

# *Fitzroy Community School*

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**NEWSLETTER**

**June 2001**

ENCL: School Philosophy - Statement 2000  
*by the founders, Philip and Faye*

**CELEBRATING OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY 16 SEPTEMBER**  
Sunday, 16th of September 12-4pm in the Edinburgh Gardens (Community Rooms if wet). Come join the celebration. Reserve this weekend in your diaries.

Please let other past students know of the Anniversary Celebrations and the following projects and events. Our database may be incomplete. Please let us know of any new addresses you may have.

**COMMEMORATIVE QUILT**  
We have started to make the FCS Commemorative Quilt. Anyone who wants to sew a big or small part is invited to contribute their skills. No prior experience is necessary.

The quilt is an appliqué design which means lots of small features sewn onto a large background. We can find a job for anyone who wants to put something on.

Also if you have leftover material scraps that we could use please bring them in. The fabric needs to be 100% cotton and not too heavily patterned. Contact Jan Newel 9459-4992 or Gabby Brennan(at school) for more info.

## **COMMEMORATIVE MAGAZINE**

Do you have a copy of an old story poem, project, or artwork you created at FCS? That's just what we're looking for. Any contributions from past or current parents would also be most welcome. Contact Gabby Brennan 5264-1158.

## **SCHOOL DISCO 7 SEPTEMBER**

For current Prep to Gr 6 students on Friday, 7th of September 6-9:30pm. No past students please.

## **BOOK OF WRITINGS**

Robyn Broadbent (mum of Perri and Moriah) will put together a hardcover book of the writings of current students.

## **COOKBOOK**

Recipes to be compiled by Jo Digby-Howard (9480-6189) and Kathleen Feeny (9489-4042). Post your recipes to Jo at 11 Harold Street Thornbury 3071.

## **MAGIC PUDDING :20 SEPTEMBER**

Term 3's 25th Anniversary Celebration week culminates on Thursday 20th September at 7:30pm at Collingwood College with all current students performing in "The Magic Pudding." Talk to Gabby Brennan if you'd like to lend a hand. Does Anyone have chicken wire or a foam mattress for Arthur to work some magic on?

## **70'S PARTY FOR PAST STUDENTS AND ADULTS – 20 OCTOBER**

Saturday 20th October Contact Jo Digby-Howard (9480-6189) and Noreena Ramadan (9383-4543) for details and or to lend a hand.

### **MS READ-ATHON 18 JUNE**

A guest speaker will talk about the Read-athon at meeting on *Monday 18th June* at 9am. Please be especially prompt on the morning: we have special guests.

### **CONGRATULATIONS EVELYN**

Evelyn (Yr4) has recently received 92% on her Grade 2 Musical Theory exam.

### **TINIES OUTING - POMPOM**

The Tinies went to the Art Centre for this Presentation based on the stories of Pamela Allen. This was a really lovely outing. Thanks to all our drivers.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEX, RORY WILL. AND JASLYN**

These Littlies each won a Pamela Allen book and honourable mention for their drawings produced in Gina's Art Class.

### **CONGRATULATIONS LUKE COTTOM (FCS Grad Yr 94)**

Luke made the under 19 Victorian Amateur Football Association Squad and will be playing against NSW and ACT at Elsternwick Park this Sunday, the 10th of June.

### **TERM 2 CLEANUP DAY 16 JUNE**

10am –3pm on Saturday the 16th of June  
Parents please come and lend a hand tidying up and tackling those extra jobs that need a bit of attention. Also we try to make this a kid-free day so that we can really move through the jobs.

### **TERM 3 CLEANUP DAY DATE CHANGE**

10am –3pm on Saturday the 1st of Sept.  
This is a new date due to the 25th Anniv. Celebrations.

### **WELCOME STUDENT TEACHERS**

Welcome and Thank You to our three student teachers this term, Claire, Jenelle and Paul.

### **FEDERATION CELEBRATIONS**

The Biggies went to the Federation Celebration, "A Sense of Place" organised by the only female Jewish Rabbi in Australia. A true demonstration of the diversity of spirituality in Australian life and the great Australian quality of tolerance and acceptance of difference.

### **NETBALL**

Carlton District Inter-school Netball in Royal Park. There have been some wonderful performances and evidence of some up and coming stars. Some Year 3's up to Yr 5's are participating. Thanks to drivers and coaches

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

There were many excellent FCS performances at the Interschool Meet in Alphington. Congratulations to Eric and Sarojini (Yr 4s) who represented FCS at the Zone.

### **POOL CAFÉ PRIVILEGES**

Only Middlies and Biggies are allowed to purchase food at the Café at the Pool on Wednesdays. Drivers, please respect this rite of passage of the older students by returning the younger children to school where they can go to the corner shop for lollies. This is particularly important as most Tinies and Littlies don't have money at the pool (and nor do most parents wish it.)

### **NO LOLLY or CHOC FUNDRAISING**

Children are drawn to sugar (as if you didn't know). We try to keep a lid on it. We do have Lolly Day. We don't want to reject kind gestures. But just to reduce the overall consumption which has been creeping up one way and another, we have decided to ask people not to bring lolly or chocolate FUNDRAISING into the school.

