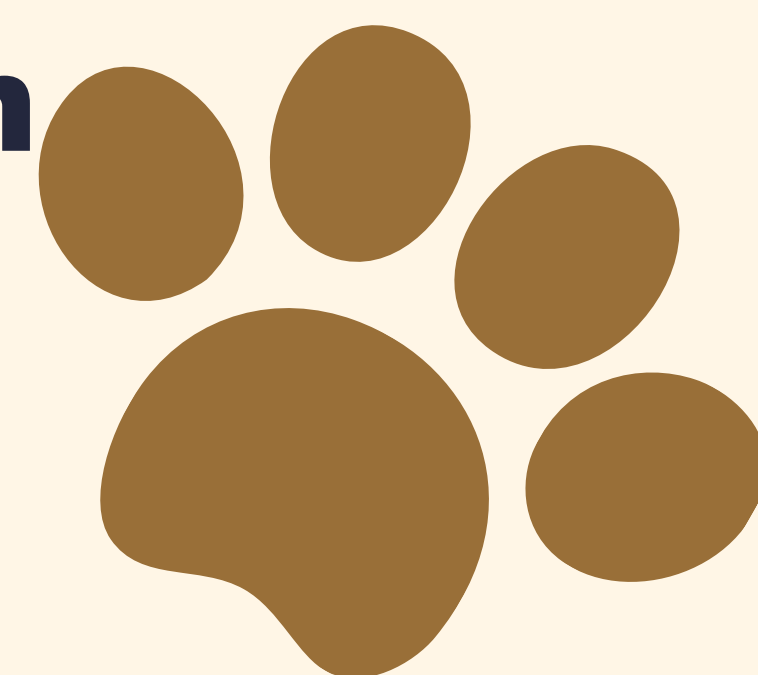
This will take place on **Wednesday 21st May at **12noon!****



This year the book chosen to be shared over all of Australia is **'The Truck Cat' by Deborah Frenkel.**



Students are encouraged to wear a **cat accessory with their school uniform to honour this years featured book eg. painted whiskers, cat ears, tail or cat printed socks.**



SFX sizzles on Election Day!

What a day at SFX, as school families and Monty locals not only flocked to vote in the Federal Election - but also feasted, thanks to the PA sausage sizzle and cake stall!

The buzzing booth served egg and bacon muffins from 8am, then "democracy sausages" were in hot demand. The vast array of sweet treats sold out by mid-morning, and pop-up stalls by **Serra Sola** and **The Sensory Poodle** added to the fun.

The big day raised \$4000 towards our new sport courts, thanks to generous donations from **Foodworks Montmorency** and **Montmorency Bakehouse**. And of course, because of every person who came along, promoted and supported - thank you!

Huge thanks to the army of volunteers who went above and beyond on the day, for both the sausage sizzle and cake stall:

Leah Velkov ★ Georgina Lynch ★ Helen Boyd
Tracy Koh ★ Clare Chown ★ Britt Higgins
Chris Sheedy ★ Danielle Christou ★ Holly Chandler
Ben O'Malley ★ Emily Zann ★ Georgie Bugeja
Helen Boyd ★ Emma O'Malley ★ Naomi Warden
Jobe & Abby ★ Leah O'Shea ★ Lisa Cusack
Carolina Andersson ★ Nick Drake ★ Jacqui Lavric
Ben McDonald ★ Sarah Karakaltses
Susan Roberts ★ Aimee Evans ★ Maria Buccella
Kristina Rossi ★ Natalie Stead ★ Kath Spencer
Jane Fraser ★ Deb Vega ★ Mary Bolling

The event was a brilliant showcase of our passionate, enthusiastic and fun school community!

