

NEWSLETTER NO.32

23rd October 2025

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

Dear Families,

Sunday we gathered as a faith community to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. How incredibly proud we were of our students as they read in front of over 2000 people and held themselves in a most respectful and reverent way to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Congratulations to all our Confirmation students.

Tuesday we welcomed our 2026 Prep families with a social gathering at 6pm and then our Prep information session. Our Prep teachers for 2026 are Brie Morgan, Stephanie Mezzalira and Kate Hoseason. This morning they got to meet our new students at the first of 4 orientation days.

David McKenzie Award

At assembly on Wednesday we had the pleasure of our local MP Vicki Ward visiting to present the annual 'David McKenzie award' that recognises the contribution of local primary school students who have shown leadership when it comes to kindness, compassion and empathy. It is with great pleasure we congratulate Emmabelle Angelucci as the St Francis Xavier recipient for 2025.

Crazy Camel Artwork Keepsakes

Orders for Crazy Camel Artwork Keepsakes will open on 3rd November and close 17th November.

Refer to the flyer sent home with last week's newsletter for more details. Please note the link on the flyer will open on the 3rd Nov.

You will be able to view your child's artwork on the site when orders open.

<https://www.crazycamel.com.au/10485>

Samples of gifts will be on display in the school office foyer. A wonderful Christmas gift for family!

Semper Dental

A reminder to parents who used the service of Semper Dental earlier in the year, that the Dental Van will be here on Tuesday 28th October 2025 (9am to 1.30pm) for a "follow up visit". An SMS has been sent to you from Semper Dental reminding you of this.

Parents wanting to have their children visit the Dentist on Tuesday and have not used Semper Dental

previously, please complete the attached form or collect one from the school office.

Twilight Sports

A reminder that Twilight Sports is on this **Friday 22nd October** at Willinda park Beatrix St, Greensborough VIC 3088.

We ask the students to arrive at 4:30pm for a 5pm start. The evening concludes at 7:45/8:00. All students are to be in their sports day coloured t shirts.

(Blue - Loyola/Red- McAuley/Yellow-Xavier/Green-Padua)

All students in P-6 are asked to attend this fun evening where they rotate through some fun novelty team activities and then all take part in a sprint race. This is of course followed by the toddler race and the 'Hamstring Handicap' for Parents. A reminder, this is a **Child Safe alcohol free** event.

Please note that this year there will not be a BBQ dinner being provided, therefore parents will be asked to bring their own picnic.

Trusting the Process

As we prepare for the new academic year, we know that class placements are on many families' minds. At our school, this process is approached with great care, collaboration, and a deep understanding of each student's learning needs, social dynamics, and potential for growth. We appreciate the trust you place in us to make decisions that are in the best interest of every child.

While it can feel uncertain to be placed in a new class—perhaps with unfamiliar peers or a different teacher—these changes also bring valuable opportunities. New class groupings help students develop flexibility, resilience, and social confidence. They create space for new friendships to blossom and give students the chance to see themselves—and be seen—in a fresh light.

We believe in every child's ability to thrive in new environments and in our teachers' skill at building warm, inclusive classroom communities from day one. Being part of a new group often encourages students to stretch, discover new strengths, and engage in new ways.

2025 - GROWING INTO GREATNESS

Thank you for your continued partnership and confidence in the thoughtful work that goes into shaping each classroom. Together, we are helping students grow not just academically, but socially and emotionally—skills that will serve them well far beyond the classroom walls.

Finally next Friday 31st of October I will begin a week of Long Service Leave that was booked in 12 months ago. I will return on the 10th of November. I leave the school in the capable hands of our Leadership team.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow night.

Mrs. Nolen

Spirit of Jesus Awards - Term 4 Week 3, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Pia H	For always trying your best in everything you do, you show resilience every day. Thank you for making our whole class smile with your happiness and laughter. Well done Pia!
PJV	Isabelle A	For the focus and effort you have put into your writing, leaving spaces sounding out words and sharing what you have done on the weekend. I love your determination to continue to improve. Wonderful effort Isabelle!
PRJ	Marlow F	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 Marlow!
1CM	Tommy L	For showing fantastic resilience in your reading! You have been taking your time to carefully sound out words and are showing great effort and focus. Keep up the amazing effort, you're becoming a wonderful reader!
1KH	River J	For your improved resilience and mindset towards your learning. You have shown courage to try new things, even when they've felt challenging. In Writing you have shown determination to keep going and learn from your mistakes. Keep it up River!
1LC	1LC	For the way you have all shown great dedication to learning your lines for

