

NEWSLETTER NO.33

30th October 2025

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

Dear Families,

As we head towards the long weekend we have much to be thankful for.

Twilight Sports

What a glorious night we had on Friday. The SFX community was out in full flight and the smiles on the children's faces were priceless as they worked together as a team for the Trophy. A big congratulations to Xavier House on their win this year in both the House Sports and also House Spirit competition.

Colour Run

Today you will receive our notice about our exciting upcoming Colour Run. Attached to the note is information regarding where the funds we raise will go towards. We have almost met our Basketball Court target and in our next School enhancement, we are working towards the installation of a



'Gaga Pit' in the playground (see photo) and LED Noticeboard in the Kiss and Drop area. There are some great prizes that await the winners of the fundraising efforts. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school.

PA AGM

Last night we held the Annual General Meeting for our Parents Association. Our wonderful Presidents Mary and Deb highlighted the successful events that have been run by the PA this year and the pleasing number of volunteers that have helped along the way. Two Positions of Leadership needed to be filled last night. We thank our outgoing Treasurer; Deanna and Secretary; Liz for their contributions to the PA during their term. Excitingly our newly elected Treasurer was Britt along with our new Secretary Emma. We wish you

all the best in your roles and encourage people to feel free to join this vibrant dynamic PA team.

Long Weekend

As we head to the Long weekend there may be families who require to pick their children up early. If this is the case can you please email your child's teacher so they are aware and ensure that this takes place between 1.45pm- and 2.00pm. As you can appreciate, Anne has a host of things she needs to complete before the weekend and to show respect for this, we need to adhere to the above mentioned time.

Christmas Artwork Competition

Our Christmas Artwork competition closed last week and the winners have been decided. At our morning assembly on Wednesday 5th of November these announcements will be made.

Transition and Parent Teacher Interviews

Over the long weekend our staff will be commencing the writing of reports for the students to celebrate the learning that has gone on this year. This is a really rewarding time for them to reflect on the growth the children have demonstrated and help to formulate some goals for 2026.

Transitioning into a new classroom is an exciting time and this year the children will be able to share their special news to families via a letter from their teacher they receive after they have had their session with their teacher on Step Up Day.

Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled to take place on Monday 15th of December. *This year these will be made optional for families.* If you would like to have an interview with your child's teacher please email them. Using this information we will determine the length of time the interviews will run for on this day.

World Teachers Day

Finally tomorrow is World Teachers Day. We want to say a huge thank you to our excellent educators for the countless hours they put into planning meaningful learning experiences for the children of SFX. All of the teachers received a card saying thank you from their students, highlighting 10 words they think of when they think of their teachers. Some very beautiful words were shared. The highlight for my card was 'shiny teeth!' Can you believe I get paid for this entertainment!

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Wishing you all a restful long weekend. Hoping we can all recharge the batteries and push on ready for a busy couple of weeks ahead.

Mrs. Nolen

Please note there will not be a newsletter next week, due to being a short week.



Spirit of Jesus Awards - Term 4 Week 3, 2025

Class	Student	Reason
PBM	Miles G	For always being kind and inclusive to his friends during playtime. Thank you for coming to school each day happy and ready to learn. Well done, Miles!
PJV	Lucas B	For the great enthusiasm you have shown when learning about different cultures and traditions. Your questions, connections and wonderings have led us to make lots of discoveries as class. Thank you for the love and joy of learning you bring to our class. Amazing work Lucas!
PRJ	Moss P	For his willingness to 'Have a go' with things that are challenging and the resilience he is building up. He is always happy and caring towards those in our class and when playing out on the yard. Thanks Moss for the respectful way you treat others!
1CM	Students of 1CM	For your amazing effort in learning your lines and actions for our assembly. You've all sparkled like stars and shown just how clever the little Einsteins can be. Fantastic work!
1KH	Felix S	For the resilience and positive mindset you are displaying with your learning this Term. It is great to see you try your best and get started with learning tasks promptly. Keep it up!
1LC	Shylo L	For demonstrating a hardworking attitude over the last two weeks. It has been wonderful to see you complete tasks in a focused manner. Keep it up Shylo!
2SK	Frederick L	For the kindness and respect you show to everyone, every day. Thank you for sharing your gentle, caring nature with us Freddie.
2SM	Lia P	For showing a commitment to challenging herself with her learning this week. You are showing such dedication and resilience towards your learning. Keep up the fantastic work Lia!
3DH	Ariana B	You display an excellent approach to your learning, always being open to feedback and making improvements to your work. Keep it up, Ari!

