

NEWSLETTER NO.24

14th August 2025

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

Dear Parents,

Good afternoon to you all. How very exciting to be writing my very first newsletter to the SFX community. Unusual to be starting at this time of the year, but what is evident to me is that there are many wonderful processes and personnel here who ensure that life at SFX continues to tick on.

My first day saw a cascade of colour as the students entered in their magnificent Book Week costumes. WOW! Those costumes were very impressive and I have never seen a cohort of Yr 6 students so excited about costumes. In your last year at SFX it is about preparation for the next step in your education and making lasting memories. That was one to remember. As I have wandered through the playground and visited the classes so many of the children and parents have taken the time to come and introduce themselves to me. My key takeaways from St Francis Xavier Primary School right now is that it is a welcoming inclusive community. Thank you for your kindness and support so far.

Mrs. Nolen

2025 SCHOOL MUSICAL PRODUCTION 'PETER PAN'

We continue to prepare for our School Musical Production 'Peter Pan' that will be held at:

Venue: Magis Performing Arts Centre - Loyola College

Dates: Monday 8th September @ 7pm

Tuesday 9th September @ 7pm

Wednesday 10th September @ 7pm

Tickets went on sale on Monday and as mentioned last week the SFX community have risen to the occasion and we have sold over 1000 tickets already! Please ensure you purchase your ticket soon so as not to miss out.

We have decided to keep ticket prices the same as in 2023.

\$38 per adult ticket \$22 per child/concession

Peter Pan Program - \$10

SFX students who are performing will not need to purchase a ticket in the audience. A reminder that your ticket cost includes a link to the video of each of the productions. No more add on video sales. Now that's great value and a great memento for each family. Tickets can only be purchased through the QR code below or through this link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DEFSJ>



This promises to be one of the great SFX highlights of 2025. Our Year 5/6 lead actors have been rehearsing during their lunchtimes, our costumes look amazing, and our performance will bedazzle you. There's lots of hard work and preparation ahead. Ms Beamont our Performing Arts Teacher, Ms Kristina our Choreographer and the SFX staff are looking forward to giving you a night to remember. So now let's get on with the show!

PERFORMING ARTS

Core Costumes – to school by Week 5

Just a reminder for students to bring in their core costumes by Monday 18th August in a labelled bag and give to their class teacher. These will be handed back to students the day of the first performance and students are to wear their core costume to the theatre each night of the shows.

2025 – GROWING INTO GREATNESS

LETTER FROM MR CACHIA

Dear SFX Families and Students,

Whatever I say in this message cannot show the level of gratitude and appreciation I have for the efforts that were made in making my last week at SFX Montmorency and in Catholic education a memorable one.

From the wonderful Year 2SK assembly on Wednesday afternoon led by Ms Karakaltses and Ms Beamont which showed the ageing process attached to 40 years in education, to the St Mary MacKillop School Feast Day Mass on Friday celebrated by Father Michael our bell ringing champion and and led by Ms Bird our Faith Leader, to the well organised, and top secret guard of honour by the students and parents at the end of the school day, right through to the staff farewell dinner at Fondata on Friday night. I was so humbled in so many ways from all parts of the SFX school community.

Thank you to the parents who contributed to the 'Thank you + Farewell' message book. It is so beautiful to read your very kind messages. Thank you to the parents who contributed to my whole school gift package (*note these were not funds from the Parents Association fundraising*) but were generous individual donations. I was astonished by the generosity of the school community. Thanks also to the many parents who sent their own gifts and cards or who sent messages by email. Your words of praise and appreciation are so thoughtful and so greatly received.

Thanks to the SFX students who in their own way said thanks and farewell. It was sobering to see all of the Year 4's dressed like DJ Phil at School Camp earlier last week. And to our Year 6 leaders who were there at the start of my tenure in 2019 in Year Prep. Your leadership, your initiative and your example are a credit to you and your families.

To my incredible SFX staff who did so much to make my farewell special. I leave with such fond memories of our accomplishments together, the times that challenged us, the times we worked hard together for many long hours for the benefit of the students, the times we laughed with each other because it was the best antidote at the time and because we sometimes need to be human. I wish you well in your careers wherever they may take you. Without singling anyone out, I have to mention this collaboration between Mr Park, our Digital Technology teacher and Artificial Intelligence. Please take the time to play this link. It is **GOLD**, it is unique, it is unparalleled

<https://on.soundcloud.com/S2wd9DyvxQoTieNurX>

My hope and prayer is that you will enthusiastically embrace Mrs Nolen, your new Principal, and afford her the same support, positivity, respect you have given to me. My Principalship of almost six years will amount to zero if SFX school does not continue to thrive and flourish in the future.

In the words of the prayer of St Francis Xavier, may Lord Jesus continue to help SFX on its journey. God Bless you all and thank you.