		our assembly. Thank you for making it such a smooth process and for putting in the hard work. Well done 1LC!
2BB	Sebastian F	For diligently completing all of your work to a high standard. Your beautiful manners and increased confidence in class discussions has been noted. Go Seb!
2SK	Henry A	For the effort you have been putting into improving your reading, and never giving up when faced with a challenge. Awesome Resilience Henry!
2SM	Finn S	For the fantastic resilience and effort you have been showing towards your learning recently, especially in our UFLI and writing lessons. Your hard work is paying off and I can see so much improvement each day. Keep up the hard work!
3DH	Isaac B	Your positive attitude towards your learning and initiative displayed to assist others, are excellent attributes to exhibit. Well done, Isaac!
3HS	Rama L	For the resilience you have shown in writing. Poetry is a very challenging unit but you try so hard every lesson, making sure to include each new element we have learnt. Well Done!
4DO	Sonny L	Sonny, you have shown a righteous spirit through your resilience and determination. You face challenges with courage and never give up, even when things get tough. Your strength and positive attitude during our Bike Ed sessions have truly stood out and inspired others. I am so incredibly proud of you! <i>I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.</i> — Philippians 4:13
4MA	Gus W	For showing resilience in maths and tackling challenges with determination. You keep trying, even when the work is difficult. Keep up the great work Gus!
5EG	Chloe W	For the wonderful progress she has made in her writing responses. You have taken on feedback with care and resilience, answering questions that are both thoughtful and articulate. Chloe is always striving to do her best, not for praise or reward,

		but because she truly values learning. This quiet determination does not go unnoticed. Keep shining, Chloe!
5SN	Thomas M	For setting a great example for his classmates in his persuasive writing, planning, editing and putting together an incredibly effective opening and sharing his work with others to help them improve. (Tom Miller)
6AH	Johnathan V	For effectively using statistics and evidence to strengthen persuasive arguments, and for showing determination in mastering challenging maths problems involving decimals, percentages, and fractions. Keep up the wonderful work Johnathan!
6DM	Evie H	For being incredibly resilient and stepping up when needed. You have shown maturity in keeping on track with your school commitments, whilst supporting your Mum with her broken ankle. Well done Evie!

Amazing Achievement

We acknowledge Amali B from Year 5 who recently competed in the Victorian 10 and under green ball state finals at the tennis centre. This was an invite only event for the top 16 rated state players. What a superstar effort Amali!



Brian Anderson

TERM FOUR 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 24th October- Yr 6 Bike Path skills
 Friday 24th October- Twilight Sports @ Wilinda Park
 Wednesday 29th October-PA AGM @ 7pm
 Thursday 30th October – Prep 2026 Orientation #2 @10am to 11am
 Thursday 30th October- Division Softball
 Monday 3rd November- **Pupil Free Day**
 Tuesday 4th November - **Melbourne Cup holiday**
 Thursday 6th November - Yr 4 Riding skills
 Friday 7th November- Yr 6 Bike ride to Heidelberg
 Tuesday 11th November- Remembrance Day Service @ RSL
 Wednesday 12th November – Prep 2026 Orientation #3 @ 10am to 11am
 Wednesday 12th November- SAC meeting @ 7pm
 Thursday 13th November- Yr 4 Intersections and road safety
 Thursday 13th November- Colour Run
 Saturday 15th November- Working Bee L-Z families
 Wednesday 19th- Friday 21st November- Yr 5/6 Camp to Phillip Island
 Thursday 27th November- Casual Clothes Day 3/4 Action Research
 Friday 28th November- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre Day 1
 Monday 1st December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre Day 2
 Tuesday 2nd December- SFX Feast Day Whole school Mass @ 9.30am
 Wednesday 3rd December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre#3
 Thursday 4th December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre #4
 Thursday 4th December-Carols
 Friday 5th December- **Pupil Free Day**
 Monday 8th December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre Day 5
 Tuesday 9th December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre #6
 Wednesday 10th DecemberSwimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre#7

SPORT'S NEWS

Twilight Sports

Looking forward to seeing you all at the twilight sports tomorrow. The schedule was sent home earlier in the week. Remember to bring your own dinner for your child as they will return to you at 6:00pm for this.