FOODWORKS
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BAKEHOUSE



The Meadows

SFX DADS' DOGS NIGHT IS BACK

SATURDAY 31st MAY
@ THE MEADOWS

\$140

2 COURSE MEAL
BASIC SPIRITS, PREMIUM BEER, WINE, SPARKLING, CIDER & SOFT DRINK
PACKAGE AT THE TRACK 6p.m. till after the last race

*MEET AT MONTY RSL AROUND 4 p.m.
WATCH A BIT OF FOOTY/RACING THEN UBERS TO THE TRACK.
CAN MEET AT THE TRACK BUT WILL NEED TO LET US KNOW PRIOR FOR TICKETING PURPOSES.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DAUZW>

BOOKINGS MUST CLOSE TUESDAY 27TH MAY
(We need to pay the venue prior)



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

<https://www.trybooking.com/DBFAN>
(RSVP is required for Catering & Yoga Class Purposes)



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Doyle Family & Gasparini Family



Morning with Mum

From 8am

Barista made coffee or tea
(Available anytime between 8-8:55am)
Mum & Me Yoga hosted by Grow Glow & Thrive Fitness at 8:15am in the SFX Hall
(Optional)

8:55am

Special Mother's Day Assembly
Followed by special Mother's Day
activity in your child/ren classroom
(Families will be grouped together)

9:30am (Optional)

Barista made coffee or tea
(Available till 10:15am)
Mother's Day Raffle - Drawn in SFX Hall

*This event has been created to share some special time
with your child/ren at school - there will be no Teacher
supervision at school between 8-8:40am

Thank you

... to all the amazing supporters of Morning
with Mum, and the Mother's Day Raffle!



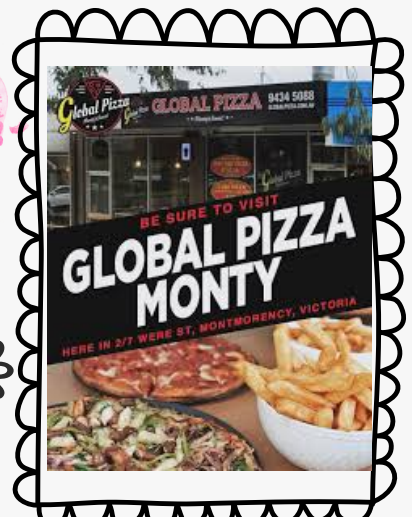
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Montmorency's local, family run florist.

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tix via event
booking, or
on the day!



winners drawn at morning assembly on Friday!

What's been happening...

Hey everyone!

Hope everyone's having great week and enjoyed their holidays, the first week back at OSH was a success with the children bringing high energy back into the room and getting involved in all the planned activities and games. On Friday our Funday theme was Mystery Mayhem, children got to solve clues, be detectives and play guessing games. Our next Friday Funday theme is all about space! The team at OSH are excited to be back and can't wait to see what Term 2 brings. 😊

Here are our club highlights from week one:

Art

- Toilet paper robots
- Drawing time
- Bookmarks
- Binoculars
- DIY Board games
- DIY ring toss

Cooking

- Decorating cupcakes
- Cookie dough bites

Sports

- Football matches
- Soccer
- Ball Tag
- Tennis
- Group games

Outdoor Adventures

One of the standout moments was our **Nature Scavenger Hunt**. The children were given a checklist of items to find—like pinecones, feathers, or a leaf with jagged edges—We even had a few surprise discoveries like ladybugs and interesting rocks!

Cookie Dough Bites

Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour (heat-treated*)
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 2 tbsp milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup chocolate chips

Instructions:

1. In a bowl, cream together the butter and sugar.
2. Stir in the milk and vanilla.
3. Add the flour and mix until combined.
4. Fold in the chocolate chips.
5. Roll into small balls and chill for 15–20 minutes.

Enjoy!

*To make raw flour safe, spread it on a baking sheet and bake at 160°C (325°F) for 5–7 minutes, or microwave for 1–2 minutes until it reaches 74°C (165°F).

Photo gallery



Coming up...

Clubs:

Mindful Mondays

Tuesdays Stay and Play
Art Attack Club

Thrilling Thursdays

STEM activities or cooking

Friday Stay and Play:

Friday Funday (new theme each week)

Mon-Fri [BSC: 7am to 9 am | ASC: 3:00pm to 6:00pm]

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