

NEWSLETTER NO. 23

29th July 2021

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

Dear Families,
Welcome back!

Hip...Hip...Hooray...It's back to school after Remote Learning 5.0

**"Gather your pencils, your devices, your glue
There's lots of fun learning we're going to do.
We'll be there to greet you with a smile on our faces
You'll see that school is a great place to be!"**

Adapted from Dr. Suess/Teachers Pay Teachers



SCHOOL MUSICAL 2021 – ROCK BOTTOM

It is with deep regret that we are going to have to cancel our two night school performance at the Loyola College Theatre on 12th & 13th August. SFX Montmorency has not had a school performance since 2018 and we were so looking forward to showcasing our students' talents in the Performing Arts area.

Some of the reasons for making this difficult decision are:

- ✚ Loyola Theatre is fully booked for the remainder of the year. This includes Saturdays and Sundays.
- ✚ Planet Shakers, a venue that we have used in the past, is not accommodating external audiences and is classed as a religious congregation site. As such it must abide by the same COVID restrictions as SFX Church in terms of density limits.
- ✚ Tickets should have gone on sale last week, however there is currently no definition from the Victorians Government around whether a 25%, 50%, 100% capacity on theatres will be allowed surrounding the current Lockdown 5.0. Historically it has taken the Victorian Government five full weeks of zero COVID cases to go from full Lockdown to a COVID normal way of life. That brings us almost to the end of Term 3.
- ✚ Ms. Wilson our Performing Arts teacher, our classroom teachers and Kristina Diaz our Choreographer were well organized in terms of concert rehearsals. However you cannot expect that taking 5 full weeks out of a rehearsal schedule will not have an impact on the final product and the confidence of the students to perform in front of an audience. We will always put on a School Performance that reflects high standards when we are selling tickets to such an

event and we want to ultimately put on a performance we are truly proud of.

- ✚ Performances such as these are costly. Theatre hire costs alone are in the vicinity of \$10,000 per night. In order for the school not to wear a massive financial loss on the night, at least a 50% audience capacity is what is required.

We have gone through many scenarios and possibilities as to how we would not waste the great energy, the props, the costumes, the rehearsals, the hours of time it takes to put on a school performance that involves over 290 students .

HOWEVER

The adage **"The Show Must Go On"** sits well with our determination and school value of Resilience. That no matter how many road blocks have been thrown our way over the past 18 month we can find another way and we keep bouncing back. We are currently going through a series of possibilities to stage "Rock Bottom" in some alternative form this year. We will need good fortune....we will need COVID to help rather than hinder our efforts....we will need prayer....we will need your positive support.....

Please read the newsletter in coming weeks for further details.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note that we have **postponed** one of the School Closure Days next week in light of the students have missed so much school this term already and also that as a staff we cannot have professional development in a large groups under the current COVID Directives received on 28/7/21. We will move the planned Professional Learning day to later in the year when Rob Vingerhoets is available.

One thing we cannot change is

Thursday 5th August– School Review Day led by MACS Eastern Regional Office staff. This is an 'essential' day in preparation for our School Review.

At this stage our planned school closure days for Term 4 2021 are as follows:

Monday 1st November–Semester 2 Data Analysis & Report Writing Day

Monday 29th November -2022 School Planning Day.

2021 SCHOOL THEME – TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation Parent Faith Formation Evenings on the 3rd and 4th of August have been

CANCELLED. There will be more information to follow after meeting with Fr Michael tomorrow.

Sacrament of Confirmation Dates. (COVID dependent)

- Confirmation Rehearsal at St Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday 21st October (School Excursion).
- Sunday 24th October. Mass to commence at 2:30pm. Children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Pl, East Melbourne. Student Candidates from Holy Trinity, Eltham North, St Francis Xavier, Montmorency and Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham.

CHILD INFORMATION SHARING AND FAMILY VIOLENCE REFORMS

From 19 April 2021 (Term 2), all Victorian government and non-government schools and centre-based education and care services (e.g. long day care, kindergarten and outside school hours care) will be prescribed as [Information Sharing Entities](#) under the Victorian Government's [Child Information Sharing Scheme](#) (CISS) and [Family Violence Information Sharing Scheme](#) (FVISS).

These information sharing schemes have expanded the ability of schools and services to collaborate and share relevant confidential information with other authorised [Information Sharing Entities](#) to promote the wellbeing and safety of children, and to assess and manage family violence risk. Information can only be shared under the schemes by organisations prescribed as [Information Sharing Entities](#). The information sharing schemes were introduced in response to Royal Commissions, coronial inquests and independent inquiries over the past decade that identified poor information sharing as a barrier to service collaboration with detrimental outcomes for children and families.

Phase 1 of implementation of the schemes commenced in September 2018 and included key services, such as Child Protection, Maternal and Child Health Services and Victoria Police. From 19 April 2021, as part of **Phase 2**, universal services such as education and health will be authorised to share information using the schemes.

The information sharing schemes complement and expand upon existing information sharing and child protection laws, and do not replace already existing authorisation to share information such as the Child Safe Standards, reporting to Child Protection or Victoria Police, the Reportable

Conduct Scheme, and other privacy and information sharing laws.

