

Fitzroy Community School

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NEWSLETTER

September 2002

WELCOME BACK CARMELA

Carmela is back on Wednesdays with the Adults' Choir. We need more voices so if you'd love to sing please come along. Welcome also to Emma who sits in the kitchen looking happy and cute just like her big sister Carla used to. Thanks to the marvellous baby minders on Wed. afternoons.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS

Sophie Oh has joined the staff as a swimming teacher on Wednesdays.

Susan Gillberg (Mother of Magnus) has taken on the much-needed task of getting the school archives in order. We look forward to perusing these.

David Hillel is our new drama teacher, filling Jono's shoes, just in time for the school play!

TURTLES UPDATE – PROPS NEEDED

Stage manager, Chris Tanti, reports that pre-production for the upcoming play is now in full swing. Anyone who would like to help with Sets/Props, or backstage with hair and makeup, please contact Chris (9482-4886)

If you can help with costumes please contact Leone (9482-6553). If any Littlies parent didn't get a note about hooligan costumes please talk to Leone.

Following is a list of props we need:

big fluffy rug	4 large cushions
microphone	small table (to be used as a desk for the newsreader)
ice hockey mask	plastic baseball bat
4 small lanterns to place tea candles in	
6 tall boxes	3 pot plants

SCHOOL PLAY REHEARSALS

September 16-19 is play week. All children will need packed lunches including drinks this week. Talk to Jeannette if you can drive to or from Collingwood College. There is no swimming on Wed the 18th.

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES TICKETS & PERFORMANCES

Tickets for the performances are available from Leslie for \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. You can pay at the door, or ahead of time and have the tickets added to your end-of-year bill. Tickets will be available Wed. the 11th of Sept. Remember that there is limited seating at Collingwood College, especially for the Thursday evening performance.

Performances will all be at Collingwood College Theatre, Vere Street Collingwood.

There will be matinees at 1pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (Sept 17 – 19). The evening performance will start at 7:30 pm on Thursday the 19th.

TWILIGHT SOIREE

The Musical Soiree in August was a wonderful evening. The next soiree is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at 7pm. Start preparing.

Congratulations JOLI (FCS 1999)

On presenting yourself as the fine young woman you are on the occasion of your Bar-Mitvah. Philip & Faye attended, as did the Connelys and the Hamel-Green/Newells, as well as a full synagogue of friends.

YEAR FIVE CAMP

Yr 5 camp with Mary, Sarah, Miranda & Tim. A huge thank you from Tim to my helpers and the kids for accommodating my lack of mobility (on crutches). Also a huge thank you to all the cooks who provided cakes, muffins and cookies for the camp.

FINISHING TIME

School finishes at 3pm. Please collect children for the homeward journey by 3:20pm. When your child has after-school clay/gym please be at school **by** 4pm (gym) or **by** 5pm (clay) to pick them up. Being a sibling of a child involved in after-school classes does not make it okay to just hang around for the hour or two. We ask parents to heed this: otherwise there are supervision problems and school cleanup is somewhat undone.

MIDDLELIES' CAMP

Middlies camp with Tim and Sean was great fun. Lots of adventures.

SUNNY WEATHER IS A-COMIN'

Parents, please gear up for sunscreen and hats for offspiring going on sunny outings. Could happen at any time!

ALIA ANNUAL PRODUCTION

Alternative secondary school *Alia*, which has a number of our past pupils, and will get more, presented "Wizard" (an adaption of the Wizard of Oz). Three of our students, Ben, Rory and Casey, performed in "Wizard". Leslie and Catherine took our Year 6s to see the play.

Congratulations ROZ

our art teacher, on being placed on the Deans List upon completion of your degree at Melbourne Uni. Faye and Philip ran into Ros and her parents at the event.

Report from ROZ

Last Wednesday, Imogen and I took the Biggies on an excursion to the city to see Tibetan monks make a sand mandala. It was a fascinating experience. We were all lucky enough to join the monks in a half an hour meditation before watching the monks making the mandala and learned that it symbolised that all things are impermanent. Afterwards we spoke with one of the monks about Buddhism and his reasons for leaving Tibet and living in exile in India and Australia.

