

## NEWSLETTER NO.28

11<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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

Dear Parents,

*"So come with me, where dreams are born, and time is never planned. Just think of happy things, and your heart will fly on wings, forever, in Never Never Land!"*



Happy dreams certainly came to fruition this week as our very talented students put on a stellar performance. They shone as they sang and danced their hearts out to SFX's Peter Pan to a packed house each night. A real credit to their commitment and dedication, working through nerves with the perfect amount of preparation and belief.

I want to extend my gratitude to the extraordinary staff who generously put in the hours to make this happen. Without them none of this would be possible.

A huge thank you to the community for embracing our later starts. This has been critical to ensuring the children were well-rested and energised for the performances. I'm sure it made for happier mornings in many households with the sleep in. We hope the children have a well earned rest today. (Please note that due to our *Rest and Recover* day, we have postponed Zooper Dooper Thursday to next Thursday 18th September.)

### MACSIS Survey

Annually we survey our community; staff, students and families to gauge what our successes are and any opportunities for growth. This week some randomly selected families across the school received a letter with their particular login details. We would dearly love as many of these families as possible to take a moment to share their perspective. This information is certainly important in our review processes. Please the closing date is Friday 19th of September.

### Father's Day Thank You

Last Friday we had a very successful and well attended Father's Day breakfast. The sun was shining as the dads had their coffee and breakfast. A real highlight was the parade that was enjoyed by fathers and students alike. A huge shout out to the PA for organising the activities, food and raffle prizes. A true celebration of our dads at SFX.

### Year 5 and 6 Camp – Phillip Island

Next term our 5 and 6 students will be going on a 2 night camp to Phillip Island (19 - 21 November). As a heads up, we wanted to inform families that this year the cost for this camp has increased to a fee of \$400. Much preparation is going on behind the scenes and information and permission slips will go home first thing next term.

Finally we want to remind families that Term 3 comes to an end next Friday 19th of September with an early finish at 1pm. Have a great week

*Mrs. Nolen*

### Spirit of Jesus Awards

#### Term Three, Week Seven, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Bonnie Z	For always being a role model who gives her best, stays focused, and loves taking on challenges to keep learning and growing. Keep it up, Bonnie!
PJV	Charlie K	For showing great listening skills and focus during explicit teaching times. This has resulted in fantastic development of your reading skills demonstrating excellent decoding and improving fluency. Amazing work Charlie!
PRJ	Eleanor H	For being a happy, kind & hard working member of our class who always has a beautiful smile on her face. Thank you for making each day brighter in our classroom and for all the dedication you put into your learning. Well done Eleanor!
	Beau W	For being a hard working member of our class. It is great the way you 'Have A Go' with all the different things we do in Prep RJ and the joy you show in all your achievements. Well done Beau!
1CM	Aurelia W	For being a respectful, kind and responsible learner in our classroom. You listen attentively, take pride in your work and set a wonderful example of

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		kindness for others. Thank you for being such a fantastic role model!
<b>1KH</b>	Lara M	For consistently demonstrating responsibility in the classroom. You begin learning tasks promptly, listen respectfully to others, and actively participate in class discussions. This has been particularly evident during Maths lessons. Your positive attitude and dedication to learning set a wonderful example for others. Keep up the great work!
<b>1LC</b>	Coco H	For demonstrating focus and fantastic listening skills during maths lessons. It was fabulous to see you confidently sharing and grouping. Amazing work Coco!
<b>2SK</b>	Johanna L	For the kindness you showed to a classmate when they were alone and upset on the playground. Thanks for letting them know they are cared for, keep it up!
<b>2SM</b>	Ari K	For the high attention to detail he puts into each and every task he completes. You are meticulous and always ensure your work is neatly presented and done to a high standard. Keep up the fantastic work Ari!
<b>3DH</b>	Luca T	Well done for always demonstrating kindness to your peers and setting an excellent example for others to follow. Keep showing these strong qualities!
<b>3HS</b>	Joshua S	For working hard researching Malta. You have shown a great interest in learning more about where your family has come from and enjoy sharing with the class. Keep up the hard work!
<b>4DO</b>	Ashton	For believing in his talents, staying focused, and achieving success in Maths, showing that when we use the gifts God gives us, we grow and flourish.
<b>4MA</b>	Florence D	For working hard to improve your writing and showing persistence. Your dedication is helping you make wonderful progress. Well done Florence!
<b>5EG</b>	Laksmi K	For showing courage and resilience by stepping up to the lead singing role in the musical. You have shown great resilience by taking on feedback with grace, and faced each challenge with a positive and open heart.

<b>5SN</b>	Marcus A	For his hard work recently, especially in his writing, remaining focussed and producing some fantastic pieces, especially his convict letter & information report on Migrant groups.
	Charlie S	For his outstanding effort in juggling a main role in Peter Pan while continuing to improve his creative writing and classroom effort.
<b>6AH</b>	Coben G	We would like to acknowledge the commitment you have shown to your role in the production. Your dedication and extra effort in staying on top of your assignments have not gone unnoticed. We are truly impressed by the maturity you have demonstrated amongst your peers.
<b>6DM</b>	Sienna D	We love the dedication you show towards your leadership role. Supporting Mr Anderson with Prep lessons, running the lunchtime sports clubs and leading from the front with your sporting talents. Congratulations on being a wonderful role model and leading by example Sienna!