Further information regarding these whole-of-government reforms can be found on the Victorian Government website: www.vic.gov.au/information-sharing-schemes-and-the-maram-framework.

TERM 3 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

3rd August–Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Info Night @ SFX @ 7pm **CANCELLED**

4th August – Sacrament of Confirmation Parent Info Night @ OLHC @ 7pm **CANCELLED**

5th August – School Closure Day – School Review

10th August – Parents Association Meeting

18th August – Parent Maths Night with Rob Vingerhoets **POSTPONED**

23rd August – Book Week 2021 begins

24th August- School Tour for Prospective Parents@ 11.30am

24th August – School Advisory Committee Meeting @ 7pm

27th August – Book Week Parade @ 9am


27th August – Book Week Author visits Mark Carthew (P – 2) & Felicia Arena (3 – 6)

16th September-School Tour for Prospective Parents@ 11.30am

17th September – Term 3 concludes at 1pm

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- After School Care – 3:00pm to 6:00pm.
- Full Day Care – 8:00am to 6:00pm.
- Casual Bookings are welcome and flexible bookings available.
- All Healthy Meats, Snacks and Nappies Provided.
- Individual Menu Planning Available.
- CCS Subsidy available to All Eligible families.

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2021 SCHOOL THEME – TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING



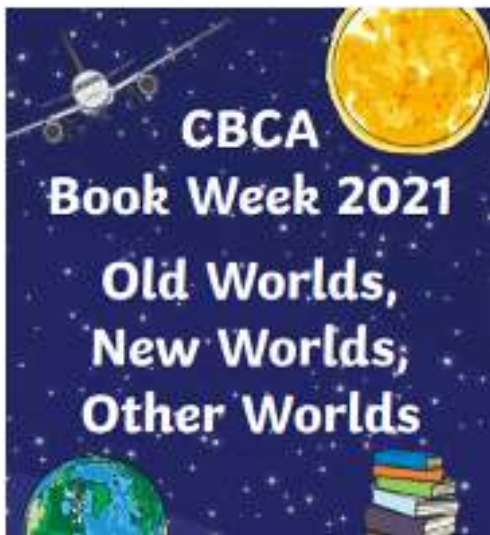
Let's go Green & Gold

**It is time to show our Aussie spirit and join in National Green and Gold Day
this Friday 30/7/21!**

**This day is about painting the country in our national colours and being proud of
Australia's sporting achievements, it's about all Australians coming together and
celebrating the green and gold.**

**SFX has so much to celebrate – the Olympics are on, Victorians are breaking records
coming out of our 5th lockdown and are still fighting strong. Let's make our school awash
with green and gold this Friday.**

**Wear your green sports shorts / tracksuit and a gold or yellow shirt, along with green and
gold accessories. Our colour and cheer will be just as bright as our ever resilient and
positive attitudes!**



Book Week - 2021 here we come !!!!

Term 3 is always exciting in the Discovery Centre as this is when we celebrate Book Week. This annual event highlights the importance of reading and draws on the joy of stories and creativity of Australian authors.

In DC lessons we will be unpacking the theme for 2021 “Old worlds, New worlds, Other worlds”. We will look at books set in past times (historical fiction) and old cultures. Students will explore stories set in the future with new ideas and new thoughts and will delve into other worlds - fantasy and science fiction

worlds and look at the worlds of other people and cultures. As many of us have had to cancel or postpone travel plans recently, books have offered us the opportunity to visit other worlds. Books can be our spaceships or our time machines - they can take us to the far side of the universe or to places in the distant past or future. They can give us a glimpse into the world of other people, into their lives and thoughts.

We will be sharing books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia Shortlist and students will respond in both written and artistic forms. Each student will be given a ‘Passport in time’ in which they record their votes for the books we read each week.

Book Week officially runs from Monday 23rd - Friday 27th August, with Friday 27th being the culmination and our annual Dress Up Day. We will have lots of fun activities and competitions in the DC and a flyer with full details will follow soon. **Please note competitions are totally optional.**

DATES TO NOTE

Book Fair Wednesday 18th - Tuesday 24th August. More details to follow with flyer.

Dress Up Day Friday 27th August. Students can come to school dressed in either a costume related to the theme “Old worlds, New worlds, Other worlds”, or as a book character of their choice. It would be great if they could bring along the book on which their character is based. As in previous years, there is no expectation that students hire/buy costumes, and it is a good opportunity to be creative and make a costume from things you have at home. We will talk about this in DC lessons.

Guest author visits Friday 27th August.

Felice Arena (Year 3-6) and Mark Carthew (Prep-Year 2).

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting time over the next few weeks.

Full details in the flyer to follow soon.

Happy reading,

Mrs. Johnson



Old worlds

Our Year 3 and 4 students made Egyptian mummies, Kings and Queens and Pyramids to add to this display.



New worlds

The Prep, Year 1 and 2 students made robots to add to this display.



Other worlds

Our Year 5 and 6 students completed this Indigenous collaborative art piece to create this display.