

## NEWSLETTER NO. 27

26th August 2021

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

Dear Parents,

As a community we faced tightening of COVID restrictions over the weekend with the Chief Health Officer now recommending that students wear masks at school. Whilst this is not yet mandated, it may forecast where schools will head when we do ultimately return to school in the future.

Unlike the initial strains of COVID, the DELTA strain in particular has impacted children, and the statistics of cases at the moment are showing that almost half of positive cases are in children. The result is that primary schools have been closed and become Tier One sites all around the State. Indeed we always think of the incredible work that our doctors, nurses and paramedics are doing as 'frontline' staff. I would also like to give a shout out to our SFX staff who have now become the new 'frontline' staff, supervising students onsite thereby enabling authorised workers to go to work.

There has been a nationwide campaign to have teachers and school staff immunised, however many of our current staff do not fit into the immunisation priorities at present (*due to age*). My hope is that will change in the future as our staff want to be protected and is obviously now an OH&S issue.

This is another reason why we are trying to limit the amount of students who are attending Remote @ School and please continue to respect the parameters of the Directives. There is a risk to not only staff who are supervising students, but also the students who are attending the program each day.

### IS IT TRUE????

There may be another SFX staff video in production. SFX staff may have been seen dancing away over the weekend and sending special messages to the students that they miss so much. Be on the lookout....it should be a real hoot!

*"No matter how bad things get, something good is out there over the horizon"* Green Lantern Superhero



### PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Grab the kids when Dad isn't looking, and jump online to buy him, Grandad or your special person a gorgeous gift for Father's Day.

And remember to decorate your bags! If you require more than one paper bag for your order for the kids to decorate, please send us an email

at [president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au](mailto:president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au) and we'll happily pop them in!

**Due to Covid Lockdown this is strictly curb side 'Click and Collect' through Kiss n' Drop on Thursday 2nd September between 9.30am - 2.30pm.** When purchasing your gifts be sure to select your pickup time.

**Dad Gifts \$7.00**

**Grandad Gifts \$4.00**

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### SCHOOL FEES & CHARGES 2022

At last week's School Advisory Committee Meeting (S.A.C) the school fee structure for 2022 was ratified. In 2020 there was a decrease in school fees as result of a simpler school fee structure and again in 2021 school fees were remained the same as 2020. MACS strongly encourages schools to increase school fees by the E.I.I (*Education Inflation Index*) of 3% to 5% each year. We have resisted the need to do this over the past two years to make an education at SFX both **accessible** and **affordable** to all current and prospective families.

	2019 Student Levy	2019 Family Fee	2019 Total	2020 Student Levy	2020 Family Fee	2020 Building Levy	2020 Total	+/- %	2021 Student Levy	2021 Family Fee	2021 Building Levy	2021 Total	+/- %
Prep	\$655	\$2700	\$3355	\$500	\$2500	\$200	\$3200	-5%	\$500	\$2300	\$200	\$3000	-7%
Year 1	\$655	\$2700	\$3355	\$500	\$2500	\$200	\$3200	-5%	\$500	\$2300	\$200	\$3000	-7%
Year 2	\$655	\$2700	\$3355	\$500	\$2500	\$200	\$3200	-5%	\$500	\$2300	\$200	\$3000	-7%
Year 3	\$575	\$2700	\$3275	\$500	\$2500	\$200	\$3200	-4%	\$500	\$2300	\$200	\$3000	-7%
Year 4	\$570	\$2700	\$3270	\$500	\$2500	\$200	\$3200	-3%	\$500	\$2300	\$200	\$3000	-7%
Year 5	\$740	\$2700	\$3440	\$500	\$2500	\$200	\$3200	-7%	\$500	\$2300	\$200	\$3000	-7%
Year 6	\$810	\$2700	\$3510	\$500	\$2500	\$200	\$3200	-9%	\$500	\$2300	\$200	\$3000	-7%

In factoring in these decreases in 2020 and in 2021, and when not adding in E.I.I rises, this means that the school fees at SFX have fallen on average by between 20% and 23% over the past 2 years.

