

## NEWSLETTER NO.13

15<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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

Dear Families,

I sincerely hope that all the Mothers and Caregivers in our school community had a wonderful day on Sunday. It is so good that we honour our mums and that we do all that we can to make the day special. I hope that our SFX mums in particular enjoyed their gift from their child. Thank you to members of our SFX Parents Association for the time and effort taken in sourcing many hundreds of gifts for our Mother's Day stall. The students put such thought into making sure the gift they purchase is 'just right' and something that their mum would love to receive. Thanks also to the parents who staffed the Mother's Day stall for most of Thursday ensuring that every student purchased a gift. Final thanks to the sub-committee of our SFX Parents Association who organised our 'outdoor breakfast' and yoga session this year. It was so nice to have 'real' coffee, tea and yummys, and they had a chance to take a commemorative photo with our balloon garland. It was so great that so many mums were able to go back to the classroom and share some time with their child/ren. Well done everyone.

### **CHANGE OF MONDAY MORNING PROCEDURE**

Monday morning assemblies tend to be longer now that we have interschool sports and birthday announcements, and our patriotic observance with the singing of our national anthem. The objective is that learning and specialist classes need to commence by 9.10am, not leaving much time for inviting parents in for Monday morning prayer. As such on Monday mornings we will trial our Year 6 Jubilee Leaders, James and Poppy, leading a whole school prayer at morning assembly. Thus there will not be in class prayer on a Monday morning. So our weekly morning timetable will look something like this:  
**Monday**—Flags, Anthems, Announcements, Prayer @ assembly  
**Tuesday**—Meditation—Parents most welcome to join the class  
**Wednesday**—Normal assembly—Parents may join class prayer  
**Thursday**—Normal assembly—Parents may join class prayer  
**Friday**—Meditation—Parents most welcome to join the class  
Just a reminder that there are few schools that offer parents the opportunity to come into class for morning prayer. It is a very SFX thing to do. If we are to continue this lovely practice parents must ensure:

1. That toddlers and parent discussion do not interrupt the prayerfulness and calmness of the classroom
2. That at the end of the prayer/meditation parents slip out of the classroom quietly. If your child becomes distressed by you being there, it may be wise to leave this opportunity until they are ready to accept your

presence in the classroom. It is certainly not an opportunity for an impromptu parent teacher chat. Nothing should stand in the way of learning at SFX.

### **PETITION TO BANYULE COUNCIL**

Following on from the SFX School Advisory Committee meeting last week, the recommendation was to make one further and final plea to parents to sign the attached petition and return it to school. **We have less than 80 signatures at present and our goal was to have at least 200 signatures, if we want our requested changes to be taken seriously by Banyule Council.** It would be great if parents could actively go out and solicit signatures from impacted neighbours. Another issue we have recently discovered is that many of the buses that we now use for excursions are 61 seaters and are longer and more difficult to turn around with our current traffic arrangement. Wouldn't it be great for our buses to approach the school by entering Lilicur Rd or Woodlands Grove, quick drop off at school and exit by Mayona Rd onto Mountain View Rd? Cars could also do this in a pinch.

### **CROSSING MAYONA ROAD IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL**

We have recently had some students crossing Mayona Road in front of the Church and the Year 1 classrooms. When asked why students are doing this they say 'my parent told me to do this'. Apart from being contrary to school policy, you are placing your child in great danger as they often leave the kerb between parked cars to cross Mayona Road. By far the safer option is to walk to the corner of Mayona Road and Mountain View Road where drivers have clear line of sight of pedestrians who are needing to cross.

### **SEMESTER ONE WORKING BEE – A TO K FAMILIES**

We have been able to land on a day for our first SFX Working Bee of the year. This will be held on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025.** We invite all A to K families, mums and dads alike, to assist with the many jobs that need to be done around the school from 9am to 12 noon.

The big job for this working bee is disposing of our three water tanks. We have tried to move them on to someone that will use them, however the \$15,000+ cost to acquire them has made them a dead school asset. We would like to make this a more usable part of our school yard. More information about the tools we will need for this job will come at a later date.

**For families who attend \$100 will be rebated on your School Building Levy for 2025.**

Please mark this date in your diary as it is not too far away.

Are You Ready?

# STEM/Digital Tech Parent and child Night

The Biggest Night on our School Calendar returns  
with more Tech, More Machines, More Fun!

