

NEWSLETTER 19

27th June 2024

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

Dear Families,
WINTER PRAYER

Lord,
In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce, remind us of the warmth of your love.
In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early remind us that in the darkness your light still shines. - Cal Wick

SEMESTER ONE PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Happening Today

Parent Teacher Interviews will take place today for all students. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and goals for Semester Two. We ask that parents are on time and respect the time limit as our classroom teachers have back-to-back appointments from 2pm until 8pm.

GOTCHA REWARD - CASUAL CLOTHES DAY ON FRIDAY

As part of our Positive Behaviour Management, students are rewarded 'Gotchas' for showing the school values of Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Safe and following our 6 school rules/expectations. Each day there is an opportunity for the whole school to get at least 6 gotchas following recess and lunch, which often happens and sometimes even more than 6 are awarded. These gotchas are then tallied and once we reach 500 points the wheel is spun and a whole school reward is prized. **On Friday 28th June children may wear casual clothes to school** as this was the reward that was spun. Well done SFX students on gaining this reward.



REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Ava and Abigail who competed in the regional athletics on Friday. Both girls left camp early to participate and should be very proud of their efforts. Well done on representing our school so beautifully.

YEAR 3 & 4 CONSERVATION CONFERENCE

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 Students who on Tuesday shared their discoveries and learnings about "What



will our impact be?" at their Conservation Conference.



This was part of their Inquiry learning based on 'Our Incredible Earth'.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

A reminder that students should not be bringing any toys to school. These are becoming a distraction to their learning and the learning of others. They are also causing unnecessary stress on students (and staff) when they are misplaced. Toys include sporting equipment, dolls, stuffed animals etc. The school provides plenty of equipment for students to play with at school. Whilst some students may need a fidget toy, these should be discussed with your classroom teacher and/or Student Diversity Leader Deb Butler and should be something small that can fit in the palm of their hand or pocket. We ask parents to support us so that all our students may flourish in their learning.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AT SFX - THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you again for your organisation and ongoing support. Thank you also to your enthusiastic student leaders who efficiently and effectively moved and unpacked the donated goods. They are a very impressive group of young people. This very well-stocked food store will enable us to look after a number of families in need for many weeks to come. - John R



Spirit of Jesus Awards Term Two, Week Eleven, 2024

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Archie Tomkins	For trying your hardest and having a go when sounding out new letters with new sounds. I am so proud of you!

2024 - TOGETHER WE SHINE

PJV	Jed Katsanevakis	For always approaching every activity with a “can do “ attitude and for the care he shows all his classmates. Super Work Jed!
PRJ	Remington Jesser	For all the great work he has been doing with his reading and writing. He is a determined worker who always tries to do his best. Well done Remington!
1HS	Jacob Leung	For consistently setting a great example for his classmates by staying focused and giving all tasks his best effort. Well done Jacob!
1LC	Isaac Barnes	For working hard to improve your handwriting and settling back into our school routines so quickly. Well done Isaac!
2SK	Matteo Tsekouras	For the effort you have been putting into your maths when faced with a new challenge and showing how you have learnt from making mistakes. Fantastic resilience Matteo!
2SM	Madeleine Douglas	For working hard to segment and blend words during UFLI this week. Well Done Madeleine!
3DH	Zoe O’Connell	Well done Zoe for always giving everything a go and being a kind and considerate member of our class. Keep it up!
3JW	Imogen Saward	For being a focused and passionate learner who always puts in 100%! Keep up the great work Imogen!
4AH	Sonny Ciavola	For his huge effort to focus, contribute to class discussions and make the most of his learning.
4MA	Caelan Cummings	For showing respect towards others and always lending a helping hand. Congratulations Caelan!
5AM	Imogen Stranes	For your positive attitude during our hike at Mt Donna Buang, your resilience was admirable. Well Done Immie!
5BB	Madeleine Nealy	For being a positive ray of sunshine on school camp. I loved how you gave EVERYTHING a go and supported your classmates to have a positive camp experience too.
6AH	Martha Hamilton	For completing a wonderful semester of work in Grade 6. You are always kind, caring and accept everyone for

		who they are. Keep up the brilliant work Martha!
6DM	Ellie Harvey	For being a determined learner who never gives up. You have persisted in every task this semester and have started to realise how capable you are. You should be very proud of your growth Ellie!

SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 2 & 3 2024

Thursday 27th June – Parent Teacher Interviews Year P to 6
Friday 28th June – Term 2 concludes @ 1pm
Monday 15th July – Term 3 commences for all students at 8.55am
Thursday 18th July - School Tour for Prospective Parents
Friday 19th July – Summer Interschool Sport begins – Year 4-6
Saturday 20th July: SFX Mums’ night Paint and Sip
Friday 26th July - School Tour for Prospective Parents
Tuesday 30th July – District Athletics Competition
Tuesday 30th July - School Tour for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 31st July – Confirmation Practice at St. Patrick’s Cathedral for Confirmation Candidates
Wednesday 31st July – School Advisory Committee Mtg @ 7pm
Sunday 4th August – Sacrament of Confirmation @ 2.30pm
Monday 5th August - School Tour for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 7th August – Parents Association Meeting -7pm
Wednesday 14th August - School Tour for Prospective Parents
Monday 19th August – Book Week 2024 “Reading is Magic”
Thursday 22nd August – School Closure Day ‘Vision & Mission.’
Friday 23rd August - **School Tour for Prospective Parents**
Saturday 24th August: SFX Parents’ Mixer event
Monday 26th August – Year 3/4 School Camp Oasis Mt Evelyn
Tuesday 27th August – Year 4 School Camp Oasis Mt Evelyn
Wednesday 28th August - School Tour for Prospective Parents
Thursday 29th August _ Father’s Day Stall
Friday 30th August – Fathers’ Day Breakfast & Footy Parade
Wednesday 4th September – School Advisory Committee @ 7pm
Thursday 5th September - School Tour for Prospective Parents
Monday 9th September - School Tour for Prospective Parents
Wednesday 11th September – Parents Association Meeting 7pm
Monday 16th September – 2024 LOTE Mandarin Day
Wednesday 18th September - School Tour for Prospective Parents
Friday 20th September – Term Three concludes @ 1pm

We wish all our students, staff and family a safe 2-week winter break. Enjoy the late morning starts, the lazy indoor days as well as some time outside in nature to recharge the batteries, ready for Semester Two.

Patrizia Rinaldo
Acting Principal

2024 – TOGETHER WE SHINE

What's been happening...

This final week of term 2, we have been celebrating Insect Week, with a range of crafts such as butterfly mirror painting, egg carton bugs, insect fruit painting, among many other things such as the dancing worm's science experiment!

Last Wednesday we held a 'Bubble Fun Run', and completed an obstacle course blowing bubbles, to get our steps up as we Fundraise for The Smith Family Dream Run! Thank you to everyone who has donated to this amazing fundraiser this month!

Alongside Insect Week, we have had lots of fun continuing engaging in our clubs, cooking German Potato Pancakes, baking Banana Bread, making Tanghulu, and creating clay masterpieces. We also tested ourselves as we completed challenges in our 'Minute to Win It' Friday Funday session. We won awesome prizes as we completed challenges including 'suck it up', 'balloon blow' and 'chopstick challenge'. We are excited to celebrate our final Friday Funday of the term, with a party to kick off the holidays! We hope to see you all there!

Photo gallery...



German Potato Pancakes...

Ingredients:

- 1 pound of potatoes
- 1 small onion
- Pinch of salt & pepper
- 3 tablespoons of flour
- 1 egg
- Oil for frying

Method:

1. Wash and peel potatoes & onion
2. Grate potatoes & onions
3. Squeeze out excess water from potatoes and onion
4. Add salt, pepper, flour and egg to the bowl of potatoes and onion
5. Mix together (best mixed with hands)
6. Heat oil in a pan, scoop mixture into the size of a tablespoon and cook until both sides are golden
7. Rest on paper towel to absorb excess oil

Bookings essential:

Holiday Programs available at the following schools:

- Our Ladies Help of Christian Primary School OSHClub
- Banyule Primary School OSHClub
- Greensborough Primary School OSHClub
- Research Primary School OSHClub

Scan the QR code to find out more and secure your spot!