3HS	Macey H	For all the effort you put into your work everyday. It is wonderful to see how hard you work and the pride you take in each task that has been set. You are an incredible role model to everyone in class. Well Done!
4DO	Madeleine V	Madeleine has shown wonderful resilience throughout this term. She continues to face challenges with courage and determination, reminding us that she is stronger and braver than she realises. Her strength reminds us of the words in Isaiah 40:31: <i>"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles..."</i>
4MA	Isla O	For showing resilience and working through challenges by listening carefully and staying focused. Thank you for being a wonderful role model in 4MA Isla!
5EG	Laura K	For her resilience and effort during our persuasive writing sessions. You worked so hard to improve your conclusion about saving the polar bears. You took on feedback thoughtfully and added clever persuasive details that made your writing shine.
5SN	Kai O	For his patience and persistence in the classroom. He has been a quiet achiever all year, working hard and supporting his friends and classmates. Congratulations, you've earned this!
6AH	Oscar M	You have given thoughtful and well-developed responses to The Goldfish Boy, and shown excellent resilience and perseverance when working through challenging maths problems. Well done Oscar!
6DM	Jemma H	Your determined approach to our Maths sessions has allowed you to make wonderful progress. I love the way you don't shy away from a challenge and seek to grow every session. Keep up the magnificent efforts Jemma!

DISCOVERY CENTRE NEWS

Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Year 3-6 students for participating in the challenge. A special mention to Charlie, Lily, Charlotte, Chloe, Jude, Akira, Jonathan and Jemma for

reading the most amount of books in their class. Such an amazing effort! Also well done to the class of 5EG for reading the most amount of books as a group.



SPORT'S NEWS



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to Xavier for winning both the Sport's Champions trophy and the Spirit Award at our very successful twilight sports on Friday night.

Thanks to all the Parents who came along to support, the teachers and staff who generously gave up their time and the students who displayed such great school spirit. In Physical Education two foci are always Playing Fairly and Following rules and being a good team player. That was certainly evident. Also it was great to see the students putting many of the fundamental skills into action.

A special mention must go to the following :

Xavier Captains- Lily K, Claudia M and Jonathon V
Padua Captains- Vivienne L, Matilda M and Jobe W
McCauley Captains- Coben C, Sienna D, Emmabelle A

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Loyola Captains- Jemma H, Mitchell S, Archie O

The preparation and leadership of these fantastic young students and leaders was exceptional. Their parents should be very proud of them.



Growing into Greatness

The out of school achievements continue with Daniel J and Rhianna J recently competing in the State championships for gymnastics

Rhianna qualified and competed at the Victorian State Championships for Gymnastics and did very well, as you have already been told. Additionally, Daniel competed at the Southern Cross Classic (a competition that runs in conjunction with Vic Champs) for invited athletes and took out the following places:



1st – High Bar
1st Rings
2nd – Parallel bars
2nd – Vault
4th Pommel Horse
2nd all-around athlete
(missing first place by a single point).

In very exciting news, Daniel has also been nominated to try out for the *MAG Junior Future International Development Squad* and will be heading to Japan on 21 November to 30 November.

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Softball

Today our successful Boys softball team competed in the Nillumbik division championship against Apollo Parkways P.S, Montmorency South and Upper Plenty PS at Lower Plenty/Research baseball club at Glenauburn Reserve. Excitingly they were victorious and will now advance to Regional Championships. Well done team!

Bike Ed

On Friday 7th November the Year 6's will conclude their program with the Big Bile ride to Warrigal Park/Possum Hollow Park in Heidelberg

