

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 1999

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HAPPY START for 1999

1999 has been once again begun with a very positive feel. All the new children have fitted in very well, and things have gone smoothly. Welcome to Aki, Francesa, Seamus, Moriah, Cecilia, Celeste, Yolanda, Magnus, Gabrielle, Jake, Sam and Oliver.

The list of families and phone numbers is attached for parents and staff. Please advise Leslie if there are any alterations for this list.

CONGRATULATIONS ZOEY ('92)

"She is an excellent role model for other students who admire her achievements and enjoy her delightful; friendly, personality"

(quote from RMIT in association with the Australian Ballet School) Faye, Catherine, Mary & Paola met Zoey at the open air ballet at Sydney Myer Music Bowl. Her mentor at the Australian Ballet is principal dancer, Lisa Bolte!

WELCOME NEW TEACHERS

A warm welcome to Giuseppina (Italian and Ros Connelly (Drama).

CONGRATS EMMA ('98)

Emma is now at Wesley Prahran and gained places in Enrichment English, the Gifted and Talented Program and is the Class Captain and Junior School Leader.

CONGRATULATIONS JOSHUA

Joshua Bloom, past Latin and singing teacher, is currently a principal with the Australian Opera in *Fidelio* and *Romeo and Juliet*.

TINIES and LOLLY DAY

We recommend \$1 for lolly day. Larger amounts turn into LOTS of lollies.

Also please advise little people, NO chewing gum or bubble gum at all.

CONGRATS to Anna Russell (1991) on gaining entry to Melbourne University to study Arts this year.

LUNCH at SCHOOL

Eating together is a very basic sign of belonging together. The intimacy factor that our school-based lunch promotes is a vital element of school life.

We ask parents to support the concept to new and old students. Apples, oranges, carrots, lettuce, cheese, tomatoes, and bread are available to children - along with the usual spreads.

On Wednesdays, a cooked lunch is often provided for Tinies and Littlies, and sometimes older children as well. Please see Faye or Jeannette about any special dietary requirements.

THE LUNCH FUND

The Lunch Fund is entirely separate from the school's official book-keeping, representing a domestic category of expenditure.

It provides mainly for food for the children, but also covers refreshments for volunteers, parents, teachers and visitors, kitchen facilities and cleaning, shortfalls in camp catering, staff meetings, celebrations and other school gatherings.

The Lunch Fund contributes greatly to the quality of life of the school – and is worth its weight in gold.

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANTS

If there are any more parents who would like to assist with classes, please don't hesitate to approach Faye.

THE FOUNDERS' MANUAL

Accompanying this newsletter is Chapter 4 *The Hidden Curriculum*. This is a draft edition. We do welcome any suggestions from friends of FCS for alterations or additions to this document.

PARENTS of TINIES & WEENIES

(pre-schoolers.) Please advise your little ones that it is not okay to write or draw on walls, cupboards floors, etc – only on the paper provided.

OUR NEW JAPANESE INTERN

Isao has been with us for a few weeks now and has fitted in very well, and is already very popular with the children. Kathleen and family are hosting him. Our school has benefited greatly over the years with the involvement that our Japanese teachers have made, and so our

thanks to Kathleen for making this yet again possible.

SLEEPING

Parents please ensure that children get a decent sleep the night before school, especially for the academic mornings Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri.

SLEEPING IN

Most people are arriving in time for meetings – which is good. We do not want any child to consistently miss this important part of school life. Punctuality is a virtue. Latecomers do disrupt. Meetings occur on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

BUY a BRICK

There are still quite a few spaces for honorary bricks (\$100 each) on the presentation wall of new schoolhouse. If anyone would like to buy a brick (tax deductible), check the enclosed red form.

BIGGIES CAMP with TIM

was at Kyneton Bushland Resort and was great fun. Thanks to Joy and Mary for coming along too, and to all the mums and dads who drove the children up on Sunday.

PARENTS AFTERNOON TEA

on Wednesday afternoons is a chance for big people to converse at an adult level, and for new parents this is a good time to meet some of the old crew, and for the old parents, a good time to catch-up. All are invited!

ITALIAN PUPPET SHOW

On Thursday 25th March at 10.00am Carrousel Theatre will present two plays

for the children in Italian. Thanks Giuseppina for organising this.

CONGRATULATIONS JOY

On March the 10th Joy graduated at Melbourne University – a BA with a major in anthropology.

DEANS LIST

Congratulations to Tim B. and Gina Grant for both getting on this years Deans List at the Faculty of Education, Melbourne University, this year.

