

## NEWSLETTER NO. 5

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

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

Dear Parents,

This week we congratulate the Year 6 leaders for 2022. We had 19 students who put themselves forward to be school captain this year. That in itself shows great determination, resilience and pride by the students who see the leading of our school by way of service and example. It was so rewarding listening to the speeches of these leaders, their love of our school and wanting to be good role models for the younger students. We could only choose four school captains, and so it takes both courage and strength of character to know that you may not achieve being elected. Year 6 children should be assured that they all have an important leadership roles in 2022 that we rely on in keeping our school running smoothly.

We congratulate our 2022 School Leadership team:

**School Captains:** Julia Martinelli & Darcy Wong

**School Vice Captains:** Leah Williams & Archer Richards

Please see the attachment for all of our Year 6 Leadership positions in 2022.



### 2022 SCHOOL MUSICAL "ROCK BOTTOM"

Ticket sales were off to a flying start last Monday as the box office opened for our school musical spectacular.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm**

All current Prep to Year 6 students will be expected to attend Magis Performing Arts Centre (MPAC) at Loyola College 325 Grimshaw Street Watsonia on **BOTH** nights.

SFX students will not need to purchase a ticket as they will be performing on stage in our school musical spectacular. Even our new 2022 Preps will be on stage for their first official introduction to the SFX community.

This year there will be no limit to the amount of seats that can be purchased, however the better seats will obviously be sold first on the online portal. Unlike previous years, families can invite grand parents and relatives so that we can provide the students with an authentic theatre experience and audience. Tickets this year are priced at a similar level to our last SFX performance in 2018 with the added benefit that anyone who purchases a ticket will have access to an online video of either

performance #1 or #2. Gone are the DVD sales that used to happen after the performance...like everything in 2022 the video can be downloaded from a secure online SFX portal. Families are then not paying \$25 for a DVD. It is now included in your ticket cost for all families to play whenever/wherever they want.

**TICKETS ON SALE ON  
MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY @ 9AM  
(Until Sold Out)  
Adults - \$35.00  
Children under 16 - \$20.00**

All ticket purchases must be completed through the TryBooking site. There will be no ticket sales through the school office.

Here's the link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BXKJF>  
**INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION 2022**



Dear SFX Community

I just wanted to let you know how proud you should be of the SFX students today. They were fantastic and worked hard to be their best in every event they competed in. Some even volunteered to jump into another event so we earned points as a team. We finished in third place behind MSPS and Holy Trinity and equal to our neighbours at Montmorency PS. There were also some great results overall. The highlight was the fantastic school spirit the students demonstrated and the way they all supported each other.

*Brian Anderson - Physical Education Specialist*

*And some lovely parent feedback:*

*"Thank you so much for organising the SFX Swim Team and for sharing the great news with us. My child was beaming with excitement when we picked him up today. He not only loved what they all achieved today, but also the spirit in which they competed and cheered each other on. We're all very proud!! GO TEAM SFX!"*

**2022 SCHOOL THEME - WORKING HARD TO BE THE BEST**

*"A big thank you to you and the staff for arranging the SFX participation in the meet and preparing the kids. I know there is always lots of work behind the scenes to manage excursions. I hear it was a really great day and fantastic to see kids being able to get out and involved. I really appreciate you taking the time to give us an update too."*

#### **PARENT REPS 2022**

Parent Reps are the conduit between the Parents Association and the school community. When various events are organised during the year it becomes the role of the class Parent Rep to gather support from that particular class, ask for volunteers, sell tickets etc.

If you would like to be a Parent Rep in 2022 could you please email: [principal@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au)

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to be Parent Reps so far:

<b>Prep EL</b>	Brigid Douglas	<b>Prep AB</b>	Deanna Makhoul
<b>Yr 1 HS</b>	Vacant	<b>Yr 1 KG</b>	Susan Roberts
<b>Yr 2 SK</b>	Antoinette Cullivan	<b>Yr 2 JV</b>	Jane Fraser
<b>Yr 3 AB</b>	Marta Lopez	<b>Yr 3CN</b>	Mia Jones
<b>Yr 4 AH</b>	Vacant	<b>Yr 4 AM</b>	Helen Doran
<b>Yr 5 JW</b>	Belinda McParland	<b>Yr 5 MK</b>	Stacey Wilson
<b>Yr 6 DM</b>	Kirsty Dray	<b>Yr 6 MA</b>	Naomi Harvey

#### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

##### **RUN CLUB- YEAR 3 TO 6**

This Wednesday morning and each Wednesday after that students in Year 3 to 6 are invited to join in the SFX running club. This is a great way to begin training for cross country next term. The students are welcome to meet me on the oval at 8:20 for a 15 minute running session before making their way to class.

