

## NEWSLETTER NO.29

18<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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

Dear Parents,

The pixie dust is still settling after our *Peter Pan* production, and the students are gently floating back to earth after their time soaring on stage.

As promised (no need to crow about it!), included with your ticket to Neverland is a free download of each magical performance. In the past, families had to shell out \$25 for a DVD, but this year, it's *as free as Peter himself*—no strings (or wires) attached!

Here are the performance dates for your viewing pleasure:

🔔 Night #1 – Monday, 8th September

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/8khfhyiwz5nfginuvtbjm/2025\\_09\\_08\\_St\\_Francis\\_Xavier\\_Night\\_One.mp4?rlkey=942undilmtg1hokgf84ur8z7z&st=5o6zi36r&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/8khfhyiwz5nfginuvtbjm/2025_09_08_St_Francis_Xavier_Night_One.mp4?rlkey=942undilmtg1hokgf84ur8z7z&st=5o6zi36r&dl=0)

🔔 Night #2 – Tuesday, 9th September

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/hgmfo7jxs011vq6b69og/2025\\_09\\_09\\_St\\_Francis\\_Xavier\\_Night\\_Two.mp4?rlkey=rutuly6qi9f68nnyvlr2g4oa2&st=lpdtxj5&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/hgmfo7jxs011vq6b69og/2025_09_09_St_Francis_Xavier_Night_Two.mp4?rlkey=rutuly6qi9f68nnyvlr2g4oa2&st=lpdtxj5&dl=0)

🔔 Night #3 – Wednesday, 10th September

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/9sojdsq716dmlumo9wan3/2025\\_09\\_10\\_St\\_Francis\\_Xavier\\_Night\\_Three.mp4?rlkey=c5r6a954slzxpcauhsdp60sop&st=0ltfwmjv&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/9sojdsq716dmlumo9wan3/2025_09_10_St_Francis_Xavier_Night_Three.mp4?rlkey=c5r6a954slzxpcauhsdp60sop&st=0ltfwmjv&dl=0)

Please make sure to download your copy before it flies off into the Second Star to the Right—the videos will disappear from the servers at the end of the year.

These performances are just the thing to keep your young Lost Boys and Girls entertained during the upcoming school holidays. Perfect for a cozy day in the nursery!

A heartfelt *thank-you* to all the families who sent in their kind words. Your messages sprinkled a bit of fairy dust on our weary SFX staff—after three magical nights, it's that kind of encouragement that truly helps us fly toward the end of term.

### **This week we welcomed Gaynor Robson- Garth back to SFX to share with us her findings from our recent review.**

As a new principal coming in, the process was both enlightening and reassuring. I heard the story of SFX and the pride with which the staff, students and parents spoke about the school. The feedback was constructive, balanced, and grounded in the context of our school's goals and challenges. The review affirmed much of the work already underway, while also offering fresh insights and recommendations that will shape the next stage of our School Strategic Plan. Importantly, it reinforced the importance of collaboration, data-informed practice, and shared leadership in driving school improvement. I share the sentiments of our reviewer Gaynor who highlighted the meticulous work of Patrizia Rinaldo in the

preparation of the policies and evidence and wish to thank and acknowledge her efforts.

**Today we were privileged to participate in a smoking ceremony led by Uncle Trevor** who was accompanied by Matt on the didgeridoo. Thanks to our fire carriers and student leaders who helped play a part in this ceremony. Our Year 1 and 2 students also enjoyed the yarning circle as they learnt more about the indigenous culture. Thanks to Ms Hoseason for her organisation of the day.



A reminder to those selected families across the school who received a letter with their particular login details for the 2025 **MACSSIS survey**. Please note the closing date is Friday 19th of September. Thanks to the many families who have already replied.

### **Uniform**

As we head into some warmer weather it is a timely reminder about the uniform expectations at SFX. While the weather is moving from cold to warm, students are permitted to wear either the winter or summer uniform but it **MUST** be either or, not a merge of the two. This also includes wearing all black shoes and all white socks. (no logos) Please also note jewellery expectations. Students are not to wear rings, bracelets, anklets, or necklaces. The only exception to necklaces is if students are wearing a faith based necklace, i.e. with a cross, that is 14-16 inches and sits under their uniform. Students are permitted to wear earrings that are small studs or small sleepers. Please support our school in ensuring your child is in the correct uniform each and every day. In Term 4 remember we are a sun smart school and all students need to be wearing a school hat to play outside. **No hat no play.**

**Tomorrow we have an early finish at 1pm.** School will resume in **Term 4 on Monday 6th of October.** We wish all

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our families a happy and safe break. Good luck to your football team if they are still in the finals race!

