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## Montmorency's Flora

## Written By Aidan Dicello Pbotos by Campbell McCartby

Montmorency has beautiful and exotic flora \& fauna varieties. Here's some local luscious flowers and gliding birds found here, in Montmorency.

## Tasmanian Blue Gum

Our community in Montmorency is smaller than the plants, shrubs and trees combined, that's an unbelievable amount! Today I'll be telling you about some flora in the SFX community. On the oval, there are two outstanding, giant trees. These peculiar trees are called Tasmanian Blue Gums. Tasmanian Blue Gums are native to


Australia and typically grow from 30-50 meters. Tasmanian Blue Gums have a 200 year lifespan and the roots can grow up to 30.5 meters.

## Lemon-Scented Gum Tree

Another tree breed in SFX is a Lemon-Scented Gum,

located on the oval. It is a fragrant tree with breaching branches that can help you with mosquito bites, its amazing healing properties can soothe your body. It's not as tall as a Tasmanian Blue Gum Tree but can grow from 20-30 metres. It can shed off big branches due to stress. After rain, its perfume scent is strong and noticeable.

Its bark sheds and goes flakey in spring. Lemon-Scented Gum Tree acts as an essential oil that can help coughs, colds and infections. Its useful all around the world and has many useful purposes.

## Brazillian Pepper Tree

Brazillian Pepper Trees are a vibrant and outstanding tree, its green patterned leaves and its dark trunk makes it memorable. Its benefits include... digestive stimulation, can support depression, irregular heartbeat and hypertension. It can grow from 6 to 16 metres tall and 8-12 metres wide. The Brazillian Pepper Tree roots grow from 45 centimetres deep. Its amazing properties and its fairly small growth makes it a prefect tree
 for SFX, located on the basketball court.

## Conclusion

Thank for listening to my information report about the flora found in Montmorency/SFX. Down below rate my information report by colouring in the stars.

Rate Down Below:


## Amazing Ape Facts

## Chimpanzees

Humans are great apes because they originated from Chimpanzees. Chimpanzees live in Western Africa. Chimps are very social in their family. They live in communities of about 50 Chimps and the leader is an alpha male.

## Gorillas

There are only around 1,063 living gorillas left in the wild.
We share around $98 \%$ of our DNA with gorillas.
Gorillas mainly eat shoots, stems and leaves.

## Orangutans

There are three species of orangutan, the Bornean, the Sumatran, and the

Tapanuli.
All the orangutans are going extinct.
Orangutans are the heaviest tree swinging animals in the world.


Illustration by Davis George

## New Teachers at SFX

By Vivienne Lo Presti and Ruby Harvey

## Mrs Fredericks

What grade do you teach? Year 6 What football team do you go for? Collingwood
What is your favourite colour?
Anything bright that makes me smile What is your favourite sport? AFL
Football
Why did you become a teacher? To inspire learning and ignite the next generation
What is your favourite movie? Too many to list - anything that makes me laugh, cry or keeps me on the edge of my seat
What is your favourite part about this school so far? The amazing staff and leadership, and the supportive and engaged community
What house colour are you in? Blue - Loyola

## Ms Beaumont

What is your role at SFX? Performing Arts teacher What football team do you barrack
for? Melbourne Demons What is your favourite colour? Turquoise
What is your favourite sport? Surfing
 Why did you become a teacher? Because I wanted to share my love of the Arts - Music, dance and drama
What is your favourite movie? Sing
What is your favourite part about this school so far? The fantastic community feel and excellent staff/students to work with
What house colour are you in? Red

## Mrs Bird

What grade do you teach? Grade 2SK on Fridays. What football team do you go for? Hawthorn! What is your favourite colour? It's so hard to choose! I love pink, light blue and pastels.
What is your favourite sport? Netball.
Why did you become a teacher? I love learning, so being able to share this with students and help them feel excited about their own learning is such a privilege. A career in teaching allows me to work in a job that is creative and always changing, allows me to help children in many ways and also - it's just so much fun!
What is your favourite movie? The Sound of Music.
What is your favourite part about this school so far?
Before being in 2SK, I have been lucky enough to work at SFX for many years as a CRT. Over the years at SFX I have loved the great community feel, friendly children and parents and wonderful staff that we have.
What house colour are you in? Green

