

NEWSLETTER NO.14

22nd May 2025

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

Dear Families,

There is lots happening at SFX that is worth reading about. We are lucky to have a weekly newsletter to keep us up to date and informed.

SEMESTER ONE WORKING BEE – A TO K FAMILIES

Our first SFX Working Bee of the year will be held on **Saturday 31st May 2025**.

We invite all A to K families, mums and dads alike, to assist with the many jobs that need to be done around the school from 9am to 12 noon.

The big job for this working bee is disposing of our three water tanks. We have tried to move them on to someone that will use them, however the \$15,000+ cost to acquire them has made them a dead school asset. We would like to make this a more usable part of our school yard. More information about the tools we will need for this job will come at a later date.

For families who attend \$100 will be rebated on your School Building Levy for 2025.

Please mark this date in your diary as it is not too far away.

WONDER OF LIVING – HUMAN SEXUALITY PROGRAM

St Francis Xavier primary School is offering families the opportunity to participate in **The Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program** on the topic of human growth and development education. This program is offered to all families every two years.

The purpose of the program is to encourage good communication between parents and children about the important topics of babies, birth and puberty. Sessions will be conducted by *CatholicCare Victoria - Open Doors Schools* Education Program. Open Doors is the creator of the Wonder of Living video series, which is used during the sessions. This family-friendly series has been reviewed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and has alignment with Catholic teaching and values. The original Open Doors program, now integrated into CatholicCare Victoria, has over 30 years' experience and an excellent reputation for its sensitive, engaging presentation of this program in schools. The Family Night sessions will use stories, video, shared conversations and activity sheets for you and your child to do together.

Our school is offering the following and we encourage **all parents/guardians to attend with their child** (child must be present at the session with one of their parents/guardians):

Wednesday 28th May

6pm to 6.45pm - Year P, 1 & 2

7pm to 8pm - Year 3 & 4

Thursday 29th May

6.45pm to 8pm - Year 5 & 6

Please note that this program is now offered over two nights with different, age appropriate content at each session.

Please click on the link below so we can confirm numbers for the two nights:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YHCfRvc1ODTpp_SpWsklOzK07VurQaC26r1Qa1Kcnu4/edit?ts=68213c5f

CITY OF BANYULE: SCHOOL SAFE ACCESS AUDIT

"Good afternoon Philip

Banyule City Council are undertaking a Safe Access Audit of St Francis Xavier Primary School (as outlined in the attached map) to review existing footpaths, crossings and streets and identify needs for new infrastructure. As part of this process, we are reaching out to teachers, guardians, and students to participate in a short online survey to share any specific concerns about the current infrastructure. Your input will help Council make informed decisions and achieve positive outcomes to support you and the school.

We would like to invite the school and community to participate in this short online survey and ask for your support by way of communicating the below information.

Banyule City Council is interested in understanding how safe you feel on your journey to school and what might make it easier.

We are reaching out to teachers, guardians, and students to

participate in this short online survey to share your experiences. Your input will help Council make informed decisions and achieve positive outcomes to support you and the school.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ch2JGp9vaM>

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Kind regards

Emily Harford

Active to School Officer

Transport Planning and Advocacy



LETTER OF THE MONTH

It is so great that we receive emails such as this...so affirming for our SFX staff and the values our students carry with them each day. *"Hi Phil, I went along to the district Cross Country this morning and helped as marshal. I was impressed at how well Mr Anderson organised and ran the event. But I was super impressed at the resilience and beautiful behaviour of the SFX students. They demonstrated the SFX school values and really made me proud that my kids belong to such a wonderful school. Thanks to the SFX staff for their part in raising such brilliant kids. They represented SFX so well today! Enjoy your day!"*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sacrament of First Eucharist

The Sacrament of First Eucharist Masses have commenced for 2025. Our Year Five Students will make their Sacrament of Eucharist at the weekend Masses until the middle of October. We invite our SFX community to visit the Eucharist Prayer Artwork display in our front office each week, as we keep the Year Five students in our prayers during this special time in their lives. Congratulations to all of our Year Five students.

National Reconciliation Week: Week 6

Next week marks National Reconciliation Week. This is an important week which celebrates Indigenous history and culture in Australia, and encourages Reconciliation discussion and activities. The 2025 National Reconciliation Team is "Bridging Now to Next", reflecting the ongoing connections between past, present and future.

In Week 6, Our Year Five FIRE Carriers will visit classrooms to present information sessions to our students. They will also launch a fundraiser: a colouring competition for Years Prep-Two, and a model bridge building competition for Years 3-6, reflecting the theme "Bridging now to Next".

