

## NEWSLETTER

# JANUARY 2004

ENCL Revised 2004 School Calendar for all  
Map of The Land for new families

*Welcome to new families, and  
welcome back to the old!*

### **FIRST DAY for NEW CHILDREN**

This is scheduled for Monday 2nd Feb,  
10am – 11.30am for morning tea & an  
informal assembly. Parents, you are very  
welcome plus anyone else you would like  
to bring.

### **FIRST DAY for Biggies (Yr 5's & 6's)**

Is also Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.00 –  
12.30. This will be to meet their Tinie  
*Buddies* – a most helpful custom.

### **FIRST DAY for OTHER STUDENTS**

Is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.45 am.  
Please come to FCS first. When we've  
gathered here we'll then move to the  
Community Rooms at Peterson Reserve.  
The Schedule is :-

**8.45am** Arrive at School

**9.00am** Move to Community Rooms (parents  
welcome).

**10.00am** Morning Tea (Fruit and Drink)

**10.15 am** Classes begin according to Day  
One Timetable during which students  
will have be introduced to their rooms,  
books, boxes etc. There is no need to  
bring any stationery unless you want to.

**1.00 p.m.** Picnic at Edinburgh Gardens  
near the swings – all welcome. Children  
may be collected from the park or from  
school after 2.00 p.m. (advise Tim or  
Jeannette about pick up arrangements)

### **STAFF AFTERNOON TEA**

Monday Feb 2 in school kitchen 3-4pm.

### **WELCOME to the 7 NEW TINIES**

Eve Dixon , Ben Higgins, David Mercuri,  
Conor Morrissey, Zachary Moulhieris,  
Aster Phillips & Hannah Willmott.

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

We cordially invite all parents,  
grandparents, etc, to school for drinks on  
Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb from 7.30pm to 9pm  
to meet staff and other parents.

### **BEST WISHES to FITZROY HIGH**

Our hopes go with you, Principal Tim  
Fitzgerald and all the staff, parents and  
students at FH.

### **NEW HELPER**

A special welcome to Sue Hart and  
daughter Ishka from Bambra (via Lorne).  
Sue will be doing Jeannette's job on  
Mondays. Ishka will be a new Year 2  
student.

Sue and Ishka have accommodation in  
Melbourne for the First term but would  
love to have a host family for Monday  
and Tuesday nights from Term 2 – maybe  
a different Host family each term ?

If you are interested in discussing some  
possibilities contact Sue at School or  
phone Sue or Greg Hart on 5288 7100.

### **FIRST SOIREE for 2004**

The time for our first Soiree is 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February in the School Meeting Room. All welcome. [We have a concert at the end of each term. The soirees are more intimate occasions for musical and other performance. Adult performances also invited.]

### **BIGGIES (= Yr 5 & 6) CAMP**

From Sun 15<sup>th</sup> to Fri 20<sup>th</sup> February at Kyneton Bushland Resort.. Parents who want to make the trip are welcome to join us for a picnic 1-3pm at the site. If you cannot make it, can you please arrange with another family to take your child. Philip will conduct a DECIMALS seminar during the camp.

### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS (new choices)**

Parents are reminded to give the optional extras form to Jeannette on Day One of school. Any adjustments will show in the next fee invoice. A **term's notice** is required for changes. If you don't indicate any change, it is assumed that optional extras are the same as for Term 4 of last year.

### **COMPUTER ADVICE OR REPAIRS**

Contact Tim Richards, FCS Staff member on 9443 7318 for 'very good rates for all FCS friends'.

### **FEES for 2004**

School fees for each Term are to be paid by the last week of the preceding Term. Please pay on the invoice you receive. Post your payments to the School's bursar – Jennifer - or place the payment in the bursar's box in the school kitchen. Please make sure that your fees are paid on time.

### **CONGRATULATIONS to ASTRID CLARE**

Astrid has been awarded a music scholarship up to Year 12 at Melbourne Girls Grammar. We hope we will still have Astrid to sing at some of our concerts!

