

NEWSLETTER NO.19

27th June 2025

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

Dear SFX families,

At our School Advisory Committee Meeting (SAC) last week Mrs Nolen, our new SFX Principal met with the members. It was another good meeting with these parent representatives always filled with hearty discussion around important school matters. The decision was made to submit the petition to re-open Mayona Road to through traffic to Banyule Council. Thank you to the parents who supported the SFX SAC, who want to be seen to be doing something proactive to alleviate traffic congestion, rather than just complaining about a problem that will never go away unless changes are made.

SEMESTER ONE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS.

When: Thursday 3rd July 2025 – 2pm to 8pm

A crucial component of the way we communicate a child's academic, social and spiritual progress at SFX is through three formal communication opportunities through the year.

On **Thursday 3rd July from 2.00pm to 8pm** our Semester One Parent Teacher Interviews will take place for all students. Semester One school reports will be distributed to all families on Monday 30th June. This will give families three days to dissect, interpret and absorb their child's report, and bring discussion points to the Parent Teacher interview. **Interviews are strictly for 10 minutes** so please be on time as this will keep things flowing on the evening

The portal to book your Semester One Parent Teacher interview will open on this Friday 13th June at 9am. Interviews are allocated on a **'First in, First Served'** basis with popular times going quickly. **This will be the only day that interviews will be offered and due to the new E.B.A for Catholic teachers no other time can be offered as it now forms part of their Time In Lieu (TIL) requirements.**

All 2025 Semester One Parent Teacher Meetings will be held here at school in face-to-face mode. A reminder that we will be offering Parent Teacher interviews with **LEEP Intervention teachers** for the first time this year for those students who attended LEEP in Semester 1 2025. These meeting are booked on the same portal.

Parents will need to log into:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/z4gzs>



PRINCIPAL FORUM – TERM 2 2025

One of the ways we engage with parents at SFX is by holding Principal Forums each term. These are normally held termly

and are an informal way for parents and school leadership to catch up over a cup of tea and coffee to discuss SFX school. Our second forum of the year will be held on Wednesday 2nd July @ 9.05am immediately after assembly. There is no set agenda and any topic is open for discussion. The only protocol of the meeting is that you cannot denigrate any child, any family or member of staff. These forums are always a great way for parents to understand the thinking and strategy behind school decisions, programs and protocols and meet other parents. Please put this date in your diary.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Thank you to Tony Dos Santos

Thank you to Tony Dos Santos (father of Amalia and Liliana) who kindly has created our graphics of the Peter Pan front cover and image for this year's programs.

Items still needed for props

If anyone has any of the following items, can we please borrow them for our forthcoming show of Peter Pan. They will be returned after our final performance.

Skeleton Rocking chair (not too heavy)

Wooden hat/coat stand 3 x grey beanbags

2 x sandpit clam sea shall pits

Dummy/manakin that can be dressed and thrown overboard

Large mirror on a stand Large basket

Please email abeamont@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au if you do drop anything in so I can keep tabs on who has lent what.

FAREWELL & THANK YOU

We were saddened to hear that Ms. Emily Gillogly, Year 5EG class teacher, will be leaving SFX at the end of Term 2. Ms. Gillogly's partner will be moving to Canberra to take on a new role with the Australian Defence Force. A role that

starts almost immediately. We love what Ms Gillogly brought to the students of Year 5 EG. Great learning has happened in one semester. She has also been a great addition to the SFX staff.. Ms Gillogly will be replaced by Ms Maddi Davies who will begin at SFX at the beginning of Term 3 2025.

We also thank LSO Mr. Jacob Krins who will be leaving us to pursue further study in education. Jacob has mainly worked in the Year 4 area and We thank him for his contributions over the last semester.



