

NEWSLETTER NO. 16

2nd June 2022

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

Dear Parents,

The students arrived at school on Monday morning to a school yard that looked pristine and in good order following our Semester One Working Bee last Saturday morning. Following attendance figures of 38 families in Semester 1 and 42 families in Semester 2 last year during COVID and Lockdown times, this year it was slightly disappointing that only 15 families attended. Nonetheless, the families who did attend need to be highly praised and worked hard to get the basic and essential elements of the Working Bee completed and collect their \$100 rebate on the School Fees. So much is completed during these Working Bees and this allows us to keep School Fees at affordable levels for all families. Maintaining a school is no different to maintaining your family home. It's just 50 times bigger. Prior to 2020 SFX employed a full time Maintenance Manager; today our Maintenance Manager is employed one day a week which is realistically commensurate with the number of students at SFX school. The savings we make here go to having a Visual Arts and Digital Technologies Program that the school did not have before this time, meaning that all students receive seven Specialist classes each week. This is unparalleled in any school around Melbourne.

Let's see if we can have a huge crowd of parents at the L to Z Working Bee that will occur in Semester 2.

SEMESTER ONE REPORT WRITING DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED
TUESDAY 14TH JUNE

90th SFX SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

Did you know....

Work began on the new school site in Mayona Road in 1957. The men helped Father Ashe start the foundations of the Church/school and by the following year the building was sufficiently built to begin classes. Before it could be used a large septic tank had to be dug by hand by a group of volunteers. Funds for the school building were provided by low interest (2and 3%) loans from parishioners.

Some parents have commented that they enjoyed reading the historical SFX snippets in last weeks newsletter. I intend to put something historical in the newsletter each week.

Source: Montmorency -The farm on the Plenty by M. Jones

FIRE CARRIERS REPRESENT SFX SCHOOL

On 27th May the Year 5 & 6 Fire Carriers commemorated 'Sorry Day' at Alister Knox Park. We listened to a Wurundjeri Elder and heard lots of sad stories from relatives of the Stolen Generation. During the short ceremony we found out the a relative's grandmother was taken away when she was only

three years old. She grew up not knowing what tribe she came from. After the ceremony we went on a reconciliation walk through the park and through the smoke where we learnt that aboriginal people use smoke for healing and forgiving.

Written by Adele Ross and Campbell McCarthy – Yr 5 Fire Carriers



THE WINTER MONTHS AHEAD....AND COVID

I am sure that parents are very aware of the level of Influenza, colds, gastro that are in the community at present. At present for every COVID case we are reporting there are at least 30 students who are reporting having the flu and winter sniffles. Our teaching staff have also been severely impacted by the same ailments leading to disruption to classes and learning. In some ways we have been lucky with some schools needing to move back into Remote Learning due to not being able to find CRTs (Casual Replacement Staff) and/or our budget for sick leave and replacement costs running out by mid year. Our plan moving forward in these extra-ordinary times is:

- We will continue to hire CRTs when classroom teachers are away sick or need carers leave, provided that:
 - We can find a CRT that is available
 - We have not exhausted our replacement cost budget for 2022
- Secondly, we will juggle staff and timetabling and use specialist staff as classroom teachers. This will impact specialist and intervention programs.
- Thirdly, we will split a class amongst other classes around the school eg. A group of Year 6 students will spend their day/s in the Year 4 class and complete independent, set work.
- Finally and as a last and unavoidable resort, and with the permission of MACS move back to Remote Learning for a period of time.

For all the platitudes of bureaucracy, for the 35 air purifiers that are operational in classrooms each day, for the litres of hand sanitizer that are being used, this year's combination of influenza, COVID and gastro are pushing most schools and

2022 SCHOOL THEME – WORKING HARD TO BE THE BEST

staff to the limits. If your child is sick please keep them at home until they are fully recovered for the sake of other students and staff at SFX.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE - C.S.E.F

A reminder to families who are eligible for the Camps Sports & Excursion Fund that the cut off date to apply for this is Friday 24th June 2022.