Colour Run

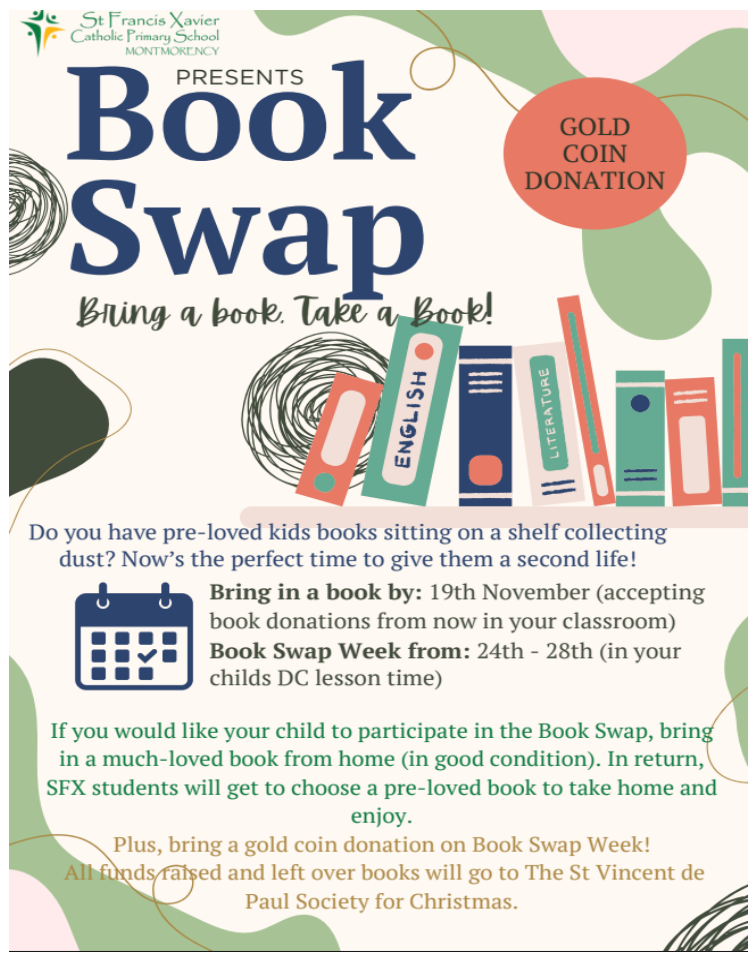
The next big event is also coming. Our Bi-Annual Colour run will take place on Thursday 13th November. This is a major Parent and Friends fundraising event. Sponsorship forms will go home this week. The event will take place between 2:20 and 3:20pm. As well as the colour part we will have a water section, bubble machines, skipping, dance music and obstacles for students to participate in. Students will be given sunglasses and a headband but will need a cheap black or white t shirt on the day. Note the powder is non toxic and will wash out. At pick up that day it is very strongly recommended that you bring a large orange garbage bag that your child can slip over their clothes to sit in the car or even better walk home if not too far.

Brian Anderson



TERM FOUR 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 December-Swimming @ Eltham Leisure Centre #7
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



St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School MONTMORENCY PRESENTS

Book Swap

Bring a book. Take a Book!

Do you have pre-loved kids books sitting on a shelf collecting dust? Now's the perfect time to give them a second life!

Bring in a book by: 19th November (accepting book donations from now in your classroom)

Book Swap Week from: 24th - 28th (in your child's DC lesson time)

If you would like your child to participate in the Book Swap, bring in a much-loved book from home (in good condition). In return, SFX students will get to choose a pre-loved book to take home and enjoy.

Plus, bring a gold coin donation on Book Swap Week!
All funds raised and left over books will go to The St Vincent de Paul Society for Christmas.



Imagine Re-Evolution | Inaugural GALA DINNER

Be a part of real change

Join us for an unforgettable evening dedicated to making a lasting impact. The Imagine Re-Evolution Gala Dinner brings together business leaders, educators, philanthropists, artists, and youth advocates for an evening of inspiration, connection, and action.

Event Highlights

- Formal three-course dinner at the prestigious Heidelberg Golf Club
- Powerful storytelling from those with lived experience
- Entertainment and inspiring keynote speaker embodying resilience and possibility
- Meaningful networking with fellow changemakers across generations and sectors

This is more than a celebration – it's a call to action.

Scan the QR code now to book your ticket!

6.30pm for 7pm start ~ Saturday 15th November

Cocktail/Formal Attire
Heidelberg Golf Course ~ 8 Main Rd, Lower Plenty VIC 3093

[imagine-reevolution-gala-dinner.raiselysite.com](https://www.imaginereevolution-gala-dinner.raiselysite.com) www.imaginereevolution.com

Term 4

TECH NEWS



Welcome

to Term 4 and information about all things tech at SFX! Here you can see what is going on in classrooms and what we are doing in Techclub. Every Tuesday, Thursday we open the doors of the STEM room at Lunch Time to allow the students an opportunity to tinker, create and be inspired!



Yr1 & 2 STEM

This Term the Year 1 and 2 classes are looking energy. Where it comes from and how we use it. They will use different types of energy to power a knex car. Wind, elastic bands and even solar. This will put their design skills to the test!



Call out for Bottle tops!

