



St. Francis Xavier School Montmorency

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NEWSLETTER NO.26

28th August 2025

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

Dear Parents,

Week 6, and there's a definite feeling of spring in the air – a time for new beginnings, growth, and energy! We've been making the most of this season by diving deeper into our inquiry unit on Cultural Identity. Over the past few weeks, our Yr 3, 4 and 5 students have had the wonderful opportunity to go on two enriching excursions that have brought their learning to life in exciting ways.

In addition to these hands-on experiences, our students are continuing their preparations for the upcoming performance. We're thrilled to see the progress as they rehearse with such dedication and passion. Our full-dress rehearsal will be taking place in the hall on **Monday, 1st of September**, and we can't wait to see the magic come together before the big night! There are still some tickets available for each night, please be sure to book for your family to avoid disappointment.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DEFSJ>

Venue: Magis Performing Arts Centre - Loyola College

Dates: Monday 8th September @ 7pm

Tuesday 9th September @ 7pm

Wednesday 10th September @ 7pm

Performance Week: Schedule Adjustments & Rest Day

To help support our students through this busy time and ensure they are well-rested and energized for the performances, we are offering a few adjustments to the regular schedule. On **Tuesday 9th September** and **Wednesday 10th September** morning, we encourage all students to start their day at **10:00 AM**. This later start will give them the extra rest they need to perform at their best.

Additionally, **Thursday 11th of September** will be designated as a "Rest and Recovery" day. We strongly recommend that students take this time to relax and recharge. However, for families who need to send their children in, the school will remain open as usual, however will run a modified program as our staff will also be given some time to "Rest and Recover"

We appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate this exciting time. Our students have put in so much effort, and we know these changes will help them finish the

week strong. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Our hardworking PA have been working hard to prepare for our annual Father's Day breakfast next Friday 5th. Please ensure you use the QR code below to register your attendance to assist with catering. Tony's delicious Pies will be delivered Friday also. Be sure to put your order in. In secret squirrel business for our dads, The Father's Day stall is also taking place on Thursday 4th, where all gifts are \$10. Pre-pay using the QR code online by 1st September otherwise cash on the day. (Please see flyers at the end of the newsletter)

Traffic Etiquette

After monitoring the situation for a couple of weeks now it has become apparent that a reminder regarding our protocols for traffic at the start and end of the day are necessary.

- Parents should ensure that they drive slowly and safely into Kiss & Drop when dropping off and picking up their child. *Be patient, courteous and conscious of little children who do not have the same peripheral vision and experience around traffic that adults do.* Parents need to be conscious that we live in a neighbourhood and that we need to respect the rights of neighbours entering and exiting their properties. You can do this by parking legally at all times and never in front of someone's driveway.
- If you choose to park your car in the school carpark for afternoon pick up, **you need to enter the carpark before 3:20 pm** and you **MUST** pick up your child from inside the school grounds and walk them safely to your car, using the crossing. **At no point are children to be waved across the road to you waiting at the car past Kiss and Drop oncoming traffic. This is a dangerous practice and puts your child's life and that of others at risk. Crossing between the Kiss and Drop cars is also not a wise or safe practice.**

Finally the "Catholic Schools Guide" is conducting a competition where families can enter for a chance to win \$2,000 worth of school fees. Competition closes 5th of September. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details. Have a wonderful week, Mrs. Nolen

2025 – GROWING INTO GREATNESS

Spirit of Jesus Awards

Term Three, Week Five, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Teddy L	For always giving everything a go and tackling challenges with a positive attitude. It has been wonderful to see your confidence grow, your skills improve, and to watch you try your best every day.
PJV	Greta B	For the amazing way you know every word of our concert song and every move of our performance. You help and support those around you by praising and encouraging them. Your joy and enthusiasm bring such light to our classroom. Thank you for shining so brightly Greta!
PRJ	Aviana S	For always being a polite and kind girl, who listens attentively in class and is always respectful to others.
1CM	Ari L	For demonstrating wonderful resilience during your writing task. I'm proud of the determination you showed and the way you worked with your peers to finish the task successfully. Keep it up!
1KH	Ryan C	For the way you consistently lead by example. You have shown attentive listening and respect for others during our performance rehearsals. Thank you for always putting in your best effort each day and for kindly encouraging your peers with positivity.
1LC	Caspian W	For showing great focus during this week's UFLI lessons. It has been wonderful to see you always try your best. You're doing a fantastic job Caspian!
2BB	The Whole Class	For doing a fantastic job rehearsing for the 2BB assembly showcase. Great job superstars!
2SK	Sienna A	For the respect you showed to your classmates during our Inquiry Show and Tell. You shared great comments and answered questions. Well done Sienna!
2SM	Oliver T	For the fantastic way you have been singing and dancing loudly and confidently during our concert rehearsals. Amazing work!!