Students are invited to bring in a gold coin donation from Tuesday 27th onwards if they would like to enter the competition (participation is voluntary). Entry forms will be sent home on receipt of a gold coin donation. Students are asked to complete their colouring competition entry / creation of a small model bridge at home. Entries are due to classroom teachers by Thursday 5th June. Our FIRE Carriers will select one winning entry per grade, who will receive a certificate at morning assembly.

All money raised will go towards supporting The Opening the Doors Foundation, which supports educational opportunities for First Nations Children. Our donations mean that First Nations children will be able to participate fully and equally in education and have a brighter future. Thank you in advance for your support. Megan Bird, Faith Leader.

SPORT NEWS

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who so proudly represented SFX in the district cross country. They gave their best and pushed themselves to their limit showing great **RESILIENCE** and determination. An awesome effort by all.

The following students finished in the top ten and will continue on to division on Thursday 5th June

Charlotte B, Isabelle A, Jed H, William B, Sonny C, Daniel J, Jude A, Liam R, Claudia M, Maeve O, Jacob A, Jonathon V, Mitchell S, Sienna D and Poppy B. Congratulations

And now a report from our Cross Country Captains

We are the Cross Country Captains for the team in 2025 and we are writing about the District Cross Country. Everyone did amazing and we are very proud of everyone. Shout outs to the people who made the top ten and got into the next level which is Division. The Cross Country took place at Bundoora Park. The 8/9/10 year olds ran two kilometres and the 11 and 12/13 year olds ran three kilometres. Well done to everyone who completed the course as it is not an easy one to complete. Our school went up against Holy Trinity, Monty Primary School, Sherbourne Primary School, Monty South Primary School and Briar Hill. The results of the winning schools will be announced later on. From *Jemma Hoseason, 6DM, and Jonathan Veerhuis, 6AH.*

Interschool Sport This week is a bye.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK AT SFX

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025
Bridging Now to Next
27 MAY – 3 JUNE
#NRW2025 | RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU

BRING A GOLD COIN IN WEEK 6
TUESDAY 27TH MAY ONWARDS

ENTER THE FIRE CARRIER COMPETITIONS!

YEARS PREP-2: COLOURING COMPETITION
YEARS 3-6: BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION

ENTRIES DUE TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS BY THURSDAY 5TH JUNE

ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION
SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FIRST NATIONS CHILDREN

Spirit of Jesus Awards

Term Two, Week 4, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Bonnie Z	For being brave during morning drop-off and always trying your best. Keep believing in yourself and building your confidence. I'm so proud of you!
PJV	Valentina P	For being such a responsible learner, starting work immediately and remaining focused until the task is completed. Thank you for being such a great role model. Fantastic work Valentina!
PRJ	Moss P	For being a kind and respectful friend who happily shares with his peers when out on the yard. He will invite others, if he notices that they are alone, to play with him. Well

		done Moss and thanks for the caring way you treat others!
1CM	Oscar A	For being such a kind and resilient member of 1CM! You always treat others with kindness and never give up, even when things are tricky. I'm really proud of you.
1KH	Edward K	For the way you consistently demonstrate school expectations. You have settled in at SFX seamlessly and you show that you are ready to learn by listening attentively. Keep it up!
1LC	Lachlan C	For being such a kind and helpful member of Year 1LC. Thank you for the way you always offer your help to your peers and teachers. It is always appreciated. Well done Lachlan!
2BB	Hudson O	For remembering all of the UFLI rules and being able to share them consistently with the class. What an amazing memory you have, Hudson!
2SK	Kinzie M	For showing our school value of responsibility and putting her best efforts into her handwriting.
2SM	Oliver T	For trying very hard to show focus and independence, in ensuring he completes tasks accurately and to the best of his ability. Keep it up Ollie!
3DH	Arlo V	You consistently demonstrate our school value of respect by listening to others' points of view when collaborating. Great work, Arlo!
3HS	Jed H	For keeping our classroom safe and tidy by always offering to do extra jobs and helping your teachers and classmates. Well done, Jed!
4DO	Lewis B	Lewis consistently embodies the SFX values of respect, responsibility, kindness and resilience, setting a shining example for others through his actions and attitude. His unwavering determination and pure resilience during last week's cross country demonstrated his incredible drive and spirit, making him a truly deserving recipient of this award.
4MA	William B	For showing incredible resilience and strong spirit in everything you do. You don't let anything get in your way and always move forward with determination.
5EG	Liam R	For demonstrating the value of respect by always meeting the expectations, treating others kindly and giving maximum effort in everything that you do. Well done!

