

Fitzroy Community School

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NEWSLETTER

December 2002

GRADUATION CONCERT

Thursday December 12th 7pm
Collingwood College, Vere St.
Collingwood. Farewell and Best wishes to all our Year 6's as they leave FCS and move to secondary schools: Ben, Caitlin, Casey, Frankie, Hannah, Jim, Perri, Rory and Ruby. Our love to you all.

Please bring a plate to celebrate this event.

MIDDLEIES MEDIA

Thanks to Alex Jackson for taking the Middlies Video class this term. This has been an exciting addition to our curriculum.

CONGRATULATIONS

GIANCARLO (grad of '99)

Giancarlo Salamanca won a medal for coming first in Victoria in the Uni of NSW computer skills competition and came national 4th in the Australian Informatics Competition – a computer programming competition and open to all school levels.

Giancarlo still helps his old school FCS in the lighting/sound booth for our annual productions (the latest being Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles).

NEXT YEAR'S PRODUCTION

The 2003 FCS Term 3 Production will be Robin Hood in Pantomime. The script is being prepared by Peter Black (Oscar's grandfather) with Katie (Oscar's mum) as his co-writer.

CONGRATULATIONS

to our past pupils finishing school

Warren Howden (VCE), Cameron Fleming (IB) and Nick Van Duyn (VCE) – all grad year 1996 – finished their final exams. We wish them well for the future. (Imogen, our Latin teacher, is a contemporary of this group, who finished Yr 12 last year as part of the Uni High Accelerated program.)

SPORTS DAY THANK YOU

A big thank you to Penny, Chris and their wonderful crew for another colourful, fun-filled Sports Carnival.

DOLL MAKING WORKSHOP

The doll making workshop run by Eric and Astrid's aunt, Jo Maxwell, was a wonderful event, and produced some fantastic looking doll creations. Thank you Jo, for coming to share your talents with FCS.

AFTER HOURS CHOIR THANK YOU

Thanks to the Connelly's (Family of Astrid Clare) for again hosting the after hours choir at Ormond College. Choir will perform at the final concert.

VILLAGE SCHOOL PLUS PIZZA

The Biggies hosted a pizza luncheon with friends from the Village School. Our friends then stayed to watch us win an interschool rounders match. The Village School is now converted to the joy of Rounders.

ROUNDERS ZONE QUARTER FINAL

The Gold Team (Ben, Casey, Rory, Ruby, Dom Walker, Jojo, Oscar, John, Seamus, Hannah and Conrad) played a well fought and sportsmanlike match against Bellbridge Primary. Unfortunately, the tide of luck turned against them and they lost the match by 1 run.

We're proud of the efforts of all our Interschool Rounder's teams this year. Thanks to Sam and Tim for a great coaching effort.

CAMPS

Littlies, Middlies and Year 5 camps were fun and successful. Only Year 6s and Tinies are still waiting for their days in the bush. Philip, Cameron and Cam's dad James will be working on site during the Tinies camp, sawing up a fallen tree and erecting a woodshed.

2003 Year 6s ART CENTRE TRIP

Thursday Feb 6th the Year 6's of 2003 will go to see the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe at the Arts Centre.

Jeremy's friend, Priscilla has designed the monster puppets for this production.

THE CYCLE OF IDEAS

Timothy represented FCS this year at the independent schools national bash, this time in Fremantle. Amongst other useful sessions, Tim attended the seminar of an educational Philosophy lecturer and then discovered over lunch with her that she was a student of Philip's at the Uni of WA when Philip was a Philosophy lecturer there, back in the early 70s!

HERALD-SUN Book Tokens

Thanks to everyone who collected Book tokens. We collected 800 tokens which obtained 6 wonderful books for the library.

NEWS FROM CATHERINE

Catherine settled in with her host family in Delhi, India. Her hosts have proclaimed her an official part of the family and said they will miss her when she leaves them.

GO ASTRID!

Astrid Connelly is absent much of this week because she is participating in the Southern Cross Games for the visually impaired. Astrid is running, and may swim too. Astrid is hosting a runner Sarah, 13, from the ACT. Events are mainly at RVIB and St. Leo's, Box Hill.

