

NEWSLETTER NO.15

29th May 2025

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

Dear Families,

SFX teachers are busy conducting assessments and writing Semester One Reports for all students. It is a busy time for teachers especially those in our Year 3 – 6 classes who have larger classes than our juniors. Nonetheless so much time goes into ensuring that these are an accurate evaluation of your child's development over the semester and where their goals lie for Semester 2. These Semester One reports will be distributed in hardcopy to all families on Monday 30th June. This gives parents and carers an opportunity to digest what has been written in the report and then discuss the report with you child's class teacher on Thursday 3rd July. For the first time and in an effort to more fully inform parents of their child's progress, LEEP teachers from Year 1 – 6 will make themselves available for a 10 minute face to face meeting either directly before of after you meeting with your child's classroom teacher. The QR Booking code will be released to families shortly.

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. **If you have a reciprocating saw please bring it. We have a lot of cutting to do. For families who attend \$100 will be rebated on your School Building Levy for 2025.**

SFX MOVES INTO THE WORLD OF INSTAGRAM

The use of social media is most beneficial if we are going to promote and advertise the many events that go on at SFX on an almost daily basis. Mr. David Mithen, our Marketing, Media and Promotions Leader is the administrator of our SFX Facebook site and now our new SFX Instagram site. I have been told that Facebook has a generally 'older' clientele, whilst Instagram a relatively 'younger' more 'hip' clientele and it is important that we appeal to both of these cohorts. **For those who have in the past used the SFX Loves Monty Instagram site this will cease to operate.** According to MACS policy, only an authorised MACS employee can operate a social media site on behalf of a MACS school, of which we are one. It

is also always crucial that as a school we control how and in which context our school name, photos of our students, and publicity of school events is used. Mr. Mithen has the responsibility for ensuring that this occurs. Scan the QR code and become an SFX Instagram follower for all the latest school news.



SFX PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT – MRS. JO NOLEN

Most families would have now received a copy of the letter from Regional Manager Marwin Austerberry and Father Michael Sierakowski our Parish Moderator, that Mrs. Jo Nolen has been appointed as the new Principal of SFX School commencing early Term 3 2025. I am grateful that the appointment process has progressed smoothly and exactly as planned and that we have found a Principal who is ready to take SFX school to the next level over the next eight years. Both Mrs. Nolen and I will have a two week handover period in Week 1/2 of Term 3. I will then be attending the Year 3/4 School Camp at Mt Evelyn on Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th August. This guarantees that this camp will proceed as planned for our students whilst still accommodating T.I.L (Time in Lieu) constraints for SFX staff who attend.

This will also mean that Mrs. Nolen will be a most interested observer as we begin our School Review and VRQA compliance check with Ms Gaynor Robson-Garth at the beginning of Term 3, allowing her to learn more about the operation of our school, knowing our staff members and the programs they teach and getting her head around the SFX Way.

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The students from 3-6 have all been enrolled into the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2025 and started to log their books. The VPRC encourages children to read a set number of books over the set months and record their efforts online. There will be a prize for the individual and class who read the most amount of books.

Ms Morello – Discovery Centre Teacher

2025 – GROWING INTO GREATNESS



Spirit of Jesus Awards Term 2 Wk 5

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Evelyn S	For being 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 Evelyn!
PJV	Reemy J	For always showing respect to your peers, including others in activities and checking whenever anyone is upset. Thank you for the beautiful way you care for our class.
PRJ	Nina C	For the gentle and kind way that you treat your classmates and others out on the playground. You are very respectful during class time, listening to others and helping when you can. Thanks for all that you do in our class Nina!
1CM	Isla S	Thank you for consistently showing respect by actively listening during learning time. Your responsible choices and consistent effort are clearly reflected in your hard work. Keep it up and continue being a fantastic role model for 1CM. Well done!
1KH	Lara M	For demonstrating respect to yourself and those around you by attentively listening during learning time. Thank you for making responsible choices and always giving your best effort in class. Keep up the great work!
1LC	Sandrea S	For always being a respectful student who understands the importance of listening carefully and helping others. The way you walk into class each and every day ready to learn and do your best is fantastic.
2BB	Sadie L	For showing a strong understanding of what it means to be a Steward of God, and how to care for the environment. Sadie shared her favourite creation from God, a field of flowers.
2SK	Ivy V	For always showing the school value of being kind and always thinking of others.
2SM	Xavier M	For showing persistence and determination during the past few weeks, to following and being a model of our school values. Keep working hard, well done!
3DH	Macsen R	You have shown great passion and determination during Maths. Well done on your continued improvement with your recall of multiplication facts.
3HS	Kai H	For always putting in your best effort and working hard to complete your tasks to a high standard. Well done, Kai!
4DO	Isabelle A	Isabelle shows the Spirit of Jesus through her dedication to learning. She approaches every task with care and a desire to do her best. Like Jesus, she is faithful and persistent, always aiming for excellence. Her quiet determination and high standards inspire others. Well done, Isabelle for letting your light shine!