5SN	Matthew L	For showing the value of resilience in Maths by sticking to it before finally having an "I got it!" moment! Great stuff Matthew!
6AH	James M	For being able to find the lowest equivalent fraction when you are multiplying fractions. Working hard to improve your organisational skills. You are thinking carefully about the responses that you provide to our class novel. Keep up the good work!
6DM	Ari M	For your enthusiasm in taking on the role of 'Rory' for our class assembly. You got into character so well and did an exceptional job. I have also been impressed with your focus and organisation so far in Term Two. Keep it up Superstar!

CONGRATULATIONS CADE

We are pleased to let you know that Cade Gaversjo has passed a Judo practical and knowledge test called a grading at the Yarra Judo Club.

This is no easy task and requires a great deal of practice. The grade is awarded by the presentation of a coloured Judo belt.

Junior Judo belts are in varying colours signifying age and expertise. Cade has been awarded a White-Yellow-Black belt.



TERM TWO 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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
Thursday 26th June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Friday 27th June – 2025 SFX Disco 4.30pm to 6pm
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



Important Update: Revised Victorian Curriculum Mathematics Version 2.0

Victorian Curriculum Mathematics Version 2.0

Now fully implemented
in all MACS schools

Working towards our strategic goal to enable all students to acquire Mathematics proficiency, the revised curriculum makes it easier for teachers to assess and report on student learning.



Melbourne Archdiocese
Catholic Schools

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to inform you about the latest update from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). The revised Mathematics Curriculum, Version 2.0, is now fully implemented in our school. Here are the key points you need to know:

- **New achievement standards:** The revised Mathematics Curriculum includes changes to the achievement standards used by teachers to assess and report student learning from Foundation to Year 10.
- **Aggregated reporting:** Under the new curriculum, teachers will report against the achievement standard as a whole, providing a single, aggregated score in Semester 1 and Semester 2.
- **Alignment with local curriculum:** Our school's teacher judgements align with our Mathematics Curriculum program.
- **The initial Semester 1 report will only show achievement, while the Semester 2 report will display both achievement and growth for the strands covered in Semester 1.**
- **Strand-level information:** Our school has recorded and used information from each of the six strands in Mathematics Version 2.0 to provide feedback on student progress.
- **Guidance for reporting:** As a school we decided to share strand-level achievement data within your child's school report, through outcomes marked against a five-point scale, as has been our practise in previous years.
- **Holistic judgement:** As a school our teachers use learning evidence from the strands taught each semester to make a holistic judgement that accurately reflects where your child is on the learning continuum for Mathematics Version 2.0.

We believe these updates will provide a clear and comprehensive understanding of your child's progress in Mathematics. If you have any questions or need further information, our Mathematics Leader, Sarah Karakaltses, will be holding an informal Q & A session on Wednesday 18th June at 9:00am in the staffroom which parents are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your continued support.



Visual Arts News



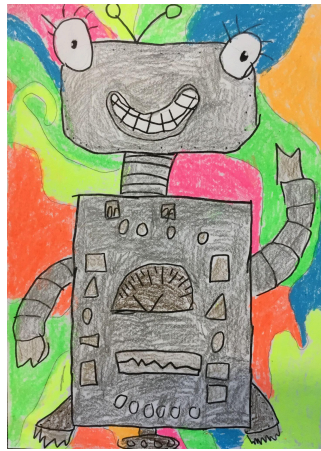
Artists of the Week!

Celebrating some of our amazing Year 1/2 artists at SFX!

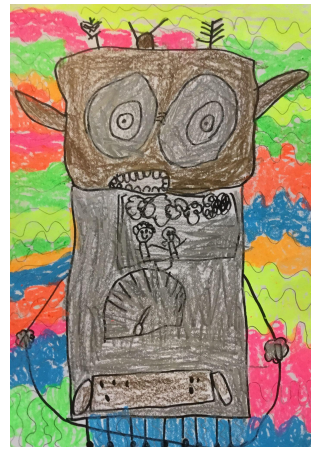
During Term 1 the Year 1/2 students created Robots! They used cardboard shapes to trace the head and body of their robots before adding features and designs of their own. They were encouraged to add details such as buttons, dials and gauges. They used markers to outline their robots before colouring them in using metallic crayons to give them a metal look. Finally they used fluoro oil pastels for the background. These are just a small selection of these wonderful robots. All the Year 1/2 Robots will be on display in the art room or the year 1/2 classrooms. Congratulations to the following students for creating some stand out pieces!