JAPANESE VISITORS

On March 15th we hosted 20 visitors from Kyoto Garkuen, Japan who are studying English with Gabby (Sarojini & Yoey's Mum) at Melb. Uni. Our students sang the school song and performed in gym and dance. The Japanese students taught oragami, Japanese writing, "sumo," and cooked a sushi lunch for everyone. The successful day ended with a rounders/baseball game with FCS students and our visitors.

RESEARCH STUDY

Chris (Guy & Greta's Mum) is doing a research study as part of her Psychology degree, and urgently needs participants for her study. It involves completing an anonymous questionnaire, which will take about 1 hour of your time. If you are interested and want more information, either talk to Chris or read the information sheet attached to the questionnaire (in a box in the kitchen). If you are willing to participate just complete a questionnaire, seal it in the envelope provided, and return it to the box in the kitchen. Chris would really appreciate your help as she needs as many participants as possible, ASAP.

FEBRUARY SWIMMING SPORTS

Inter-school swimming, involving the Biggies and Middlies – a great day. No first places but many 2nd, 3rd, 4th and personal bests. Thank you to Sam and Joy.

LITTLE ATHS (Tinies & Littlies)

Wed, 24th March at the Oval, beginning at 11:30 am. Thank you to Penny, Sharon, Sam and Joy. All welcome. Do come and cheer your little ones.

BIGGIES' ART

The Biggies have been on many excursions this Term – the Gallery at the Arts Centre, drawing down Brunswick street, and visits to Patricia Piccinnini's workshop and exhibition. Thanks Gina.

FABULOUS FAMILY DAY WORKING BEE

Thanks to Con, Conrad, David, Evelyn, Cassie, Genevieve, Graham, Garth, Paul, Maria, Ilaria, Anthony, Mary, Catherine, Anai, and Ben for great work cleaning huts and removing rubbish.

COMMUNITY EVENT of the YEAR

Last Year, Faye and the Middlies' (Liam, Nic, Guy, Marina, Joli, Ella, Katherine, Tilly, Becky, Sarah, and Tim W.) took part with ten other Northern Metropolitan Schools in a "Reconciliation through Education." This has been awarded the *Community Event of the Year* at the Australia Day Awards. It was an uplifting and memorable occasion which will live forever in the minds of these children.

BIGGIES' RAP ('91 & '92)

Jimmy, Mary, Tessa and Alexander ('91 &'92) performed the Biggies Rap at the end of year concert. We have had requests for the words which follows:

*We're the Biggies, we're incredibly cool.
We go to Fitzroy Community School.
We like to laugh and have lots of fun
So if you're mean - well don't come.*

*We set the standard in English and
Maths.
When we grow up we're no psychopaths.
There's Latin, Italian, Chinese and more.
We don't even think that they are a bore.*

*From recorders to harps and all in
between,
We are the best that you've ever seen.
We're good sport all-rounders, winter
and summer,
And when it is sports time we don't
say,"Oh! Bummer!"*

*We have lots of camps – we sleep all-
together.
It doesn't cost much whatever the
weather.
The teachers are cool, they don't talk
crap.
And this is the FCS Biggies' Rap.*

LATIN

Latin was, for many years, an FCS Subject (Patrick Wolfe & Joshua Bloom). Now 2 past students, Sean and Amy, are studying Latin at Melb. Uni.

CHANGE OF DATE

Littlies parent teacher night is now on the 8th of September, time unchanged, 7.30pm.

FIRE BRIGADE

The Fire Brigade has had its first visit to Tinies and Year Ones. Essential Education was made very enjoyable.

FUND RAISING FETE FOR PROJECT COMPASSION

March 31, after swimming, there will be a fundraising fete to benefit East Timor and refugees on the Thai/Burmese border. Stalls will include, Trash and Treasure, baked goods, Devonshire Tea. Please start collecting your "treasures" for donation and mark this fun date in your diary.

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

We are thrilled that the new secondary school began by Bob Morgan and Lesley Donelan is off to a strong start. If you would like more information ring: 9690-7677.

END OF TERM CONCERT

Thursday, 1 April at 7pm at Collingwood College Theatre, Vere Street Collingwood. Bring a plate and Have a happy Easter supper with the FCS Community.

We would like some adult items. Please tell Tim B., Jeannette, or Faye if you'd like to participate. There are a limited number of items (for sanity) so all concert items should be in by Friday 26th March.

CONGRATS to TIM BERRYMAN

FCS student becomes Educator

We are delighted to be able to share with you this recognition of Timothy's development as an educator. Timothy did his primary schooling at FCS from its start in 1976. Now our VP (Curriculum), Tim has **BA B.Litt DipEd Grad Dip Ed Stud** (all Melb), is about to gain an **M Litt** (UNE) and looks set to add an **MA** (in Ed) from Toronto.

Whew! Well, looks like you've definitely qualified as a teacher, Tim.

3rd March 1999