Those eligible need to provide the School Office with a copy of their current Health Care Card. If you require any further information please contact Susy Perizzolo (Bursar) at the school office.

SPIRIT OF JESUS AWARDS - WEEK 5 TERM 2 2022

Prep AB Bonaventure White For always seeking ways to help our school environment.

Prep EL Chloe Saward For working hard and having a go at
1HS Ashton O'Connell For taking the time to tell the teacher when he sees someone being a bucket filler.

1KG Nate Hawkins Are a respectful friend & say kind prayers

2JV Ty Jones Showing greater resilience when dealing with challenges during both work and play times

2SK Ted Norman for your caring nature and the way you always encourage and help your classmates.

3CN Emmanuelle Thompson For being committed to her learning and always striving to achieve her best.

3AB Alexander Pysk For always trying his best in all areas of learning.

4AM Jessica Hanvin For always accepting a challenge and having a go. Great work!

4AH Abbie Tomkins For having a positive attitude and always striving to achieve her best work.

5JW Gus Cleary For being helpful and fulfilling an important role during whole class reading.

5MK Olivia Sullivan For taking on feedback to improve her writing.

6MA Lucas Calabro For your strong dedication to all learning areas and your kind manner in and out of the classroom.

6DM Jacob Kulkens For extending himself and speaking publicly so confidently. Great work Jacob!

BUCKET FILLER AWARDS - AWARDED BY STUDENTS TO STUDENTS

Jude Smith - Joshua Spencer - Nicholas Sequenzia

Kobe Hitchens - Lexi Harvey - Imogen Starnes

Poppy Keane- Ava Dwyer - Isla Gunn -

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS-SFX V HOLY TRINITY

Teeball - WIN - 19 to 5

Soccer Boys 1 to 7

Soccer Girls LOSS - 0 to 5

Netball Girls - WIN - 13 to 10

Netball Mixed 7 to 6

Football 48 to 8

NETBALL GIRLS

The Interschool sport girls netball team did amazing playing against Holy Trinity. It was a fair and difficult game but we managed to beat them 10-13. It was super slippery & hard to play on the court, but I think we have improved so much from this experience and we are ready to play against the next school.

SOCCER GIRLS

Hi my name is Kara and on the 27th of May I was the captain for the girl's soccer team. It was a really fun game and we all worked hard and tried our best. We played Holy Trinity, the score was 0-5 and Holy Trinity won the game. Adele defended our goals really well and she blocked so many goals. I won the sportsmanship award for displaying a great attitude. We are looking forward to our next game.

T-BALL

This week on the 27th of May our T-ball team played Holy Trinity on our school oval. The team captain was Niamh and the game was extremely fun. Both teams played really well and the scores ended up as 19 to SFX and 5 to HT. Stella and Marlowe both won the sportspersonship award from HT. Everyone on our team played really well and was tremendously encouraging. We enjoyed the game a lot and hope to see Holy Trinity again.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Archie and Ben who made it through the next level of trials on Friday in the SSV Football. Milla was also successful in the Girls football

SPORTS TRAINING

There will be no running club this week on Wednesday as the students will be competing in the division championships. We wish the 12 students all the best.

Also for Interschool Sport there is training as follows. If you child is not able to make it that is fine. Training is weather dependent- if it is raining or you don't think it will be on just bring your child at normal time

Football- Thursday 8:15 Netball - Thursday 8:10

Teeball - Thursday lunch time

SCHOOL DIARY - TERM 2 & 3 MPORTANT DATES

Friday 10th June - LOTE Mandarin Day 2022

Monday 13th June - Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th June- Semester One Report Writing Day- School Closed

Wednesday 15th June- Regional Cross Country

Wednesday 15th June- School Advisory Committee @ 7pm

Friday 17th June - SFX Children's Disco 6pm to 8pm

Saturday 18th June - First Eucharist Season commences

Monday 20th June - Semester One reports distributed

Wednesday 22nd June - Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday 22nd June-School Tour for Prospective Families @ 11.30am

