

NEWSLETTER NO.31

16th October 2025

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

Dear Families,

Tuesday I had the pleasure of attending our Confirmation rehearsal at St Patrick's Cathedral with our Yr 6 candidates. Bishop Rene addressed the children highlighting the key elements of the Sacrament of Confirmation. We hold these children in our prayers as they wait in joyful anticipation for Sunday. "May God bless you with a good life, full of love, joy, and contentment." May you always stay strong in your faith and trust in His plan. For families who are attending please be mindful of the limited parking that is around the Cathedral and factor in the necessary time to ensure everyone is seated for the start of the ceremony. Thank you to Mrs Bird, Mr Mithen, Ms Hanley and Ms Rinaldo for your support in this momentous sacrament for our students.



Our Sound system in the Hall has been worked on this week, forcing our assembly to be moved last minute to the Church. Congratulations to our Yr 1KH students and Mrs Hoseason for showing such wonderful resilience when life threw them this curveball. Our value that we are focusing on this term is Resilience. We define resilience as the ability to bounce back when things don't go our way or we are faced with loss or disappointment. Sometimes in the heat of the moment it is hard to be resilient and it is a skill we must practise. Families can help support us in identifying at home times when your child is demonstrating this behaviour. Using the language and explaining the learning that comes from being resilient.

Next Friday we hold our Twilight Sports at Willinda Park Athletics Track: Beatrix St, Greensborough VIC 3088.

Please note that this year there will not be a BBQ dinner being provided, therefore parents will be asked to bring their own picnic.

As we move closer to the end of year we are thinking about our structures. To assist in our forward planning, can families

who know their children are not returning in 2026 please let us know asap.

Last week I put in some important term dates for your diaries. Inadvertently I wrote the incorrect venue for our whole school swimming lessons. This will be taking place at Eltham Leisure Centre. Also the Big Day out was incorrectly dated- this will be taking place on Friday 12th of December.

A member from the Montmorency RSL has delivered some Remembrance Day merchandise to the office. If students would like to purchase any of the items they range from \$2- \$5. Finally just a reminder that outstanding school fees are due by the end of the month.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs. Nolen



Spirit of Jesus Awards - Term 4 Week 2, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Abby C	For always trying your best! You have learned and grown so much this year. I am so proud of how hard you work and how you keep on trying every day!
PJV	Olivia G	For the amazing way you tackle every challenge presented to you. You attempt every task with a positive 'can do' attitude, showing great resilience and perseverance when things don't go as planned. Super Work Olivia!

2025 - GROWING INTO GREATNESS

PRJ	Bronte E	For being a caring and happy member of our class. She listens respectfully to others and always helps and includes others when & where she can. She is very supportive and has a very caring nature! Thank you Bronte!
1CM	Harry B	For always showing kindness, helping friends without being asked and being a wonderful role model in our class. You are always ready to lend a hand, share a smile, and make sure everyone feels included. Your caring heart and helpful attitude make our classroom a better place every day! Thank you Harry!
1KH	Students of 1KH	In recognition of your creativity, teamwork and dedication displayed in your learning showcase assembly. You all practised your lines with a positive mindset and supported each other beautifully. Well done team!
1LC	Richie G	For working so hard to learn your lines for our upcoming class assembly. Keep up the great work Richie!
2BB	Eve F	For having a very positive start to Term 4. Your dedication to learning should be commended, especially when writing narratives. Keep up the good work Eve!
2SK	Hudson O	For being a responsible learner and showing excellent listening during instruction time.
2SM	Cade G	For the resilience and positive mindset you display each and every day, particularly with your spelling and heart words. You work so hard and should be very proud of yourself! Keep it up Cade!
3DH	Leo N	You continue to set an excellent standard in our class with your positive approach to learning. Well done for always displaying our school values and representing our class so well as our SRC member.

3HS	Harvey L	For the resilience you have shown in your work, especially your writing. The detail and care you put into your written work and presentation is great to see. Keep up the great work!
4DO	Isabel D	Isabel is recognised for the wonderful focus and effort she shows in her learning. She works with great determination to meet expectations and always gives her best. Isabel truly lives out the words from <i>Colossians 3:23</i> — “ <i>Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.</i> ”
4MA	Scarlett P	For always showing responsibility in everything you do. You consistently give 100% during learning time and set a great example for others. Well done Scarlett!
5EG	Jack C	For showing resilience during our cold task on persuasives. Even when he wasn't sure, he gave it a go and showed great effort by going back and improving his writing.
5SN	Amali B	For showing great resilience in our debate session by working with unfamiliar partners and engaging through excellent use of persuasive techniques.
6AH	Owen B	The value you add to class discussions and learning tasks is excellent. You have demonstrated your skills as a deep thinker and someone who can be reflective. I enjoy hearing your perspectives on our class novel, <i>The Goldfish Boy</i> . Keep challenging yourself Owen, you are leading the way!
6DM	Eli Z	For outstanding effort in writing a detailed response to our class novel and producing a highly convincing persuasive piece. Keep up the great work Eli!

