

NEWSLETTER NO.20

3rd July 2025

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

Dear SFX families,

It has been a longer than usual eleven week term. It is time for the students (*and staff*) to rest, get over all the winter colds and flu, and focus on the Semester 2 goals that they have set for themselves and the teachers have set for them.

Many hours of assessment and report writing go into the reports you received last Monday. Please take the time to discuss these with your child. Talk about the areas of improvement and gains your child has made so far this year. Talk about the areas that your child needs to focus on in Semester 2. By working in partnership with your classroom teacher, with all of our efforts on the same track and pointing in the same direction, this is the way we 'turbo' charge our learning for the remainder of the year.

2025 SFX DISCO IT WAS A BLAST.....

A huge thank you to the **327** students who attended last Friday's Disco. The disco provided 90 minutes of heart pumping 'bangers' which the students loved singing and dancing to. I hope that the students went home happy (*and exhausted!*) As you would understand events like this take great preparation and planning and we thank:

The **Disco Committee**: Gabby G, Brooke N, Kalane J, Deanna M and Deb V, and volunteers for setup and on the night were:

Nate V, Kate Z, Naomi W, Danielle J, Kasey M, Elizabeth K, Jacqui L, Georgie B, Nakita B, Clare C, Carlee G, Emma O, Nandini P, Aimee E, Sabrina S, Natasha L, Renee D, Sarah K, Kristina R, Alex G, Brooke D, Carmen O, Maggie C, Belinda M (Apologies if we have missed anyone).

Final thanks to the many SFX staff who attended to support the event.

Whilst DJ Phil hangs up his gold jacket, he passes the decks onto the next DJ for 2026. The event raised \$3900 for the SFX Parents Association. This will go towards paying off Showcourt #2 as our main Parents Association spending area for 2025.

LETTER OF THE MONTH

"Hi Phil,

I just wanted to thank you, the teachers and parent helpers involved in making the disco such a huge success. I was one of the parent helpers tonight and just wanted to applaud the beautiful manners and kindness shown by all students; especially the Year 6 cohort- some preps were a little overwhelmed, and the buddies took such good care of them ensuring they felt safe and included. Incredibly

happy to have my child as a part of such a special school community. Have a lovely weekend. "

SCHOOL MUSICAL "PETER PAN"

Venue: Magis Performing Arts Centre- Loyola College

Dates: **Monday 8th September @ 7pm**

Tuesday 9th September @ 7pm

Wednesday 10th September @ 7pm

Rehearsals and preparations are well underway for our Performing Arts spectacular in Term 3. Kristina our Choreographer has been teaching the students the class dances and Ms Beamont using her incredible director skills to put the show together.

When we had our last school musical in 2023 out of the 1000 available seats, we only had about 25 not sold across the two nights. That was with a student population of 290. In 2025, we have a student population of 385. So that we do not have to limit seats per family and to deal with our student growth we have added a third and final show.

Some of the questions we are already receiving:

Does my child need to attend all three performances?

Definitely YES. With any school production students are placed on stage in certain positions, dances are choreographed to include all students. Any little change of a child being absent on the night could spoil an entire class act.

As a parent, do I need to attend all three performances?

We hope that parents will attend performances. However students can be dropped off at the theatre at 6pm and picked up at the stage door at 8.30pm. There will be more than sufficient SFX teacher supervision backstage and at stage door to facilitate this.

My child will be hungry and starve if I drop them off at 6pm?

Each child needs to be fed prior to attending each performance. Normally the students are so excited food is an afterthought. The school will supply a little snack back stage whilst they are waiting for the performance to begin at 7pm.

My child will be tired after performing for three consecutive nights?

Excitement, anticipation, tiredness is all part of a life on the stage. As in previous years, we are currently working on a late school start (10am) on the Tuesday and the Wednesday, with an optional 'Rest and Recovery' Day on Thursday 11th September. School will be open for regular teaching hours (8.40am to 3.40pm) and Before/After School Oshclub will

2025 - GROWING INTO GREATNESS

operate as per normal hours. These arrangements will be confirmed when Mrs. Nolen begins her tenure next term.

