

NEWSLETTER NO.25

21st August 2025

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

Dear Parents,

As we settle into the second half of Term 3, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your ongoing support—especially as the chill of August seems to be making its presence well known! Tuesday was very special as we marked a significant moment in the Liturgical calendar; The feast of the Assumption of Mary. Our whole school mass was beautifully led by our students and I felt very humbled by the warm welcome I received. Thanks to Fr Michael and Mrs Bird for her efforts in preparing the liturgy.



Wednesday continued in the get to know Mrs. Nolen theme with a fun assembly presentation by our 2BB class. Thanks 2BB and Ms. Bourke. I look forward to watching my plant grow!

We are now in the final stages of preparation for our performance of 'Peter Pan', and the energy across the school is incredible. From rehearsals in the hall to costume fittings and final script run-throughs, the students have shown such dedication and creativity. We're so excited to share their hard work with you—this year's production promises to be something truly magical. A reminder that performance night. Tickets are selling fast. For those who still need tickets please use this link <https://www.trybooking.com/DEFSJ>

Venue: Magis Performing Arts Centre - Loyola College

Dates: Monday 8th September @ 7pm

Tuesday 9th September @ 7pm

Wednesday 10th September @ 7pm

In addition to the performance rehearsals, we have also been welcoming our school reviewer: Gaynor Robson- Garth. This is a routine part of our school improvement cycle and a valuable opportunity to showcase the strengths of our school community. The reviewer spent time speaking with staff and students and members of our parent community, and then provided us with feedback that will guide future planning.

Stay warm! Kind regards,

Mrs. Nolen

Performing Arts

Whole School Dress Rehearsal at SFX on Monday 1st September

To help prepare for our forthcoming production of Peter Pan the Musical, we will have a whole school dress rehearsal on Monday 1st September in the SFX hall. It is really important to attend school that day especially if you are a lead! On the day as a whole school our timetable may run a little differently so we can have a full run through!

Thank you to all the Year 5/6 lead and understudy students (and parents) for all your hardwork learning your lines. Everything is going well and we can't wait to share our amazing performance with you.

Reflecting on Bullying No Way Week at SFX

Last week, SFX proudly participated in Bullying No Way Week, and it was wonderful to see the sea of purple across our school community. Wearing purple helped us to recognise and understand the importance of this national week of action.

Each day, our PBM leaders Lilyanne, Darlie, and Mia guided the school by reading daily messages that encouraged everyone to live out this year's theme: Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up. These messages linked closely to our SFX values of kindness, respect, resilience, and responsibility.

Throughout the week, classes also participated in activities during their wellbeing lessons, where students explored what bullying is, how it impacts others, and what they can do if they ever experience or witness it. An important part of these conversations was helping students understand that the word bullying is sometimes used incorrectly. Bullying is not the same as conflict or a single act of unkindness. While unkind behaviour is never acceptable and is discouraged, it can sometimes be part of children learning to manage their emotions and relationships. Bullying, however, is repeated behaviour, carried out over time, with the intention to cause harm. Understanding this difference helps students recognise when something is bullying and when it is not, and ensures they know how and when to seek the right support. Bullying No Way Week is a nationwide campaign, with thousands of schools and supporters taking part. It is about making a clear commitment to bullying prevention and

working together as a community to stop bullying before it starts.

The theme reminds us that:

- It takes a community to be brave and address bullying behaviours, both within and beyond the school gate.
- Students can be bold, kind, and speak up to support others.
- Trusted adults are always there to listen, help, and guide children in knowing how to respond.



We encourage families to keep these conversations going at home. Ask your child what they learned last week in their wellbeing lessons, and talk with them about how they can respond if they see or experience bullying. Remind them that bullying is never

okay, and that by speaking up and supporting others, they can help build a safe and caring community.

For more information, please visit [bullyingnoway.gov.au](https://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au). You can also access our school's bullying prevention policy on the schools website.



Together, we can continue to



foster a culture where everyone feels safe, respected, and valued.

