

NEWSLETTER NO.22

31st July 2025

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

Dear SFX families,



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2025

In conjunction with the Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, who were the grandparents of Jesus, let us pray for our elderly and acknowledge the great contribution they have made and continue to make in our lives and the lives of our children.

Let us now pray for all of our Grandparents and the Elderly people in our community.

**Lord God almighty,
bless our grandparents
with a long life, happiness and health.
May they remain constant in your love
and be living signs of your presence,
to their children and grandchildren.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

PARENT HELPERS @ SFX

Given the recent, tragic news about Child Safety at Child Care facilities and Working With Children Checks I am so glad that we take Child Safety so seriously at SFX School. Credit to our parent community also who now so willingly do the one hour Parent Helper/Child Safety course each year. We must do everything we can each school day to protect our students. Over the past 6 months in particular, the staff have spoken to me and discussed with each other, the best way we can implement the new MACS Vision For Instruction. In particular with the new explicit model of teaching and with many of the resources being provided to us from MACS, what is now the role of the parent helper in English and Maths learning? If classroom teachers are teaching to the group as a whole, what does the parent helper now do apart from watch the lesson? When our classroom teachers are explicitly teaching UFLI Phonics Program in Prep to 2 or when our other classes are explicitly teaching the Smart Spelling Program what does the parent now do?

Over the past year there are many ways we have asked and sometimes challenged teachers to adjust their teaching methods and how we best now use our parent helpers is one

of those burning questions. Please do not feel put out or dejected if you feel that you are not being called on or rostered as frequently as a parent helper. Please do not think that this is a change that our new Principal Ms Nolen is bringing in. It is something that has been evolving and changing over the past six months as teacher strategise over the best way to use parent help in our Literacy and Numeracy blocks especially. The SFX staff especially wanted me to write this in the school newsletter. We are always thankful for parent help and support, but they wanted you to know that it may look a little different going forward.

SPORTS NEWS

Interschool Summer Sport started on Friday. We played Eltham East. Results were:

ROUND 1 - 25th July		Basketball	Volleyball	Cricket	Softball	Downball
S F X	Eltham East	Mixed SFX 34 EE 21 Girls SFX 11 EE 35	Mixed SFX O EE 2 Girls SFX 1 EE 2	Mixed SFX 127 EE 120 Girls SFX 113 EE 81	Mixed SFX 11 EE 5	Mixed SFX 15 EE 9

This week we play Montmorency South away

Active To School Program

Thanks to all who have been supporting our Active to School Month. This is our last week. We encourage all to make an effort to be active in coming to or home from school. Our Year 6 Sports Captains will collate the results and report in an upcoming newsletter.

District Athletics Carnival

I am in the process of selecting the team. This will be announced on this coming Friday. The District Day is Tuesday 12th August at Meadowglen Athletics Track.

Teeball

Congratulations to our Teeball team who will play Upper Plenty Primary School on the 7th August to decide who will be the Division Champion to compete at the Northern Regionals on Tuesday 12th August.

Brian Anderson – Physical Education Teacher

2025 – GROWING INTO GREATNESS

Spirit of Jesus Awards

Term Three, Week One, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Ada A	For always giving your best and having a go, even when something feels a bit hard. You show great determination and a positive attitude. Keep believing in yourself! you're doing a fantastic job!
PJV	Harvey D	For listening carefully to instructions and working hard to follow them Harvey it is wonderful to see the effort you are putting in to being a focussed learner. Amazing Work!
PRJ	Amara T	For your beautiful, kind and caring nature. You are so polite and respectful towards others in your class.
1CM	Eden L	For the kind and caring nature you bring to our class. You always listen thoughtfully and complete your work with pride. You set a wonderful example for others, and it's something we all admire. Well done!
1KH	Piper H	For always showing kindness and care towards others. You are often the first to offer help when you see a need. We are lucky to have you in our class!
1LC	Jack O	For starting off Term 3 so well by making the effort to be respectful and responsible for your learning. As always, thank you also for your contributions to class discussions. You bring valuable ideas that expand our conversations. Keep it up Jack!
2BB	Joey M	For having a cracking start to Term 3. You have come to school each day with a positive attitude and been working really hard to get all of your work done to a high standard. Keep up the great effort Joey!
2SK	Liana B	For being a responsible learner and always following instructions carefully. Well done!
	Mason B	For showing the value of 'Resilience'. He always shows fantastic focus. Well done!
2SM	Finn S	For the enthusiasm and dedication you have put into your writing tasks lately. The focus you have displayed has been fantastic. Keep it up!
3DH	Lenny K	Well done for your consistently positive approach to learning. It's been great to see you demonstrate excellent learning qualities as the year has progressed!
3HS	Evie Dwyer	For being incredibly helpful and kind towards your classmates and teachers as we settle into a new term and a new teacher. Thank you Evie and well done!

