

NEWSLETTER NO.16

5th June 2025

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

Dear Families,

RESPECT is always shown in our words and actions. It is so nice to receive emails such as this that acknowledge that our SFX staff always endeavour to be of service to all in our community. Keep these email coming; the staff enjoy receiving them and they enjoy working in a positive working environment.

"Hi Phil,

I just wanted to tell you how thankful I am to Ms Rinaldo for her care shown to myself and my mum for the Mother's Day activity this morning. Ms Rinaldo was so accommodating and moved my child to a new class group at short notice so Mum who was in a wheelchair could access the classroom and join us. She also ensured that Ms Overton knew Mum would be coming and space could be provided for her. Ms Rinaldo really goes above and beyond to make sure that everyone in the community feels included and welcomed. Thank you also to Ms Overton for creating the perfect space for Mum so she could move into the classroom easily and not feel like she had to battle through the furniture and cause a fuss (which she hates!). I am extremely grateful. Thank you to all who allowed us to have a beautiful Mother's day morning."

2025 WONDER OF LIVING HUMAN SEXUALITY NIGHTS

Once again the Wonder of Living Human Sexuality Nights that we conduct every two years with CatholicCare facilitators were very popular. In total we had 143 families attend over the two nights (P/1/2 session=51, Yr 3/4 session=48, Yr 5/6 session=44) SFX parents are always very appreciative of the sensitive and professional way we deal with matters of teaching human sexuality at our school. Our program acknowledges that parents should always be the prime educators in this area. It is the parent who is best placed to decide when their child and how their child learns about the content matter. We hope that it is a good 'starter' for some rich family conversations that happen within the family home.



SEMESTER ONE WORKING BEE – A TO K FAMILIES

Thank you to the **14** families who attended the A- K Working Bee last Saturday. This was by far the smallest cohort of parents in the past six years which was disappointing. This also meant that the parents who attended had to work extra hard to complete the basic job list. My hope is that we will have many more families in second semester.

Nonetheless the school yard, the hall kitchen, the Kiss & Drop carpark, the dead tree removal and the demolition of three water tanks was successfully completed.

For the parents who attended your \$100 School Building rebate will be on your next school fee statement.

VALE SISTER ROSINA – SFX PRINCIPAL 1978 - 1980

It is always important that we know the history of our school. The Mercy Order of Sisters were responsible for setting up SFX School and many of the schools in the northern suburbs of Melbourne. We recently acknowledged the Mercy Sisters in our new SFX Vision and Mission statement such is the importance of their continuing charism.

Sister Rosina Livingston, who was Principal of SFX in 1978-1980 and who later became a Parish Pastoral Associate passed away last week. Her life was celebrated at a funeral Mass at St Brigid's School Greythorn last Tuesday.

This is an excerpt of an article that was written in a Parish historical anniversary booklet:

but he was a great man.

"Father Casamento came to Monty four months after we did, so we were privileged to share all his time in our parish. The early years were times of hard work - working bees and fund-raising for our church and school, but it was all great fun and many lasting friendships were made. We formed committees for everything - the fete, the Parish Ball, Art Show, Mothers' Club, Tennis Club, Majellan Club (a support group for mothers), Montcare, Parish Council, Education Committee - to name a few. Father Cas just had to say something was needed and we all set to work. He was our guiding light. In those days, a great many of the husbands were not Catholics but gave their wives and Father Cas every support. Father Casamento visited our homes often, and in our case, visited my late mother, many times when she was staying with us while she was ill. Father Casamento, with Sister Rosina's wonderful support, kept abreast of the times. I was one of the first Special Ministers, our children were among the first young Mass readers and my husband and I were part of the first RCIA Catechumenate Group. We must acknowledge the tremendous contribution of Sister Rosie to our parish. She was a loving, caring, supportive and hard-working saint to the people of Montmorency. The parish of today, with Father Peter, is very different to this but no less important. Fund raising and working bees support appears to be limited but valuable innovations - such as the