Thursday 23rd June - Parent Teacher Interviews 1pm to 8pm

Friday 24th June- Term Two concludes at 1pm

Monday 11th July - Term Three commences @ 8.55am



2022 REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING NETBALL

Register from U9 up to Open age group (boys aged 13 and under welcome)

Train Thursday & Play Saturday
Cnr Foote & Anderson Streets, Templestowe

To register & for more info:
www.panthersjuniornetballclub.com/registration

Registrations close: Friday 17 June 2022
Season starts: Saturday 16 July 2022

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GREEN HILLS
Basketball Club

Junior Basketball Clinics
3- sessions for \$20

Make it rain
We Need You!
Black City

Take it to the rack
Get some hoops
Rip up the court

For boys and girls 11 years and under
Sunday the 5th, 19th and 26th June
10am to 11am
@ Greensborough Secondary College
Cost \$20 To Register Click here

Learn skills to play basketball for next season starting Term 3
Make new friends
For more info please email pmaster@outlook.com



2022 SCHOOL THEME - WORKING HARD TO BE THE BEST



St Francis Xavier
Catholic Primary School
MONTMORENCY

SFX CELEBRATES LOTE MANDARIN DAY 2022



**LET'S PAINT MONTMORENCY RED AS WE CELEBRATE OUR LOTE
DAY IN 2022.**



WHEN: FRIDAY 10TH JUNE
DRESS: SOMETHING RED or
from the CHINESE CULTURE



Students will take part in:

- A Lantern Making and Calligraphy Incursion with Cultural Infusion
- Tai Chi with Ms. Qi our LOTE: Mandarin Teacher
- Some Chinese cultural activities with various teachers

Our day will conclude in a whole school 'Red' Parade with something little different...

PARENTS ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THE PARADE AT 2:50pm

Dust off your dancing shoes, we are back!

SFX

DISCO

2022

feat. DJ PHIL

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE

6-8PM

COST: \$15

PIZZA, WATER AND GLOWSTICKS PROVIDED

BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE!

[HTTPS://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/BSIYH](https://www.trybooking.com/BSIYH)

*PLEASE NOTE IF YOU PURCHASED TICKETS LAST YEAR, YOUR TICKETS WILL CARRY OVER. IF THE DATE NO LONGER SUITS, YOU CAN CONTACT THE COORDINATORS - AMANDA KAZALAC AT 0417 570 615 OR KATE HARFORD AT 0409 965 222, AND WE WILL ARRANGE FOR A TICKET REFUND.

FAQ 's for Parents and Carers

1. Who supervises the children during the disco and is just one whole disco this year?

The disco is run by the Parents' Association and parent volunteers. Philip Cachia and Patrizia Rinaldo will also be present. We have decided to have one disco across all the grades. In previous years it was split between a Junior Disco and a Senior Disco. We received feedback from parents who have children across multiple years to say it was difficult to manage. Also based on the wonderful behaviour of our students from previous years, we are confident that the disco will be lots of fun for all students. It also gives our school seniors a chance to take care of our younger students. This will help maintain the physical safety of all students as well as a sense of security for the younger students.

2. How do you ensure the safety of children attending the disco?

Parents will be required to present their child's ticket which will contain a QR code. We will be scanning this code upon your child entering as well as leaving the event. Parents must be present at both drop off and pick up to show the QR code. We will not be accepting the ticket directly from the student without a parent/carer present. If you are arranging for another parent or carer to assist with drop off and pick up of your child, please contact us before the event to ensure we are aware of the designated person and their contact details. Kiss and Drop is not permitted.

Please book tickets only for those children you are responsible for. The contact information on the booking will be used on the night should we need to contact you regarding your child. If you are not going to be the Contact Person on the night, please advise as soon as possible before the event.

