

NEWSLETTER NO.21

24th July 2025

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

Dear SFX families,

Welcome back to Semester 2. I hope that all families were able to have some downtime over the past two weeks, get over the winter sniffles, and recharge ready for a HUGE second half of the year.

At assembly on Monday morning I reminded the students of the three goals that their class teacher had set for them for second semester. Also the three goals that each student had set for themselves. Interestingly when comparing the student and teacher set goals, they are often very similar. Students innately know the areas that they need to improve to experience further success at school. Parents can support their child at school if they keep these goals at the forefront of their child's mind. Some parents draw up a goal sheet and place it on their refrigerator....I have seen some parents place a little related reminder of the week in their child's lunchbox. There are so many things that parents can do at home to remain connected to student improvement and be a strong part of this strong home-school partnership.

How will you help at home with being part of this partnership?

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

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.

Spirit of Jesus Awards

Term Two, Week 11, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Teddy L	For showing resilience by working hard on your school tasks and asking for help when needed. You keep trying your best and never give up. Well done Teddy!

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PJV	Zoe J	For being a responsible learner by having a go during writing time even when she is unsure, taking risks to grow her learning. Amazing work Zoe!
PRJ	Beau W	For the kindness and respect he shows towards his classmates and all the other Prep children. Also for all the effort he puts into his learning. Well done Beau!
1CM	Abigail S	For always taking responsibility for your learning. You consistently show whole body listening and try your best to complete every task with care and effort. Keep up the great work, Abigail!
1KH	River j	For your persistence and growth throughout the term. Well done on giving things a go, even when they felt tricky at first. Keep trying your best and believe in yourself.
1LC	Zachary G	For the care and effort you put into your handwriting. It has been great to see you consider your tall and fall letters. Keep it up Zach!
2BB	The Whole Class	Thanks for a wonderful semester 2BB! You are such a wonderful class to teach and should be proud of how much you have learnt and grown.
2SM	Gabriela F	For consistently showing all four of our school values and always being a positive light in our classroom. You are such a valued class member Gabi!
3DH	Charli B	You always set a high standard across all academic areas and strive to extend yourself in your learning. Keep it up!
3HS	Matteo T	For showing our school value of kindness and always offering to help your classmates and teachers. Well done, Matteo!
4DO	Sonny K	Sonny has grown in confidence and has shown great courage by believing in himself and having a go at hard things on his own. Just like Jesus, who trusted God and stepped forward in faith, Sonny is learning to be brave and trust in his own abilities. Keep up this important work Sonny!
4MA	Veronica X	For putting great effort into your science project and sharing your ideas clearly and thoughtfully. Your hard work and attention to detail were impressive. Well done Veronica!
5EG	Year 5EG	For being the most amazing class ever. I will always be proud of being your teacher.

5SN	Whole Class	For the incredible effort shown in the preparation and presentation of the Year 5 Science Showcase. Everyone put their best foot forward and should be commended!
6AH	Mitchell S	For working hard to complete <i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> slides. For being an engaged and motivated learner. Keep up the fabulous work!
6DM	Kavya D	For being a mature and driven student who is always searching for ways to develop his skill set. You have not missed one day of your Security Leader role and constantly looks for ways to support your peers. Thank you for making our classroom a better place Kavya, you are a superstar!

Minutes from Principal Forum – Term 2 2025

Discussion Points

Review Process

A desktop audit has happened and the Reviewer has come in to begin looking at our policies and procedures. 23rd July will be the initial visit and our new Principal Jo Nolen will be coming in on this day and 30th July (Child Safe Standards Policies and Procedures review)

The idea of the review is to see where we have been, assess where we are at and create a road map for the next four years. It will be a great way for Mrs Nolen to begin and to lead the school with the updated School Improvement Plan.

New Staff beginning in Semester 2

Will there be a handover between teachers?

Response:

Yes. Ms Gallagher has already been in Year 3HS and taught the students. She will also be involved in Parent Teacher Interviews from 2pm-8pm.

Ms Davies has taught 5EG and will also be involved in Parent Teacher Interviews from 2pm-8pm.

We are lucky to have been able to replace both teachers given the current teacher shortage and time frame.

Prep Class sizes for 2026

Parents (*Current Year 1 parents who have Prep children beginning in 2026*) are concerned that three Prep classes of 25 to 26 is large, even if there is LSO support in each of the three grades. It is 'a lot' to ask teachers to get to know each individual student well with large numbers. Like the smaller class sizes, can we go to 4 classes of Prep? Merge the Year 2 classes when they are in Year 3?

Response:

Our current Teaching Award outlines 29 as the maximum class size. We cannot merge the Year 2 classes into two Year 3 classes as this would mean we would exceed the 29 student limit. Whilst 4 classes of 20 seems like a nice class size, there are many factors a school needs to consider, something that Jo Nolen, Leadership team and Consultative Committee will look at in Semester 2.

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MACS Vision for Instruction

Given the emphasis seems to be Explicit Teaching/Whole class instruction, how are individual needs met?

Response:

Lessons are not designed for students to sit and passively watch slide after slide etc. Teachers are actively teaching, adapting, and responding to their students. That is what makes the learning engaging and meaningful. When students work independently on tasks these are also modified to suit.

TERM TWO/THREE 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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



TICKETS ON SALE SOON.....

Acknowledgement of Petition - Reinstatement of Mayona Road to Ease Congestion

External

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← Council Meetings <Council.Meetings@banyule.vic.gov.au>

Tue 1 Jul, 17:02



to me, Elizabeth, Alison ▾

Good afternoon Philip,
I hope this email finds you well

This is a confirmation email to acknowledge that we have received your petition titled "Petition – Reinstatement of Mayona Road to Ease Congestion".