Wednesday 21 May 2025  
7-8 pm School Hall & Surroundings

SAVE THE DATE

## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### CROSS COUNTRY

Last Thursday the Year 3 to 6 students took part in the SFX house cross country. All students were fantastic at giving their best and showing resilience to push through when the going was tough. They certainly demonstrated the theme of Growing into Greatness as they pushed themselves to their limit. It was great to see the sense of achievement they had when they finished. It was also great to see so many parents there to support the event.

The final results were:

**First** 439 McCauley **Second** 442 Loyola

**Third** 546 Xavier **Fourth** 557 Padua

**Congratulations to McCauley for being the 2025 champions**

On Friday the selected team will compete in the Montmorency district at Bundoora Park. We wish them luck as they tackle their next challenge

### SPORT NEWS

Last week we played Montmorency Primary School. There were lots of successful SFX teams this week. Well done everyone.

Results were:

Tennis Boys SFX 9 to MPS 3 – Win

Tennis Girls SFX 6 MPS 6 - Draw

Netball Boys. SFX 22 to MPS 0 - Win

Netball Girls SFX 9 to MPS 5 - Win

Soccer Boys SFX 0 to MPS 4 - Loss

Soccer girls SFX 2 MPS 2 - Draw

Teeball SFX 24 to MPS 9 - Win

Football Boys. SFX 16 to MPS 36 - Loss

Football Girls SFX 10 to MPS 38 - Loss

This week with Cross Country there are no Interschool Sports games for Year 5/6.

### WONDER OF LIVING – HUMAN SEXUALITY PROGRAM

St Francis Xavier primary School is offering families the opportunity to participate in **The Wonder of Living Family Enrichment Program** on the topic of human growth and development education. This program is offered to all families every two years.

The purpose of the program is to encourage good communication between parents and children about the important topics of babies, birth and puberty. Sessions will be conducted by *CatholicCare Victoria - Open*

*Doors Schools* Education Program. Open Doors is the creator of the Wonder of Living video series, which is used during the sessions. This family-friendly series has been reviewed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) and has alignment with Catholic teaching and values. The original Open Doors program, now integrated into CatholicCare Victoria, has over 30 years' experience and an excellent reputation for its sensitive, engaging presentation of this program in schools. The Family Night sessions will use stories, video, shared conversations and activity sheets for you and your child to do together.

Our school is offering the following and we encourage **all parents/guardians to attend with their child** (child must be present at the session with one of their parents/guardians):

### Wednesday 28th May

6pm to 6.45pm - Year P, 1 & 2

7pm to 8pm - Year 3 & 4

### Thursday 29th May

6.45pm to 8pm - Year 5 & 6

Please note that this program is now offered over two nights with different, age appropriate content at each session.

Please click on the link below so we can confirm numbers for the two nights:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YHCfRvc1ODTpp\\_SpWskIOzK07VurQaC26r1Qa1Kcnu4/edit?ts=68213c5f](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YHCfRvc1ODTpp_SpWskIOzK07VurQaC26r1Qa1Kcnu4/edit?ts=68213c5f)

## Spirit of Jesus Awards

Term Two, Week Three, 2025

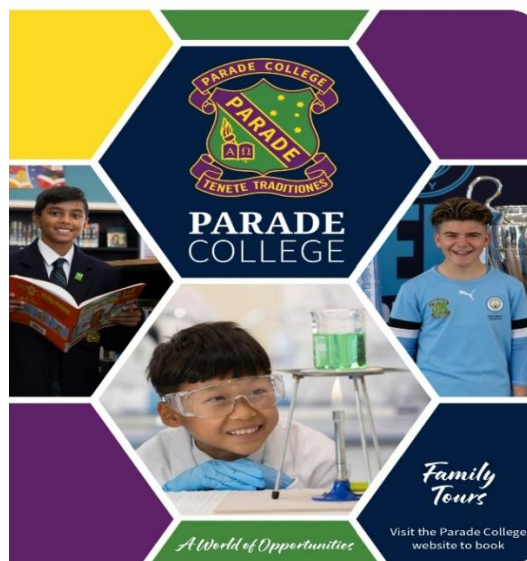
Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Rosie M	For always coming to school happy and ready to learn. You have worked so hard to remember your letters and sounds, and your confidence is shining through every day. Well done, Rosie – I am so proud of you!
PJV	Isabelle A	For showing great resilience and overcoming your fears. You took it upon yourself to be brave and fearless. I am so proud of you. Keep being the amazing person that you are!
PRJ	Zadie B	For being a caring and inclusive member of our class. She showed her kindness by making sure another student was included in our class prayer circle without disturbing the quiet time. Thank you Zadie for the beautiful way you treat others.
1CM	Alina D	For having an amazing start to Term 2. You always come to school smiling and show kindness to your peers. Thank you for bringing joy to our classroom and reminding us how much a caring attitude can brighten someone's day.