Phillip Cachia

Principal Emeritus

Spirit of Jesus Awards

Term Three, Week Three, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Isobella W	For always helping your friends and being a positive role model in Prep BM. You consistently complete your work to a high standard. Keep up the great work, Isobella!
PJV	Zoe J	For returning to school from a long break, focussed on her work, reading simple texts fluently and having a go at writing unknown words using her letter sound knowledge. Amazing Work Zoe!
PRJ	Ilaria P	For being a very caring and helpful member of our class. She follows in Saint Mary MacKillop's footsteps as she 'Never sees a need without trying to do something about it.' She is always the first to reach out when someone needs assistance. Thank you so much Ilaria!
1CM	Asher N	For always offering a helping hand and doing things for others out of kindness. You show care and thoughtfulness in the way you help your classmates, making our classroom a friendly and welcoming place. Thank you Asher!
1KH	Maddison C	For the kindness you show through your words and actions. You are respectful, inclusive and generous. You make others feel listened to and that they belong. Thank you Maddie!

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1LC	Cleo G	For showing such great improvements in your writing skills. It has been wonderful to see you begin tasks confidently and focus on doing your best work. Keep it up Cleo!
2BB	Patrick Scott	For trying harder to show attentive listening during class time, and for showing lots of enthusiasm learning about multiplication in Maths. Great effort Pat!
2SK	Xavier C	For the quiet acts of kindness you have been showing this term, thanks for always lending a helping hand without expecting anything in return.
2SM	Matilda N	For your strong sense of persistence and leadership during our Book Week activities. You never gave up on challenging tasks and then you assisted others without being asked, encouraging them to keep trying too. Keep up the fantastic work!
3DH	Rishi K	You consistently display our school values, especially kindness in your interaction with your peers and teachers. Keep setting a great example, Rishi!
3HS	Olivia B	For working hard and taking care with everything that you do. You are a wonderful friend to others in class and you make sure that everyone is happy and included everyday!
4DO	Lenny T	Lenny beautifully exemplifies the Spirit of Jesus through his genuine kindness and unwavering fairness towards his peers. In the same way that Jesus showed love and respect to all, Lenny consistently treats his teachers and classmates with sincere respect and consideration. Through his thoughtful actions and respectful attitude, Lenny shines as a true example of compassion and integrity within our school community.
4MA	Imogen S	For always trying your best and showing a genuine love for learning. Your effort and enthusiasm inspire those around you. Keep it up Imogen!
5EG	Ted Norman	for showing exceptional commitment and resilience in all aspects of their learning. Ted approaches every task with a positive "can do" attitude and takes on feedback thoughtfully. Ted is

		a shining example of what it means to be a resilient learner at SFX.
5SN	Thomas Blair	For showing fantastic respect and responsibility while Mr Nugent was offsite. Setting a fine example and showing the expected standard of 5SN to another teacher! Great Work!
6AH	Isabelle R	You have worked hard to write thoughtful and original reflections on your memories at Saint Francis Xavier. Your dedication to presenting your work to a high standard, while carefully following the set criteria, is commendable. I am especially impressed with the commitment you have shown to your lead role in the musical.
6DM	Ben J	For committing wholeheartedly to every aspect of school life. You are a determined learner and challenge yourself at every chance. Everyone at SFX is grateful for the work you continue to do for others with your Zooper Dooper initiative. Thank you for being a wonderful role model to your peers.

TERM THREE/FOUR 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday 19th August 9.30 am - Welcome Mass Mrs Nolen / Feast of the Assumption
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
Thursday 4th September – Fathers’ Day Stall
Friday 5th September – Fathers’ Day Breakfast/Footy Colours Parade
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

Religious Education News

Welcome Mrs Nolen!

We warmly invite our SFX parents and parish community to join us in celebration at the Welcome Mass for Mrs Nolen and the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. All welcome!



Welcome Mass
for Mrs Nolen

and

Feast of the
Assumption of Mary



TUESDAY 19TH
AUGUST 2025
9.30AM

St Francis Xavier Church

Welcome Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the blessing of our new principal, Mrs Nolen. Grant Mrs Nolen your wisdom, strength and guidance as she leads our school. Let our prayers of encouragement support Mrs Nolen in her new role. May Mrs Nolen be blessed with a warm welcome and open hearts from our St Francis Xavier school community.

AMEN.



Thank you

Thank you to our Year Six parents who joined us on Monday evening at the Confirmation Parent Faith Night.

A reminder to please complete the 2025 Parish Confirmation Enrolment Google Form.

CAN YOUR BUSINESS/ FAMILY
SUPPORT OUR...

Dads' Day & Footy Colours Parade



A FREE MORNING FOR SFX DADS, GRANDDADS,
CARERS AND THEIR KIDS TO CONNECT AND HAVE FUN!

BUSINESS SPONSORS \$200, FAMILY SPONSORS \$100,
RAFFLE DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED!
CONTACT BROOKE 0402 742 893 BY FRI 22 AUG

THANKS TO GENEROUS
SUPPORTERS SO FAR:

Volunteer for September PA events!
volunteersignup.org/CDM8K



DON'T FORGET TO BOOK
YOUR TONY'S PIES -
DELIVERED TO SFX
THURSDAY 4 SEPT!



FAMILY STEAK PIES
JUST \$18,
QUICHES \$14,
MORE GREAT DEALS!



THE LAVRIC FAMILY
THE KALDOR FAMILY
THE O'MALLEY FAMILY



TONY'S PIES