3DH	Eamon M	Well done for approaching your writing with a positive mindset and always being open to feedback. Keep it up!
3HS	Macey H	Your consistent effort and high-quality work truly stand out. Even though you work quietly, your dedication never goes unnoticed. Keep up the fantastic work!
4DO	Alfie S	Alfie shows the Spirit of Jesus by always working with all his heart. He gives his best effort in everything he does, approaches challenges with perseverance. Alfie's dedication and positive attitude inspire those around him and reflect the love of Jesus in our classroom each day. <i>"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."</i> – Colossians 3:23
4MA	Nicholas S	For showing dedication in Literature Circle sessions and working hard on your reading. Your focus and effort help you make great progress.
5EG	Maria O	For your outstanding conduct and enthusiastic participation during the excursion to the Immigration Museum.
5SN	Chase C	For a strong work ethic in Writing and Inquiry, seeking to add detail to his work and taking great pride in demonstrating his understanding. Great stuff!
6AH	Mila O	Your impressive work on the Making a Difference Project demonstrated not only hard work but also your ability to think at a deeper level. Keep up the excellent effort and focus!
6DM	Poppy K	For bringing your energy and enthusiasm into our classroom every day. I have been so impressed by your attitude towards being organised with your busy schedule. Your mature approach is demonstrating you are getting ready to transition to Secondary School next year. Keep up the wonderful efforts Poppy!

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SPORT'S NEWS

Interschool Sport

Last week we went to Holy Trinity. Results are as follows:

ROUND 3 - 15th August SFX vs Holy Trinity				
Basketball	Volleyball	Cricket	Downball	Softball
Boys Lost 16 to 21 Girls Lost 16 to 33	Boys Lost 0 to 2 Girls Lost 1 to 2	Boys Lost 129 to 130 Girls Lost 108 to 156	Won 11 to 10	Won 19 to 12

This week we play Eltham away

Growing Into Greatness



We have many students who participate in a variety of sports outside of school. On the weekend we congratulate all those who are playing football finals and have made it through to Grand finals.

Cheerleading

We especially congratulate Evie H from year 6 who competed in her team Cheerleading state championship competition, placing 3rd in their category. They also "hit zero," meaning they performed flawlessly and received zero deductions for their routine – such a fantastic result.



ATTENTION Year 4 and 6 Parents

BIKE EDUCATION

In term 4 students from Year 4 and 6 participate in a 4 week bike education program. If your child is not a confident rider or can't ride, Banyule Council are offering sessions to learn how to. I highly recommend this to help build your child's confidence. See details in the photo attached. This was in the last Banyule Banner.



Little Athletics is Back! 🏃🏃

St Mary's Little Athletics Club invites children aged 5–16 to join a season of fun, fitness, and friendships.

17 Registration Day: Saturday 6th September, 10 am–12 pm

📍 Willinda Park, Greensborough

🍴 Free sausage sizzle!

Email stmarys@dvlac.com.au for more information.

Little Athletics is back
at Diamond Valley



Registration Day

6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

10am-12PM

Come along to the Registration Day to find out all you need
know about Little Athletics!

Kids can even have a try at 100m, Long Jump & Shotput.

FREE Sausage Sizzle!

Find out more:

Season start date: 13th September

✉ stmarys@dvlac.com.au



Scan the QR code to register your interest

Catholic Schools Guide

TREASURE HUNT

ONE FAMILY WILL WIN
\$2,000 IN SCHOOL FEES

Competition Closes:
Friday 5 September 2025

**Find The Treasures To
WIN BIG!**

Catholic Schools Guide is giving you family treasure hunt
opportunity to win \$2,000 in school fees!

Bring children, including a Catholic, and not in Australia
to school to search and treasure hunt.