Athletics

Congratulations to Claudia M and Daniel J who competed in the Northern Metro Regions athletics last week in the 1500 and high jump. Both athletes gave their best.

Basketball

Congratulations to our future stars girls team who competed at Diamond Valley at the Hooptime day last Thursday. It was great to see the girls having a go and working hard as a team. Their skills have certainly improved.

SOFTBALL

The Boys Interschool Softball Team will compete in the Division softball championship on Thursday 30th November at Lower Plenty Baseball club. This is a round robin event against 3 other District winners to see who continues onto the region championships.

Thursday 11th December- Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre #8

Thursday 11th December- Yr 6 Graduation @ 6pm

Friday 12th December- Big Day Out

Friday 12th December- Semester 2 Reports go home

Monday 15th December- Semester 2 Parent Teacher interviews

Tuesday 16th December – **STEP UP MORNING** – 10am to 11am- for all SFX students (2026 Prep to Year 5)

Tuesday 16th December – Term 4 concludes @ 1pm



The poster for the Malahang Community Festival 2025 features a vibrant, colorful design with various icons representing different activities and community elements. The central text reads "MALAHANG COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 2025" in a playful, hand-drawn font. Below this, the date and time are clearly stated: "16 NOVEMBER SUNDAY 11 AM TO 4 PM". The location is "MALAHANG RESERVE, HEIDELBERG WEST". The poster also includes a list of activities: "Circus play | Live music | Art & craft workshops for all ages | Council displays | Kids' rides | Come and try sports | Sensory friendly space | Food trucks". It mentions support from "Jellis Craig" and "NEXUS". A QR code is provided for more information, and the website "banyule.vic.gov.au/MalahangFestival" is listed. The Banyule City Council logo is in the bottom left corner. A small disclaimer at the bottom states: "Dogs to be kept on lead. This is a no smoking event."

16 NOVEMBER SUNDAY
11 AM TO 4 PM

MALAHANG RESERVE, HEIDELBERG WEST

Join a **free** celebration with the local community. Proudly featuring a culturally diverse program with heaps to see and do for everyone!

Circus play | Live music | Art & craft workshops for all ages | Council displays
Kids' rides | Come and try sports | Sensory friendly space | Food trucks

Supported by
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For more information and to view the full event program please visit
banyule.vic.gov.au/MalahangFestival

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Religious Education News

The Sacrament of Confirmation

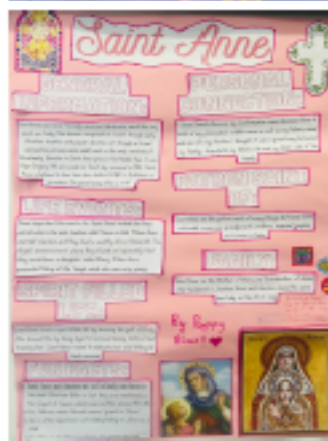
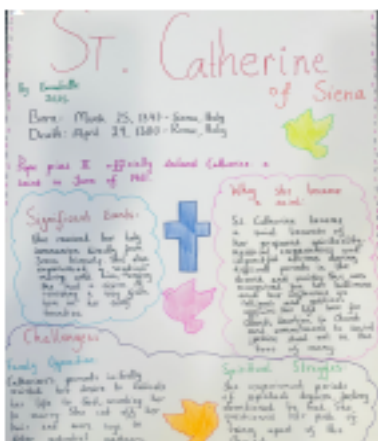
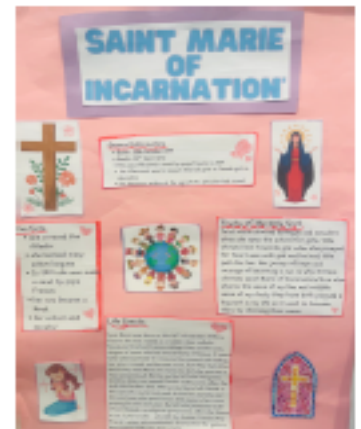
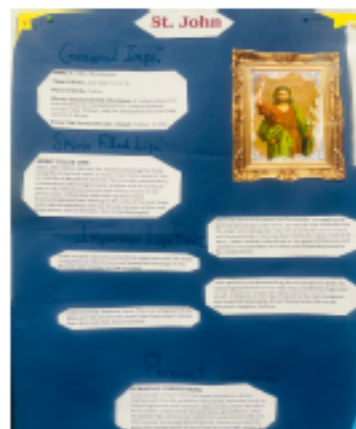
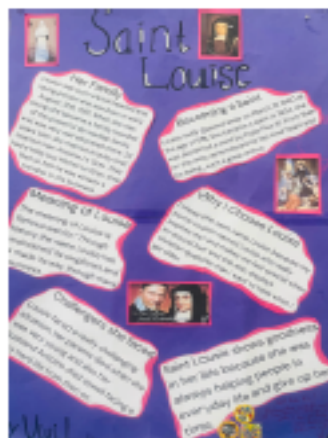