4DO	Angus L	Angus approaches every learning opportunity with maturity and a strong sense of responsibility. He works diligently to exceed expectations and always gives his best. Like Jesus, Angus leads by example through his dedication, perseverance, and respectful behaviour. His commitment to doing what is right inspires those around him and reflects the Spirit of Jesus in our classroom.
4MA	Alexander K	For making great learning choices in the classroom and being responsible in the way you manage your learning. Well done Alex!
5EG	Jack V	For demonstrating resilience adapting to a new classroom and forming new friendships with ease. Your contributions to class discussions are insightful, making you a wonderful addition to our class.
5SN	Luca J	For starting off the term strongly by showing great resilience towards the new seating arrangements and setting himself up for success! Great work!
6AH	Imogen S	For working hard to improve your typing skills and settling back into Term 3 with focus and determination. You consistently demonstrate kindness and care towards others. Keep up the great work!
6DM	Camden R	For being a very determined learner and accepting challenges with a positive attitude. It is great to see you face a hurdle and not give up but work towards solving it with support. Keep it up superstar!

TERM THREE/FOUR 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

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CONGRATULATIONS CLAUDIA

Well done to our very own Claudia M in Year 6 who has been chosen to participate in the FDP (*Future Development Program*) for Under 12 girls in Victoria. Claudia was selected as one of the top 60 players out of the 150 who tried out. Claudia now participates in a four day Jamboree in September and has weekly early morning training in November run by Basketball Victoria. Look out Brisbane Olympics 2032...we may have our next Aussie Opal!



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GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW SFX SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – MRS. NOLEN

Favourite food: Charcuterie board

Favourite Pastime: Reading books

Hobbies: Playing guitar

Favourite Footy Team: Collingwood Magpies

Mrs. Nolen is the current Deputy Principal at St Thomas School in North Greensborough.

Her first official day at SFX is Monday 11th August.

Mrs. Nolen will need to remember to wear her Book Week Parade costume on her very first day at SFX. A great way to start at SFX!

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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

Book Week 2025

Theme: Book An Adventure

This year **BOOK WEEK** at SFX will be celebrated on
Monday 11th - Friday 15th August

This year the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrates its 80 year anniversary with the theme **Book An Adventure**. This annual event highlights the importance of reading and draws on the joy of stories and creativity of Australian authors.

Book An Adventure celebrates the exciting journeys we take every time we open a book. Whether we're exploring magical lands, diving deep into the ocean or travelling through time; reading allows our imaginations to soar. At school, we're encouraging all students to 'book' their own adventure by discovering new stories, authors and characters. It's a wonderful reminder that every book is a doorway to curiosity, creativity and fun!



In Discovery Centre lessons, we are unpacking the theme '*Book An Adventure*'. Students are exploring stories that have been crafted with the magic of imagination to take us to a fictional land or on an adventure. We are looking at books that are thought provoking and we are reflecting on how they impact us as readers.

The books we are focusing on are from the Children's Book Council of Australia Shortlist and students are responding in both written and artistic forms. Each student has been given an 'adventure plane' in which they record their rating for the books we read each week.