*Mrs. Nolen*

### Spirit of Jesus Awards - Term 3 Week Eight, 2025

| Class      | Student    | Reason   |
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| <b>PBM</b> | Issac S    | For the enthusiasm and effort shown in our performance and all of our rehearsals, you rocked it from start to finish. Keep up the great work, Isaac!   |
| <b>PJV</b> | Bodhi M    | For the way you embraced our concert experience, singing and dancing with everything you have. You made the most of your front row role. A Star is born! Amazing work Bodhi  |
| <b>PRJ</b> | Leo M V    | For all the good work he has been doing with his reading and maths. He is learning to be a focused worker who tries to do his best. Thanks also for all the help you give in our classroom and in the Specialist classes. Well done Leo!                                 |
| <b>1CM</b> | Isabella X | For the wonderful enthusiasm and dedication you have shown throughout all of our rehearsals and during the performance. Your singing and dancing display such talent, joy and confidence. You are a true star on the stage. Congratulations, Isabella!                   |
| <b>1KH</b> | Gwen B     | For the way you demonstrate kindness and respect by offering a helping hand to others, by listening attentively and by consistently using your manners. Your respectful and generous actions make our classroom a better place for everyone to learn in. Thank you Gwen! |
| <b>1LC</b> | Hugo G     | For writing a detailed recount about our school production. I loved the way you paid attention to punctuation and elaborated on your ideas carefully. Keep being a role model student Hugo!  |
| <b>2SK</b> | Theo J-S   | For the bravery and resilience you showed during our concert performance. You did an amazing job and you totally shone on stage, giving it your absolute best efforts. Well done!  |
| <b>2SM</b> | All of 2SM | For the fantastic energy and confidence you brought to the stage at our musical. You were the most amazing mermaids and lobsters I've ever seen. I'm so proud of you all!  |
| <b>3DH</b> | Eva M      | The focus and effort you put in to write your non-chronological report about   |

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|            |           | England was excellent to see. You received feedback well and continued to make improvements to your piece. Keep it up!   |
| <b>3HS</b> | Lucas M   | The focus and effort you have put into researching Lebanon is incredible. You have worked incredibly hard turning your research into clear paragraphs and putting together an informative presentation to share with the class. Well done!   |
| <b>4DO</b> | Austin M  | Austin has demonstrated responsible and respectful play during downball games. He has shown excellent leadership by upholding the rules and fostering harmony among all players. His actions beautifully reflect the words of Matthew 5:9: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." |
| <b>4MA</b> | Luca G    | For the energy and enthusiasm you showed in the Peter Pan School Concert. Your bright smile and excitement lit up the performance. Well done Luca!   |
| <b>5EG</b> | Shriyaa A | For demonstrating our school values by being respectful and responsible. Shriyaa is a wonderful role model in 5EG who always pushes herself in her learning, especially in her narrative writing. I cannot wait to see where your story goes!  |
| <b>5SN</b> | Sophia C  | For demonstrating the value of responsibility by taking on feedback from her teacher and adjusting her classroom habits to produce strong results through focus and limiting distractions.   |
| <b>6AH</b> | Claudia M | You consistently demonstrate strong leadership by making sure everyone feels included and valued. You complete your work within deadlines, always ensuring that it is thorough, detailed, and thoughtful. Ka Pai Claudia!  |
| <b>6DM</b> | Aaron W   | For being committed and dedicated to learning new skills, even when confronted with a challenge. Your written work has gone from strength to strength and your ability to expand your vocabulary is wonderful. Keep up the great work Aaron!   |

## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS Alex Beamont

A special final thank you to our bump out parent helpers- Tim Cusack, Matt Lavric, Ryan Bugeja and to the following parents for your help unpacking costumes this week- Deanna Makhoul, Stephanie Kent, Erin King, Jodie Warren, Carmen Chehade, Angela Bryce, Jacqui Lavric and Mel Gaversjo. Your help was much appreciated!

## SPORT'S NEWS

### Interschool Sport

Last Friday we played Interschool Sport against Eltham Primary School to conclude the Summer Season and the Year Sixes last game of Interschool Sport.

#### ROUND 7- 12th September SFX vs Eltham PS

| Basketball                                    | Volleyball                                | Cricket  | Downball   | Softball     |
|---|---|--|------------|--------------|
| Boys<br>Won 46 to 16<br>Girls<br>Won 33 to 29 | Boys<br>Won 2 to 0<br>Girls<br>Won 2 to 0 | Boys<br>Lost 147 to 186<br>Girls<br>Won 134 to 101 | Won 9 to 7 | Won 30 to 19 |

We congratulate our Downball team and Softball team who were district premiers.

