

# *Fitzroy Community School*

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## NEWSLETTER

# *June 2003*

**Attachment : Enrolment Procedures for FCS**

**Reprint on Page 2: the case for school funding reform – a letter to the AGE Wed June 11**

### **MIDDLEIES CAMP AT THE LAND**

Monday to Wednesday

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Very Exciting

### **TERM 4 Year 6s CAMP at John Marsdens**

Monday to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Leaving 8.15am from school. NB this is the day before normal school starts.

### **ERIC selected to attend Scouting Youth Forum...**

Eric is one of 4 scouts from Hoadley Region selected to attend the Southern Region Youth Forum in mid July. Participants will be sharing their ideas on Scouting (and generally) thus helping the Scouting movement to plan its future more effectively.

### **FIRST PRINCIPAL CHOSEN**

Tim Fitzgerald has been selected as the first Principal for Fitzroy 7-10 School which commences operations in Feb 2004. This is all I've been given so far !!

### **CONGRATULATIONS IMOGEN**

On your 0<sup>th</sup> birthday. New baby daughter of Lisa, friend & former FCS teacher.

### **OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE Term 3**

Sean and I (Tim) have spoken for some time (three years) about having a 'camp term' for the biggies, and it has finally happened. Term Three this year will be the first try at this. The timetable below should not be taken as totally fixed, as it may evolve as the term proceeds. A good waterproof jacket will be a necessity.

### **CAMP DATES FOR BIGGIES**

<b>Year 5s</b>	4/8-8/8	Mon-Fri
	20/8-23/8	Wed-Sat
	1/9-5/9	Mon-Fri
<b>Yr 6 Boys</b>	28/7-1/8	Mon-Fri
<b>Yr 6 Girls</b>	28/7-1/8	Mon-Fri
<b>Yr6 Mixed</b>	8/9-12/9	Mon-Fri
<b>Undecided</b>	8/8-12/8	Fri-Tue
	11/8-15/8	Mon-Fri
	25/8-29/9	Mon-Fri

Some Camps will be at the land, and some at the tree farm, and perhaps one in Kyneton.

### **NETBALL**

We had two teams in the netball finals this year which was very exciting, and the A Team ended up playing for the District Penant, which we did not win. It was a fantastic game though, and the whole team played with great dedication and commitment in a losing game.

### **WELCOME NIGEL**

We are delighted to have Nigel Creese working here on Tuesday afternoons as our Latin Tutor.

## **SCHOOL PLAY**

Please make sure that all children with lines make a good start at learning them over the holidays. Scenes will be performed at Monday meetings during term three. Parents welcome.

There will also be two rehearsals in the holidays, at school, on Tuesday the 15th and Wednesday the 16th of July. This is for all Year Six students, as well as Astrid M and Astrid C, Josh and Dominic. These will run from 10am to 1pm.

## **A SURVIVAL SKILL**

From time to time, there is conflict amongst the children or confusion about school expectations. This is inevitable. This is part of the education and personal growth journey. Staff deal with such matters regularly. This is their job.

But what sometimes happens is that we the staff are unaware of a concern which is reported directly by a child to their parent. Naturally, the parent only gets one side of the story. This is sometimes followed by intense conversations between parent and staff.

(In this eventuality, we do ask parents to address their concerns to a principal or vice-principal rather than to a junior or casual or volunteer teacher).

But what is far more beneficial to the children is that they learn to take their concern directly to a teacher or the principal. Children who are willing and able to speak up for themselves will obviously survive secondary school (and beyond) better than those who can only communicate their concerns to their parent.

This school is about communication skills and self-confidence. Therefore, in the situation that a child is asking for an adult response to a problem, we urge parents to urge children to take their matter to a staff member.

If a child feels that the staff have not responded adequately to their expressed concerns, the option still of course exists to ask their parent to take the matter up with staff.



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