

# NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 1998

### 1998 SCHOOL AFFIRMATION

Some families have not yet signed this year's affirmation. This is a necessary condition of being in the school. If you lose your copy, please get Leslie to give you another copy.

Philip or Faye or Tim<sup>B</sup> are happy to discuss this matter with any parent who desires further explanation.<sup>1</sup>

### SPECIAL THANK YOU, DRIVERS

Much of the richness of the FCS curriculum is possible only because of our wonderful parent drivers.

### CONGRATULATIONS ATHLETES!

Keith and Jeannette Howden have done very well in the Masters Games in Oregon. Keith has won a silver medal in the 400m, and two bronze medals for the 100m and 200m. Jeannette has won a bronze medal in the Singles badminton competition.

### THANK YOU DAVID SMITH

Programmer, mathematician, and old friend of the school, David took the Biggies for lateral Maths on 2 Fridays this term. Thanks to clever tricks learned, the Biggies were saved from 10 years of additions, when calculating the sum of  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 1m!$ <sup>2</sup>

### PAUL on COMMUNITY

Our aide Paul Purdon recently addressed the school meeting. Paul grew up in PNG and spoke about the recent tidal wave. Their strength of community would help them he said, and added that FCS was special for the same reason.

### WORK WANTED

By Imogen – particularly babysitting or tutoring. Phone Miriam's number.

### RECONCILIATION GATHERING

FCS Middlies joined about 12 northern schools for a Morning and Lunch Reconciliation, including digeridoo players, dancers and tribal leaders. It was a moving occasion and a raising of awareness for them.

### Macdonalds BASKETBALL CUP

Last Friday a Middlies team represented FCS at Albert Park Stadium. Coach Tim<sup>R</sup> is delighted with his team – Becky, Ella, Guy, Katherine, Liam, Nick, Tilly & Tim – who won one, lost one, and drew one.

On Monday coming (the 14th) a group of Biggies will go to Broadmeadow Stadium to play for the same Cup. Team will be Emma, Jasper, Caitlin, Avrom, Gabe, Miriam, Cora, Laura.

P.S. We need drivers to deliver them THERE only.

### Ms Read-A-Thon & FCS cheer MIRIAM

Miriam raised an amazing \$305 towards the cause. Miriam has been invited by the READ-A-THON to a special Presentation Day.

### CHESS ADVENTURES

The children have been working hard at chess in recent weeks. Congrats to all who got into the teams: for the Victorian Open Primary Chess competition last Monday. Team 1 (Miriam, Emma, Matthew, Cora) came fourth (a Bendigo team won.). Team 2 in the same draw (Katherine, Sarah, Ella, Guy and Marina) came sixth. The Victorian Girls Competition is in 4th term. We have high hopes.

### SIX FORMER FCS STUDENTS

Are currently doing VCE or IB: Tessa, Zoey, Romany, Mary, Alex and Luke. All the best from FCS.

### WILL KININMONTH.

Friend of Philip and Faye, and our visiting weather expert, has been called to Geneva where he will work for several months to head up a team as expert on the Southern Hemisphere.

<sup>1</sup> A comment by Philip is included with this newsletter.

<sup>2</sup> P.S. The answer was 500,000,500,000.

## **DOROTHEA MACKELLAR**

### **POETRY Competition** (9330 entries)

Congratulations Eric, Under-8 Victorian Winner (to be presented later this year by the Australian Day Committee).

#### **CAN NAMES FLY? by Eric Gardiner**

My name is going on a journey to Mars.  
With 999,999 other children's names – my name, Eric Francis Gardiner, is going on a CD on the spaceship the Mars Polar Lander.  
It will get to Mars in 1999.

How will my name feel about this? 100% excited.  
I am named after Erik the Viking, and I have ancestors who were vikings.  
Vikings love adventure.  
My name will love the adventure.

The spaceship will land and the eject button will shoot out the CD, through the air. They will have a picnic in a crater.

I wonder if I'll still have my name on earth when its on Mars?  
Perhaps I will have to call myself Whats-his-name?

Perhaps Bert brain!

Congratulations Miriam, Jasper and Milena on achieving a High Commendation.

Congratulations too, to Giancarlo, Ella, Laura, Samuel, Liam, Astrid Clare and Oscar for their Commendations. Thank also you to poet Philip Harvey for his help.

### **PHILIP HARVEY**

Visiting poet will be talking to the children about "shape" poems, early in the 4<sup>th</sup> term.

### **STAFF MOVEMENTS 4TH TERM**

Thanks to Maggie for her superb work in Italian for almost 2 years. She has entered us in LOTE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR, involving videos, poems, etc. Thanks to M's father, Ray, for his help with the filming. Maggie will be leaving us to be a guide in the family business of Art Tours to Italy. Jeremy will replace Maggie (classmate in Italian at Melb Uni.)

Sean is away for 4th term. Thanks for great job. Jeremy to replace Sean.

Jeannette returns for 4th term. Big thanks to Royce, job really well done. Many good friendships made.

### **WELCOME BACK**

Nisha, Gunvant & Carmela from your Holiday in England (all 3rd term).

## **NEW PUBLICATION**

Tim Berryman is on the staff of and writing for *Polyglot*, A Melb Uni paper created to speak out about race, culture, ethnicity and social equity. Copies available in Common Room.

### **CONGRATS WARREN (1996)**

on recently winning the (secondary level) Shield Cup Chess Tournament.

### **GOOD LUCK, GIRLS (1992)**

Mary & Romany with year 1 Philosophy at Monash Uni (a VCE enhancement option).

### **APPEAL AGAINST DESTRUCTION**

of the Land facilities is to be heard at the Appeals Tribunal in January.

### **THREE CHILDREN AUDITIONED**

for National Choir – Gabe, Marina and Dominic Wilm. All gained places. All said to be well above average. Thank you Carmela.

### **END of TERM CONCERT**

7pm Collingwood College, Vere Street Collingwood. Bring a plate.

### **CONGRATULATIONS SARAH B**

On selection to Australian Women's Team (Karate) to compete in Brazil late October.

### **VISIT OF TYSON**

Rory's cousin is with us for a fortnight while his mother is filming in PNG.

### **HARUHIKO**

Home to Japan for sister's wedding. Returns to Australia end of September.

### **MELISSA RAYNER**

Excellent student teacher earlier this year returned to take special Littlies drama class.

### **OUTINGS**

Littlies and Tinies went to Science Works – very successful. Thanks to Kathleen, Gabby, Margot and parents who helped with driving.

### **MELB SYMPH ORCH**

A most enjoyable and inspirational outing for the Littlies.

### **MIDDLIES AND BIGGIES**

Had a very pleasant Athletics day with Merri P.S. Thank you Tim<sup>B</sup> for organising.