My child has never been on stage before and they are anxious?

Children only become anxious when they are not sure of their dances, their songs and their movements on stage.

All SFX students will be so well rehearsed that they will be confident in how they will perform. Butterflies are quite an acceptable part of performing in front of an audience. I am sure SFX parents who have been to musicals in the past will agree that they are normally astounded by how amazing our Preps are on stage, right through to our Year 5/6 leads who show such incredible maturity and talent.

SPORTS NEWS

Active to Schools

Well done to all who made an effort in Week One to try to be more active by walking, riding or scooting to or from school. This week is Week 2 of the four week effort. Put the beanie and scarf on, park a few streets away and be active by braving the chill and beating Jack Frost.

Interschool Sport

Last Friday was the last round of Winter sport. The students have certainly ‘Grown into Greatness’ with their skill development and working together as part of a team. Results in each of the sports for the Eltham/Monty District season were:

Boys Football	Finished 5 th	Girls Football	Finished 4 th
Boys Soccer	Finished 5 th	Girls Soccer	Finished 6 th
Boys Netball	Finished 3 rd	Girls Netball	Finished 4 th
Boys tennis	Finished 3 rd	Girls Tennis	Finished 4 th
Teeball	Finished 1st and were District Premiers		

We congratulate all students for the way they represented the school. The Teeball team will participate in a Division Day early next term.



Summer Sport

Next term will see the beginning of Year 5/6 Interschool Summer sport each Friday commencing Week One.

LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that you check the lost property drawers for items of school uniform before the end of the term. We have many named and unnamed pieces of uniform and it should not be up to the office staff to find their owner. We also have a watch that has been handed in. This is also at the office foyer,



TERM TWO/THREE 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Friday 4th July – Term 2 concludes at 1pm
- Monday 21st July – Term 3 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am
- Tuesday 22nd July – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Thursday 24th July – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Friday 25th July – Summer Interschool Sport Begins – Year 5/6
- Monday 28th July--School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Wednesday 30th July-- School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Wednesday 30th July – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
- Monday 4th August – Year 3-4 Oasis Camp Mt Evelyn
- Tuesday 5th August – Year 4 Oasis Camp Mt Evelyn
- Friday 8th August – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Friday 8th August – Farewell Mass for Philip Cachia @ 12.30pm / Feast of Mary MacKillop – Australia’s first Saint
- Monday 11th August – Welcome Mrs Nolen – Principal of SFX
- Monday 11th August -Book Week - author visit & character dress up
- Monday 11th August – Musical Tickets ‘Peter Pan’ on sale (TBC)
- Wednesday 13th August–School Advisory Committee Meeting @ 7pm
- Wednesday 13th August-School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Tuesday 19th August 9.30 am - Welcome Mass Mrs Nolen / Feast of the Assumption
- Friday 22nd August – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Monday 25th August –School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Wednesday 27th August – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
- Monday 1st September – 2025 MACSSIS Survey opens for parents
- Tuesday 2nd September–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- 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
- Thursday 11th September – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Monday 15th September – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
- Friday 19th September – MACSSIS Parent Survey closes
- 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

Spirit of Jesus Awards		
Term Two, Week 10, 2025		
Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Miles G	For the resilience you showed in your recount writing. You kept going with a positive attitude and used all the sequencing words in order. Well done Miles!