In consultation with our M.A.C.S business manager and looking at current cashflows, school fee collections, urgent capital expenditure and increasing utility costs to schools it has been decided to once again **not** increase school fees in 2020. However SFX school will be introducing a **\$100 per child per year technology levy**.

**2021 SCHOOL THEME - TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE ANYTHING**

Over the past 18 months our school owned devices have really faced great workload and over the next 18 months we will be looking at a total replacement of 300 student devices. The cost of each device after hardware and software licencing equates to at least \$500 per device (or \$150,000) for the school. All students whether they are in Prep, Year 6 or in between have been blessed to be able to use these school owned devices right through Remote Learning 1.0 to 6.0 over the past two years, and even before that when learning at school with devices was 'normal.' As such an across the board levy such as this is now justified. It will take us some time to build funds in our technology budget for us to be able to replace the entire, current fleet of 300 devices, so the impact of this levy will not be immediate but we will build this over time.

**All other school fees and charges remain the same.**

## CHARGES FOR THE 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

*(Australian residents only)*

**Curriculum Levy** *(Book, Excursion, Stationery & Swimming Levy)*

- \$ 500 per child.

**Family School Fee** - \$2300 per family per year

**Technology Levy** - \$100 per child per year **NEW**

**Building Levy** - \$200 per family per year

**School Camp** – Year 5 & 6 – (T.B.C)

- Year 3 & 4 – (T.B.C)

\*\*\*A \$100 rebate will be deducted from your Family School Fee if you attend your annual school working bee morning\*\*\*

## CONCESSIONAL FEE POLICY

**(NEW IN 2022 as per M.A.C.S guidelines)**

Any family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

Any family holding an Health Care Card and eligible for CSEF.

Any family experiencing severe financial hardship.

Any family holding a DVA Gold Card.

Any family identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard.

Any family required to relocate their (Australian resident) child to St. Michael's Catholic Primary School, North Melbourne, due to the child requiring long term medical treatment at The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. Pro-rata concession is provided for part-year attendance. An annual statutory declaration is required to confirm eligibility.

Any student who attends a MACS primary school on a part time basis, who meet any of the criteria detailed above.

## S.F.X FEE STRUCTURE FOR FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY:

**1 CHILD - \$780 PER ANNUM**

**2 CHILDREN - \$1196 PER ANNUM**

**3 CHILDREN - \$1560 PER ANNUM**

## BOOKING FORM FOR REMOTE @ SCHOOL

Here's the link for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1XKXTB2Nsl8Ap0TOP-NlawJq1AMFHxKvOLEKwzXPThUU/edit>

Please only apply for Remote @ School if you are an authorised worker or fulfil the other conditions of enrolment for this program.

**This form will close on Saturday 28<sup>st</sup> August @ midday. Late applications cannot be accepted.**

The school will now require work permits showing dates authorised workers are working onsite at the address of their work place for the days that you enrol your child for supervision for Remote @ School.

**If you are working from your home your child/children must also stay home.**

Fines **(\$21,808 for individuals)** now apply during this latest Lockdown extension **(\$109,044 for a business)** for those who falsify and/or misuse this document. Please do the right thing for the health and safety of our teachers and students in our school community.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DWYER FAMILY IN PREP AB



Florence in Year Prep AB is now a very proud big sister to Vivienne.

Congratulations to Tina and Matthew on this beautiful little addition to the Dwyer family. We look forward to baby Vivienne joining our Prep 2027 class of children.

## TERM 3 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

16<sup>th</sup> September-School Tour for Prospective Parents@ 11.30am

17<sup>th</sup> September – Term 3 concludes at 1pm

4<sup>th</sup> October – Term 4 begins at 8.55am

7<sup>th</sup> October – MACSSIS School survey opens to parents

11<sup>th</sup> October –School tour for prospective families @ 11.30am

12<sup>th</sup> October – 2022 Prep Information Night

14<sup>th</sup> October – 2022 Prep Transition session #1

15<sup>th</sup> October – School Closure Day – Maths PD for staff

19<sup>th</sup> October – School Advisory Committee Meeting @ 7pm

21<sup>st</sup> October- 2022 Prep Transition session #2

24<sup>th</sup> October – Sacrament of Confirmation - TBC

26<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm

28<sup>th</sup> October - 2022 Prep Transition session #3

29<sup>th</sup> October - School tour for prospective families @ 11.30am

1<sup>st</sup> November – School Closure – Semester 2 Report Writing Day

2<sup>nd</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

12<sup>th</sup> November – SFX Twilight Athletics – 5pm to 8pm

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17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5/6 School Camp – 'The Island' Phillip Island