2025 – GROWING INTO GREATNESS

TERM TWO/THREE 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 27th June – 2025 SFX Disco 4.30pm to 6pm
Monday 30th June – Semester One Report Distributed
Monday 30th June– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Wednesday 2nd July – Term 2 Principal Forum @ 9.05am
Thursday 3rd July – Semester 1 Parent Teacher Interviews – 2pm-8pm
Thursday 3rd July– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Friday 4th July – Term 2 concludes at 1pm
Monday 21st July – Term 3 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am
Tuesday 22nd July – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Thursday 24th July – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Friday 25th July – Summer Interschool Sport Begins – Year 5/6
Monday 28th July–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Wednesday 30th July– School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Wednesday 30th July – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
Monday 4th August – Year 3-4 Oasis Camp Mt Evelyn
Tuesday 5th August – Year 4 Oasis Camp Mt Evelyn
Friday 8th August – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Friday 8th August – Farewell Mass for Philip Cachia @ 12.30pm
Monday 11th August – Welcome Mrs Nolen – Principal of SFX
Monday 11th August -Book Week - author visit & character dress up
Monday 11th August – Musical Tickets 'Peter Pan' on sale (TBC)
Wednesday 13th August–School Advisory Committee Meeting @ 7pm
Wednesday 13th August-School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Friday 22nd August – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Monday 25th August –School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Wednesday 27th August – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
Monday 1st September – 2025 MACSSIS Survey opens for parents
Tuesday 2nd September–School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Monday 8th September – 2025 School Musical – Peter Pan @ 7pm
Tuesday 9th September – 2025 School Musical – Peter Pan @ 7pm
Wednesday 10th September – 2025 School Musical -Peter Pan @ 7pm
Thursday 11th September – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Monday 15th September – School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am
Friday 19th September – MACSSIS Parent Survey closes
Friday 19th September – Term 3 concludes @ 1pm
Monday 6th October–Term 4 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am
Tuesday 16th December – Term 4 concludes @ 1pm



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YEAR 7 2027 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING



Tuesday, 29 July 2025 at 7pm
Marcellin College Functions Room
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Year 7 2027 Enrolments

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15 AUGUST 2025

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Spirit of Jesus Awards Term Two, Week 9, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Xander C	For giving things a go, even when they are challenging. You show courage and a positive attitude in your learning every day. Well done Xander! I am so proud of you!
PJV	Saige G	For the kind and gentle way you go about your learning, always being respectful to everyone. You are the first to notice when someone is upset and do your best to ensure they feel cared about. Thank you for bringing such kindness and thoughtfulness to our class.
PRJ	Ilaria P	For being a caring and concerned member of Prep RJ. You are always the first to reach out to others when they are hurt, upset or sad. Thanks for all the kindness you show to everyone Ilaria!

ENROLLING YOUR CHILD

Families wishing to apply for enrolment at Loyola College are required to do so online via the school website. In submitting your application, please ensure the following documents are provided:

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Child's Baptism Certificate (if applicable)
- Evidence of Australian Citizenship (if both parents are not born in Australia)
- Previous School Reports
- \$100 Enrolment Application Fee

Applications for Year 7, 2027 will close on Friday, 15 August 2025

For more information or to apply online please visit
www.loyola.vic.edu.au

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1CM	Jed K	For the thoughtful and kind way you support others. You really look out for your classmates and help them stay on track. The way you encourage others shows great leadership. Well done!
1KH	Evie C	For always showing kindness, being a caring friend, and making sure everyone feels included. Your respectful words, friendly smile and welcoming actions make our classroom a bright and happy place!
1LC	Maia S	For consistently being a role model student who understands the importance of trying their best, focusing on set tasks and welcoming a challenge to further her learning. Keep it up Maia!
2BB	Harlow S	For being a hardworking Mathematics superstar. You completed a subtraction story board to a high standard and showed an extensive understanding of related addition facts.
2SM	Matilda N	For always displaying a sense of respect and responsibility for your learning. The way you engage in class and present your work is fantastic. Well Done Matilda!
3DH	Jacob S	Well done Jacob for always taking responsibility for your learning through the strong work ethic you possess and the well presented work you complete. Keep it up!
3HS	Summer J	For working hard on your spelling words and persisting in the face of a challenge. Keep up the great work, Summer!
4DO	Charlotte S	For being a powerful role model in our school community. She produces work of a high standard and always does her best. Charlotte's humble attitude and quiet strength reminds us of Jesus who said "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Her gentleness and integrity shine through all she does. Congratulations Charlotte!
4MA	Ace B	For showing the school values with pride in everything you do. You lead by example and encourage others to do the same. Keep it up Ace!
5EG	Ethan P	For using resilience and respect to appropriately choose a new place to do his learning.
5SN	Daniel J	For his incredibly resilient effort last Friday at Interschool Sport. Despite a tough opposing