They might be great keeping your liquids in their place, but they also make great wheels!! We are using lots of bottle tops this Term in Yr1/2 experimenting with different power options. Can I ask that you save your bottle tops so we have a bigger supply in the STEM room! Normal soda plastic tops are great but the large milk versions are even better!



eSafety Commissioner Resources Release – Social Media Age Restrictions

The eSafety Commissioner has released additional resources to support parents and young people to become informed and prepare for the social media age restrictions, coming into effect on 10 December 2025.

The main resource continues to be [eSafety's Social Media Age Restrictions \(SMAR\) Hub](#). (link)

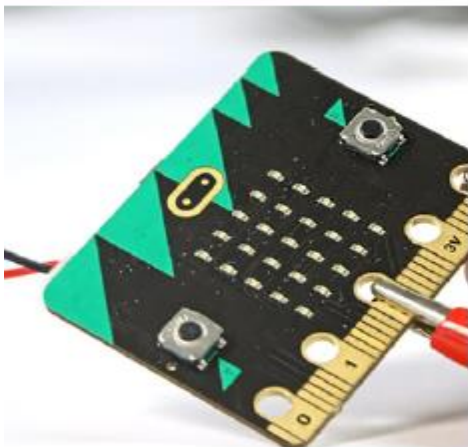
The Information for Families tile will lead you to new family specific advice. These pages are printable; however, the information is subject to change so please ensure that you continue to review the updated information as it becomes available.

Free Social Media Age Restriction Webinars for parents/carers have also been added to the Hub and you are encouraged to have a look and take part.



TECH CLUB TERM 4

YEAR 3 & 4



MICROBIT

Our STEM room is full of some amazing new technologies and our students are extremely lucky to be able to experience them. This Term we break out the MicroBits! Miniature microcomputers that can be programmed to do amazing things; stepcounting, pumping water and even alarm systems!

SPIKE PRIME

Our Tech Club members have been lucky to play with the state of the art Lego Pike Prime robotic sets. The completed robots work in a virtual underwater environment to complete tasks designed to test the students coding abilities in the real world!



Techclub also caters for the juniors! They can build with Lego, play with Spheros and even get to know our Spiny Leaf Insects! Everyone is welcome at Techclub. Tuesday and Thursday Lunch - 2 - 2:30 pm

HELP MAKE SFX CAROLS SING!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

STAGE SET-UP:

WED 3 DEC, 2.45-4PM

EVENT SET-UP:

THURS 4, 2.45-3.45PM

ZOOPER DOOPER STALL:

THURS 4, 6.15-6.45PM

EVENT/STAGE PACK-UP:

THURS 4, 7-8PM

VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/PKRCM

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your support!*



**CRAZY
Camel**
Fundraising Families Love

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.*

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S.F.X 2025 COLOUR RUN



It's time to brighten your life and raise money for SFX School!

Date: Thursday 13th November @ 2.20pm-3.20pm

SFX children will complete a circuit of the school which includes a Colour section, Bubble zone, Dance zone, Obstacle and Skipping area and Water Zone.

You may elect to:

- Be sponsored for the number of laps of the Colour run course or
- Simply give a donation amount for the Colour run



Scan to donate

Donations of \$2.00 or more are Tax Deductible

There will be some great prizes for children:

MAJOR PRIZE	CONSOLATION PRIZES	CLASS PRIZE	SPOT PRIZES
The child who raises the most sponsorship in the school will receive a \$120 Coles Group & Myer Voucher 	Each child who raises over \$40 will go into a draw to win a \$50 Rebel Sport Gift card <i>There will be one winner from each class</i> 	A whole class pizza lunch at Were Street hosted by Mrs. Nolen (maybe with some yummy dessert!) for the class that raises the highest average total per student 	During the event, if you are spotted doing some great skipping or running or dancing, you could win a spot prize! 

Children will be supplied with a headband and sunglasses for the run. The powder used in the Colour run is non toxic, made from corn flour and they can opt not to run through the colour part of the circuit. Children will all be required to wear a **black or white t-shirt and dark coloured shorts** for the day. *It is strongly recommended that parents bring a large orange garbage bag for students to wear in the car at the end of the day.*

All **sponsorship forms** need to be returned to school by **Friday 7th November 2025**

All **sponsor money** is to be collected by **Monday 1st December 2025**

Prizes will be awarded at a special morning assembly on **Tuesday 2nd December 2025**

NOTE: Money is NOT required to be returned to school until AFTER the event





SFX SCHOOL COLOUR RUN– THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

STUDENT NAME: _____ YEAR: _____ TEACHER: _____

Sponsor Name	Address	\$ amount per Colour Run circuit	Or	\$Donation Cash	 Or QR Code donation	Total \$ amount Collected
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