PJV	Hudson L	For making a big effort to be a responsible learner, listening to instructions and staying more focused at learning times. Keep up the amazing work Hudson!
PRJ	Aviana S	For being a happy and joyous member of our class. She kindly helps and assists wherever she can and always with a smile on her face. Thanks for the help you give to others Aviana! Well done!
1CM	Allegra P	For showing the qualities of a successful learner. You always show respect by listening, following instructions and using your beautiful manners. You always try really hard to put in your best efforts. Amazing work!
1KH	Remington	For showing beautiful manners to his peers and teachers. You always put effort into making others feel welcome and cared for. Thank you Remington!
1LC	Hamish B	For showing great enthusiasm in learning when completing this week's addition and subtraction activities. It has been wonderful to see you grow in confidence and maintain focus. Fantastic work Hamish
2BB	Finn S	I love how you always keep trying to do your best in Reading and Writing, even when the task is challenging. Keep up the good work and being a resilient learner.
2SK	Theo S and Xavier C	For showing the school value of 'Resilience'. Theo has put huge effort into UFLI and shown amazing focus and determination during independent writing. Xavier for showing the value of being 'Responsible'. He always listens carefully and follows instructions. Xavier regularly shows respect and kindness to his classmates and teachers.
2SM	Harry B	For the responsibility you have shown for your learning over the past few weeks. You know how you learn best and are using this to expand your learning. Keep it up!
3DH	Rhianna J	You are a diligent, hard working member of our class who always follows instructions and displays excellent learning behaviours. Well done!
3HS	Sullivan B	For showing our school value of responsibility and always helping out your classmates when they have technical issues on their Chromebooks. Well done Sullivan!

4DO	Layla B	Layla reflects the Spirit of Jesus through her strong commitment to personal growth. Her determination, kindness and self motivation have made a meaningful impact on her learning and the classroom. Well done Layla!
4MA	Isla O	For taking ownership of your learning in the classroom. You show responsibility and a strong commitment to doing your best. Well done Isla!
5EG	Angelica V	For being a kind and compassionate member of our class. Your thoughtfulness is a true gift that we are lucky to witness.
5SN	Caleb A	For showing respect to staff, being a kind and courteous friend and working hard at all times in the classroom. Great Work!
6AH	Jonathan V	You consistently contribute insightful ideas to our class discussions. I'm especially impressed by your ability to explain how to solve angle problems with clear and logical reasoning. Keep up the fabulous work Jonathan!
6DM	Charley C	For using your superb defensive skills to help your netball team secure a well deserved win. It has been wonderful to watch you grow in confidence and see you start to take more risks on the court. Your willingness to step outside your comfort zone is truly commendable.

**DO YOU LOVE THE WATER?
WANT TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS?
BE PART OF A FUN TEAM?**





**COME & TRY
WATER POLO!**

FUN MATCHES ON 29th JUNE - 2pm @ WATERMARC





Thank you!



SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION DAY AT SFX



Last Thursday, our Year Six children along with teachers Mr Dave Mithen and Ms Anna Hanley, demonstrated their passion and commitment to Social Justice, leading our SFX school in an amazing and fun-filled Social Justice Action Day. The Year six children ran a range of exciting activities for the SFX students to enjoy. Students purchased tokens to participate, with all money raised going to support our Friendship School in the Philippines, Buhisan Elementary. On the day we were fortunate to be joined by KADASIG founder and members Glenys Gayfer, Anni Miers and Virginia Jackson, who were overwhelmed by the support shown and were incredibly impressed by the sense of friendship and positive spirit shown by all of our SFX students.

We are thrilled to announce that the grand total raised is an incredible \$4840!

Congratulations to our Year Six children, teachers and the generosity of our SFX community for achieving this extraordinary total! We have been informed by KADASIG that this money will be used to purchase some much needed technology for the teachers at Buhisan Elementary, which will be instrumental in helping the children with their learning. A day like Thursday was only made possible with the help of an amazing group of people! We pass on our sincere thanks to the following people for their generous support: The team of 13 Year Six parents running the BBQ, all of the Year Six parents for supporting their children's activities and providing prizes, Coles and Bakers Delight Montmorency for their food donations, Mr Joel Anderson, Ms Nikita Gruveski and Mrs Sue Kennedy for their planning and support, and Glenys, Anni and Virginia for joining us on the day. Lastly, a HUGE congratulations and well done to our Year Six children for their outstanding achievements, led by their hard-working teachers Mr Mithen and Ms Hanley, who have worked tirelessly in the leadup to the day. Well done to all at SFX for a fantastic display of Social Justice in action, helping those in need.

