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## **JULY 2000 NEWSLETTER**

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### **YES, YOU'RE STILL ON THE MAILING LIST!**

It's been a while since we published a newsletter. It's just that we haven't had anything much to say. School has been rolling along smoothly.

### **WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS**

We have six new students beginning school in Term 3. Welcome to, Alex, Emily, Lily and Nikki who are new Tinies this Term. Anna is a Year 2 Little and Brittany joins the Year 3 Middlies. Old families please introduce yourselves to any new families and make them feel welcome.

### **BON VOYAGE TO RACHEL**

Who is heading off to far away ports such as China and Japan this week. Thank you Rachel for your many

excellent contributions to the life of this school.

### **IN-SCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Guy, who won last term's chess competition. Samuel and Sarah came equal 2nd. (Samuel came 1st in the Term 1 tournament.)

FCS will compete in 3 upcoming interschool chess tournaments, Primary Interschool, Girls Interschool and Grade 3 and under Interschool.

Keep your ears open for future info about these upcoming events.

Approximately 1 in 3 students are playing chess at FCS. Although the Biggies tend to prevail in the in-school tournaments, there is a large group of talented younger players. This bodes well for the future strength of chess at FCS.

### **CHESS TEACHER ENTERS FRISBEE COMPETITION!**

Chess begins in week two this term.

Joel is in Adelaide, representing Melbourne Uni at a frisbee competition against Adelaide Uni.

### **LATIN**

Joel (of Chess and Frisbee fame) is offering to teach Latin as an elective to the Biggies. Speak to Joel, Faye, or Jeannette if you are interested.

### **OSCAR CARLSON**

### **PHILOSOPHY OF SWIMMING**

We are delighted that Oscar will be leading our swimming team in an ongoing capacity. Early in the year,

Oscar worked with all teachers and groups. Last term he worked with the Biggies and Middlies. This term he will be working with the Tinies and Littlies. Each child will have a 3-4 week intensive. See his enclosed Philosophy of Swimming.

Thank you again, Tim (father of Dom and Sam) for introducing Oscar and generously funding his first semester here.

### **HEAD LICE**

Please be diligent about checking your child's head for lice on an ongoing basis. Leslie has 2 electronic Robi combs for use in the school office. These machines detect and kill lice. Feel free to bring your child up to the office to check them.

### **FIRE SAFETY HOME ESCAPE PLAN**

The Fire Brigade came to conduct a class with the Tinies last term and we have enclosed a fire escape plan for home use.

### **THANK YOU MARGARET**

Thanks to Margaret for introducing the Biggies to quilting which they have taken to with pleasure and enthusiasm. Thank you also, for teaching them both the History of Quilts and their importance to the Underground Railway.

### **FIRST AID COURSE**

St John's Ambulance ran a first aid course for staff and parents last term. Eleven people completed the course. Thanks to all who participated.

### **HATS**

UV exposure is a large health problem here in Australia. If you don't want your child sharing hats, be sure that they have a hat with them everyday.

### **THANK YOU HELEN GARDINER**

Thanks to Helen for organizing Archery Day for the Middlies last Term. All archers had a great time.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

#### **KATHERINE (YR 6)**

Katherine has been chosen from the thousands of entries as a finalist in the *Nestle Write Around Australia* Competition. She will participate in a Creative Writing workshop to fine tune her story *Flyin* before the final round of judging. Mary worked on this project with the Biggies while Faye was in France. Faye thanks Mary for her excellent efforts working with all the Biggies in preparing their entries for this competition.

### **SCHOOL PLAY**

Over the holidays, the children were busy with Sam rehearsing for *Peter Pan*, the school's major production which will take place in lieu of Term 3's end of Term Concert. Please note the date in your diary, 14 September.

### **TIM BERRYMAN RETURNING AUGUST 7TH**

Tim will be teaching Maths from the 7th of August. He will resume teaching Chinese from the second half of Term 3.

### **CHINESE CLASSES**

Flora will continue to teach Chinese for the first half of Term 3. We have appreciated her dedication to the children and wish her well in her future

endeavours. Best of Luck to you and your growing family.

