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NEWSLETTER

October 2002

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CONGRATULATIONS to all our MASTER'S GAMES ATHLETES

Naomi Cottom (FCS grad '83) has won 2 gold, 1 silver & 1 bronze medal in rowing (eights & fours) at the recent Masters Games.

Keith Howden (husband of Jeannette) won gold in 400m running at the Masters Games. Spectators Gabby, Jaslyn and Celeste screamed so loudly, that Keith couldn't help but win the 400m final. He also won silver in the 200m, gold in the 4 x 100m relay and silver in the 4 x 400m relay.

Julie Burke (cousin of Faye & Helen) came to Melbourne from Canberra, stayed with Helen, and won gold in mixed doubles tennis.

WELCOME SKYE

Our first child of a past pupil, Skye, daughter of Corin and Racquel, is spending time with us this term in readiness for starting school here next year. (Corin McConnell was a contemporary of Nick Berryman.)

CONGRATULATIONS MARINA (grad of '01)

Marina Connelly (Girls Grammar) earned a Distinction in the Year 7 Australian Schools Science Competition.

Congrats also on your confirmation, Marina, at the MCEGGS Chapel last Tuesday. A beautiful ceremony. Faye was Marina's sponsor.

VERY BEST WISHES to our past pupils finishing school

Warren Howden (VCE), Cameron Fleming (IB) and Nick Van Duyn (VCE) – all grad year 1996 – face their final exams shortly. We wish them well.

TURTLES VIDEOS

Turtles videos will be on sale this week for \$20. Thanks to Robyn (Perri & Moriah's mum) for organizing this very efficiently. See Leslie/Jeannette.

TURTLES PLAY

Congrats on a great production! Sam would like to thank all the kids, parents and staff for making the production so much fun. And would like to make a special thank you to Chris, Arthur and Leonie for making for a great team effort.

ARTHUR BACK at the ESPLANADE

Weary Womat, Bruce Koala et al have taken Arthur from the Art Centre market back to St Kilda Esplanade on Sundays. (They missed the customers.)

HERALD-SUN Book Tokens

If anyone still has any of these, please hand them in to Leslie promptly.

MEDIEVAL DAY

Medieval Day on Oct. 16th was a great success. The children learned sword fighting and medieval games.

WELCOME MATT

Small world. Matt Daniel, our new Italian teacher, was once a student of Jeremy's at Melbourne Uni.

WELCOME JUDY BOURKE

mother of Estelle, who is now coming on Mondays p.m. for Tinies Science.

Bon Voyage ANGELA

Angela Jurevic, mother of Milena (now Yr 9 Wesley), leaves Friday Week for a 9 months MBA at the Sourbonne, Paris. (How Wonderful! Faye) A great opportunity for Milena too who will live with her mum in Paris for 6 of the 9 months and in England for some of the time.

KYM LARDNER IS COMING

Storyteller extraordinaire, Kym Larner will come to entertain the children on Tuesday Oct. 29th.

Yr 6's to the Tree Farm

Tim, Ros and the Yr 6's left for camp at the Tree Farm on Sunday and will

return Wednesday evening. Probably tired and smelling like camp fire smoke with stories to tell.

TWILIGHT SOIREE

The next soiree is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd at 7pm.

ATHLETICS DAY Oct 30th

Come to cheer for the Evil Emus, Blue Dragons, Lightning Lions, and the Tigers as they compete in a seriously fun-filled competition. BBQ to follow. If you can lend a BBQ grill to this event or know of someone who can, please speak with Penny (Josh & Tom's mum) or Jeannette.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 31st OCT

Comb your hair and smile for another round of school photos. Speak to Jeannette if you'd like family group photos.

BON VOYAGE CATHERINE

Catherine is heading off to Delhi, India to spend some time in a pre-school, whose founder, Kewal Sony, read about FCS from our book *Start Your Own School* (publ. 1980) which he found in the library of the British Consulate in Delhi! Kewal visited Melbourne last year and attended Nick and Amy's wedding.