3. Will there be photos taken on the night?

We enforce a strict 'no mobile phones' policy for all children and parent volunteers so that unauthorized photos are not taken. However, a nominated person/s from the Parents Association may take photos on the night so as to capture all the fun and excitement. These photos would be published on the PA Facebook Page and/or School Newsletter. If you do not wish to have your child's photo taken, please advise via the Trybooking system. We will then ensure your child's privacy is maintained.

4. Can I stay with my child at the disco?

Once you have signed your child in, we ask that you leave the hall so that it does not become overcrowded. However, you are very welcome to sign up as a parent volunteer - see below.

5. Can I volunteer to help at the disco?

Yes please! We cannot run the disco unless we have enough parent volunteers. We will be requiring 10 parent volunteers on the night and one First Aid Officer. You will need to be available from 5:45pm on the night (for volunteer briefing) and have a current Working with Children check, have attended the 2022 Parent Helper Meeting and be triple vaccinated for Covid (MACS Policy). Please register your details at: <https://volunteersignup.org/4Y9AW>

6. What if I forgot to buy my child a ticket - can I just rock up on the night with \$15?

No. We are required to have a register of individuals attending prior to the event, which also includes contact and student information. These details are NOT being collected on the night and are being stored electronically. Please purchase your tickets via Trybooking - <https://www.trybooking.com/BSIYH>

7. What type of pizza and drink will be served?

Each child will receive two pieces of Margherita or Hawaiian pizza during break in the dancing. You will be able to select the type of pizza for each child via the Trybooking system. We would ask that your child brings their drink bottle clearly labelled with their name, however we will have disposable water bottles available which we can label in case someone forgets. We will be setting up class tubs for their water bottles for ease of access.

FAQ 's for Parents and Carers – continued

8. How do you cater for children with food allergies or special dietary requirements?

If your child has special dietary requirements, it is up to you to provide suitable alternate food. Please provide the food in a sealed container/snap lock bag clearly labelled with his/her name. The container/bag can be dropped off to the hall kitchen when you scan your child in.

9. What should my child bring with them on the night?

Please ensure that your child leaves all valuables at home, including mobile phones. Bags and other loose items are not recommended as they may get lost. Any mobile phones brought to the disco will be collected and held safely until the end of the session, but we do ask that they not be brought along as they are not necessary.

10. Will there be first aid facilities?

Yes, we will have a first aid room set up with a qualified first aid person or medical professional.

11. What do I do if my child has medical or additional needs?

Please ensure that your child's school profile is up to date with all relevant personal and medical information. The PA and parent volunteers do not have access to children's medical information. This information will be held by Philip Cachia and the other teaching staff (who will be there on the night) and will only be provided to the medical volunteers on an as needs basis. If your child needs to bring medication for allergies or asthma, please ensure that the medicine is handed to Kate Harford or the school staff when you scan your child in. We will store it safely in the First Aid area.

12. My child might find the disco too overwhelming - can he/she still attend?

Of course. There will be a chill out zone in the room to the side of the hall, where children can take a break from the disco if they need to.

13. Behaviour expectations at the disco.

Please have a chat to your child before the disco and remind them that they are expected to behave in accordance with SFX rules and values. In the event of serious misbehaviour, the nominated parent/contact will be called to collect the child from the disco.

14. What time should I arrive to pick up my child?

Please ensure that you are at the hall to collect your child when the session ends at 8.00pm. If you are running late, we will keep your child in the hall until you arrive to collect them. If you are likely to be any more than 15 mins late, please contact Kate Harford on 0409 965 222.

15. Can I have someone else drop off and pick up my child?

As already mentioned, if you are not going to drop off or pick up your child yourself, please nominate the alternate person in an email to Kate Harford with their contact details as well as your own. In order to ensure that we keep your child safe we cannot release your child to anyone other than the person listed as being responsible for pick up.

16. I still have questions about the disco. Who can I contact?

Please feel free to contact the PA School Disco Coordinators, Kate Harford at president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au or her mobile number on 0409 965 222, or Amanda Kazalac on 0417 570 615.