## Mrs O'Connor

What is your role at SFX?
Visual Arts Teacher
What football team do you
barrack for? Hawthorn
What is your favourite
colour? This is a tricky one because I have so many but if I have to choose one it would be purple.
What is your favourite sport? Netball
Why did you become a teacher? Because I enjoy working with kids and I love to make art!
What is your favourite movie? I have lots but Moana is one that I watch with my girls a lot.
What is your favourite part about this school so far? I love how the school has a really strong sense of community.

Miss Morgan

What grade do you teach? Prep BM What football team do you go for? Essendon What is your favourite colour? Purple What is your

favourite sport? Netball
Why did you become a teacher? To help all children do their best!
What is your favourite movie? Home What is your favourite part about this school so far? My class! And the wonderful staff members What house colour are you in? Red

## Miss Cassar

What grade do you teach? I teach Year One. What football team do you go for? Carlton Football Club. What is your favourite colour? My favourite colour is green. What is your favourite sport? My favourite sport is tennis. Why did you become a teacher?


To encourage students to gain confidence in themselves and to explore their passions. What is your favourite movie?
My favourite movies are superhero movies!
What is your favourite part about this school so far? My favourite part of the school so far is the way both teachers and students feel like they are a part of a big community.
What house colour are you in? Green

What house colour are you in? Yellow

## Mr. Carrick

What is your role at SFX?
I am very proud and pleased to be: •SFX Learning Diversity Leader •SFX Wellbeing Leader • SFX School Counsellor.
What football team do you barrack for? The mighty Western Bulldogs, GO DOGS!
What is your favourite colour? Not sure I have one favourite colour, however I do like the colour of natural timbers.
What is your favourite sport? I love Australian Rules Footy but I also enjoy athletics and numerous aquatic sports like water polo, sailing and swimming.
Why did you become a teacher? I became a teacher as a result of a passion to support
 others, my personal school days were not always enjoyable and I sought to identify difficulties and assist where I could.
What is your favourite movie? My favourite movies as a boy were "Mary Poppins" and "Sound of Music". As an adult, I have enjoyed many movies, particularly, action movies, documentaries and thrillers. I guess my favourite is the James Bond franchise.
What is your favourite part about this school so far? The most amazing aspect of SFX is its extraordinary students, parents and teachers who I have the pleasure of meeting each day. They are generous, supportive and fun to be around!
What house colour are you in? Green Machine!

## School Captains' Address

To the SFX community,
Hi, we are the school captains of 2023. We are excited to write the Captain's Address and for you students to hear our voice. First of all, we would like to introduce ourselves.

I'm Owen Low, I am 12 years old. I am in 6MF with Mrs Fredericks. I play two instruments which are piano and guitar. I also play soccer.

I'm Alana McParland, I am 11 years old. I am in 6 DM with Mr Mithen. I swim five nights a week. I do basketball and acting.

We like leading this school because of everything working well. The things that we believe are working well are:

- The SRC program
- The buddy system
- The assemblies/meditations on Tuesday
- The Colour-Thon
- School Disco

And lastly, the kindness.
We are really excited that the Kiss and Drop shelter is finally getting a move on. We love the shelter because it protects students from the weather. We love being school captains because we get to do lots of things that represent our school. This semester we went to the ANZAC Day parade and we went to St Patrick's Cathedral.

The school captains represent our school and we went to a couple of occasions like the ANZAC day parade which was really fun because we could see soldiers. We heard the Last Post which was played by a bugle. The school captains got to hang a wreath on the bottom of the cross. Overall ANZAC Day was really good.

We went to St Patrick's Cathedral on St Patrick's Day. Afterwards, we went across to the park and played some fun games. Overall St Patrick's Day was really fun and we would love to do it again. To make the school a better place we encourage not to do these things:

- Bullying
- Not speaking appropriately
- Disrespecting the staff
- Not using objects correctly
- Not following the school rules.