<b>1KH</b>	<b>Nyla N</b>	For the incredible respect you show to your classmates. With your kind words and caring actions, you make sure that everyone feels included and valued. Whether it's asking someone if they need help or welcoming others, your kindness shines and makes our class a better place. Thank you Nyla!
<b>1LC</b>	<b>Elliott K</b>	For being a role model student in Year One LC. You are consistently respectful to those around you, listen carefully to instructions and are not afraid to challenge yourself in your learning, Amazing work Elliott!
<b>2BB</b>	<b>Essie S</b>	Your beautiful workbook presentation and handwriting tasks are always completed to a high standard. Your positive attitude towards learning is refreshing. Keep up the good work Essie!
<b>2SK</b>	<b>Henry B</b>	For being so resilient with his writing in class and trying his very best. Well done!
<b>2SM</b>	<b>Emmett H</b>	For always being a positive light in our classroom and encouraging his peers all the time. You're a superstar!
<b>3DH</b>	<b>Evie W</b>	You are always an honest and respectful student who is an excellent role model for others to follow. Keep it up!
<b>3HS</b>	<b>Brittany M</b>	For being such a valuable addition to our class this term and working hard to learn our school rules and values. Well done Brittany!
<b>4DO</b>	<b>Ethan N</b>	For consistently treating everyone with kindness and respect, just as Jesus did. Thank you for being a role model everyday!
<b>4MA</b>	<b>Charlotte B</b>	For always trying your best and facing challenges with confidence. You learn with a positive attitude and aren't afraid to make mistakes. Well done Charlotte!
<b>5EG</b>	<b>Lucy M</b>	For being kind to yourself when attempting new and challenging tasks. It has been a delight to watch you use a positive mindset and choose to challenge yourself.
<b>5SN</b>	<b>Jack Calabro</b>	For showing the value of respect by asking for permission before doing, and by treating his classmates with kindness. Great work!
<b>6AH</b>	<b>Max G</b>	You have made a wonderful start to Term Two. Your positive contribution to our assembly made it a success. You have also shown great dedication to completing your revision activities. Well done!
<b>6DM</b>	<b>Mason W</b>	For starting Term Two positively and being an active contributor to our lessons. I love seeing you be an active listener and then adding your

opinions and ideas. We all enjoy the different ideas and perspectives you bring. Keep it up Superstar!

### **TERM ONE 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – District Cross Country  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – STEM Week @ SFX  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May– STEM Family Night @ 7pm  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Dental van @ SFX  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Human Sexuality Session P/1/2 (6pm) & Year 3/4 (7pm)  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Human Sexuality Session Year 5/6 @ 6.45pm  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Working Bee #1 – A to K families – 9am to 12pm  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – District Cross Country  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Kings Birthday Public Holiday  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June– **School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – LOTE Mandarin Day 2025  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – School Advisory Committee Meeting @ 7pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Regional Cross Country  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – 2025 SFX Disco 4.30pm to 6pm  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Semester One Report Distributed  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews – 2pm-8pm  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Term 2 concludes at 1pm  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Term 3 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Term 3 concludes @ 1pm  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October–Term 4 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Term 4 concludes @ 1pm



**ENROL NOW YEAR 7 2027**

Applications for current Year 5 students are now open

www.parade.vic.edu.au | 9408 3300 | enrol@parade.vic.edu.au



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER TENNIS CLUB**  
Teams are now being formed for the 2025 Spring Tennis Season, commencing in August. If anyone is interested in joining or forming a mens, ladies or junior team, please contact Michael Doyle on 0430 473 758. All standards, including beginners, are catered for and encouraged.

# FIREBALL TENNIS!

GROUP LESSONS, PRIVATE LESSONS & SQUADS NOW RUNNING!



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& GREYTHORN PARK TENNIS CLUB

BOOK HERE: 

# EMOTION EXPLORERS

A playful, practical way for you and your child to explore emotions, build listening skills, and navigate change—**together**.



This term, choose *one* or *all* of the following TASTER sessions:

- 1. Understand **BIG** Emotions
- 2. Develop **Better** Listening
- 3. Manage **Tricky** Transitions



Fun, supportive 90-minute sessions for preschoolers (ages 3–5) and their parents—led by an experienced parent coach and primary school teacher.