Congratulations LIAM (FCS 2000)

On gaining a place at Melbourne High School, the academically highest achieving secondary school (of all sectors) in the state.

THANKS CATHERINE

Catherine has been very involved teaching this term. Her help is especially appreciated during camps when other teachers are away. Her fun and efficient guidance style makes for a nice classroom atmosphere.

FRENCH DINNER

Catherine's French students had a fabulous time cooking, serving and eating French food at their French supper and sleepover at the school on Tuesday 3rd September. Menu: Quiche Lorraine, Mousse au Chocolat, Salade Nicoise. Watched a bit of a French movie and went to sleep (eventually).

Congratulations CASEY (FCS 2002)

On gaining a place in the Accelerated Learning Program at University High School.

GUS NOSSAL SAYS BE SURE TO VOTE

Gus (Grandfather of Dominic, Sam & Rudi) came to speak about bio-diversity and environmental treasures at the meeting on Tuesday 3rd September.

Victoria is establishing a National Park in our coastal waters to preserve the marine environment. The State government is looking for one marine animal to be **the State emblem** to symbolize the entire marine environment.

Everyone, adults and children alike, have the opportunity to vote for the creature we think will best represent our state. The animal needs to be a species that is specifically found in Victorian waters and is not too rare so that people would be able to see it if they went snorkelling in the National Park. There is a short list of creatures to choose from or you can nominate your own favourite creature. (Dolphins, sharks, whales and penguins will not be eligible because they can be found in other parts of Australia and overseas.)

Come on kids! At last, a chance to vote on something – and have your vote counted!

LITTLES going to ARTS Centre

Wednesday 9th October at 12 noon, to see a drama titled *Bugalug's Bum Thief*.

SINGING & SWIMMING - SEPT 11

Wednesday, September 11 the children will be singing at Harold McCracken House, (the old age Home around the corner.) Everyone PLEASE be on time in the morning as we are singing at 11am sharp.

Swimming drivers please arrive at school before 10:45. Swimming cars will be loaded to drive to Harold McCracken House. We will sing then reload cars and go straight to swimming.

CLEAN UP DAY CANCELLED

Cleanup at school Sat. 14th September has been cancelled. Leslie has generously offered her home as an alternate venue for any frustrated spring cleaners. (Term 4 Cleanup Day will be at the Land.)

INTER-SCHOOL SPORT Fri 6th

There is sport, rounders and soccer against St Johns on Friday, September 6th 10- 11:30 am. The Middlies and Biggies will participate at St. John's in Clifton Hill. Spectators welcome.

MEDIEVAL DAY

Wed. October 16th the children will be immersed in the European Middle Ages. There will be swordplay, jousting and general bawdiness.

FAMILY DAY AT THE LAND – TERM 4

This is a great opportunity, especially for Tinies and their Parents who may not have seen the school camp yet, to visit the Land on Sunday 13th of October from 11am- 3pm. There will be a barbecue set up so bring a picnic and meat/ veggieburgers to barbecue.

FCS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

20 players participated in an intra-school tournament on Tuesday 3rd Sept. Samuel led the whole way until the last round where Evelyn played a brilliant game, pipped him at the post and won 1st place (5.5/6pts). Samuel & Raphael came equal 2nd with 5 points. John and Calum came equal 4th with 4.5 pts. The best Middle was Raphael (5 pts.) and the best Little was William(3.5pts.).

MIDDLEIES MEET AUTHOR

Jeannette and the Middlies went to the State Library to hear Emily Rodda, author of the popular Deltora Quest Series, as well as another 60 books. Emily spoke about her life as a writer.

NETBALL VICTORIA

Call Michelle at Netball Victoria (9321 2240) to register for Boys and Girls Netball (5-8yrs old) Wednesdays at 4 or 5pm. Begins Wed. Sept 11th. \$13 registration plus \$5 per week for 8 weeks.