		team, he never dipped his head. Running, tackling, passing, defending, and this was capped off with a spectacular goal (our teams only goal for the day!) Fantastic effort!
6AH	Mila O	For creating a powerful and emotional response in the reader through your narrative writing. You carefully select language and detail to evoke empathy and connection, drawing the reader into your character's experiences and emotions. Keep up the wonderful work
6DM	Kainen D	For being a driven and determined learner who loves being challenged. I've loved how you also bring laughter to our classroom with your quick wit and timing. You are always able to sense the moment perfectly. Thanks for all you offer in our Year 6 cohort Kainen!

SPORT NEWS

Last Friday we played Eltham in our last game of winter sport as we have a bye this week while the last round is played.

Results were

ROUND 7 - 20th JUNE		FOOTBALL	SOCCER	NETBALL	HOT SHOTS TENNIS	TEE BALL Boys/ Mixed only
SFX	Eltham Primary School	EPS Boys won 90-33 EPS Girls won 28-7	SFX Boys won 17-0 SFX Girls won 10-1	SFX Boys 12-10 SFX Girls won 16-4	SFX Boys won 22-13 Girls DRAW 10-10	SFX Won 26-7

Where each team finished in the district will be in next week's newsletter.

Next Monday I ask that all students bring their SFX Sports Shirts back to school so that we can re-organise and re-distribute for Summer Sport. Most will stay the same but football will be returned and those in basketball will be given their singlet.

Could all SFX Sports shirts be properly laundered before they are returned to school.

All other equipment such as softball gloves and tennis rackets also need to be returned.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Claudia and Jaxon on their effort in the Northern region cross country

Claudia came 39th in a time of 12:51. The winner was 11:04
Jaxon came 44th in a time of 11:26. The winner was 9:51

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ACTIVE TO SCHOOLS

Monday saw the start of our **Active to School Month** which is for the last two weeks of this term and the first two next term. We encourage all to try to support this by either walking, riding or scooting to and from school where possible. Next Monday Morning 30th June will be a Gala Active to School day. You can support this by walking with families who live close to you or parking at a nearby park or oval or street away from school and walking from there. The map of the local area is included below with suggested walking routes.

Each day the Sport's captains will assist with the recording of data from each class to see which is the most active to school.



For students at MACS schools, our *Vision for Engagement* means:

- ✓ behaving respectfully towards others
- ✓ attending school every day, on time
- ✓ adopting classroom routines that ensure everyone understands expectations
- ✓ listening intently and paying attention
- ✓ participating in instruction that is targeted to need, and supports growth and achievement
- ✓ persisting with complex tasks
- ✓ feeling safe and belonging at school
- ✓ being supported with mental health and wellbeing
- ✓ benefiting from stronger partnerships between school and family.
- ✓ experiencing caring relationships with teachers and school staff
- ✓ receiving a coordinated and effective system of increasingly intensive tiered interventions and supports across all areas of their learning

What it does not mean:

- ✗ having only one mode of work, such as group work or silent work
- ✗ substituting challenging work for easy tasks
- ✗ using technology, videos or games in every lesson
- ✗ teaching just the topics students are interested in or care about
- ✗ being physically active in every lesson

THANK YOU FOR LOTE DAY 2025

A big thank you to Ms Qi and Ms Joyce, our SFX LOTE Mandarin teachers who prepared such a fun and intriguing LOTE Day 2025. Thanks also to the SFX parents for dressing up the students so beautifully for the event. The students looked wonderful in the LOTE Day parade.

The students loved participating in the Chinese cultural activities through the day. My favourite was the Chinese Face Changing dance that was presented to all the students as an incursion in the hall. The students and teachers sat there in awe trying to guess how Mr. Wan was able to change his face during the dance. Sometimes an angry face... sometimes a smiling face... sometimes an animal face....did the face come from the side or from the top of the head? Truly mystical and an interesting part of the Chinese culture.



2025 - *GROWING INTO GREATNESS*



Visual Arts News



Artists of the Week!

Celebrating some of our amazing PREP artists at SFX!