Being a leader is not only about wearing a badge, it's about showing the school values and believing in everyone. Being a leader you have to become trustworthy, kind and thoughtful. As a leader you have to become other people's voice and show them the way. A good leader is a follower who leads with examples.

Thank for your time and we appreciate you reading this.

## Letter from the Editors

Hi, my name is Olivia and I am one of the 2023 Newspaper Editors, some of my hobbies include playing basketball and hanging out with my friends.

Hello, my name is Adele and I am a Newspaper Co Editor for 2023. My hobbies are playing sport, socialising and designing houses.

It has been a crazy start to the year and we're very happy to finally show you what we have been doing during the first semester. The kids have been coming into Ms Godden's room every Tuesday and working on their piece, they're all really proud of what they have created.

When we first found out that we were Newspaper Editors for 2023 we were both really excited. After realising what we get to create this year we were even more excited. For the people who don't know what we do for the newspaper, these are some things we get up to in each session:

1. Mentor/ support kids
2. Finalise/polish each new edition
3. Choose the children who get to participate in each edition.
4. We get to do a piece ourselves and write a letter from the editor (Like this one)
5. And lastly we get to approve or reject pieces.

We're always busy but absolutely love what we do and this is why we love being the newspaper editors for 2023.

Thanks for reading!

Olivia and Adele

## Camp Word Search

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In Term One the students from Grade Three and Four went to Camp Oasis. When we arrived, we got into our groups and then we all sat down and talked about what we were going to do. The activities were low ropes, crate climbing, rock climbing, reptile house and Archery. All the groups started at different activities. After we finished, we had lunch. Everybody had a table number and mine was 11.
For lunch we had pizza and salad. It was really good. After we had lunch, everybody had two
activities left to go. They were really really fun. After we finished, the Grade Three students went back to school. The Grade Four students stayed for the night and in the morning they did two more activities. They were the flying fox and candle making. They were really fun. In the afternoon they went back to school.

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Word Find by Matilda Nolan

## Round the World Quiz

## (VERY EASY):

1. What country is located to the east of Australia?
2. What country do we live in?
3. Who am I...
4. I am a native animal to Australia
5. I have only two legs
6. I always hop
7. What is the first colour in the rainbow?
8. What school values do we have at SFX?
9. What is the massive rock in the centre of Australia called?
10. What state do we live in?
11. What is the first month of the year?
12. What river flows through Melbourne?

## (VERY HARD):

1. Which is the oldest civilization in the world?
2. What body part is the Mona Lisa missing?
3. What percentage is a quarter?
4. What is the smallest country in the world?
5. Where in the body of a shrimp is it's heart?
6. When you sneeze what can't you keep open?
7. What Country did the Olympics originate in?
8. Which covers more of the earth's surface: Land or Water?

By Adele Ross





 Footy WordSearch $\square$









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## Raccoon Dogs

Written and Illustrated by Jonathan Veerhuis
A raccoon dog is a mammal that closely resembles a raccoon and a dog. It is 50 to 65 cm in length. They're not actually related to a raccoon or a dog, surprisingly they're actually related to foxes.

## Habitat

Raccoon dogs mostly live in thick forests close to water in China, South Korea, North Korea, Russia and Vietnam.

## Features

Raccoon dogs have brown, yellow, black and tan fur and also have similar features to raccoons and dogs.

## Diet



A raccoon dog's diet is mostly fish, rodents and toxic toads. They have substances inside them so the toxin in toads doesn't kill them. They are omnivorous but are mostly carnivorous.

## Predators

Raccoon dogs predators are foxes, wolves, and wild cats. Wolves are their main predator while foxes usually target the pups.

## Fun Facts

Raccoon dogs' scientific name is nyctereutes procyonoides pronounced Nie-Sir-Roots Pro-Sea-YoNoids (meaning night wanderer). They have bad eyesight, fortunately they have a good sense of smell to make up for it.