- Sherbourne Primary School
- Thursdays & Fridays
- 10:00–11:30 AM
- **FREE** this term only!



TO REGISTER & FOR MORE INFO,  
SCAN QR CODE  
(REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL)

This is a paid advertisement in the school newsletter

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Petition to Banyule City Council – Reinstatement of Mayona Road to Ease Congestion  
Date:

Petition Organiser: St Francis Xavier Primary School Advisory Council

Address: 90 Mayona Road Montmorency

Telephone Number: 03 9435 8474

We, the undersigned, urge the Banyule Council to action the following matter and prioritise the safety and well-being of our children and community.

We propose Mayona Road be opened to traffic to help distribute vehicle flow more evenly and reduce congestion. The current traffic situation is causing significant disruptions, safety hazards, and delays for students, parents, school staff, and local residents.

This change would significantly improve safety, accessibility, and efficiency for everyone in the community, including traffic flow on Mountain View Road.

We request that the council conduct an urgent traffic study and implement necessary infrastructure changes to facilitate this improvement.

This is the current view:



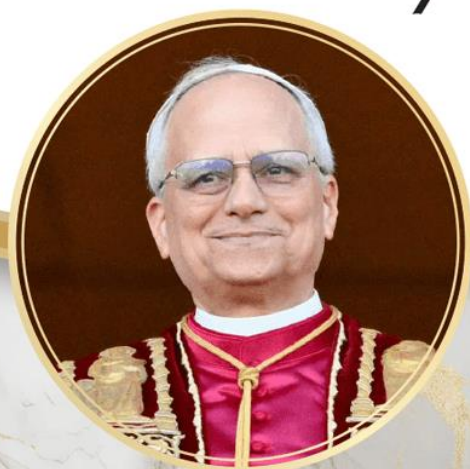
This was the original road boundary:



Name	Address	Signature

# POPE LEO XIV

*Habemus Papam!*



Let us pray as a faith community at St Francis Xavier, for our newly elected leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV.

## Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

Faithful God,

You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church.

Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility, and lead us, together with all God's people, to embody your love for the world.

Amen.

“

PEACE BE  
WITH YOU.

POPE LEO XIV'S FIRST  
WORDS AS PONTIFF







# Visual Arts News



## Artists of the Week!

Celebrating some of our amazing Year 3/4 artists at SFX!

During Term 1 the Year 3/4 students created Lego inspired self portraits. They took a simple lego template and added features and objects that represent themselves. They used coloured pencil and markers to complete their artwork before mounting it on a colour of their choice.

These are just a small selection of these wonderful portraits. All the Year 3/4 Lego portraits will be on display in the art room and stairwell leading to the year 3 classrooms.

Congratulations to the following students for creating some stand out pieces!