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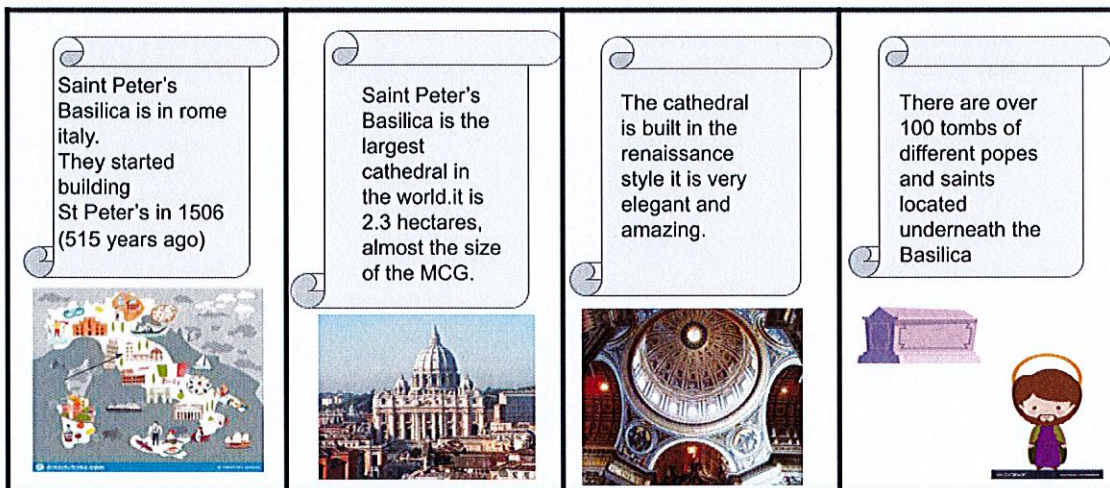
## RE News

This term the Year 4s have been learning about the history of the Catholic Church. They made comic strips to share their new learning about some very important figures or buildings in church history. Year 4 would like to share some of their findings with the SFX community...

St. Peter's Basilica- by Elise



Saint Peter's Basilica - by Luca




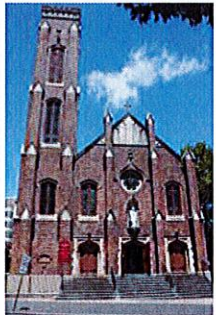




CATHERINE MCAULEY BY ISLA

<p>I was an Irish religious sister who founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831.</p> 	<p>I was born on the 29th of September 1778</p> 	<p>I sadly died on 11 of November 1941 i was remembered for dedicating my life to caring for the poor</p> 	<p>I was born in Dublin Ireland</p> 
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Bishop Polding - By Lenny

<p>Hello Friends, I am the most handsome Bishop Polding. I arrived in Sydney, Australia in 1835 and was Australia's first Catholic bishop.</p> 	<p>I was born in Liverpool, England in 1794 and was known for being compassionate towards convicts who had been badly treated.</p> 	<p>In 1843 I became the first archbishop of Sydney.</p> 	<p>I sadly died at Sacred Heart Presbytery, Darlinghurst, in Sydney, on 16th March 1877.</p> 
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ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARENTS ASSOCIATION

## Supporting Local Businesses

For many years, St Francis Xavier and the Parents Association have benefited greatly from the kindness and generosity of our local community, including from the many small businesses and partners who've made donations and supported our events.

We believe it's the PA's turn to give support to these businesses and that through better connections with the SFX community we can really help those who've been doing it tough these last 18 months.

We have some amazing creators, retailers and small businesses in our community we'll be showcasing beautiful gifts, homewares, fashion and more at our new Instagram account **@SFXMontyLoves**.

