



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL MONTMORENCY

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## NEWSLETTER NO. 9

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

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

Dear Families,

At 10.54pm on Sunday night we received a directive from the Acting Executive Director of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Jim Miles, that additional steps were now necessary to combat the spread of COVID-19 and as such the State Government are bringing forward the Term 1 school holidays in Victoria to begin from tomorrow, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

As these days are now classed as school holidays, and all schools are in the same boat with regard to missing learning over the next four days, any form of 'remote learning' or 'homework' or 'make up work' is no longer necessary. However the positive to this period of self distancing and isolation from the normal school holiday outdoor activities is that we strongly encourage all students to read and/or share experiences as a family whether that be a puzzle, a board game, mindfulness colouring and creating things, baking and talking to each other. This is a great opportunity for children and their families to bury themselves in books and activities which may ultimately keep all of us sane in the end. At the moment (and I cannot predict the future and what will happen at the end of the holidays), Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April will still be a school closure day (Professional Practice Day) as indicated in previous newsletters.

### COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS OVER THE HOLIDAY BREAK

There will be four main ways that parents will be communicated with over the holiday break:

1. Special editions of the School Newsletter will still be sent out to all families in three forms:
  - a. On the school website
  - b. By email to those who have registered with the school office
  - c. On the official SFX Facebook site
2. We will continue to use Push Notifications through Updat-Ed and Flexibuzz (Password sfx2020) for regular updates as they come to hand

If parents monitor these communication forms over the break they will be able to see what is being planned for their child in terms of returning to school in Term 2, work expectations for an extended break etc. Please only call the school office in the event of an emergency. When we have any information or update, we will inform everyone at the same time. This is always the best way to communicate with a school community so there is no innuendo, confusion or inconsistency that can often occur through online whispers.

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M)

Further to our thanks and gratitude in last week's newsletter we also wish to thank Claire White who held the position of Vice President and Co- Presidents Jane Fraser (*mother of Ben in Yr 4EP & Patrick in Prep LA*) and Mia Jones (*mother of Ben in Yr 1JV*) for their great work in leading the Parents Association in 2020. Apologies to Claire for not getting this right in last week's newsletter.

We are now in search for a new Parents Association President. The pledge is that you will be ably supported by both Jane, Mia, Claire and Kate and the rest of the Parents Association Committee.

I strongly encourage some of our new Junior School parents to put up their hand. If we cannot find anyone to step forward then we will need to tap someone on the shoulder OR bend a couple of arms OR coerce OR bribe..... I know that we have such talented and skilled parent leaders at SFX school and this is a great opportunity for someone to step up for the benefit of the students. Without a President the activities and events that the Parents Association stage during the year will be highly reduced in number.



### 2021 PREP SIBLING ENROLMENT

All current families must fill in a new enrolment form if you have another child beginning Prep in 2021. **If your child turns five by April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 then we are able to accept your application now, prior to opening the enrolments to the general public.** Please do not assume that the school knows you have a child beginning next year. The only way we can reserve a place for a sibling is by filling in a 2021 Enrolment form that can be obtained from the school office. The greatest enrolment billboard for our school is 'word of mouth'. Please do not be shy in telling families at your local kindergarten or childcare that SFX school is now taking enrolments for 2021. Given the size of the school tours that I have taken around the school this year, interest in our school is high and there is a great deal of positivity about our future and the education we will provide.

### STUDENT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORM

Thank you to those families who have already returned their blue Student Confidential Information form. Data matching between what appears on our office system and your blue form has already started so that the information we have is consistent and correct.

### SCHOOL DIARY DATES – TERM 1 & 2 2020

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Professional Practice Day – School Closed  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Term Two commences at 8.55am (T.B.C)  
 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – School Tour for Prospective Families @ 11.30am  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April - School Tour for Prospective Families @ 11.30am  
 Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Cross Country Breakfast  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – District Cross Country  
 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Mothers' Day Stall  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Mothers' Day Breakfast  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May- School Tour for Prospective Families @ 11.30am  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday  
 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June–Semester One Report Writing Day – School closed  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour for Prospective Families @ 11.30am  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Semester One Reports distributed to families  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June- Semester One Parent Teacher Interviews  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Term Two concludes at 1pm

2020 SCHOOL THEME – EMBRACING PROGRESS DELIVERING SUCCESS