Your petition will be tabled at the following Council meeting, which is **Monday, 4 August 2025**. The council meeting will be held at Nellie Ibbott Chambers, Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, 3079 and will start at approximately 7pm.

The agenda will be uploaded to our website on Wednesday, 30 July 2025 and, the request to speak will also be open and will close the day of the Council Meeting (Monday, 4 August 2025) at 12pm.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Amy

Council Meetings Team

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Performing Arts News

Photoshoot Wednesday 30th July - each class for Peter Pan program

- Please make sure your child wears their core costumes underneath their school uniform next Wednesday so they can be changed quickly into their costumes (please previous newsletter or ask class teacher for individual class costume requirements as these have been handed out)
- Any leads can wear appropriate make up for their character to school that morning
- Leads will not go to line up assembly on Wednesday 30th July but will come straight to the Performing Arts room to get changed
- Thank you to Vanessa O' Connell for taking the photographs this year for the program

Items needed for props

If anyone has any of the following items, please can we borrow them for our forthcoming show of Peter Pan. They will be returned after!

- Fake skeleton
- Wooden hat/coat stand
- 3 x grey beanbags
- 2 x sandpit clam seashell pits
- Dummy/manakin that can be dressed and thrown overboard
- Large mirror on a stand
- 3 oars for small boat
- 2 x small wooden stools

Tradie needed to take apart bridge/staging

Can any parent who owns and has experience with an electric drill and automatic spanner help disassemble our bridge stage on Thursday 4th September around 3.30pm?

Then someone else or the same person to help disassemble it again after the last night of the show on Wednesday 10th September.

It should not take more than 20 minutes to take apart.

Please email abeamont@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au if you can help with any of the above requests.

Thank you to parents

Thank you to following parents for their extra support after working bee making costumes and coming into finish props. All the parent help with have had has been so amazing so thank you!

- Naomi Warden
- Kate Godden and Her Mum Shirley
- Maria Dos Santos
- Mariann Pacheco
- Mel Gaversjo
- Natalie Stead
- Natalie Nolan
- Anne Maree Flanagan

Religious Education Term 3 News

We warmly invite our SFX parents and parish community to join us as we celebrate our two special Masses this term. All welcome!

Farewell Mass
for Mr Cachia &

Feast of St Mary
of the Cross MacKillop

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2025
12.30PM

St Francis Xavier Church



Welcome Mass
for Mrs Nolen

and
Feast of the
Assumption of Mary



TUESDAY 19TH
AUGUST 2025
9.30AM

St Francis Xavier Church

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:*

*president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.
catholic.edu.au*

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
MONTMORENCY.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

SUPPORT THE SFX NEIGHBOURS AT MONTY HUB!

GREG CHAMPION FOOTY SONGS & ROCK'N' ROLL NIGHT

with special guests

"CHAMP'S USEFUL MEMBERS
OF SOCIETY"

FRIDAY AUGUST 29 | 6PM- 10.30PM
PETRIE PARK HALL, MONTMORENCY

DINNER & SHOW !!

TIX: \$80

6.15PM SPIT ROAST DINNER,

*Vegetarian options

7.30PM SHOW & BAND

BYO DRINKS

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Daddy Cool, The Falcons & Stars

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JULY PA MEETING (SAY BYE TO PHIL!)

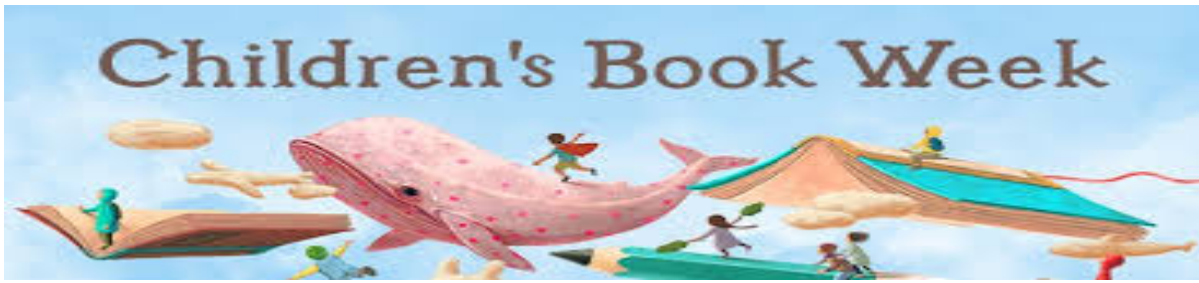
JOIN THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION
MEETING ON **WEDNESDAY 30 JULY**
7PM AT THE SFX OFFICE -
AND HELP SEND OFF MR CACHIA
AS HE JOINS FOR THE FINAL TIME!

ALL WELCOME!

THE RELAXED MEETING
INCLUDES REFRESHMENTS,
FEEL FREE TO BRING
A PLATE TO SHARE -
OR JUST TURN UP!



Book Week 2025 Quiz #1



Drawn July 30th @ 11:50am

Name:

Class:

*Answer the following questions to go into the draw to win a prize! Entries must be handed in by Wednesday 30th July 9:00am. Entry box located out the front of the Discovery Centre. Drawn after Recess.
Good luck :)*

QUESTION 1

I have a little blue jacket and love eating the vegetables from Mr McGregor's garden. Who am I?

QUESTION 2

I can fly, have special powers and magical items like an umbrella and stretchable bag. I arrived in London to help the Banks family and their two children. Who am I?

QUESTION 3

I started the week eating some fruit and by the end of the week I was eating muffins, pizza and a pickle before transforming and getting wings. Who am I?