### **THANK YOU MARIA BONGIOVANNI**

Thanks to Maria for organizing trip to the Sewage Farm in Werribee for Tinies and Littlies. Thanks to all other parents who accompanied.

### **POSSUM MAGIC TRIP**

Littlies and Tinies had a wonderful trip to see Possum Magic last term. A real Australian Classic brought to life. We all had an enjoyable day.

### **BASKETBALL COMPETITION**

Some of the Middlies will be going to Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Monday the 18th of July. Tim Richards will be coaching the team which will be travelling by tram to the competition. Stay tuned for future bulletins.

### **Congratulations MARGARET**

Congratulations to Margaret, mother of Cassie and Genevieve, for the elite honour of gaining admission to the Dean's List in the Faculty of Education at Melbourne Uni.

### **CERAMICS NEWS**

FCS has been awarded a \$500 Northcote Pottery *Innovative Terracotta* Award based on our submission to create an Imaginary Garden. Work commenced in Terms 2 & 3. Thanks to Lyn Gould from Brunswick East Primary for access to the school's kiln. Thanks to Annette Reeve who attended a workshop at CERES on Straw-bale and Earthen Construction. A group of students have attended VCA to use the clay slab roller and learn about slab

construction. Any parents who wish to become involved in the project or have special skills such as welding, cement paving, design or engineering please see Marita in the art room Wed 1:30-3pm or Mon & Thurs 3-5pm.

### **DRAMA EVENING**

Please come to the Community Rooms, across the road next to the grandstand. 7:00 pm Tues., August 1<sup>st</sup> for a Night of Drama vignettes by the Tinies, Littlies and Year 3 Middlies. The program includes, 'The Magic Birds', 'The Witch's Swan' and 'The Rainmaker.'

### **FAREWELL OSCAR ANDERSON**

We will soon be missing Oscar and his family for they are leaving for Vienna where John has a job with the UN, monitoring disarmament agreements. Best of luck to Oscar, Jasmine, Katie and John in your new home.

### **PUPPET THEATRE**

The Gardner Puppet Theatre will be presenting 'Blast Off' next Tuesday July 18th to the younger children.

### **DENTAL SERVICES**

All primary school children are eligible for dental checkups at the North Fitzroy Dental Clinic at 658 Nicholson Street North Fitzroy. (Tel 9481-3179) The services are free to Health Care card holders and there is a \$25 fee per child who are non-card holders. See Noticeboard or Leslie for more information.

### **CONGRATULATIONS GABE (CLASS OF '98)**

Gabe is currently under 15 swimming champion, SRC rep for his sub school,

on the team for the solar car challenge and has the part of Mike in the school musical, Oklahoma. Sounds like a busy life at Uni High! Thank you Pia, (Gabe's mother) for your kind letter acknowledging FCS's part in Gabe's success.

program for unemployed people between the ages of 15-24 and those over 45 and people from multi-cultural backgrounds. For more information contact the Brotherhood at 9419 0888.

**WELCOME RAQUEL (WIFE OF PAST STUDENT CORIN MCCONNELL. CLASS OF'82)**

Welcome to Raquel, who will be working with Philip on Fitzroy Programs business, School administration, and other office tasks.

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Friday 28th July 7:30pm Community Rooms. How can you help? Buy a ticket \$15. Organize a table of 10. Donate a prize. Assist the organizing team. Talk to Kathleen Feeny (Calum & Emily's mum) or Margaret Clark (Cassie & Genevieve's mum). This is a fun social evening so make room in your diary and come along.

**MUSICAL ENSEMBLE**

Thank you Carey Grammar Musical ensemble for entertaining the children on our first day back for Term 3.

**BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

The Brotherhood of St. Laurence in Fitzroy has recently started two new specialised programmes to help people in our community who are looking for work. The Return to Work program helps prepare people who have been looking after children, or an elderly, ill or disabled person for two years or more, for their re-entry into the workforce. The CBE program (Community Business Employment) is an intensive job search assistance