# SFX EVENTS IN TERM ONE 

By Luke Theologos

At SFX the students have been doing exciting and thrilling events in Term One.
The Year Three and Year Five students had been doing complex Naplan tests. The students all completed tricky Naplan tests of Reading, Writing, Numeracy and Language Conventions. It was all done on computers and students got 40 minutes to complete each test.
"I was nervous and scared but then doing it wasn't as hard as I thought it will be," said Year Five student Zara De Lisen

The Year Three and Four students went to Oasis Camp in Mount Evelyn. Year Three went for one fun day but Year Four went for two days and one night. The Year Three and Four students participated in lots of activities such as Zip Lining, rock climbing, candle making, reptile house, low ropes, team challenge and archery. All of the Year Three and Four students really liked the experience and all want to go back again soon.

In Term One, Week 8, Prep to Year 6 students had a first aid course that St Johns First Aid led. They taught the students what to do when someone needs first aid.
"I found it quite fun and I learnt a lot," said year 6 student Adele Ross".


By Zach Dimovski


By Charlotte Adams


By Macey Hitchens

# What do you think about Chromebooks? 

BY IMOGEN SAWARD
Essie; They're fun. Prep AB
Sebastian V; You are learning on it. 1CL
Ace; They're really good. 2SK
Lexi; They're really good for the school. They've got good storage trays with lots of space and a spare one for each class. 3DH

Ella; They're good for learning on. 6MF
Keegan; They're pretty handy, they're useful
5MK
Ava; They're way better than last year. 4 AH


By Avi Kazalac

## SFEX is AmAzing!

By Matthew Little
SFX has many fun activities such as P.E, Mandarin, Digital Tech, STEM, Art and Performing Arts. They are called specialists and each class goes once a week except for Art which is every two weeks.

When a prep starts school he or she will get a buddy in Grade Six. They have fun together and they play fun games.

Welcome to Prep
Written by Olivia Sullivan
This semester, I (Olivia Sullivan) decided to interview the new preps for 2023. I have interviewed two preps from each class about how their year is going so far and these are their answers.
(Patrick PEL, Liana PEL, Jackson PBM, Eve PBM)

What is your favourite specialist?
Patrick: My favourite specialist is
Computers (Digital Technology)
Liana: My favourite class is Art.
Jackson: I like Mr Park's Class (Digital Technology)
Eve: Art because that's my favourite.

What are you learning in class?
Patrick: How to read and write Liana: Numbers Jackson: All these types of letters Eve: Writing we did practising the letter $F$

Favourite activity to do in class?
Patrick: Spelling
Liana: Handwriting
Jackson: It's hard because there are a lot of different things
Eve: The drawing
Best thing about Prep?
Patrick: Hanging out with my friends and having a buddy.
Liana: Going outside to play
Jackson: Chromebooks
Eve: Having fun
Favourite part about buddies?
Patrick: Playing with them
Liana: Doing stuff with my buddy
Jackson: Hanging out with
Mason(his buddy)
Eve: Being with you(l'm her buddy)
What is fun about SFX?
Patrick: Playing on the basketball court
Liana: Having lots of friends to play with
Jackson: Playing sport
Eve: Hanging out with my friends

We collect Gotchas and when we get to a certain amount we get to spin the wheel and do something fun like eat icy poles.



By Xavier Suckling


By Sebastian Sequenzia-Netto


By Isabelle Reale


By Davis George

# Year Six Leadership Positions 

## Sol

What were your first preferences?
Mine was Sport Captain, then Flag Captain
How did you feel when you got the role of Flag Captain? I felt very happy.
What do you want to achieve with your role this year? Getting to school earlier and to get the flags down easier.

## Imogen

What were your first preferences? I wanted to be a Discovery Centre Leader.
How did you feel when you got the role of PBM captain? I felt really good because that was my second choice. What do you want to achieve with your role this year? I really want to get three Gotcha spins.