We'd love you to help us show them some love!

## Shop Social, Shop Local



### ***Interested in being involved?***

- Follow us on Instagram  
**@SFXMontyLoves**
- Help us support local: follow a new account, check out their website & shop with purpose!
- Know a local business we can support? DM us or tag us  
**#SFXMontyLoves**

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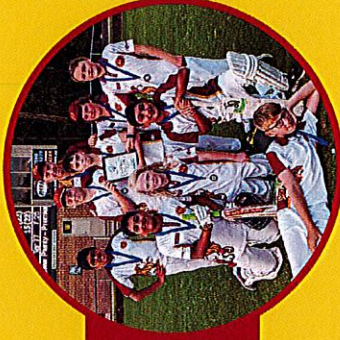
# LPCC JUNIORS



Junior Blast, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 - Girls more than welcome at all ages!

NEW Girls only team, Aged 10-14!

Junior Blast, U10, U12, U14  
Colleen 0448 300 290



U16, U18  
Luke 0400 023 940



New Girls only team  
Anuga 0415 341 722



[juniors@lowerplentycricketclub.com](mailto:juniors@lowerplentycricketclub.com)

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Lower Plenty Cricket Club, Lower Plenty Park,  
Park Lane, Para Road, Montmorency



# HURSTBRIDGE LINE DUPLICATION UPDATE

AUGUST  
2021



## Petrie Park upcoming works

The second stage of the Hurstbridge Line Duplication will deliver further improvements, including more train services, less crowding on peak trains and better connections to public transport in Melbourne's north east.

We will build new modern stations in Montmorency and Greensborough and duplicate the rail track between Greensborough and Montmorency and between Diamond Creek and Wattle Glen, to allow more trains to run more often.

### Upcoming works

We've started works to upgrade underground power and signalling in the rail corridor. These works will continue until late 2021.

To build new track, stations and carparking, we'll need to remove trees and vegetation. Most of this vegetation removal is within the existing rail corridor, including in Petrie Park, in a narrow section of the park which is within VicTrack, or state owned rail land.

### Why are trees being removed?

As part of our project, we're upgrading the underground services and signalling equipment, which is more than 50 years old.

While minor upgrades have been completed over time, all the underground services and signalling equipment in the rail corridor, including next to Petrie Park, must be updated.

To ensure community safety and allow access for maintenance, the underground services and signalling equipment need to be located within the rail corridor.

### Why do trees need to be removed at Petrie Park?

The project team investigated if these services could be placed on the northern side of the rail track opposite Petrie Park.