Spirit of Jesus Awards
Term Three, Week Four, 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!
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 S	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 N	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 B	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.

SPORT'S NEWS

Interschool Sport

Last week we hosted Eltham North Primary School. Results are as follows:

ROUND 2 - 15th August SFX vs Eltham North				
Basketball	Volleyball	Cricket	Downball	Softball
Boys Lost 11 to 31 Girls Won 26 to 25	Boys Lost 1 to 2 Girls Lost 0 to 2	Boys Lost 96 to 144 Girls Lost 64 to 187	Won 12 to 8	Won 20 to 6

This week we play Holy Trinity away

Teeball

Congratulations to the teeball team on their efforts last Tuesday in the Regional Softball. They showed great resilience in each of their games against skilled teams and gave their best. They won 1 of their four games and finished 5th in the region overall. This is a fantastic effort from all the boys and their skills and understanding of the game has developed immensely. Thanks to Mr Nugent for his support on the day and to Mr Anderson for his organization.

Athletics

In the other big event last Tuesday we had 50 students attend the District Athletics carnival. Again all the students gave their

best effort. See the report below on some of their achievements on the day

On the 12th of August 50 SFX students represented our school for district athletics. All the students did so well there are 15 students going on to division. We congratulate the following, Amalai B, Caelen C, Ava N, Ari M, Owen B, Chloe C, Lenny T, Mitchell S, Jaxon A, Vivienne L, Daniel J, Poppy B, Xavier S, Evie K, Leo N, Jed H, Marcus A, Jude A, Sienna D, Charley C, Poppy K, Isabelle A, Charlotte B, Claudia M, Sonny C. Congratulations to all those individual events. Congratulations to all the relay students! Evie D, Amali B, Charlotte B and Chloe C who competed in the 9/10 girls and came 3rd. Leo N, Angus Z, Alex K and Jed H who competed in 9/10 boys and came 3rd as well. Lakshmi K, Lucy M, Claudia M and Alice S who were in 11 year old girls and placed 4th place. Marcus A, Daniel J, Kai O and Jude A who were also in 11th year olds 2nd and get to compete in the next round. Emmabelle A, Ava N, Sienna D and Charley C in the 12/13 year olds and unfortunately came 4th. also the 12/13 boys, Jaxon Av, Owen B, Mitchell St and Ari M who were so lucky and came 1st!

We are all so proud of our SFX students who did an amazing job - (Jaxon A & Vivienne L)

Thanks to Mr Anderson for his organisation of trials and coordinating the team and to Ms Rinaldo and Joel for helping on the day.

TERM THREE/FOUR 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Newsletter Notice



Little Athletics is Back!



St Mary's Little Athletics Club invites children aged 5–16 to join a season of fun, fitness, and friendships.