CHESS

Farewell to Ibbly who has left to pursue unknown adventures. Thanks to Jeremy and Warren for stepping in to finish off Chess for the year. There will be an end-of-year intra-school tournament on Tuesday, December 10th.

THANK YOU to all our teaching Past pupils

Tim, Mary, Amy, Imogen, Warren,
Jeremy, Cameron and Alex.

ELECTRONICS CLASSROOM

On 11th June 2003 a mobile
Electronics Classroom will visit the
Biggies next year. Mark your diaries
and start saving 2 empty match boxes.

Our SIX-YEARLY Inspection

This year FCS is inspected by 2
inspectors, chosen by FCS from an
approved list provided by the ministry.
We are required to explain our policies
in writing on everything: English,
Maths, Music, Sports, vents, toilets,
etc. Timothy is handling the
inspection, and so far has had
successful discussions with one of the
supervisors, Gerry Tickell, state system
luminary, who it just happens
supervised Faye when she first taught
in the state system!

STAND-UP COMEDIAN

Another special event for March next
year will be the visit of Britain's
"only" stand-up comic for children.
James Campbell will be visiting FCS
while he is in Melbourne for the
Comedy Festival.

BIGGIES BOOK REPORT DAY at FAIRFIELD AMPHITHEATRE

Congratulations to all the Biggies for
their excellent standard in both public
speaking and literary understanding.
All present had an enjoyable day.
Thank you to parents, grandparents and
friends who supported by their
presence.

KRIS KRINGLE

Thurs 12th of Dec. at 2pm the children
will exchange Kris Kringle gifts.
Notices and names have been
distributed. Check with Jeannette if
you have any questions. Check the
fete for last minute Kris Kringle gifts.

FETE WED Dec 11th

A fete to support asylum seekers with
living expenses while they await
resident permits will be held at 1pm on
Wed Dec 11th. Trash and Treasure,
cake stall, afternoon tea etc. Collect
your contributions for the big day. All
welcome.

SWIMMING DEC 11TH

Everyone except the Biggies will swim
before the fete on Dec 11th.

JOHN MARSDEN

Noted author, John Marsden, has again
visited FCS to make plans for some
activities next year.

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.

FINAL THURSDAY MEETING

December 12th, the final day of Term,
there will be presentations at morning
meeting. Seamus will receive an
award for Spelling. Special
Achievement Award Certificates will
be presented to the many Year 6
students who have completed Year 7
work in the English textbook
Mastering Words.

**CONGRATULATIONS
MARGARET**

Congratulations to Margaret (Mum of Cassie and Genevieve) on her appointment to teach at North Fitzroy Primary.

**CONGRATULATIONS WARREN
(CLASS of '96)**

Warren was the winner of the Melbourne Grammar Year 12 Maths Prize.

**CONGRATULATIONS TILLY
(CLASS '00)**

Congratulations to Tilly for gaining a Distinction in the Year 8 Italian Competition.

EGYPTIAN DAY

Amy and the Archaeology class are in the process of mummifying a fish. Yr 5s and 6s will celebrate the end of Archaeology this year with an Egyptian day.

THANK YOU LESLIE

Leslie has decided to finish as our school secretary at the end of this year. After benefiting from her many and varied services over several years, we wish Leslie the best of luck with whatever her next choices may be.

KENDO CHAMP 9 DEC.

Please be early for meeting on Monday December 9th. An Australian Kendo Champion will be giving a demonstration at meeting.



Christmas Wishes

Despite the little bumps and hurdles that are encountered in any school year, we have had overall a great year.

Thank you to the whole of FCS community for magnificent support - practical and emotional - over a wonderful year.

Peace, blessings and joy to all at Christmas time.

Happy Christmas to:

Children

Parents

Grandparents

Friends

Teachers

Admin staff

Maintenance staff

Cleaning and Grounds staff

Everyone connected with

the above

*Faye, Philip, Tim,
Jeannette & Mary*