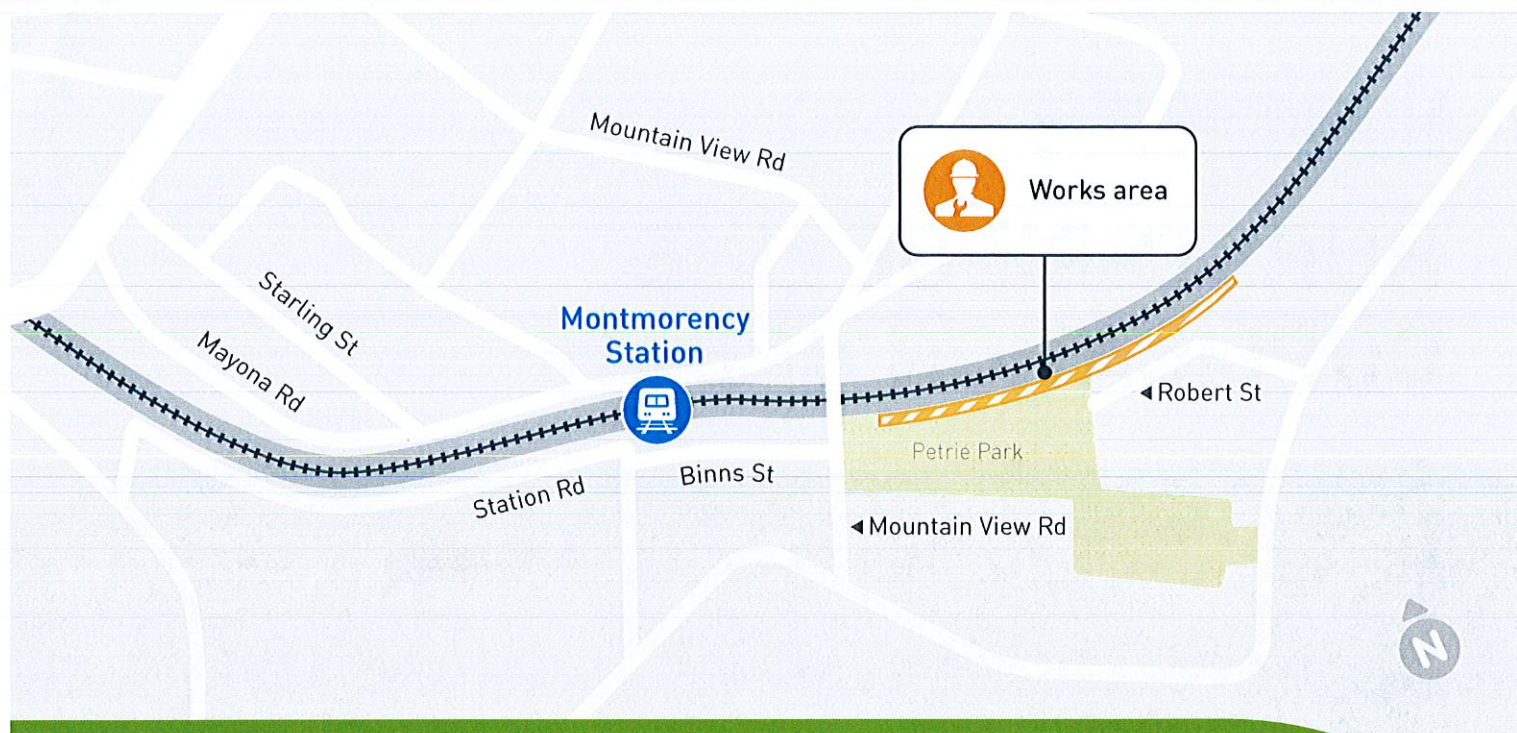
However, investigations showed it would result in more vegetation removal and potentially greater impacts to wildlife habitat than if it was done on the Petrie Park side of the rail corridor. The trees being removed in Petrie Park are located in the rail corridor, on state owned rail land.



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Map of the works area

## Can't the trees be saved?

The future position of the Petrie Park fence has been reviewed and has been moved closer to the location of the underground services to minimise impact on trees and maintain as much public open space as possible.

To further minimise our impact, we're using non-destructive digging techniques to protect sensitive root zones.

Even with these changes, a number of trees next to the rail corridor at Petrie Park need to be removed to allow works to safely take place. This would be required whether the underground services are installed on the north or south side of the existing fence given the proximity to the root zone.

Independent arborists and ecologists have conducted a comprehensive assessment of trees along the Hurstbridge line including next to Petrie Park. The project team has used this assessment to identify trees for removal, to allow for construction or because they pose a future hazard to rail operations and maintenance.

We're working with local community groups, scouts, and the council to use felled logs and mulch locally where possible.

## What about wildlife?

During tree removal, a qualified wildlife handler will be on site to manage the safe handling and relocation of any wildlife found during these works.

## Future landscaping and planting

When works are complete, we're planting over 1,900 trees and 37,500 plants, shrubs and grasses between Greensborough and Montmorency and Diamond Creek to Wattle Glen.

**This will include over 700 trees and 15,000 shrubs, grasses, climbers and groundcovers in and around the Montmorency station precinct.**

The planting and landscaping of trees, shrubs and grasses will take place as part of our major works in late 2022.

While some trees will need to be removed on rail land within the park, the project is working with council on a plan to make further improvements to Petrie Park.

## When will the trees be removed?

We'll remove the selected trees during the upcoming rail closure from **Monday 30 August to Saturday 4 September**.

## Further information

For further information you can sign up for email updates and SMS alerts via [levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe](https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/subscribe) or call 1800 105 105.

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