4MA	Orlando M	For making good choices and staying focused in your learning. You are always motivated to do your best. Well done Orlando!
5EG	Jack G	For showing resilience, respect and kindness when conducting yourself in school. You are taking your roles and responsibilities on with great maturity and it is wonderful to see.
5SN	Lily S	For being a kind and caring friend and classmate and her for fantastic artwork in preparation for our whole school assembly.
6AH	Lily K	I'm impressed with the way you are using scientific vocabulary to make thoughtful observations during our science experiments. Your perseverance in maths lessons is commendable, and I really like how you use charts and materials to support your learning and growth. Keep up the wonderful work!
6DM	Poppy B	For the perseverance and determination you demonstrated at the District Cross Country, earning a top ten finish. You consistently show respect toward your peers and teachers, and your strong work ethic is evident as you strive to reach your next learning goal.

TERM TWO 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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
 Wed 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
 Wed 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
 Monday 11th August -Book Week - author visit & character dress up
 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

The colours this autumn are vibrant and stunning.
 Enjoy autumn in Melbourne.

Philip Cachia
 Principal



2025 – GROWING INTO GREATNESS



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.



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

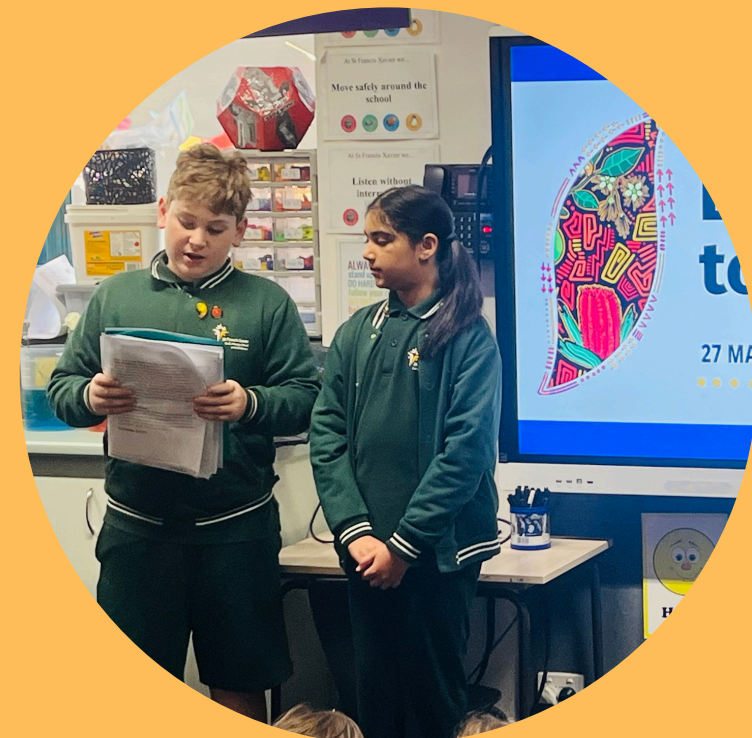
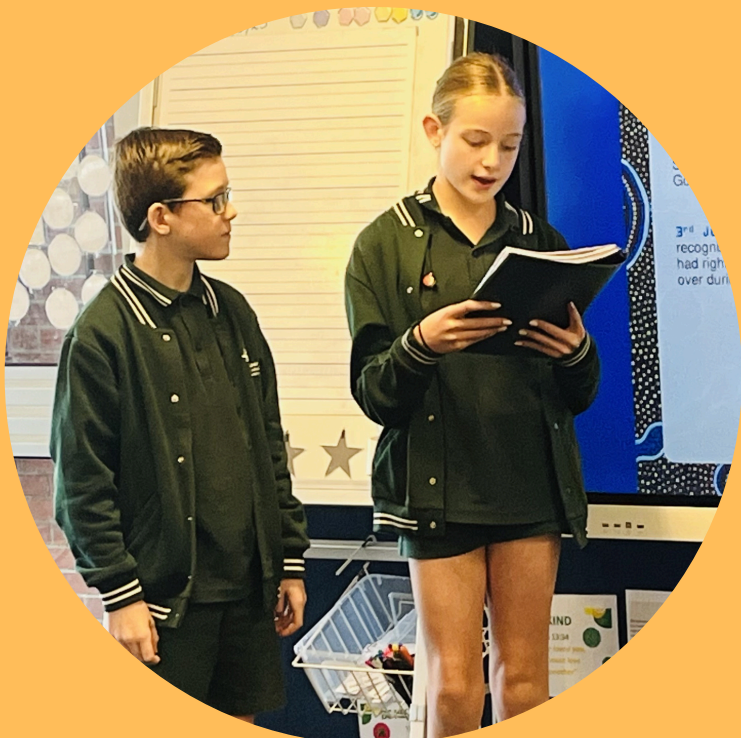
We are excited to inform you about the latest update from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). The revised Mathematics Curriculum, Version 2.0, is now fully implemented in our school. Here are the key points you need to know:

- **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.

On Monday we joined together in prayer at morning assembly, to seek forgiveness and pray for healing on National Sorry Day. Our Jubilee Leaders James and Poppy led us in a National Sorry Day prayer, as we expressed hope for a future where justice, equality and reconciliation are achieved.



NATIONAL SORRY DAY & NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK AT SFX

This week, our 2025 FIRE Carriers Jack, Alice, Ben and Puja did a wonderful job presenting classroom information sessions to recognise National Reconciliation Week. Students from Prep to Six enjoyed the opportunity to learn about our shared history and culture, as we recommit to reconciliation and First Nations justice.

The FIRE Carriers also launched a fundraiser (Prep-2 Colouring Competition, Years 3-6 Model Bridge Competition) for the Opening the Doors Foundation, supporting educational opportunities for First Nations children. Entries can be completed at home and are due to classroom teachers by Thursday 5th June. Thank you to our SFX students, families and teachers for supporting our FIRE Carriers and their important work this week.

-Megan Bird, Faith Leader.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

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Visual Arts News



Artists of the Week!

Celebrating some of our amazing Year 5/6 artists at SFX!

During Term 1 the Year 6 students created a self portrait that included realistic style drawing on one side and the other side displayed images that represented things that they liked such as favourite food, sports, hobbies etc. They used watercolour pencils to add colour and fine liner for the details. They finished them by mounting their final artwork on black paper. These are just a small selection of these wonderful portraits. All the Year 5/6 portraits will be on display in the art room. Congratulations to the following students for creating some stand out pieces!



Evie Kazalac 5EG



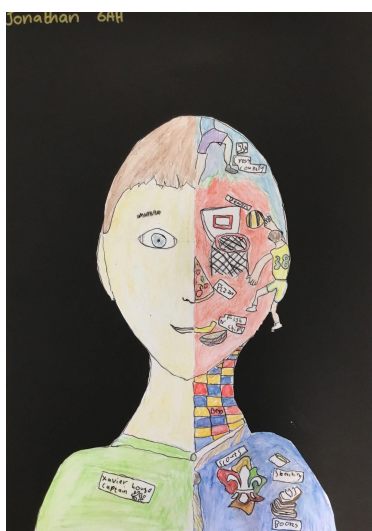
Jude Foulds 5EG



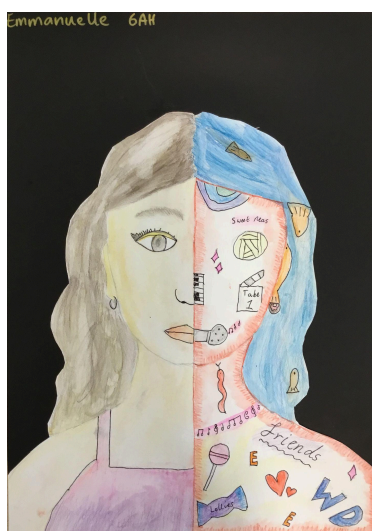
Lily Sullivan 5SN



Kanish Jayanth 5SN



Jonathan Veerhuis 6AH



Emmanuelle Thompson 6AH



Ben Jones 6DM



Evie Hannon 6DM

Thank you for the many donations to the art room. I currently have a lot of resources and do not need any more donations at this stage.

Mrs O'Connor





'Peter Pan' Parent Working Bee at SFX.