Prizes for participants:

- \$2,000 in school fees
- 100% of school fees
- 100% of school fees
- 100% of school fees

Prizes for winners:

- \$2,000 in school fees
- 100% of school fees
- 100% of school fees
- 100% of school fees

Happy Treasure Hunting!

www.catholic-schools-guide.com.au/competition

All abilities
www.dvlac.com.au

Fun, family, fitness
Willinda Park, Beatrix Street, Greensborough

RAISING FATHERS

'FATHERING FROM THE FRONT LINE'

WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER
7.00PM - 8.30PM

HOWLA COLLEGE 325 GUNBURY STREET WINDSOR

REGISTER FOR FREE!

**men
ALIVE**

BE INSPIRED, BE CHALLENGED,
BE THE FATHER YOUR CHILDREN NEED.

WHY IT MATTERS

A father who is present, loving and intentional shapes the destiny of his children
and echoes that impact through generations. This evening could change your
approach to fathering. And in doing so, it could change your child's future.

SFX PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday 4 September

STUDENTS CAN SHOP A GORGEOUS RANGE OF GIFTS FOR DAD, POP, GRANDPA!

ALL GIFTS \$10

pre-pay by Tues 2 Sept or cash on day

trybooking.com/DEKCP

OR SCAN 

Can you lend an hour or two for a PA event? Let us know!
volunteersonup.org/COM6x

Second-hand Uniform Stall is BACK!
Outside Discovery Centre
Fri 29 Aug 3.30-4pm!

SUPPORT SFX THIS FATHER'S DAY WITH...

ELTHAMbookshop
OPEN 7 DAYS IN ARTWORK ST, ELTHAM

10% OFF SPEND COMES BACK TO SFX

JUST MENTION ST FRANCIS XAVIER MONTY AT CHECKOUT! MAKE YOUR GIFT SPEND GO FURTHER!

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR TONY'S PIES - DELIVERED TO SFX THURSDAY 4 SEPT!

STOCK UP FOR FOOTY FINALS, MUSICAL WEEK EVERYTHING!

TONY'S PIES



ST FRANCIS XAVIER MONTMORENCY PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Dads' Day & Footy Colours

A MORNING FOR SFX DADS, GRANDDADS, CARERS AND THEIR KIDS TO CONNECT AND HAVE FUN!

Fri 5 SEPT

FREE COFFEE CART * PHOTO BOOTH
HANDBALL COMP * RAFFLE * BREKKIE SNACKS FOR DADS
FOOTY COLOURS PARADE AT ASSEMBLY

RSVP/RAFFLE: TRYBOOKING.COM/DESAY

MANY THANKS TO GENEROUS SPONSORS

THE LAVRIC FAMILY THE KALDOR FAMILY THE VELKOV FAMILY
THE O'MALLEY FAMILY THE WHITE FAMILY

8AM - 9.20AM SPORTS COURTS ALL WELCOME



What's been happening...

Welcome to our latest newsletter and the chance to update you about what we are doing here at SFX OSHClub. The children have been very busy creating items as special gifts for Father's Day. We have also been doing other things such as Origami, Cooking Club, hall and outdoor fun.

Our delicious menu has included homemade pizza, fresh salad wraps, soup and toast all served with fresh fruit and veg platters.

Our final session with Professor Raspberry happens this Thursday. This has been an amazing program offered to the families free of charge.

The children are embracing our Oral Hygiene initiative and cleaning their teeth after breakfast with the Toothbrushes we have available. We still have a few available for our families. Why not pop in and collect one for your child/ren while stocks last.

Hopefully we will see you at the service very soon so you can join in the excitement too.

Photo gallery...



Recipe for you at home

EDIBLE SLIME

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup of Marshmallows
- 1 Tablespoon Vegetable Oil
- 1 Cup of Caster sugar
- Food colouring

Method:

- In a bowl mix the marshmallows and vegetable oil. Microwave for 30 seconds until fluffy
- Add sugar and food colouring.
- Microwave for 30 seconds then stir
- Microwave for further 30 seconds until playdough texture.
- Play with same but edible too
- Enjoy.



Coming up...

STEM Activities: This week as listed below. These come at NO EXTRA COST to families.

Clubs:

Stay and Play

Cooking club.

Thursday Stay and Play:

Final Session. Bop Til You Drop Science Experiments at NO additional cost to Families (bookings essential).

Friday Rise and Shine AND Stay and Play:

Friday Funday (new theme each week)