## Olivia

What were your first preferences? I wanted to be the Newspaper leader. How did you feel when you got the role of Newspaper Editor? I felt so happy and could not wait. What do you want to achieve with your role this year? I want three newspapers out this year.

## Shaun

What were your first preferences? My first preference was Mandarin Captain.
How did you feel when you got the role of Mandarin Captain? I felt so happy that I got my first choice. What do you want to achieve with your role this year? Be more sensible and get to do more stuff as a Year Six.

## Campbell

What were your first preferences? My first choice was Discovery Centre Captain.
How did you feel when you got the role of Discovery Centre Captain? I felt really happy because I have been wanting the role since Year Five. What do you want to achieve with your role this year? Creating a great Book Week.

## Hannah

What were your first preferences?
McAuley House Captain.
How did you feel when you got the role of McAuley house captain? Such a slay, I felt so happy.
What do you want to achieve with your role this year? I want to help out in classes and in athletics.

## Ella

What were your first preferences? My first preference was Xavier House Captain
How did you feel when you got the role of Xavier House Captain? I was really excited and happy because I really wanted it.
What do you want to achieve with your role this year? To make people enjoy sport more and get people more excited to come.

## Ethan

What were your first preferences? My first Preference was the role that I got, which was Security.
How did you feel when you got the role of Security Captain? I was very excited to do it.
What do you want to achieve with your role this year? To show teachers that I can be responsible.

## Mason

What were your first preferences? My first choice was Flag Captain. How did you feel when you got the role of ICT captain? I felt really good and happy because that was my second choice.
What do you want to achieve with your role this year? I want to help Mr Park with whatever he needs.

## Luca

What were your first preferences? My first choice was House Captain. How did you feel when you got the role of Loyola House Captain? I was very surprised.
What do you want to achieve with your role this year? I would love to help the other younger kids have more fun and understand sport and just help in general.

## Owen

What were your first preferences? My first preference was School Captain. How did you feel when you got the role of school captain? I felt really proud of myself.
What do you want to achieve with your role this year? Make this the best school and help out wherever.

## Lola

What were your first preferences? My first choice was School Captain. How did you feel when you got the role of Vice School Captain? I felt excited and proud of myself. What do you want to achieve with your role this year? Make it fun and the best.

## Emma

What were your first preferences? McAuley House Captain. How did you feel when you got the role of Padua House Captain? I was over the moon and so happy. What do you want to achieve with your role this year? Helping Mr Anderson and the younger years.

## James B.

What were your first preferences? My first choice was Art Captain.
How did you feel when you got the role of Art captain? I felt happy that I got chosen. What do you want to achieve with your role this year? To teach young kids and help them with art.
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# REVEW Inside Out <br> By Xavier Dixit 

The movie Inside Out is about five emotions， Fear，Anger，Disgust，Sadness and Joy who live inside a 11 year old girl named Riley． When Riley is forced to move houses Sadness goes crazy and gets herself as well as Joy trapped inside Riley＇s＂Memory Dump＂while the rest of the emotions struggle to keep Riley happy．Anger，Fear and Disgus $\dagger$ accidentally destroy Riley＇s core memories （what makes Riley，Riley）．She thinks about running away back to her old state，Minnesota when life was good．Sadness and Joy manage to get back to the emotions headquarters after a few mishaps，Sadness saves the day by stopping her from running away，after that they started making new core memories and things return back to normal．

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I enjoyed this movie from beginning to end．
The storyline was a bit confusing because at times you didn＇t know where the emotions were but it was still very interesting and you never knew what was going to happen next． The animation was pretty good and I loved the voice acting as it felt as if the emotions really were talking．
I would recommend this movie for six to nine year olds because it is family friendly and it can teach people about emotions but the storyline can be a bit confusing at times so not for kids five years old or under．


# Family Health Night 

By Angus Locarnini
On May the 18th at SFX in the hall，the students at SFX went to the family health night．First came Preps to Year Two at 6pm for an hour．Years Three to Four came at 7pm and Years Five to Six came at 8pm．Families came to the family health night together．In the prep to two session We learnt how the baby grows from time to time．The Threes and Fours learnt how the baby gets born．And the Year Five and Sixes learnt about the reproductive system and puberty．