TERM 3 PARENTS ASSOCIATION DATE-SAVERS!

Next PA meeting - Wed 30 July

Father's Day Stall - Thurs 4 Sept

*Big thanks to Susan Roberts for
coordinating this stall, helpers needed!*

Dads Day & Footy Colours - Fri 5 Sept

Tony's Pies Drive - Fri 5 Sept

*Share your ideas for more
fun events and fundraisers:*

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CALL OUT

FATHER'S DAY @ SFX

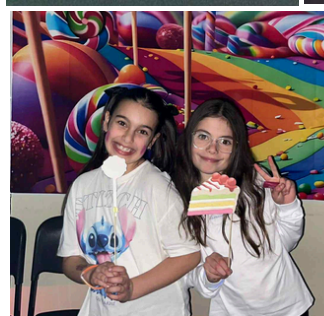
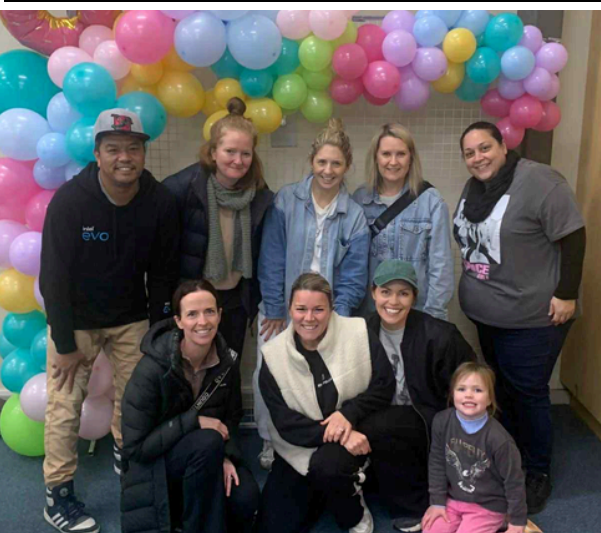


**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED
IN ORGANISING THE FATHER'S DAY
MORNING @ SFX ON FRIDAY 5
SEPTEMBER?**

PLEASE REACH OUT TO DEB & MARY

**PRESIDENT.SFXPA@SFX
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*Thanks to the amazing team, volunteers, teachers
and bop-til-you-drop students
who made the Candyland Disco a fantastic success!*



*And to DJ Phil on the decks
one last time!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SFX 2025 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

thank you!



Social Justice in action at SFX

Thank you to our very generous SFX school community for the overwhelming support and fantastic response to our 2025 St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal!

Our school office has been inundated with an abundant supply of non-perishable foods. John Ramsdale, from the Montmorency conference of St Vincent de Paul, arrived yesterday at SFX and was thrilled to collect our donations. With the help of our SFX Year Six school leaders, donations were transferred to the Vinnies store room for sorting. Food hampers will then be distributed to those in need within our very own Montmorency community.

Thank you for supporting those in need this Winter.

- Megan Bird, Faith Leader.

Helping
THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school in particular Ms Deb Butler, Student Wellbeing & Diversity Leader at SFX School

Kind regards



Principal

Thursday 26th June 2025

Newsletter Week 10 "PETER PAN" Class core costumes

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th September 2025, Loyola College

Core Costume Requirements

Dear SFX students and parents,

For your class item performance next term please see below the chart of the core costumes by class and source for your child.

Kmart and Big W are the best places to buy your core costume or even better an Op shop. If you can get this ready for the start of Week 1 Term 3 please.

We will be having a professional photographer come in to do a photo shoot for the show program on **Wednesday 30th July (Week 2)**. On that day students will need to wear their core costume items underneath their school uniform for easy changing into their costumes.

By Week 5 (18th August) please bring in your labelled core costume in a labelled plastic bag and give to your class teacher to keep in school ready for the dress rehearsal.