### **EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

Any parents in receipt of a Health Benefits Card can qualify for this. Talk to Keith if this is your situation.

### **ULTRA VIOLET RADIATION**

Parents – please see that all children have sunscreen on their exposed skin when they come to School. All children should have a hat at school or in their bag every day. There are always outings, scheduled and unscheduled. Children without their own hat **have to** wear a school issue hat !

### **BIGGIES ITALIAN in 2004**

Is now to be on Fridays from 8.30 – 9.30 Don't be late for Emiliano !

### **WELCOME BACK JONO**

Our very popular former drama teacher Jono has returned from his studies of drama in New York (where Catherine met up with him). Jono will be with us for term 1.

### **TALKS on READING and WRITING**

Faye advises that on :-  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm and  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm  
she will be giving talks about the Fitzroy Method of learning to read and write using The Fitzroy Readers. It is **important** that any parents new to the School (plus babysitters and anyone else who may help with reading) attend one of these two identical sessions. All existing parents are welcome as well, of course.

## **DINNER WITH TIM**

Tim would like to have Dinner with new families – please see either Tim or Keith to arrange this (preferably on a Tuesday evening !)

## **GRANDPARENTS**

Grandparents, if you are interested in coming to school, just to adorn the place or perhaps to help out in some way, we would like to see you or hear from you, especially on Manday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30am.

## **BIGGIES CHOIR at CONCERT HALL**

Our Biggies will be part of a 400 voice student's choir which will perform at The Concert Hall on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 1.00 p.m.

The programme is being organised by 'The Boite' in association with The Vic Arts Centre ArtEd section.

They will learn the songs at School and then participate in combined rehearsals on the last two Sundays in May – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>. This should be a great occasion.

## **CONGRATULATIONS GINEVRA**

(FCS 1999) on gaining an exchange scholarship to Japan for this year. We will be thinking of you with love.

## **A MESSAGE about NEW TINIE BEN**

Ben has a life-threatening allergy to sunflower seeds and milder allergies to other nuts and seeds. He must not eat anything containing any nuts or seeds. To help keep him safe and well at school please do not bring any food containing peanuts or sunflower seeds to school and do not offer Ben any food (eg cake or lollies) without first checking with Tim or Jeannette!

Ben has an 'Epi-pen' for emergencies which is kept in the First Aid cupboard and which will be taken on excursions, outings, camps etc. If you have any questions see Jeannette or Tim or ring Julie or Mark on 9482 1909

## **BRAZIL, HERE THEY COME!**

Guy and Tessa (FCS 2000) are heading off for the year on exchange to Brazil! Have a great adventure. Our love and best wishes go with you.

## **DUNEDIN, HERE THEY COME**

Sean (FCS 1992) and Miranda have signed up for a year's university studies at the University of Otago in Dunedin, South Island, New Zealand. Have a great year!

## **GREETINGS from MARIA, PAUL, ILARIA and ANTHONY in London**

Wishing FCS all the best for 2004. And we wish the same for the Bongiovanni – O'Briens!

## **MORNING MEETINGS**

Are an important part of our school life and ethos. Many important things are discussed. Our expectation is that children will be here in time to be called at 5 to 9.

## **SWIMMING – DRIVERS NEEDED**

Swimming drivers will be needed on Wdnesdays as from March when swimming returns to the Brunswick Pool. Please let Jeannette know if you will be able to do this.

## **TOWN CRIER**

City of Yarra is almost certain to contact Faye in the first week of term about this February inter-school event. All Biggies will participate. So Yr5 and Yr6, please prepare about 200 words in praise of FCS. And think up a town-crier costume.

## **FAMILY DAY at the LAND Sunday 14 March**

All families are invited to a picnic at the land from 11-3pm. Talk to Jeannette or Tim for more information.

**ALL PAST PUPILS**

Remember, we love to see you and to hear how you are going.



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