Congratulations CELESTE

Congratulations to Celeste (Year 2) for being selected by her ballet teacher to take part in the Ballet Teachers of Victoria Workshop 2002, and on being chosen to dance in the finals on October 13th. (Only about 20% of entrants are selected.) Celeste performed solo for the first time at the end of Term 2 concert. We all wish her well for October 13th! Celeste also received a "Distinction" for her R.A.D. Grade 1 exam in August.

Congratulations SAMANTHA

Samantha (Year 1) also did the R.A.D. Grade 1 Ballet exam and received a "Commended" for her efforts. Well done, Sam!

AMY HAS RETURNED TO TEACH ARCHAEOLOGY

Amy has been away on an Archaeological dig in Turkey and will talk about the highlights at meeting on Thursday Sept. 5th.

HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC and tournament

Fitzroy Tennis Club is offering coaching Tuesday 24th to Thursday 26th Sept 9.30am till 12 noon daily, cost \$79. If interested call Kym on 8415 0342

THANKS to all the STORY READERS

The children are truly enjoying the story time reading by all the volunteer readers. There are still a few vacant times. If there are any grandparents who would like to read, they would be most welcome.

VOLUNTEERS

FCS is enriched by the many volunteers who help out doing jobs in and outside of school. Andrew (Sam & Meg) has built some amazing benches for the reading room, Paul (Jaz & Lucas) is always at swimming, Leonie (Conrad & Celeste) & Chris (Greta & Lily) are busy with the school play. And many more ...

Karling will be doing Nature Studies with the Littlies and Tinies. We would like to incubate chickens but need a school friend or friends to take them. Any volunteers?

Thanks also to Neal for all his days of effort as assistant and Karling for Nature Studies.

SCIENCE TRIP TO IMAX

Andrew, Jeannette and the Middlies went to IMAX to see a 3D Space Station film. Special highlights were parts from an actual space shuttle on display in the foyer.

THANKS TO ALL THE SOUP CHEFS

Continuing thanks to all our Thursday soup chefs for providing copious amounts of yummy soup for the children (and staff, if we're lucky enough to get a cup before it is all devoured).

SEAN IS IN JAPAN

Sean is in Japan with Rachel (Jeanette's daughter) and Tim Richards (past FCS IT/computer wiz). Sean is looking for a well-paid job teaching English (as Tim & Rach do).

VOLUNTEERS for COMPUTER ROOM

The computer room is up and running. But we know from experience that it will remain operational only if there is an adult present in the room while it is being used.

We are therefore asking for adult volunteers to check with Jeannette when a significant number are having free time, and simply man (or woman) the room for say 45 minutes.

Fitzroy Talking Readers is a great reading computer program. Maths Circus is a great Maths computer program. Word is also available on most machines. This can be used for students to type their own stories, letters, etc. Documents can be stored on the machines

C drive. A floppy will be provided by Leslie or Philip for students to download their document when it is ready for printing. Leslie or Philip will then print it out for them.

FAYE & PHILIP RE-VISIT DUNKELD, the country property of Allan and Maria Myers – who are the parents of Clare, Cecilia and John Jerome, past FCS students. In the early days of FCS, Maria taught Nature Study and the school camped at the Dunkeld property.

Allan and Maria had a vision to create a beautiful space at Dunkeld and many of their friends saw on a recent weekend that indeed they have done so. The occasion was a brilliant performance by the Australian String Quartet, whose career Maria has taken an interest in.

FCS today owes a great debt to early parents for their faith in the school, vision and generosity – both practical and emotional.

CAMPS – End of Year 2002 Changes to Dates

Littlies 18th – 20th November (Mon - Wed)

Middlies 20th – 23rd November (Wed - Sat). This camp will arrive back at school at 12 noon

Year 5 25th – 29th November (Monday to Friday) . This camp will be at the two Tims' tree farm.

Year 6 2nd - 6th December (Mon - Fri)

Tinies 9/10 December (Monday – Tuesday)

If you are available to drive on any of these dates, this is greatly appreciated. Contact Tim.

