

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1999

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Congrats, GUNVANT & CARMELA

On the birth of your bonny baby Arun.

Best Wishes to our FINAL YEARS

Anai Wazna-Blank in the USA, Jonathan Chee at Geelong Grammar, Kira Volkoff-Clark at Balwyn High, Eilan Healy, Michael King, Sean Wolfe, & Jessie Taylor.

STUDY ENVIRONMENT

Past students please note. Swotters, if you need a change of scene, you are welcome to use our classrooms after hours for quiet study. In future years too.

STUDENT'S DISCO

Nov 27th — 7pm start. Tinies leave at 9pm, Littlies at 10pm, Middlies at 11pm and Biggies at midnight.

THE LORD MAYOR

Steve Watson addressed the 15 Nov school meeting on Melbourne trams and landmarks, the subject of a book he has published. Children, staff and parents were fascinated. Thank you Steve.

THANK YOU, KATHLEEN

For background work and typing up our *food safety plan* and also to Sharon, Margot, Brigid, Penny, Leone, Chris & Simone, Robin, Maria, Annette and all who helped prepare the way for the inspection of Yarra Environmental Health Officer Geraldine in order that the FCS kitchen conforms with the new health regulation regime.

It is important that everybody understand that we do not have a canteen or a food-selling enterprise. What we have is parents pooling their money into a kitty (we call it *the lunch fund*) so that children can eat together at school from a common table — one of this school's enlightened practices. It is only a convenience that collection of this kitty is listed on school stationery at the same time as school fees. (It could be written on separate paper.)

WELL DONE, LUKE C

Luke C (grad FCS 1994) for your achievement of "this season's most valuable athlete" award at Wesley Prahran, despite only being in Year 11.

THANK YOU, ISAO

Our Japanese intern, who made such good friends with many children, has now returned home to Japan. If anyone would like to write to him, his address is: Isao Kado
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TESTING SOFTWARE

All levels of FCS Maths students will test drive a prototype Computer Maths CD *Maths Circus 3* created by Greygum Software, probably the #1 Australian Educational Software House.

Programmer David Smith will check the children's reactions and responses to enable him to fine tune the package before releasing it to the school industry.

EAST TIMOR Emergency Appeal

Three carloads of stuff was collected from FCS over the holidays. The cards from the students were greatly appreciated. The Free Timor Office asked if they could scan one onto their website and also onto a T-shirt!

\$500 was collected at the term 3 concert and \$169 siphoned off from the disco fete and deposited into the Red Cross East Timor Emergency Appeal. Many thanks to organiser Gabby and to all who generously contributed.

CONGRATS, LUKE J (FCS 1989)

Upon gaining a Dip Ed at Melb Uni.

HOLIDAY MATHS

If any family wishes to have some Maths materials to use over the holiday period, please take an appropriate level of Signpost Maths from the north wall of the Maths Room. This is not necessary: it is purely optional, but some people enjoy the activity.

At the lower levels, adult reading of instructions is required. Not to be done with impatient tutors. Do not push. Positive attitude is all important in Maths.

CONGRATS, CORA (FCS 1998)

Now at Princes Hill Secondary School, doing very well in all subjects “*self-motivated, conscientious, ability to express, maturity, independence*” and in Maths (an A student) “*a clear understanding of the concepts involved*”.

THANK YOU CATHY,

mother of Feri and Joli, for talking to the meeting on the subject of HANUKKAH — its history, its celebration, and its ancient stories.

CONGRATULATIONS CHRIS

Mum of Guy and Greta and Lily, upon getting 1st Class Hons in Psych degree.

CATHERINE in MARSEILLES

Getting involved with the locals. But so far following the Chinese classes better than the French ones!

TRANSITION BRIEFING 11 Nov

Went well. An informative and pleasant evening for 50 students, parents and past students, discussing the move to secondary.

CONGRATS, CAROLINE (Chee)

(FCS grad year 1989) who has just completed her BA at Melbourne Uni.

THANKS to PARENT DRIVERS

The swimming at Brunswick Pool over the year has been possible thanks to this dedicated driving team.

GOOD WORK, Philip Ricketson

(FCS 1997) on your continuing prowess in Gymnastics and coming second in the Waverley Advanced Gym Club Invitational.

REMAINING CAMPS

BIGGIES Mon 29 Nov - Fri 3 Dec.

TINIES Mon 6 Dec - Tue 7 Dec.

BIGGIES JAPANESE DAY

Run conjointly with ALIA College. Happening at Japan Seminar House at 10am on the 8th of December.