##### **SPORT'S TEAMS**

This year we will be focussing on doing more activities based around our house teams.

These are **Padua, Loyola, Xavier** and **McAuley**.

Your child if unaware of their house will be told by their class teacher.

<b>LOYOLA</b>	<b>BLUE</b>
<b>MCAULEY</b>	<b>RED</b>
<b>XAVIER</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>
<b>PADUA</b>	<b>GREEN</b>

The historical significance of our SFX sports teams is as follows:

**Loyola (Blue)** - Jesuits order founded by St Ignatius of Loyola. The Jesuits engaged in missionary work and education.

**McAuley (Red)** - Catherine McAuley, the founder of Sisters of Mercy. Catherine began working with the poor, sick, homeless and founded a refuge.

**Xavier (Yellow)** - St Francis Xavier is the patron saint of missions. Francis Xavier met with many difficulties however his amazing energy and courage spread Christianity from India to Japan.

**Padua (Green)** - St Anthony of Padua was a Franciscan priest who preached about God's love & forgiveness & showed love to the poor.

#### **MOBILE PHONES & SMART WATCHES AT SCHOOL**

As of January 2020, James Merlino the current Minister for Education banned the use of mobile phones in all Victorian schools. I would strongly encourage parents to not allow children to bring mobile phones or smart watches to school. I have noticed a significant spike in the amount of children walking out of the school gate in the afternoon carrying a phone and checking their latest social media. Please do not be influenced by your child saying "we are now allowed to bring phones to school" or "everyone has a phone at school". **This is not true.** Mobile phones for primary aged students are unnecessary, are a distraction, and can lull parents into a false sense of security that a child walking home with a mobile phone will keep them safe.

My deepest concern is for students who walk home in a trance like state staring and engrossed in their mobile phone, often with their ear buds in, oblivious to oncoming or turning traffic and then crossing the streets dangerously because they are not using their eyes or their ears to monitor the street environment. Nonetheless if a mobile phone is lost, damaged or stolen, the school cannot be held responsible for replacing the phone or paying out the contract. If mobile phones are seen by a staff member during school time within the bounds of the school, they will be confiscated and parents will need to collect these from the Principal's office.

Another new trend is for some students wearing Smart watches to school, calling and sometimes messaging parents from their Smartwatch. Again this is a totally unnecessary and very expensive distraction. If parents need to be contacted during the day or if parents need to contact a child this can be easily done through the school office. Once again the school will not be responsible for replacing or repairing a lost, stolen or broken Smart watch.



#### **SCHOOL DIARY - TERM 1 IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March - School Photo Day

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March- 2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March-2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3/4 Local Community Excursion

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March- 2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March -Whole School Dress Rehearsal @ Loyola

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March - School Musical 'Rock Bottom' 7pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March -School Musical 'Rock Bottom' 7pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March - 2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Sacrament of Reconciliation SFX 7pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Regional Swimming Championships

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March -2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March-Sacrament of Reconciliation OLHC 7pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Year 3/4 Whitefriars Excursion

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March-2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March - School Closure Day - Maths PD

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Parent Maths Night @ 7pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March-2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March- 2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April -2023 School Tour for Prospective Parents

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April- Term One concludes @ 1pm

## **2022 SCHOOL THEME - WORKING HARD TO BE THE BEST**



# 2022 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (TOMORROW)**



A reminder that School Photo Day is tomorrow.

All students must be dressed in their full summer school uniform (*not their sports uniform*).

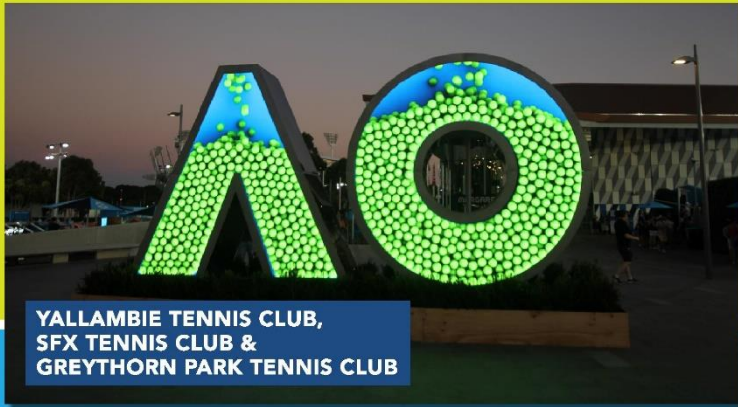
- Please ensure that your child is wearing their polished black school shoes or all black runners.
- White school socks (*no other colours or logos*)
- Is looking fantastic and proud of the school uniform that they are wearing

Please do not call the office to ask when your child's photo is to be taken as this will be very dependent on the weather on the day.