## SPORT'S NEWS

### Interschool Sport

Last week we played our neighbours at Montmorency. Results are below:

ROUND 5- 5th September SFX vs Montmorency PS				
Basketball	Volleyball	Cricket	Downball	Softball
Boys Won 46 to 45 Girls Won 25 to 1	Boys Won 2 to 0 Girls Won 2 to 0	Boys Lost 104 to 169 Girls Won 134 to 101	Won 11 to	Won 21 to 15

*This Friday is the last game against Eltham Primary School*

### Athletics

On Monday we had 12 students compete in the Nillumbik Division Athletics day. We congratulate all those students on their efforts.

### Hooptime

Next Tuesday we have 4 teams competing in hooptime at Coburg. We wish them luck.

### Growing Into Greatness

Our students continue to 'Grow into greatness' both in school and in local sporting groups.

Coben G (6AH) is to be congratulated on his efforts in the Judo Victoria Spring Tournament 2025 for the under 55kg weight category. He won all his fights to receive the Gold medal.

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Additionally Cade G (2SM) won the silver medal for the under 26 kg weight category. Wonderful news!

We also congratulate the following students for their success in receiving a new belt in Jiu Jitsu. Madeline N earned a yellow belt (level six) and Ethan N received a yellow white belt (level 5). Congratulations to Charlotte and Angus A who also graded and got new grey belts (level 3).

#### **Discovery Centre News**

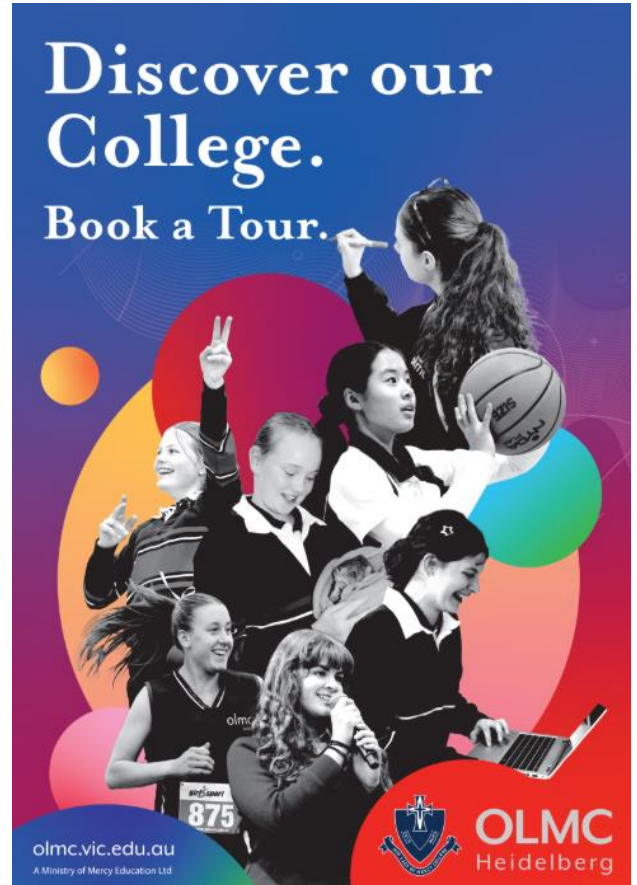
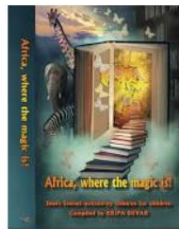
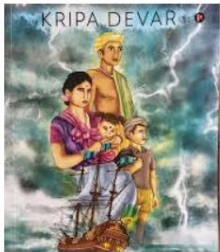
**Year 5 Author incursion : Kripa Devar - Thursday 18th September**

Kripa Devar (the grandmother of Puja and Kirthan) is an English teacher and author who is coming in to visit our Year 5 students to talk about her life and writing. Her books reflect her love for culture, history, and adventure and her mission is to inspire children to dream, to nurture resilience, and to spark a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Her first book "The forgotten fort" from the series "Legend of the Hidden Temple" was inspired during her travels and living abroad in India and England.

Her compilation of short stories "Africa, where the magic is" was written by children of Africa for children, and takes the reader on a magical trip through Africa.

We are really looking forward to Kripa's visit and being taken on a cultural adventure.