Registration Day: Saturday 6th September, 10 am–12 pm



Willinda Park, Greensborough



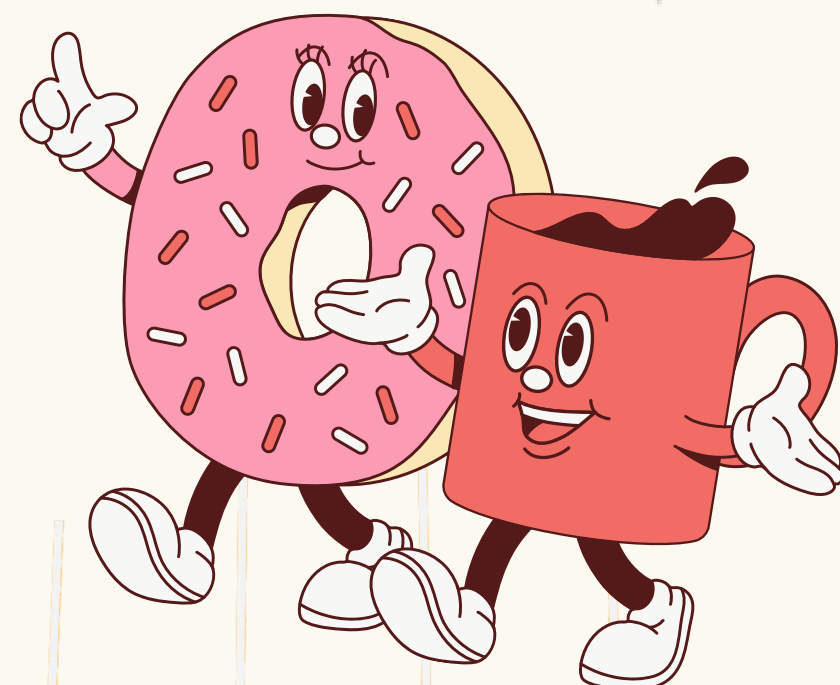
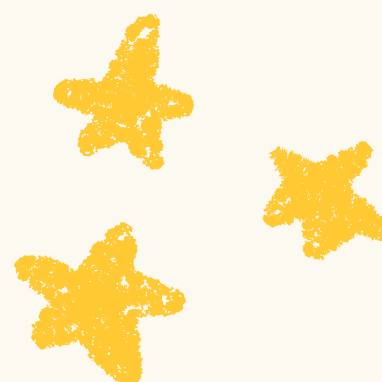
Free sausage sizzle!

Email stmarys@dvllac.com.au for more information.

2025 – GROWING INTO GREATNESS

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Dads' Day & Footy Colours



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SFX PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thursday 4 September

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YOUR TONY'S PIES -
DELIVERED TO SFX
THURSDAY 4 SEPT!**



**STOCK UP FOR
FOOTY FINALS,
MUSICAL WEEK
EVERYTHING!**

TONY'S PIES



Religious Education News

Mass at St Francis Xavier

Thank you to our SFX parents, families and parishioners who joined us recently at our two whole school Masses: the Farewell Mass for Mr Cachia and the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and our Welcome Mass for Mrs Nolen and the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. We are grateful for your support and attendance.



Thank you

Thank you to our SFX students who took on a special role during Mass, including our many readers from Prep-Six and our Year Six school leaders.

We congratulate these children and thank them for their active participation.





SFX
BOOKWEEK
2025



Visual Arts News



Celebrating NAIDOC week 2025

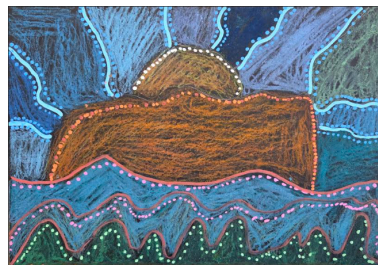


THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY 6-13 JULY 2025

As NAIDOC week falls during the school holidays, in weeks 1 & 2 of Term 3 the students at SFX celebrate NAIDOC week as part of their Visual Arts lessons. The students from Prep to Six learnt about and reflected on the 2025 NAIDOC week theme '*The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy*.' They explored the artwork titled 'Ancestral Lines' by Indigenous Australian artist Jeremy Morgan Worrall, which was chosen to feature on the NAIDOC week poster for 2025. Each year level then completed an art work in response to the theme and took inspiration from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and culture.

Congratulations to the following students for creating some stand out pieces!