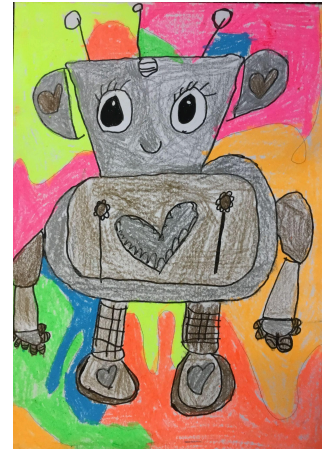
Cleo Giffening 1LC



Hugo Gallo 1LC



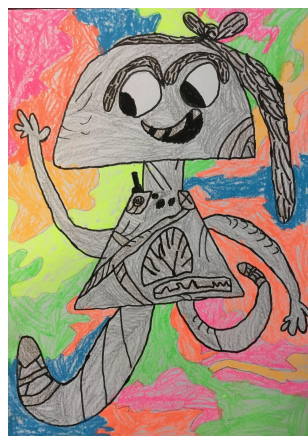
Alfie Heenan 1CM



Allegra Poci 1CM



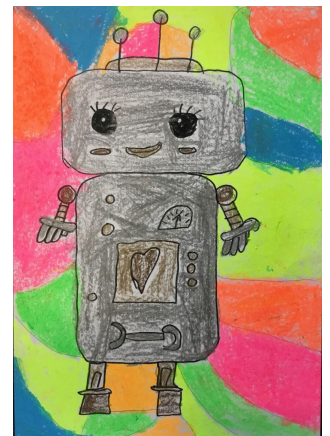
Ryan Cai 1KH



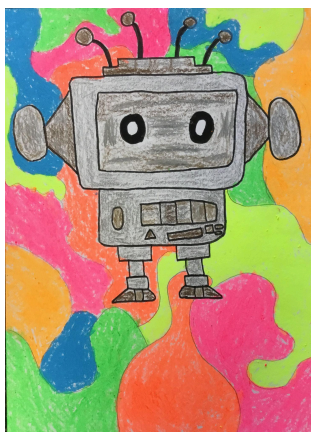
Frankie De Santis 1KH



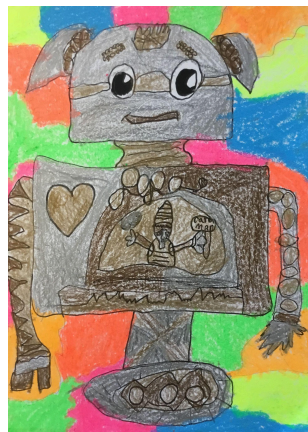
Conor Kent 2SK



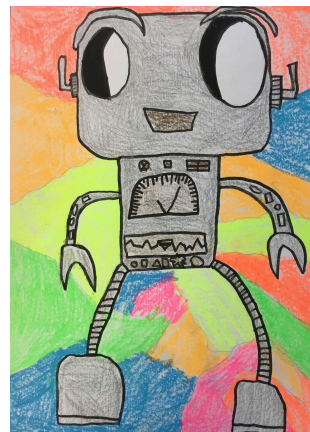
Ivy Velkov 2SK



Ari Kazalac 2SM



Eloise Scannell 2SM



Jacob Sanovic 2BB



Essie Swindon 2BB

What's been happening...

Hello OSHClub families!

We've had a fantastic start to Term 2 and are excited to share all the fun, learning, and creativity happening at OSH. From cooking to games and engaging craft projects, the children have been exploring, building friendships, and developing new skills every day. Here's a look at what we've been up to 😊

Here are our club highlights from week one:

Art and craft

- Bookmarks
- Origami
- Popsicle stick crocodiles
- Toilet paper roll crafts

Cooking

- Pizza Scrolls
- Cookie dough bites

Sports

- Football matches
- Soccer
- Ball Tag
- Down ball
- Dodgeball

Outdoor Adventures

One outdoor adventure that the children at OSH really enjoyed recently was a **scavenger hunt**. Six children were chosen to hide an object of their choice somewhere on the oval, and the rest of the group had to work together to find each one. It was a fantastic team-building activity that sparked creativity, problem-solving, and a lot of laughter. Everyone loved the challenge—and a few objects were hidden so well they almost stayed lost!

Recipe of the Week: Mini Veggie Pizza Scrolls

Ingredients:

- 1 sheet puff pastry (thawed)
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1/4 cup grated cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped capsicum
- 1/4 cup grated carrot
- Optional: chopped olives, mushrooms, or pineapple

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
 2. Spread tomato paste over puff pastry.
 3. Sprinkle vegetables and cheese evenly.
 4. Roll up pastry tightly and slice into scrolls.
 5. Place on baking tray and bake for 15–20 minutes or until golden.
 6. Cool slightly before serving.
- Enjoy!

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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