MIRIANA'S COOKING CLASS

Some of the Biggies are bringing home some great dishes on Tuesday nights.

Littlies Art Center 9 Oct

Bugalug's Bum Thief was a bit hit. A CD of the soundtrack can be heard in the kitchen.

CAMP DATES – same as in last (Sept) newsletter, but different from earlier notice

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. You can sign up on the lists on the fridge. If the Tinies’ would like one of their parents to accompany them on camp, just talk to Jeannette. All other camps are parent-free zones.

UNIVERSAL PEACE DANCING

We were delighted to have Laurie Ross from NZ at meeting on October 15th to talk with the children and teach the children about peace and harmony in the world through sacred song and circle dancing.

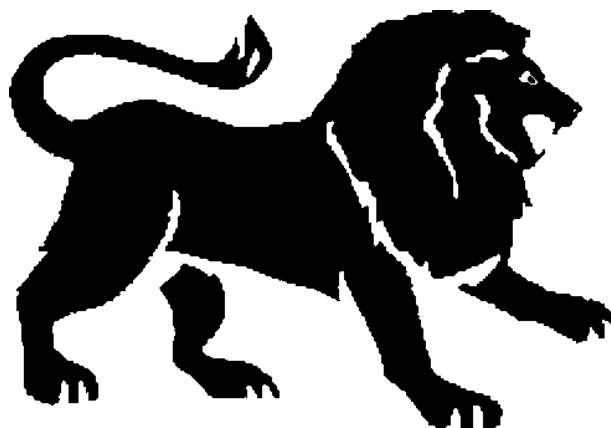
For two hours of extended meeting time, the whole school was rapt, singing and dancing. Laurie has just come from Qld and NSW where she contributed to Dances for Universal Peace.

Lauree lives in Auckland and besides the dancing, she organises events which bring immigrant groups of musicians into contact with NZ audiences.

(Lauree and her late husband David Theobald, were contemporaries and close friends of Philip during his university days in Auckland in the late 60s and early 70s).

FAMILY DAY AT THE LAND

Sunday, October 13th was a nice family afternoon in the bush. Some of the Tinies got to see the location of Tinies’ camp for the first time.



**BIGGIES ART CENTRE TRIP
13 Nov**

At 12noon Biggies will leave FCS and travel by tram to the Arts Centre to see “Second Childhood,” a show involving circus skills comedy and music. Please bring a packed lunch.

TINIES Proms for Preps 4 Dec

Tinies will leave FCS at 12:30pm for “An Introduction to the Orchestra - with Nehama Patkin”.

ROUNDERS on Thursdays

Middlies and Biggies bring a drink, hat and sunscreen to play interschool rounders this term. If you can drive at 1pm &/or return at 3pm talk to Jeannette. Need more cars.

THURS EXTRA GYM

Time change

Now runs from 3:15pm to 4:15 due to the Rounders.

BIGGIES to Village School

The Biggies spent a marvellous day at the Village School, Croydon. They will pay us a return visit.

JOHN MARSDEN

Noted author, John Marsden, generously spent time with the Biggies in English on Oct 15th. They discussed his "Prayer for the 21st Century" and presented their own Prayers which were inspired by his work. John was very impressed by the children's enthusiasm, insight and use of language.

PARENTS' CLEAN UP DAY At the Land – Sat. 7th Dec.

Please tell Jeannette or Tim if you'll be coming to help for cleanup Day at the Land. 11am – 4pm. Such a working bee is necessary after a year of camps.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM HAROLD McCRACKEN HOUSE 11th Sept.

Dear Faye,

A little note to express my heartfelt thanks to all involved with today's concert at Harold McCracken house.

I have come away with such a renewal of faith in the world. To see the faces of the patients, some singing along with the children.

To see hands clapping, that are often still. The children's enthusiasm and lovely interaction with people, who are at the end of their lives.

There is some real talent amongst those beautiful children and obviously they are being guided well by some very special people.

Please thank everyone involved with the concert, even parents who helped out.

I so believe in the importance of Community and that is what I saw at work today.

Much love, Jan Williams