The week of the show we will give you back your core costume bag for you to wear to the theatre each night. Backstage, your classroom teacher will then give you your main costume to wear over it. This helps us make sure no costumes leave the theatre or go missing as we are hiring a lot of them this year.

Obviously if part of your core costume is school trousers just remember to wear these on the night!

Many thanks for your help and co-operation.

Best wishes,

Miss Beamont
Performing Arts Teacher

Class/Year group	Core costume
Preps (Crocodiles)	Plain dark green tshirt (crew neck), green school pants are fine
Year 1 (Flying scene)	See separate letter of what individual students need. Each student has received hard copy.
2SK/2BB (Girls Fairies, Boys Peter Pans)	2BB/2SK – Boys – green school pants/plain crew black tshirt Girls –beige/skin tone fitted crop top Girls will be given a leotard to wear. This needs to be returned after the shows please.
2SM (Girls mermaids and boys lobsters)	2SM

	Girls: need a crop top or singlet / bike shorts Boys: black pants
Year 3 – Neverland	See separate letter of what individual students need. Each student will get a hard copy letter of what each student needs so please read carefully.
Year 4 (Warriors)	Girls – plain black crew neck tshirt and black bike shorts Boys – plain black crew neck tshirt and black shorts
Year 5 (Lost Kids)	Girls – white singlet and black bike shorts Boys – plain black crew neck tshirt and black shorts
Year 6 (Pirates)	Boys – white shirt and black track suit pants that can be cut Girls – white singlet and black track suit pants that can be cut
Year 5/6 leads: If you have any of the following spoken character part, please get the following items: Captain Hook – black pants and black boots Peter Pan – Brown boots, green leggings Wendy – white tights Tinkerbell – white/green glittery tights Mr Smee – white singlet, navy shorts and slide sandals Narrator Jemma – black tights Narrator Xavier – black track suit pants cut Mr Darling – black smart pants, white shirt Mrs Darling – singlet and bike shorts to change into your pirate costume! John and Michael Darling – plain white crew neck t-shirt and light-coloured shorts to wear under your costume	Tigerlily(Charlotte)and Butler – will need core costume of the Year 6 pirate to change into Lost Kids – girls – bike shorts/white singlet Charli/Patrick – plain black crew neck tshirt and black shorts Lead pirates (Ben, James, Mitchell, Ava N, Lily K, Anna C, Ruby H, Claudia) – girls white singlet / boys white singlet if needed Nana the dog (Jobe) – shorts and singlet plus core costume of Pirates Year 6 Chief – Jack G – black crew neck tshirt and black shorts Mermaids – matching crop top and bike shorts plus core costume for either Grade 6 or Grade 5 dance Shadow Dancer – black ballet costume as discussed and core costume for the Grade 6 pirate item

What's been happening...

Hey everyone!

The past two weeks at OSHClub have been full of fun and creativity! One of the highlights was our OSHC picnic, where the children enjoyed delicious picnic treats and played outdoor games together in the sunshine.

We also had a great time getting crafty with DIY bandanas – the kids loved designing and personalising their own bandanas to wear and take home!

In the kitchen, the children showed off their cooking skills by making their very own sandwich skewers and they were delicious!

We can't wait to see you all back at OSHClub next week for more exciting adventures!

Photo gallery...



Cheesy Herb bars!

Ingredients:

1. 2 cups rolled oats
2. 1 cup grated cheese (cheddar works well)
3. 1/4 cup grated parmesan
4. 2 tablespoons olive oil
5. 2 eggs
6. 1 teaspoon mixed dried herbs
7. 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)
8. Pinch of salt

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C.
2. In a large bowl, mix oats, grated cheese, parmesan, herbs, garlic powder, and salt.
3. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs and olive oil until combined.
4. Pour the egg mixture into the oat mixture and stir

Coming up...

End of Term!

5th July

Clubs:

Tuesdays Stay and Play
Art Attack Club

Wednesdays/Thursdays (alternating weeks) Stay and Play:
Cooking Club

Friday Stay and Play:
Friday Funday (new theme each week)