Book Week at SFX officially runs from Monday 11th - Friday 15th August with **Monday 11th** being the launch and our annual **Dress Up Day**. (We are holding Book Week ONE week earlier than the official Book Week due to concert preparations) We will have lots of fun activities and competitions in the DC and a flyer with full details will follow next week. **Please note competitions are totally optional.**

DATES TO NOTE

Dress Up Day Monday 11th August: Students can come to school dressed in either a costume related to the theme "Book An Adventure", or as a book character of their choice. **It would be great if they could bring along the book on which their character is based.** As in previous years, there is no expectation that students hire/buy costumes, and it is a good opportunity to be creative and make a costume from things you have at home. We will discuss this in DC lessons.

Incursions Monday 11th August

Story Tellers - 'Treasure Hunt' (Prep-2)

Author - George Ivanoff (Year 3-4)

Author - Morris Gleitzman (Year 5-6)

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting time over the next few weeks.
Happy reading,

Mrs Loader, Mrs Morello and Mrs Johnson



What's been happening...

Welcome Back to Term Three here at St Francis Xavier. We trust that you all had a relaxing break despite some quite typical Winter weather.

My name is Linda Reid and I have started this term to support the Team here at OSHClub. It may take me a while to get to know you all but I am looking forward to ensuring that we deliver a fun packed program for all to enjoy. Chanel will be back in a couple of weeks.

If you have any suggestions, concerns or even just want to drop in and say hello please feel free to do so.

We have just had a settling back in week but next week we are going to celebrate Christmas in July with lots of craft, cooking and sporty things for the children to do.

Our tempting menu will include some old favourites as well as trying some new items with a vegetarian option always available. Let us know what you think.

Hopefully we will see you at the service very soon.

Recipe for you at home

Something a little different this newsletter but we will have some tempting home recipes for you coming up in future editions so keep your eyes open.

Ingredients:

Enthusiastic children
Talented staff
Recipes for everyone to try and experience

Method:

1. Gather all participants together
2. Come up with some ideas for tasty, practical cooking experiences
3. Purchase the ingredients
4. Have the utensils needed for the activity
5. Have a fun time whilst cooking safely
6. Reap the rewards of your labour and enjoy.

Photo gallery...



Coming up...

Christmas in July Commencing Monday
28th, July, 2025

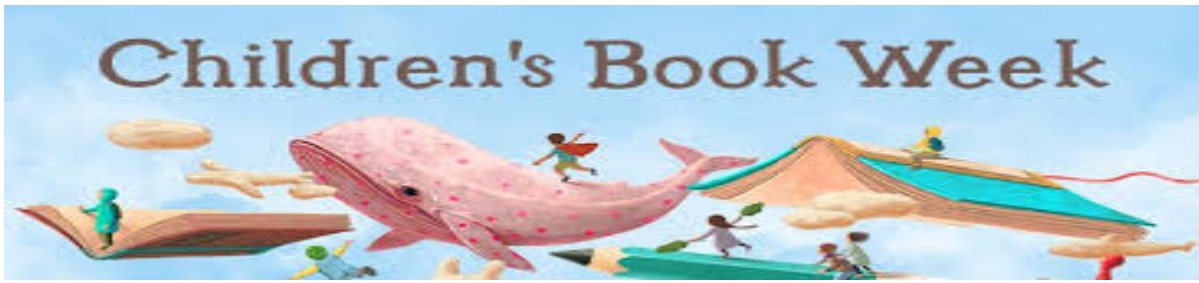
Clubs:

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)

Book Week 2025 Quiz #2



Drawn August 6th @ 11:50am

Name:

Class:

Answer the following questions to go into the draw to win a prize! Entries must be handed in by Wednesday 7th August 9:00am. Entry box located out the front of the Discovery Centre. Drawn after Recess.

Good luck :)

QUESTION 1

I am originally from Peru but ended up in London where the kind Brown family adopted me. I have a blue trench coat, a red hat and a suitcase. Who am I?

QUESTION 2

I live in the Hundred Acre Wood, I love honey, and I have lots of friends like Piglet and Tigger. Who am I?

QUESTION 3

I live in a treehouse with my friend Andy, and every book we add more levels! Who am I?