Congratulations to our Year Six children who made their final Sacrament of Initiation—the Sacrament of Confirmation. We express our thanks to Fr Michael and Bishop Rene for celebrating the Mass, and thank our many staff and teachers for their help and support on the day. The Year Six children represented SFX proudly, and participated in a reverent and prayerful manner. It was wonderful to be joined by so many family members and friends at St Patrick's Cathedral, who were there to support and witness our students take this important step in their faith journey. Congratulations!

—Megan Bird, Faith Leader



Confirmation Saint Projects



Help lead the Parents Association in 2026!



The Annual General Meeting for the SFX PA will be held:

Wednesday 29 October
7pm
SFX Office

Nominations are open for 2026 Executive roles: **Treasurer, Secretary**. If you're interested, you're welcome to nominate in advance via email, or on the night.

Being part of the PA leadership team includes attending monthly meetings (Wednesdays) and helping make decisions to shape community, fundraising and fun at SFX. The roles require about an hour per week, and responsibilities are mainly flexible around our busy lives!

Please chat to any of the current exec (Deb, Mary, Danielle, Deanna, Liz) if you'd like more information, or email president.sfxpa@sfxmontmorency.catholic.edu.au.

Huge thanks to Deanna Makhoul and Liz Blair, outgoing Treasurer and Secretary, for their years of enthusiastic service!

The meeting will also include an overview of planned and potential events for 2026, with opportunities for input and to volunteer for organising committees.

All SFX parents and carers are members of the PA, and all are welcome to get involved!

SUPPORT SFX THIS CHRISTMAS WITH...

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your support!*



Orders for unique Artwork Keepsakes will open **Mon 3 Nov** and close **Mon 17 Nov**.

Artworks have been completed at school, more details on flyer in last week's newsletter.

Samples of gifts will be on display in the school office foyer. A wonderful Christmas gift for family!

Please note the link will be live to view your child's artworks from Mon 3 Nov.

crazycamel.com.au/10485

SAVE THE DATE **SFX Christmas Carols**
return on Thurs 4 Dec!



The Australian Mathematics Competition

In early August, 60 students from Year 3-6 took on the challenge of participating in the annual Australian Mathematics Competition. These are our highest numbers for entrants over the last few years, it is wonderful to see so many of our students showing a passion for maths.

The results across the levels were as follows:

Certificate of Participation: 9

Certificate of Proficiency: 22

Certificate of Credit: 23

Certificate of Distinction: 6

These students should be incredibly proud of their efforts and the resilience they displayed over the 60 minutes of the competition.

A huge congratulations goes to Liam Tyrrell, who took out the Best In School award for the second year running. Well done Liam!



Are you up for the maths challenge?

Here are some AMC sample questions to get an understanding of the types of problems the students were faced with in the competition.



Year 3/4

2014 MP25

In this magic square, the even numbers

$2, 4, 6, \dots, 18$

are placed so that the sums of the numbers in each row, column and diagonal are equal.

What is the sum of the two numbers in the shaded squares?

	18	
14		6
		16

- (A) 12 (B) 14 (C) 18
(D) 22 (E) 28

2014 MP27

A number is *palindromic* if it reads the same forwards as backwards. For example, 686 is palindromic. How many numbers from 100 to 300 are palindromic?

Year 5/6

2014 UP21

In a competition between four people, Sally scored twice as many points as Brian and 30 points more than Corrie. Donna scored 50 points more than Brian. Which of the following statements is definitely true?

- (A) Sally won the competition.
(B) Brian came last in the competition.
(C) Donna won the competition.
(D) Corrie beat Brian.
(E) Sally and Donna together scored more than Brian and Corrie.

2014 UP25

Five different whole numbers, chosen from the numbers from 1 to 30, add up to 30. What is the greatest possible value of the largest of these numbers?

- (A) 6 (B) 10 (C) 15 (D) 20 (E) 26