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1931-1934	Sr. M Rose
1935-1938	Sr. M Francis
1939-1940	Sr. Hilda Veronica
1941-1942	Sr Mary of Mercy
1943	Sr Margaret Mary
1944-1947	Sr. M Anina
1948-1954	Sr. Mary of Mercy
1955	Sr. M Urban
1956-1958	Sr. M Wenceslaus
1958-1961	Sr. M Brigetta
1962-1965	Sr. M Peter
1965 - 1966	Sr. M Colette
1967-1970	Sr. M Campion
1971- 1977	Sr. M Helen
1978-1980	Sr. M Rosina
1981-1982	Sr. M Monica
1983-1988	Mrs Pat Burgess
1989 - 2000	Ms Katherine Hudson
2001 -2005	Mr. Michael O'Reilly
2006-2013	Mr. Philip Doherty
2014- 2018	Mr. Mark Workman
2019 - 2025	Mr. Philip Cachia
2025 -	Mrs Jo Nolen

SFX PRINCIPALS

MONTMORENCY

1931 to 2025



**Sisters Of Mercy
Montmorency
Principals
1931 - 1982**

Spirit of Jesus Awards Tm 2, Wk 6, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Ethan K	For always giving your best effort in everything you do and for being a kind and helpful friend especially when teaching and encouraging others to learn new basketball skills. Your teamwork and positive attitude make a big difference!
PJV	Laike W	For the passion and enthusiasm you show when sharing what you know about the world. This encourages the class to question and explore, you show resilience when you explain how you know these things. Keep up the amazing work!
PRJ	Zoe P	For the kind way she treats others with her words and actions. She is gentle and respectful of others and she always has a warm and inviting smile on her face. Thank you Zoe for all that you do to show what a beautiful person you are!
1CM	Layla R	For consistently showing kindness to everyone around you. Your thoughtful words, helpful actions, and caring heart make our school a better place. Well done!
1KH	Isobel	For consistently demonstrating respectful listening by following instructions carefully and responding thoughtfully to feedback. Your dedication to challenging yourself and

		improving your learning is commendable. Thank you for demonstrating the SFX values every day.
1LC	Anthony B	For working so hard on demonstrating the value of respect by showing great improvements in whole body listening, listening without interruption and in focusing on your work. Keep it up Anthony!
2BB	Eva Wade	For showing resilience after breaking your toe. You've continued to work hard and try your best, especially with your handwriting. Congratulations Kiddo!
2SK	Sienna A	For showing the school value of kindness to others in the class. Well done and thank you for thinking of everyone!
2SM	Lia P	For always showing kindness towards her peers by sharing class belongings and offering to help others with their learning. Keep it up Lia!
3DH	Hayden I	You consistently set an excellent example in our class by living out our school values and always striving to improve. Keep up the great work, Hayden!
3HS	Vivienne M	For showing our school value of kindness by always going out of your way to help others. Well done Viv!
4DO	Davis G	Davis shows the Spirit of Jesus through his focused approach to learning and his desire to grow and make a difference. Like Jesus, Davis stays true to his mission, using his gifts with purpose and striving to become the best version of himself. His dedication, attitude, and quiet determination inspire those around him. Well done, Davis, for growing into greatness!
4MA	Thomas W	For giving things a go, even when they are challenging. You show courage and a positive attitude in your learning every day. Well done Thomas!
5EG	Nicholas E	For willingly helping his classmates in STEM using his expertise Great effort Nico.
5SN	Harvey L	For stepping up and completing great work . Well done Harvey keep it up!
6AH	Alexander P	Alex has demonstrated thoughtful reflection on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, making meaningful connections to his own life. He continues to challenge himself in his learning

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		and shows a strong sense of responsibility by actively ensuring he meets the set criteria.
6DM	Vivienne L	For being a proactive learner and seeking support to understand new skills. Your thoughtful and insightful responses to our tasks about The Holy Spirit highlighted your dedication to preparing for your Confirmation. You are such a determined learner Vivi - keep up the amazing work!

TERM TWO 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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
 Wednesday 18th June – Q & A session Revised Maths Curriculum @9am
 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
 Monday 4th August – Year 3-4 Oasis Camp Mt Evelyn
 Tuesday 5th August – Year 4 Oasis Camp Mt Evelyn
 Monday 8th September – 2025 School Musical – Peter Pan @ 7pm
 Tuesday 9th September – 2025 School Musical – Peter Pan @ 7pm
 Wednesday 10th September – 2025 School Musical -Peter Pan @ 7pm
 Friday 19th September – Term 3 concludes @ 1pm
 Monday 6th October–Term 4 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am
 Tuesday 16th December – Term 4 concludes @ 1pm

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

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.