During Term 2 the PREP students have been learning about warm and cool colours and exploring various painting techniques. They have used oil pastel and watercolour paint to create an 'Under the Sea' painting, and crayon, marker and paint to create their 'Warm and Cool colour Crabs.'

These two artworks are now on display in the stairwell. Come and check out their wonderful work.

Congratulations to all our PREP students for creating some amazing artwork!



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



FIRE CARRIER COMPETITION

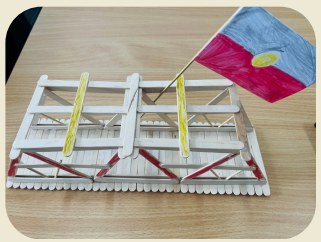
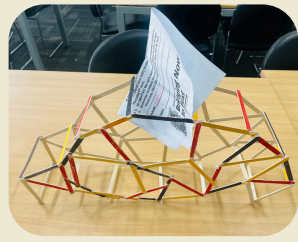
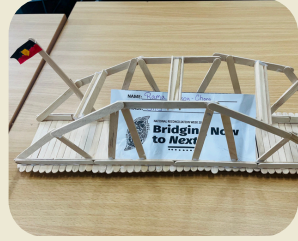
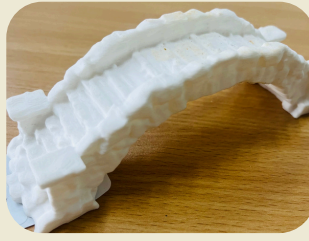
Congratulations to all of the children who entered the FIRE Carrier Colouring Competition and Bridge Building Competition! We have raised over \$162 which will be donated to the Opening the Doors Foundation. The entries were of a very high standard, making it a tough decision for our FIRE Carriers to choose a winner! Well done to the following winning entries, as chosen by Jack, Alice, Puja & Ben, 2025 FIRE Carriers. Thank you for supporting our FIRE Carriers in this initiative.

WINNING ENTRIES:

Prep: Pia, Evelyn, Lucas
One: Jed, Eden, Maddison
Two: Ari, Amalia
Three: Zara, Harvey
Four: Nicky, Ben B, Ashton O
Five: Maria, Isla

HONOURABLE MENTION:

Prep: Ariana, Halie, Xavier, Abby, Reemy, Charlie
One: Alfie H, Isabella, Caspian, Ruby, Stephanie
Frankie, John
Two: Jacob, Eloise
Three: Rama, Brittany
Four: Angus
Five: Ethan P, Amelia





SFX 2025 VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

WE ARE SEEKING DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS:

Cans of baked beans, pasta, tuna, rice, noodles, UHT milk, cereal, tinned fruit, spreads-
vegemite, jam, tinned soup, dry biscuits, crushed tomatoes, pasta sauce etc.

**1. Gather your
food donations**



**2. Leave donations
at the SFX office**



**3. Watch our
collection grow!**



Donations gratefully received until
Thursday 3rd July

— *Let's Help* —
THOSE IN NEED THIS WINTER

Thursday 26th June 2025

REVISED Newsletter Week 10 "PETER PAN" Class core costumes

Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th September 2025, Loyola College

Core Costume Requirements

Dear SFX students and parents,

For your class item performance next term please see below the chart of the core costumes by class and source for your child.

Kmart and Big W are the best places to buy your core costume or even better an Op shop. If you can get this ready for the start of Week 1 Term 3 please.

We will be having a professional photographer come in to do a photo shoot for the show program on **Wednesday 30th July (Week 2)**. On that day students will need to wear their core costume items underneath their school uniform for easy changing into their costumes.

By Week 5 (18th August) please bring in your labelled core costume in a labelled plastic bag and give to your class teacher to keep in school ready for the dress rehearsal.

The week of the show we will give you back your core costume bag for you to wear to the theatre each night. Backstage, your classroom teacher will then give you your main costume to wear over it. This helps us make sure no costumes leave the theatre or go missing as we are hiring a lot of them this year.

Obviously if part of your core costume is school trousers just remember to wear these on the night!

Many thanks for your help and co-operation.

Best wishes,

Miss Beamont
Performing Arts Teacher

Class/Year group	Core costume
Preps (Crocodiles)	Plain dark green tshirt (crew neck), green school pants are fine
Year 1 (Flying scene)	See separate letter of what individual students need. Each student will get a hard copy letter of what each student needs so please read carefully.
2SK/2BB (Girls Fairies, Boys Peter Pans)	2BB/2SK – Boys – green school pants/plain crew black tshirt Girls –beige/skin tone fitted crop top Girls will be given a leotard to wear. This needs to be returned after the shows please.