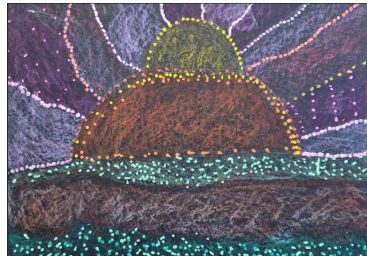
'Uluru Landscape' Year 3 & 4



Olivia Burkhart 3HS



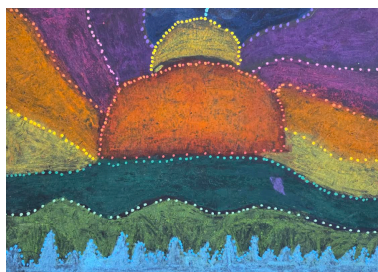
Harvey Lavric 3HS



Agnes Key 3DH



Bonaventure White 3DH



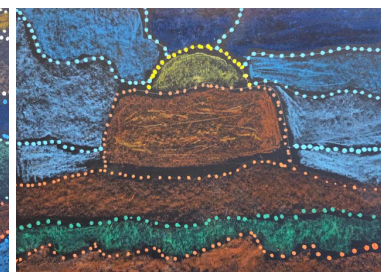
Isabelle Alexander 4DO



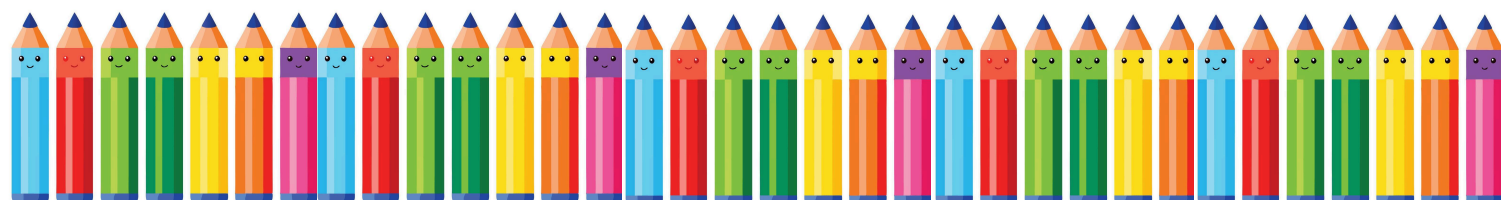
Zander Tsekouras 4DO



Luca Gasparini 4MA



Charlotte Byrne 4MA



'Dot Mandalas' Year 5 & 6



Claudia McParland 6AH



Poppy Blair 6DM



Anna Cusack 6DM



Emmabelle Angelucci 6AH



Eli Zoroje 6AH



Jemma Hoseason 6DM

'Gum Leaf Wreath' Year 1 & 2 Collaborative project



'The Rainbow Serpent' collaborative project Prep RJ, Prep JV & Prep BM



What's been happening...

This week we welcome our School's new Principal, Mrs Nolen. We hope that you will love it here at St Francis Xavier and we welcome you to visit the service at any time to see the children in action. We also welcome Chanel back from a well deserved holiday. Together we are ready to bring a lot of energy and fun to our OSHClub family.

This week the children have enjoyed making Slime, loads of science experiments with Professor Raspberry and we even made our own Homemade Icecream. The menu has included Sushi Noodle Bowls, pasta, Nachos, pinwheels and platters of fresh fruit and Veg.

Here at OSHClub we believe in practicing Great Oral Hygiene and to encourage same we have complimentary Toothbrushes and toothpaste samples available for our families at no charge. Why not pop in and collect one for your child/ren while stocks last.

Hopefully we will see you at the service very soon so you can join in the excitement too.

Photo gallery...



Recipe for you at home

HOMEMADE ICECREAM

Ingredients:

- 1 tin of Sweetend Condensed Milk
- 1 Tub of Thickened cream 600ml
- Food Colouring
- Vanilla Essence
- Sprinkles for decoration
- (You can add fresh fruit if desired)

Method:

- In a bowl mix Condensed milk and Cream
- Add a few drops of food colouring and Vanilla Essence.
- Using an electric hand mixer, beat until thickened
- Place in cake tin and freeze until firmly set.
- Serve on its own or with fruit.
- Enjoy.



Coming up...

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STEM Activities: This week as listed below. These come at NO EXTRA COST to families.

Clubs:

Friday Stay and Play

Cooking club.

Thursday Stay and Play:

Bop Til You Drop Science Experiments at NO additional cost to Families (bookings essential).

Friday Rise and Shine AND Stay and Play:

Friday Funday (new theme each week)

Mon-Fri [BSC: 7am to 9 am | ASC: 3:00pm to 6:00pm]

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RAISING FATHERS

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7.00PM - 8.30PM

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