<https://www.olmc.vic.edu.au/enrolments/college-tours>

#### **TERM THREE/FOUR 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September — School Tour for Prospective Parents @ 11.30am**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – MACSSIS Parent Survey closes**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Term 3 concludes @ 1pm**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October –Term 4 commences for P-6 students @ 8.55am**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Term 4 concludes @ 1pm**



## What's been happening...

Exciting times happening both at School and here at St Francis Xavier OSHClub. The children were incredibly busy the last two weeks making some amazing gifts for Father's Day. We hope that you enjoyed receiving them as much as the children enjoyed making them. This coming week we just want to remember to ask that you are all okay. Together with it being Child Protection week, our focus is on peace of mind and safety. We at OSHClub hope that you are taking time to be kind to yourselves and doing something that will put a smile on your face. Our children will be very happy doing calming activities as discussed in our mini meetings and having a wonderful menu that this week will include fresh sandwiches, homemade pumpkin soup, yogurt cones and loads of fresh fruit & veg. Holidays are fast approaching and bookings are open at our three neighbouring programs for Holiday Program (Banyule, Greensborough and Research). Come check out the fun, make new friends and play with old ones. Hope to see you at OSHClub (and Holiday Program) soon.

## Photo gallery...



## Recipe for you at home

### CHOCOLATE BALLS

#### Ingredients:

- 1 packet of marie/milk arrowroot biscuits
- 1 tin of sweetened condensed milk
- Desiccated Coconut
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of Cocoa Powder

#### Method:

- In a bowl crush the marie biscuits until bread crumb texture
- Add cocoa and condensed milk
- Add 1 heaped cup of desiccated coconut
- Mix well.
- Using a teaspoon roll into balls then roll around and coat in desiccated coconut. Place on a tray.
- Chill for an hour in fridge.
- Enjoy

## Coming up...

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#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

Don't forget to book into one of our wonderful services soon.

#### Clubs:

Stay and Play

Cooking club.

Thursday Stay and Play:

R.U. OK day.

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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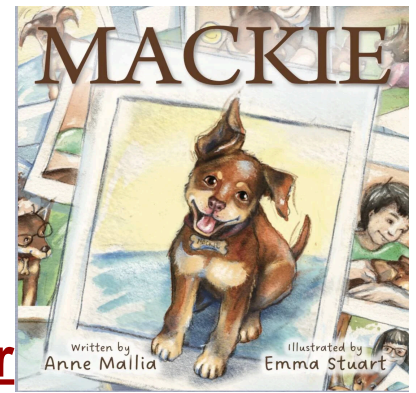
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**Special Author visit -**  
**Prep and Year 1 -**  
**Wednesday 17th September**



We always enjoy welcoming local authors to our school. Anne Mallia, who lives in Briar Hill has written a book celebrating the bond between a dog and her family showing us that every day is an adventure when love is at the centre. Mackie is an adventurous kelpie puppy who loves learning new things and enjoying quiet moments with her family. At the incursion every student will receive a “Mackie little author pack” which includes a blank notebook, paw print rubber, pencil and sharpener.

We will be purchasing a book and Mackie plush toy for the Discovery Centre. If you would like to purchase the “Mackie” picture book, it can be ordered on the form here. The book is \$25.00 (a special price for SFX). There is also a Mackie pack, which includes a plush toy. You can either send money to school in a named envelope or pay by credit card on Bank details supplied here. Anne will sign her book for you.

We are really looking forward to welcoming Anne and MACKIE to our school.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Inscription	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
MACKIE book 24cm x24cm Hard Cover			\$25.00	
MACKIE PACK- Inc Book, MACKIE plush + FREE MACKIE library bag			\$55.00	

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank Details**

BSB: 033-053

Acc: 873180

Reference Surname

NOTES: Nominate collar color choice if purchasing MACKIE plush.

(red, dark blue, light blue, light pink, dark pink, brown, yellow, orange, teal, purple, dark green, light green, black)





# Little Rockets Book Club




**Little Rockets Book Club** is a school holiday program for preschool aged children that is facilitated by an Occupational Therapist. The program focuses on supporting children to develop their fine motor skills, social interactions and group participation through re-enacting much loved children's story books.

**Option 1 - The Snail and the Whale**  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept (4 days)  
10 - 11:30am

**Option 2 - Room on the Broom**  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct (4 days)  
10 - 11:30am

**Option 3 - Both programs**



**Register online**



**Program Location:**  
Conisotn St Family Centre  
28 Conisoton St, Diamond Creek




# Little Rockets playgroup




**Wednesdays @ 9:30am**  
**over the school term**

**Conniston St Family Centre**  
**Diamond Creek**  
**\$40 term fee**

**This playgroup runs the Mother Goose program, which focuses on connection and regulation through song and rhyme. The sessions are facilitated by an OT and Early Childhood Educator. They are designed for children aged 0 - 3 yrs.**

**Register online**




[www.littlerocketschildrensclinic.au](http://www.littlerocketschildrensclinic.au)

 This playgroup is part of Little Rockets' Social Enterprise Program - we are passionate about providing easy access to developmental support for local families




# School Readiness program





**Holiday Program**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan**  
**10 - 11:30am**  
**Coniston St Family Centre**  
**Diamond Creek VIC**

This program is facilitated by an Occupational Therapist and Allied Health Assistant. Our aim is to support children to develop skills that will support their participation in the classroom. This includes social interactions, attention, engagement in teacher-led tasks and fine motor tasks.

**Register today!**



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