Religious Education News: The Sacrament of Confirmation

On Sunday, our Year Six Students will make the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral. The students have been preparing for the Sacrament in class, and this week participated in a Confirmation Rehearsal day at St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday. We thank classroom teachers David Mithen and Anna Hanley for their work in preparing the students to receive the Sacrament. We congratulate our SFX Year Six Confirmation candidates and keep them in our prayers on Sunday.

A Prayer for the SFX Confirmation Candidates

God our Father,
We thank you for our Year Six students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We pray that this journey to Confirmation will be an opportunity for them to deepen their faith and renew their hope



in you, so that your love may shine through them to the world. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Grant them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgement and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill our Year Six students with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

REL Megan Bird

SPORT'S NEWS

We have had the AFL Grand final and now we head into one of the biggest sporting events of the year- the SFX Twilight sports on Friday 24th October.

Well maybe not bigger than Brisbane Winning again!!!

So that you are aware we ask students to arrive between **4:30 and 4:45pm to Willinda Park Athletics track**. It is important to try to start on time.

Families are asked to bring a picnic dinner students are to wear house colours and a hat and bring a labelled water bottle.

There is some Parking onsite but it is recommended that you park at the Montmorency or Lower Plenty Football grounds and walk across from there or near Montmorency Secondary school.

Students rotate through tabloid activities and then conclude the evening with a sprint race.

If your child is not attending please email your classroom teacher and cc me in as I assign the students to a race and if they are not there it is important to know that. **Please do this by Monday 20th October.**

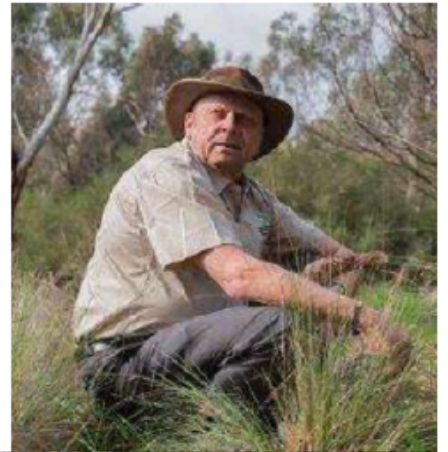
Brian Anderson

TERM FOUR 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday 16th October- Yr 5/6 Camp Meeting online @ 7pm
Thursday 16th October- Yr 4 Riding skills
Friday 17th October- Yr 6 Riding skills
Sunday 18th October- Yr 6 Confirmation 2pm @ St Pat's Cathedral
Tuesday 21st October- Prep 2026 Parent information night @ 6pm
Thursday 23rd October – Prep 2026 Orientation #1 @ 10am to 11am
Friday 24th October- Yr 6 Bike Path skills
Friday 24th October- Twilight Sports @ Wilinda Park
Thursday 30th October – Prep 2026 Orientation #2 @ 10am to 11am
Thursday 30th October- Division Softball
Monday 3rd November- **Pupil Free Day**
Tuesday 4th November - **Melbourne Cup holiday**
Thursday 6th November - Yr 4 Riding skills
Friday 7th November- Yr 6 Bike ride to Heidelberg
Tuesday 11th November- Remembrance Day Service @ RSL
Wednesday 12th November – Prep 2026 Orientation #3 @ 10am to 11am
Wednesday 12th November- SAC meeting @ 7pm
Thursday 13th November- Yr 4 Intersections and road safety
Thursday 13th November- Colour Run
Saturday 15th November- Working Bee L-Z families
Wednesday 19th- Friday 21st November- Yr 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island
Thursday 27th November- Casual Clothes Day 3/4 Action Research
Friday 28th November- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre Day 1
Monday 1st December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre Day 2
Tuesday 2nd December- SFX Feast Day Whole school Mass @ 9.30am
Wednesday 3rd December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre #3
Thursday 4th December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre #4
Thursday 4th December- Carols
Friday 5th December- **Pupil Free Day**
Monday 8th December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre Day 5
Tuesday 9th December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre #6
Wednesday 10th December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre #7
Thursday 11th December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre #8
Thursday 11th December- Yr 6 Graduation @ 6pm
Friday 12th December- Big Day Out
Friday 12th December- Semester 2 Reports go home
Monday 15th December- Semester 2 Parent Teacher interviews
Tuesday 16th December – **STEP UP MORNING** – 10am to 11am- for all SFX students (2026 Prep to Year 5)
Tuesday 16th December – Term 4 concludes @ 1pm

Indigenous Learning Experience at SFX

Last Term, the students at SFX were lucky enough to have a visit from Uncle Trevor Gallagher, a proud Gunditjmara elder. He led a smoking ceremony accompanied by Matt who played the didgeridoo at our morning assembly on September 18th.



Year One and Two students then participated in a Yarning Circle Incursion with Uncle Trevor to enrich the student's learning of Indigenous Culture and our shared Australian story.

He explained the importance of NAIDOC week, the meaning of the colours on the Aboriginal flag and showed the students some traditional artefacts and what they were used for.

Uncle Trevor discussed what it means to 'yarn' and tell your story. Students were invited to tell their own story amongst their peers.