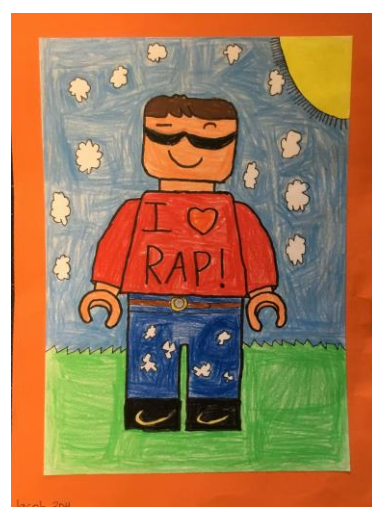
Jude Smith 3HS



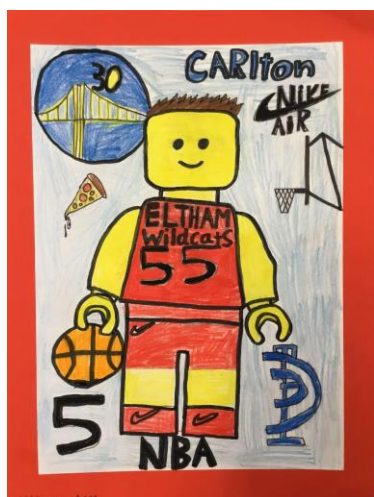
Eden Lovelace 3HS



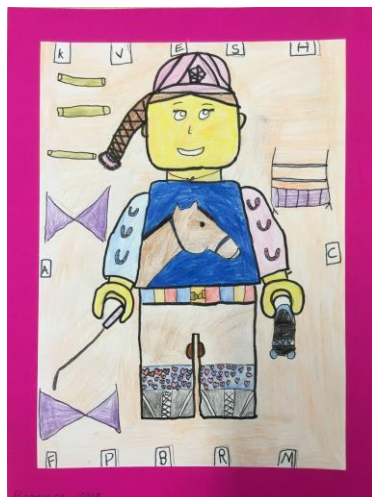
Ariana Bellofiore 3DH



Jacob Suckling 3DH



William Bolton 4MA



Florence Dwyer 4MA



Sonny Loney 4DO



Eloise Abbey 4DO

Thank you for the many donations to the art room. I currently have a lot of resources and do not need any more donations at this stage.

Mrs O'Connor



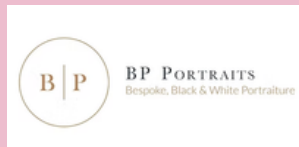
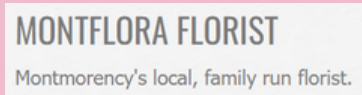




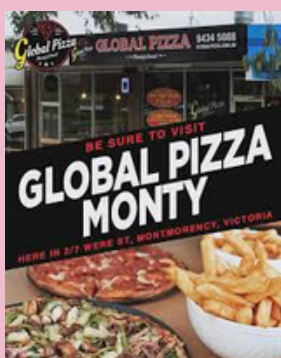
TO OUR AMAZING MOTHERS DAY  
**SPONSORS**  
WE THANK YOU ALL!



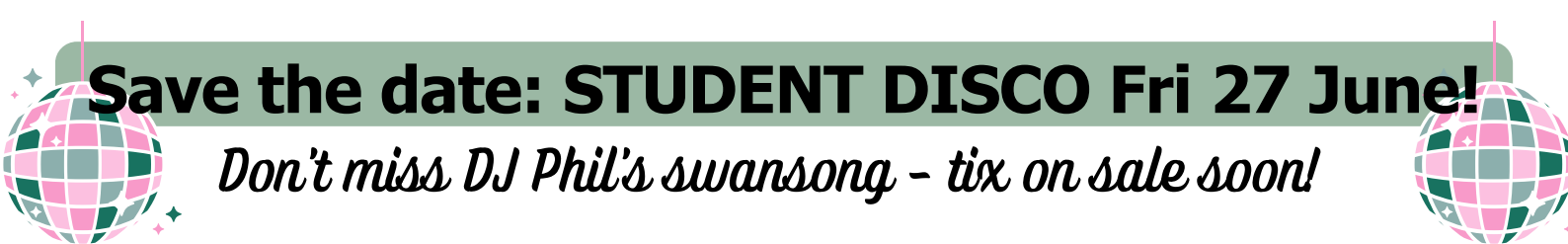
*Thanks for helping celebrate our Mums at SFX!*



**SUPPORT  
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RAFFLE  
DONORS!**







# Save the date: STUDENT DISCO Fri 27 June!

*Don't miss DJ Phil's swansong - tix on sale soon!*

## Love SFX PA events?

## Why not sponsor one!

It's already been a huge year for events at SFX, and there's plenty more to come!

If you want to join the growing list of business sponsors getting their name out in our school community, we'd love to hear!

Become a Parents Association sponsor for the event that fits with you: maybe it's the Student Disco, Father's Day and the Footy Colours Parade, or even the SFX Musical? Email [president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au](mailto:president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au) to start the conversation!

Thanks to all our incredible business sponsors and supporters in 2025 so far:

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A Little Coy \* Milestone Chemicals  
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Wellbeing \* DC Wellness Centre \* Liz  
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**GET  
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Contact Deb and Mary via [president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au](mailto:president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au)



SFX DADS' DOGS NIGHT IS BACK

**SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY**  
**@ THE MEADOWS**

**\$140**

2 COURSE MEAL  
BASIC SPIRITS, PREMIUM BEER, WINE, SPARKLING, CIDER & SOFT DRINK  
PACKAGE AT THE TRACK 6p.m. till after the last race

\*MEET AT MONTY RSL AROUND 4 p.m.  
WATCH A BIT OF FOOTY/RACING THEN UBERS TO THE TRACK.  
CAN MEET AT THE TRACK BUT WILL NEED TO LET US KNOW PRIOR FOR TICKETING PURPOSES.

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

**BOOKINGS MUST CLOSE TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
(We need to pay the venue prior)