### **MUSICAL SOIREE JUNE 7**

The Musical Evening on Thursday was very enjoyable. Thank you to all the performers and their teachers for a pleasant evening.

### **THANK YOU DORA**

Olivia's Mum has been busy again. Thank you for the beautifully colourful fabric cubby house. All the children had sessions during the first "Open for Inspection."

### **CAROLINE BRENCHLEY TEACHING IN U.S.**

Caroline B, a founding student of FCS in 1976, has been working and teaching double bass and piano in Cincinnati, Ohio. Caroline first fell in love with Cincinnati when she went there on a tertiary Music Scholarship some years ago.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOS JULY 30**

Spruce yourselves up and look gorgeous on Monday July 30th.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TESS (FCS Grad Year of 2000)**

Congratulations Tess for representing Melbourne Girls' College in the Northern Zone swimming Finals and making it through to the State Finals which were held in April.

### **TERM 2 CONCERT**

All solo items for the next school concert are due to be in the folder in the school kitchen by Friday the 15th of June. Anyone who has performed in the first concert or in this Term's Musical Soiree will not perform, due to time restrictions.

### **GREETINGS FROM TIM B**

Tim's Peace and Economics Master is going well. He is due back early next Term.

### **THANKS JEREMY**

Thank you Jeremy (a founding student of FCS, now teaching literature at Melb Uni) for talking to the Year 4's and Biggies in English about how to write a great essay.

### **THANK YOU MARIA & CHRISTINE**

Thanks to James's Mum & Ilaria & Anthony's Mum. Your skill, hard work and imagination have greatly improved our front garden. Such straight paving!

### **IN-SCHOOL CHESS**

A Tournament will be held Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. All players involved.

### **THANK YOU LISA**

Sasha's Mum came to talk to the children at meeting about the human skeleton.

### **THANK YOU KEVIN W**

The Footy Clinic, run by James's Dad was a great success with all the attendees.

### **THANK YOU PHILIP HARVEY & CAROL O'CONNOR**

It was Dorothea Mackellar Poetry time again and Philip and Carol generously donated their time to choose our 20 entries into this year's competition. Thank you also to Philip for helping the children with writing their poems in class.

### **CONGRATULATIONS MARINA**

Marina has won an academic scholarship to Melbourne Girls Grammar for six years of secondary schooling beginning next year in Year 7.

### **THANK YOU ARTHUR**

Thank you Arthur for the Safety Belts attaching the crash mat to the wall in the Meeting Room. P.S. Thanks for all you do.

### **NEXT WEEKEND 3 DAY WEEKEND**

Queen's Birthday weekend is upon us. No school on Monday June 11. Back to school on Tuesday 12 June.

### **FIREMEN VISIT TINIES**

Firemen have been to talk with the Tinies about "good fire and bad fire". On the 14th of June they will return with a fire truck for the Tinies to have a look at.

### **VIOLIN STRINGS**

Leslie has a supply of replacement violin strings for ½ and full size violins in the office. When a string breaks Jenny can replace it and we'll put the price on your IOU to be paid at the end of each term. A full set of Dominant brand strings costs \$50. Single strings range from \$7.50 (E string) to \$16 (G string).

### **SCHOOL WEB SITE UPDATED**

Since Tim R went to Japan, the school website had fallen months behind. But it's all up to date again now. We got this email from a writer in Canada.

Delivered-To: fcs@netlink.com.au  
From: "Randy Hayward"  
<horsedoc@nbnet.nb.ca>  
Subject: enjoyed your site

Hi, I am a kindergarten teacher from Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. In my search for information about Australia for use in my classroom study, I found your delightful site!!!

I took the opportunity to read about your school's philosophy and was very impressed that such places exist. I wish I could enroll my own children in such a place. It has given me food for thought in my day-to-day dealing with impressionable young five year olds. Thank you.

Audrey Hayward, Queen Elizabeth School  
Moncton, N.B.' Canada

### **SECONDARY SCHOOL INFO NIGHT JUNE 19th**

There will be an Information Night for Year 5's and 6's and their parents on the last Tuesday of Term 2 at 7:30pm in the meeting room to hear from Past Students

and their parents about different Secondary Schools and the transition process.

Please, any past students reading this, consider yourself both invited and welcome. Do come. Parents find this evening most useful and appreciate your coming. We hope to have many different schools represented.

### **FAREWELL to LISA**

Lisa O'Beirne is off to travel the world to be followed by a career in Art Therapy. Good Luck, Lisa and Thanks for all your time at FCS.

**P.S. RE: PUNCTUALITY  
at morning meetings:**

#### **THREE THOUGHTS:**

1. It is disruptive and disrespectful to repeatedly come in late.
2. It is a bad habit to learn. (We adults know how we feel about people who regularly don't show up on time)
3. Much of the beneficial ethos of the school unfolds at the meetings.



*Faye, Philip, Tim, Jeannette  
& all the Staff*