## Interviewing 6MF

## By Isabelle Reale

Hello I＇m your host Isabelle Reale and today I＇m at St Francis Xavier on a lovely Tuesday morning．I will be interviewing one lucky teacher．．．I will be interviewing ．．．．Mrs Fredericks！！！

## Interviewing Mrs Fredericks

 Do you like the new school：目yesDo you like the kids you got put with：目 yes
Who is the cheekiest？：No one
Who is the most well behaved：Mrs Douglas
What is your favourite subject to teach：Literacy
Thanks for the interview Mrs． Frederiks．
Time to move on！

## Taylor，Lola，and Xavier

Do you like your new teacher？：目Yes， she is wonderful． What is your favourite subject？：P．E

Thanks for watch－reading the show hope you enjoyed．PEACE！

# CIRCUS DAI!! 

By Zara De Lisen
On Thursday the 6th of May 2023, SFX had a circus day. On this day, students dressed up as people from the circus and the school was filled with colour. The day consisted of students being put into groups and rotating from activity to activity completing 7/10 throughout the day.

In Term 3, the school concert is going to be Circus Splendida so we had a circus day to get everyone pumped about the concert!!!
"I loved the day because it was fun to see everyone's costumes," said Ella G from 5 KB .
All the students from Prep to Year 6 got split up into groups and went to their first activity. Some of the activities were: Balance, ribbons, Circus maths, hula hooping and puppet shows.
"My favourite was shadow puppets because it was fun making little stories," Xaver from 4MA said.
The Children loved running around and we all had a great time.
"I loved the hula hooping because I learnt new tricks," Said Ava D from 5MK.


Photo by Imogen Demunk



THE BOYS WHO FOUGHT
By Jack Calabro
It was a freezing day in Antarctica and two brothers named Patrick and Jacob would fight a lot and disagree.

Ever since the heater broke things have been even worse. They would argue about who would get the TV.

One day they agreed about making a fire so they could be warm again. Patrick, the older brother, went to go find wood to start the fire. Jacob, the younger brother, went to find matches. After Jacob found the matches they started the fire.

The fire lasted all night and the next morning they were friends again. It was a miracle! They would agree and they wouldn't fight. After that day they agreed on who would get the TV.
And they lived happily ever after.
THE END

## Ellie and the Magic Flower

## By Charli Butera

Once upon a time there was an elephant who lived in the beautiful forest. Her name was Ellie and she loved flowers. She lived in the cretaceous period in the future.

One day Ellie bumped into a rainbow magic flower. After they had said sorry they introduced each other and became friends.
"Where do you want to go?" said the magic flower.
"Lollyland please," said Ellie.
"Ok, hold on tight" said the magic flower.

## Off they went!

They landed in a delightful yummy hot chocolate lake.
"Yummy," Ellie said.
"I agree," said the magic flower.
They loved eating the chocolate drop flowers and drinking the hot chocolate lake because they had a lovely chocolate flavour.

They didn't get tummy aches because Lollyland was magical. They made Lollyland their home.

The End


By Ava Dwyer

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## Photographer: Imogen Demunck

## SFX COLLAGE



By Campbell McCarthy

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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By Zara De Lisen




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| Xavier Suckling | Jack Calabro |
| Isabelle Reale | Imogen Saward |
| Ella Doran | Vivienne Lo Presti |
|  | Ruby Harvey |
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| Xavier Dixit | Amali Burkhart |
|  | Angus Locarnini |
|  | Luke Theologos |
|  | Charli Butera |
|  | Jonathan Veerhuis |
|  | Isla Gunn |
|  | Isabelle Reale |
|  | Zara De Lisen |
|  | Matthew Little |

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Sophie Masini
Charlotte Adams
Ava Dwyer
Zach Dimovski

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Matilda Nolan
Archer Blanchfield
Zara De Lisen
Amali Burkhart
Jacob Kent



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    THE－KRUSTY－KRAB