### Hooptime

On Tuesday we had 4 teams compete in the Basketball Victoria Hooptime day at Coburg. Well done to all 4 teams who competed in hooptime. The boys teams both gave their all and finished third in their pool with the Allstar Boys 1 team missing out on the finals by 1 point and drawing with the runners up. The Allstar Boys teams both finished third in their pool.



Congratulations to the Allstar Girls 1 team who were runners up and a massive congratulations to our future stars Girls team who were the winners on the day

A special thanks to Miss Hanley and Joel Anderson for coaching on the day.

## Community News

Congratulations to Kai O from Year Five who won the NFNL U11 league best and fairest award playing for Montmorency. This is a fantastic effort

## Student Showcase-Year 1KH

### Recount writing from Peter Pan

Last night, the grade one classes performed on stage for the musical.

First, we happily arrived at Loyola.

Next, we put our costumes on and patiently waited for our turn to do our dance.

We danced to the song "Don't Look Down".

After that, we did our finale.

Finally, we all went home.

(Isobel C)

Last night, I went to Loyola College to perform Peter Pan the musical.

First, I got into the costume.

Then I went on stage.

I performed "Don't Look Down".

I felt excited when we danced.

(Remington J)

Last night, our class performed on stage for the school production of Peter Pan.

First, we happily arrived at Loyola College.

At Loyola College, we went to the back of the stage to get our costumes on.

Next, we got in our safety line to go on stage.

When we were all done with our song, everybody clapped for us.

(River J)

Last night I went to Loyola College for our school production.

We waited with the other students.

Then we waited for the scene to finish.

After that, we danced on stage.

Finally, we waited for the finale.

I was proud of my dancing.

I loved it!

(Evie C.)

Last night we did the musical at Loyola.

First, I got dressed in my star costume.

I was a star.

Then I waited backstage.

Next was the finale.

I felt tired.

(Felix S)



Last night, we did the musical at Loyola.

First, I got dropped off at Loyola College.

Then I sang my song. I was a star.

After that, we went backstage.

Finally, we did the finale.

(Iris B)

## TERM THREE/FOUR 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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



# CALLING ALL SFX ARTISTS!

*The Parents Association needs your help to design a poster to promote the 2025 SFX Christmas Carols.*

**Who:** Open to all SFX students from Prep to year 6.

**What:** A Christmas poster drawn on the template provided with this newsletter (or blank A4 page).

**When:** Submissions due Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

**Where:** A collection tub will be available at the office. Please write your name and class on the back of your drawing.

**Why:** The winning picture will be used as the poster promotion for the SFX Christmas Carols, with runners up used for the Giving Tree and Program.

Prizes will also be awarded for best design from junior (P-2), middle (3-4) and senior school (5-6).

**Winners will win a \$25 voucher from Eltham Book shop!**

*Theme for this year's carols & poster competition is:*

*"A Time for Giving"*

The winning design will be the most original & creative design (no copies of other artists or online works), thoughtful and engaging representation of this theme.

*Get those art supplies out and get designing these school holidays.*



*Thanks for Dads' Day and the Footy Colours Parade!*



# SAVE THE DATE

## SFX Christmas Carols return on Thurs 4 December!

45K

### Term 3 PA wrap-up!

Thanks everyone for supporting the fun and fundraising at recent Parents Association events. Excited to report we're so close to fundraising goal!

Here's the profits of your hard work!

Secondhand uniforms stall:

**\$274.70**

Tony's Pie Drive:

**\$1,798**

Father's Day Stall:

**\$1,321.40**

Dads' Day Raffle:

**\$1,915**

Our fundraising had already cleared \$31k raised in Term 1 & 2 - we're now closing in on \$40k, and the \$45k goal!

Appreciate lots of happy feedback about these helpful, delicious and community-building events, and especially thanks to organisers:

Uniforms, Father's Day Stall: **Susan Roberts**; Pie Drive: **Jane Fraser**; Dads Morning/ Footy Colours: **Brooke Nankervis, Emma O'Malley, Renee Dellar.**

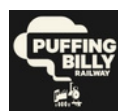
Enjoy the break, and look forward to a fun-filled Term 4 - save the dates for the all-school **Colourthon on Thurs 13 Nov**, and the SFX community **Christmas Carols on Thurs 4 Dec** (see attached poster design competition, and bring some early Christmas spirit to your holidays!)

30K

20K

10K

Thank you!



**So grateful to Term 3 sponsors,  
supporters and vollies - we have such a  
wonderful, generous school community!**