CONGRATS, a Ph D for PETER

Father of Katherine, Hannah and Zoey.

SINGING to the OLD FOLKS

At the Harold McCracken Home at the corner of Church St and Nicholson St Wed 1st December at 2pm. Adult voices welcome to swell the sound.

YEAR 6s PHILOSOPHY NIGHT

Will be presented at FCS Monday 6th December. All parents, teachers, friends and students are warmly invited. Supper will be served.

Thanks you Barts (Philosophy Tutor) for your enriching contribution to the FCS curriculum.

CONGRATULATIONS, JEREMY O

(FCS grad year 1986) on being accepted for Ph D at Melb Uni. Thesis is entitled *Pirandello: an Ontological Exploration from Hume to Post-Modernism*.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Wednesday 8th December. Our school and others will be performing on stage. Adult choir too. This year it's at the Citizens Park at the corner of Church and Highett Sts, Richmond.

FINAL GRADUATION CONCERT

Thursday 9th December. All welcome including extended family and friends. Only Yr 6 do solo items for this one. Bring a plate and we'll share a nice Christmas Supper.

FCS ROUNDERS reach ZONE level

We were defeated by Holy Eucharist at St Albans. A good experience of excellence & exemplary sportsmanship. We'll try for a friendly game in 2000.

BIGGIES CAMP EARLY 2000

Will be held at Kyneton Bushland Resort starting on Sunday 12th Feb to Friday 18th Feb. (The Humevale site will probably be under orange or red fire classification at that time.) Parents are invited to bring children and share lunch at 1pm on the first day. Please enter into your diary.

CONGRATULATIONS ZOEY

Zoey Hart (FCS grad year 1992) has made it into the Australian Ballet – along with 2 other girls this year.

Swimming, Basketball & Picnic.

On Wed 8th Dec, swimming will be leaving school at 11 for 11.30 at Carlton Baths in Rathdowne Street. Children will go straight from the pool to Curtin Square, corner Curtin St and Rathdowne Street, for a basketball match between parents and staff, starting at 1pm. Please come and admire the athleticism. Bring your own food for breakup picnic afterwards.

Congrats FCS boys at ALIA College

Matthew & Andrew (FCS 1998) both received distinctions in the Australian Maths competition. Furthermore ALIA averaged 81% against a state average of 40-50%! Congrats to Bob the Maths teacher (and Founding Principal).

CONGRATULATIONS, TONY

Milena's Dad, on your PhD.

The SECRET GARDEN

Review by Philip O

A triumph! The entire school roll performed enthusiastically, supported by a very large crew of patient and talented adults, combining to produce a great experience for everyone.

The children showed dedication and discipline, remaining onstage and backstage for about 2 hours without curtain fall.

The older children gave excellent example to the younger ranks — who will follow in the tradition, building many personal skills along the way. We salute our young troupers.

Director Ros worked most successfully with the large cast and managed to bring out a wide variety of forms of acting to a high standard. The script and the style of acting were more subtle than you'd expect in a primary school play — but they pulled it off and obviously enjoyed it to boot. Congratulations, Ros.

The music! Original, made just for us, sensitively appropriate to the action throughout, and consistently attractive. How lucky we were to have the services of Miles, grandfather of Sarojini, Yoey and Eve. Miles composed, and also coached the professional musicians. Remember, it was first performed at FCS!

Thanks to Lisa for all her support and work, including finding the musicians, and co-ordinating instrumental and choir rehearsals, especially with the kids.

Choreographer Sam excelled herself in the enchanting variety of dance styles that she (a) thought up and (b) got the kids (of both genders) to execute so beautifully. Very versatile. Yes, congratulations to the Sam Boyden school of dance.

Costumes: lovely. What a lot of work many people have put in, lead by Leone. And there are so many jobs less conspicuous, like Chris as Stage Manager — a real job with this age bracket. Props by Arthur, who fortunately seems to enjoy the challenge of having to make one-off odd objects. Makeup: many faces, very tastefully done.

We have to thank our video and sound parents, Chris and Greg and this time Marc (sound engineer). This should enhance the sound on our videotapes.

Lighting, adults' choir, and many other services were contributed by various staff, friends, parents and students.

Full house. Thanks for coming. What fun. And what a boost to many young souls. We must do it again sometime — that is, to put on a play that involves the whole village. □

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

Year 6s to go with Heather (mum of Laura and Nick) on Tues 7th Dec.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY HANNUKAH

and a wonderful

NEW MILLENIUM

from FCS

to

children,

past pupils,

parents,

teachers,

friends

and all.