2SM (Girls mermaids and boys lobsters)	2SM Girls: need a crop top or singlet / bike shorts Boys: black pants
Year 3 – Neverland	See separate letter of what individual students need. Each student will get a hard copy letter of what each student needs so please read carefully.
Year 4 (Warriors)	Girls – plain black crew neck tshirt and black bike shorts Boys – plain black crew neck tshirt and black shorts
Year 5 (Lost Kids)	Girls – white singlet and black bike shorts Boys –plain black crew neck tshirt and black shorts
Year 6 (Pirates)	Boys – white shirt and black track suit pants that can be cut Girls – white singlet and black track suit pants that can be cut
Year 5/6 leads: If you have any of the following spoken character part, please get the following items: Captain Hook – black pants and black boots Peter Pan – Brown boots, green leggings Wendy – white tights Tinkerbell – white/green glittery tights Mr Smee –white singlet, navy shorts and slide sandals Narrator Jemma – black tights Narrator Xavier – black track suit pants cut Mr Darling – black smart pants, white shirt Mrs Darling – singlet and bike shorts to change into your pirate costume! John and Michael Darling – plain white crew neck t-shirt and light-coloured shorts to wear under your costume	Tigerlily(Charlotte)and Butler – will need core costume of the Year 6 pirate to change into Lost Kids – girls – bike shorts/white singlet Charli/Patrick – plain black crew neck tshirt and black shorts Lead pirates (Ben, James, Mitchell, Ava N, Lily K, Anna C, Ruby H, Claudia) – girls white singlet / boys white singlet if needed Nana the dog (Jobe) – shorts and singlet plus core costume of Pirates Year 6 Chief – Jack G – black crew neck tshirt and black shorts Mermaids – matching crop top and bike shorts plus core costume for either Grade 6 or Grade 5 dance Shadow Dancer – black ballet costume as discussed and core costume for the Grade 6 pirate item



SFX Book Week 2025

MONDAY August 11th: AUTHOR VISIT

YEAR 5-6

MORRIS GLEITZMAN is a bestselling Australian children's author and was the Australian Children's Laureate for 2018 and 2019. His books explore serious and sometimes confronting subjects in humorous and unexpected ways.

Morris wrote his first children's novel in 1985. His moving and humorous style has endeared him to children and adults alike, and he is now one of Australia's most successful authors, both internationally and at home. He was born in England in 1953 and emigrated to Australia in 1969.



His titles include *Two Weeks With The Queen*, *Grace*, *Doubting Thomas*, *Bumface*, *Give Peas A Chance*, *Extra Time*, *Loyal Creatures*, *Tweet* and the series *Once*, *Then*, *After*, *Soon*, *Maybe*, *Now* and *Always*. Morris lives in Sydney and Brisbane, and his books are published in more than twenty countries. Then he gained a degree in Professional Writing at the Canberra College of Advanced Education.



Visit his website for more details <https://www.morrisgleitzman.com/>

Year 3-4

GEORGE IVANOFF is a Melbourne author who's written more than 100 books for kids and teens, including *Monster Island*, the interactive *You Choose* series, *RFDS Adventures*, the *OTHER WORLDS* series, the *Gamers* trilogy, and the non-fiction *Survival Guides*; as well as a ton of school readers and educational books. George's books and stories have been shortlisted for numerous awards and he's even won a few of them. George drinks too

much coffee, eats too much chocolate and watches too much *Doctor Who*. He has a wife, two children and an uncontrollable imagination.

Visit his website for more details: <https://georgeivanoff.com.au/>



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Year Prep-2

PERFORM education TREASURE HUNT is an action-packed interactive adventure, written by Craig Christie, and featuring a selection of the 2025 CBCA Short Listed books. The musical will send students of all ages on a treasure hunt exploring themes of sustainability and our relationship with the natural environment, as well as celebrating how books and reading create understanding and bring people of different backgrounds together.



Happy reading, Mrs Loader, Mrs Morello and Mrs Johnson