## SUMMER of TENNIS!



**GROUP LESSONS, PRIVATE LESSONS,  
AND SQUADS NOW RUNNING!**



**YALLAMBIE TENNIS CLUB,  
SFX TENNIS CLUB &  
GREYTHORN PARK TENNIS CLUB**

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## SFX BLOKES BAREFOOT BOWLS IS BACK.....



**Blokes mark this date in your  
diary**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

**@**

**Montmorency Eltham RSL**

**2022 SCHOOL THEME – WORKING HARD TO BE THE BEST**

## 2022 YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP ROLES

LEADERSHIP POSITION	YEAR 6 STUDENT
School Captain	Darcy Wong    Julia Martinelli
School Vice Captain	Archie Richards    Leah Williams
Sports Captain	Jasper Griffiths    Matilda Rizzi
Sports Vice Captain	Oliver Howes    Maddie Hamilton
Loyola Sports Captain	Crystal Hawken    Will Griffiths
Loyola Sports Vice Captain	Lewis Holland-Baker    Sam Tindal
Padua Sports Captain	Akasha Lautee    Milla Giardina
Padua Sports Vice Captain	Grace Williams    Sophie Molloy
Xavier Sports Captain	Sophie Henderson    Lachlan Van Campfort
Xavier Sports Vice Captain	Rory Oliver    Brooke Suckling
McAuley Sports Captain	Lily Denton    Kristian Fisher
McAuley Sports Vice Captain	Josh Conlin    Lily Salvitti    Greta Mullins
ICT Captain	Fabien Habboush    Jobe Meehan    Marlowe Cianci Owen Robbins    Will Kerr    Will Hanvin
LOTE Captain	Ben Trewella    Lucas Calabro
FLAG Captain	Liam Evans    Jacob Kulkens
Discovery Centre Captain	Evie Hoseason    Jayda Hawkins    Ella Harvey Lily Torcasio    Stella Hawkins    Annabelle Harford
Positive Behaviour Management Captain	Isaac Phillips    Matthew Hocking    Tilly Loney
Visual Arts Captain	Will Stevens    Eddie Condon    Ruby Brown Olivia Krikellis
School Security Captain	Ben Fraser    Roxy Raynes    Harry Henshall Massimo Martin
Religion Captain	Ethan Tucker    Zach Bourke
School Magazine Leader	Niamh Henderson    Greta Mullins
Performing Arts Captain	Jeremiah Standfield    Noah Bowman

# SFX Mathematics Parent Evening



Following our School Review process in 2021, as a school we have prioritised **Mathematics** as a focus for Professional Learning for staff. Our goal is to ensure that we continue to challenge our students through purposeful learning experiences and instill in them a love for creative thinking and problem solving through Maths. We greatly value our partnerships with families and invite parents to join us in celebrating contemporary Maths learning with facilitator Rob Vingerhoets.

This promises to be an insightful and entertaining evening that shifts our thinking around learning in Mathematics and gives parents the confidence and know-how to support their child at home. We would love to see as many families as possible represented at this hands-on and practical Maths extravaganza!

***Please return the attached RSVP by Wednesday 23rd March, via the classroom tub.***

***Attendee numbers will need to be capped so please RSVP sooner rather than later.***

**Who:** Parents of SFX students

**When:** Monday 28th March

**Where:** Parish hall

**What Time:** 7:00-8:30pm

**Cost:** Gold coin donation

*Rob Vingerhoets is an experienced and highly effective educator and subject matter expert who has worked with teachers and students throughout Melbourne, country Victoria, interstate and overseas (New York City, Beijing). Prior to this he was a primary School Principal, Curriculum Coordinator and classroom teacher. He is an experienced teacher and author, having written a number of best-selling Maths resource books and numerous articles.*

*Rob is a popular and engaging presenter of hands-on and engaging Maths ideas and practices and he essentially believes and teaches by his credo that "Maths doesn't have to hurt".*

## About the facilitator



# SFX Mathematics Parent Evening

## RSVP

Please return your RSVP via the classroom office tub  
by Wednesday 23rd March

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I/ we will be attending the Mathematics Parent Evening on March 28th

Name:

Contact Number:

Name and class of children:

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