ELTHAM NETBALL CLUB OFFER A FUN AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES TO LEARN AND PLAY NETBALL

WE TRAIN AT ST HELENA SECONDARY COLLEGE EVERY TUESDAY:

NET SET GO! TRAIN 4:15 – 5PM
 U9 – U11s TRAIN 4 – 5PM
 U13 – U17/19s TRAIN 5 – 6PM

WE PLAY IN THE NILLUMBIK FORCE NETBALL ASSOCIATION IN DIAMOND CREEK ON SATURDAYS

IF YOU LOVE NETBALL AND REALLY WANT TO PLAY THEN COME AND FIND US HERE: WWW.ELTHAMNETBALLCLUB.COM

OR EMAIL US AT INFO@ELTHAMNETBALLCLUB.COM.AU FOR MORE INFO

The Original Eltham Netball Club

Dads - You're Invited!

A Night to Say Thanks to Phil Cachia

Join us for a casual catch-up to thank and farewell outgoing SFX Principal Phil Cachia for his leadership and dedication to the school community.

When: Thursday 12 June, 7:30pm
Where: Upstairs at Montmorency RSL
What: Pot & Parma night with the dads — relaxed, informal, no speeches/fuss and a great chance to say thanks in good company.

RSVP appreciated to Nick 0408578762 so the RSL knows how many are coming.
 Hope to see you there!

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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.



SFX 2025 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS:

Cans of baked beans, pasta, tuna, rice, noodles, UHT milk, cereal, tinned fruit, spreads-
vegemite, jam, tinned soup, dry biscuits, crushed tomatoes, pasta sauce etc.

**1. Gather your
food donations**



**2. Leave donations
at the SFX office**



**3. Watch our
collection grow!**



Donations gratefully received until
Thursday 3rd July

— *Let's Help* —
THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER

Thank you to everyone who attended, making this a very special night! Thank you to all the students who made the night run smoothly, the help was greatly appreciated. Especially to Luke, Jack and Maria who spent months working on the drone show See you again next year!

STEM FAMILY NIGHT 2025



I also want to acknowledge our wonderful DT leaders (Owen, Oscar, Alex, Gianluca) who worked tirelessly making STEM WEEK so amazing! The Lego challenges, Cup stacking and Luantu Challenges were such a hit with the students. I have never seen the STEM room so full of excited kids!

STEM FAMILY NIGHT 2025





'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

Hand-me-down to the Uniform Shop!

Got growing kids? Don't let too-small uniforms languish in the too-full cupboards - give them new lives, thanks to the SFX Uniform Shop!

Run by parent volunteers Susan Roberts and Elisha Harvey, the Uniform Shop offers regular second-hand stalls to raise funds for the Parents Association. It's budget-friendly, and sustainable!

All donated items are passed onto grateful new owners for gold coin donations - our Term 1 stall raised \$330 in just 30 minutes!

You can donate any second-hand uniform items to the Uniform Shop, open Mondays 8.30am - 9am and Thursdays 3.15pm - 3.45pm, or to the Office labelled 'Uniform Shop'.

Thanks to the many generous families who have passed down uniforms already.

Stay tuned for a second-hand stall soon! And if you need new items, you can drop in during opening hours, or order online anytime!

Order ONLINE HERE or via SFX website

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. .

JOIN THE PA MEETING NEXT WEEK!

The Parents Association has its final meeting for Term 2 - come along to share ideas and shape plans for connection, fundraising, and fun!

Attend in person at **7pm on Wednesday 11 June, at the SFX Office** (enter via Mayona Rd top gate) - or dial in via Zoom.

Look forward to seeing you there!

**JOIN MEETING VIA
ZOOM LINK HERE!**

**GET
YOUR BUSINESS
IN THE SFX
SPOTLIGHT!**

Contact Deb and Mary via president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au

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<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1408135>



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