Saturday 14th 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 and signs**
- **Painting staging**
- **Drawing scenes onto backdrops and painting them in!**
- **Creating different props as directed (e.g a campfire, dog kennel etc)**
- **Make costume accessories as directed(Peter Pan hats, decorating hats, bows and arrows, cloud hats)**

Materials 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 part or all of this day, please can you email Miss Beamont abeamont@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au. Any help is much appreciated!

Miss Beamont will allocate jobs on the day. However, if you have a particular skill/preference please let her know.

If you can't attend the 14th June but are still interested in helping out, there will be other jobs to do after the working bee.

If you just want to help with costumes then I have a list of costumes that I need making and have bought some material. Please contact me if you are still interested and can let you know what we need starting on.

Thank you to those who have already say they will come.

If anyone can bring along the below that would be awesome:

- **A glue gun**
- **Paint brush**
- **Old drop sheets as I may need more!**

Thanks

Miss Beamont

Hands up for disco get-down!

Parent helpers, lend a hand and pack your dancing shoes - the SFX Candyland Disco needs you!

It's on Friday 27 June - sign up now to help set up 9am - 11am, or at the event on 4.15pm - 6.30pm. You'll be supporting our experienced team of PA coordinators.

All volunteers must have completed the 2025 SFX Parent Helper/Child Safety session, have a valid Working with Children Check or equivalent, and have signed the SFX Code of Conduct. Only parents selected to be helpers can stay in the hall during the disco.

volunteersignup.org/EBM9T

Pierross Pizza Fundraiser

FRIDAY
20th
June



Take the night off cooking!

PRE-ORDER ONLINE

before 5pm on 20/06/2025

www.pierrosseltham.com.au

and write "St.Francis Xavier"
at Checkout.

20% of all sales
are donated back to the School and go
towards paying off our Basketball Courts.

It's been a big few months of Parents Association events - and we're getting closer to our big fundraising goal!

There's just two fundraisers left for Term 2: Please put the Pierross Pizza Fundraiser in your diary for Friday 20 June, and the Candyland Disco on Friday 27 June - and help SFX feast and dance our way to paying off the new sports courts!

Then there's plenty more fun coming in the second half of the year.

Want to be involved? **Our next Parents Association meeting is Wednesday 11 June, 7pm at the SFX Office** - come along and help shape more fun and connection at SFX!

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

45K

30K

20K

10K

\$



The SFX Parents Association
proudly presents:

SFX CANDYLAND DISCO 2025

FEATURING DJ PHIL ONE LAST TIME!

Friday 27th June at 4:30pm

Cost: \$15

**Lolly bag will be given out to all
students at the end of the night**

6pm Pick Up A-K Families

6:15pm Pick Up L-Z Families

Book your tickets using QR code or via link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1408135>



**Please note there will be no food provided on the
night, please ensure your child is given a snack
prior to arrival to get them through all the
dancing!**

**Please ensure you bring a labeled drink bottle for
the night as we have no cups for water on the
night.**

What's been happening...

Hello OSHClub families!

We've had a fantastic week full of fun, learning, and laughter. From exciting outdoor adventures to creative indoor activities and tasty treats from our recipe of the week, there's been something for everyone to enjoy. Read on to see what we've been up to and what's coming next!

Here are our club highlights from this week:

Art and craft

- Colour by numbers
- Moon sand
- Origami
- Bubble art
- Paper spinners

Cooking

- Jelly
- Cinnamon scroll cookies

Sports

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

Outdoor Adventures: Game of the week

Hide and Seek Tag: This game is a big hit with the kids! One person is "it" and counts to 20 while everyone else hides around the outdoor area. Once the counting's done, the seeker starts looking — but here's the twist: if they spot someone, they must run and tag them before the person makes it back to the safe zone. If they get tagged, they're the next seeker. It's a great way for kids to burn off energy, practice teamwork, and just have a blast with their friends outside.

Recipe of the Week: Popcorn trail mix

Ingredients

- 3 x 23g pkts Arnott's Jatz Original Minis biscuits*
- 1 cup (80g) banana chips
- 1 cup (50g) pretzels
- 1 cup (45g) mini marshmallows
- 1 cup (45g) Uncle Tobys Cheerios
- 1 cup (15g) sweet and salty popcorn
- 1/2 cup (65g) dried cranberries
- 1/2 cup (80g) sultanas

1. Step 1

Combine the biscuits, banana chips, pretzels, marshmallows, Cheerios, popcorn, cranberries and sultanas in a large bowl.

Optional – Can be served in small cups or in one large bowl.

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 : Superhero Day