

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2005

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

FIRST DAY for NEW CHILDREN

This is scheduled for Monday 31st January, 10am – 11.30am for morning tea & an informal assembly, to familiarise the new children before the full roll returns. Parents, you are very welcome - plus anyone else you would like to bring.

FIRST DAY for BIGGIES

This is also Monday 31st January at 10am – 12.30. Biggies will meet their Tinie ***Buddies*** and become familiar faces.

FIRST DAY for Other Students

This is Tuesday 1st February at 8.45 am.

Please come to FCS first. When we've all 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) for First Meeting.

10.00am Return to School for Morning Tea (Fruit and Drink)

10.15 am Classes begin according to *Day One Timetable* during which students will 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. After the picnic, children may be collected from the park or from school after 2.00 p.m. (advise Tim or Jeannette about pick up arrangements)

WELCOME to our NEW STUDENTS

They are : Jaydon and Mikayla (brother and sister); Sage; Nick (brother of Emma); Jack (brother of Christopher and David); Saul (brother of Leah); Hannah, Oscar and Arthur (siblings).

WELCOME to NEW TEACHERS

Steve Scholte has been engaged for recorder, beginning at half-term when Steve's Melbourne Uni year starts. Kerri Bolton has been engaged for singing.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

A special welcome to Associate Professor of Education Dr Priscilla Moore, visiting from Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Prisca is accompanied by her husband Grant Youngquist and her three children, Hannah, Oscar and Arthur, who will be members of our school community. Prisca will work with FCS students in Nature Study and Environmentalism.

Optional Extras (new choices)

Parents are reminded to advise Jeannette of their optional extras 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.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

We cordially invite all parents, grandparents, etc, to school for drinks on Friday 4th March from 7.30pm to 9pm to meet staff and other parents.

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. Meetings occur on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

NEW FEDERAL GOVT ENROLMENT FORMS

New Government regulations require us to obtain additional information about students. We are therefore preparing new forms which will be mailed to parents shortly. We ask that you return them promptly to a box in the Front Office labelled ENROLMENT FORMS.

STUDENT FAMILY LIST

Early in Term 1, a copy of the 2005 Student/Family list will be made available. This list helps make contact between each other easier but, of course, information is to be kept within our school family.

FEES for 2005

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 (above the phone). Please make sure that your fees are paid on time.

ULTRA VIOLET RADIATION

Parents – please see that all children have sunscreen on their exposed skin when they come to school. All children must 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!

TALKS on READING & WRITING

Faye advises that on **Tuesday 15th** February at 7.30 pm and **Monday 21st** February at 7.30 pm, she will be giving talks in the Meeting Room about the Fitzroy Method of learning to read and write. 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. Please advise Jeannette which date you are coming.

FAMILY DAY at the LAND Sunday 6 March

All families are invited to a picnic at the land from 11-3pm. Bring sandwiches or something to cook on the barbeque. Talk to Jeannette or Tim for more information.

GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents, if you are interested in coming to school, just to adorn the place or perhaps to help out in some way, you are welcome - especially on Monday mornings between 9.30 and 11.30am.

A Reminder Message about BEN

Ben is in Littlies this year. 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

GREETINGS have been received from MARIA, PAUL, ILARIA and ANTHONY

Wishing FCS all the best from London for 2005.

And, of course, we wish the same for the Bongiovanni – O'Briens!

GREETINGS have been received from NISHA (2003)

Currently living in England with parents Carmel and Gunvant and brother Arun.

BIGGIES ITALIAN in 2005

Continues on Fridays from 8.30 – 9.30am. Don't be late for Simon !

SWIMMING – DRIVERS NEEDED

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



Faye with some (now adult) swimmers

CONGRATULATIONS, GIANCARLO (FCS 1999)

Entering Wesley Year 12 this year. Giancarlo has been named the Draper Scholar of 2004.

CONGRATULATIONS, ERIC (FCS 2003)

Completed Year 7, Grammar 2004. Eric gained certificates of distinction in Chinese, Latin and Science, prizes for History Music and Religious Ed, and the Marion Weigall Studies prize.

“POSTCARD FROM CARLTON”

This comic opera for children and families stars, among others, our friend and former singing teacher Carmela Gare. There are 2 shows every Sat and Sun of Feb at 11.30 and 1.30. Tickets \$40 per family, \$12 per child, \$17 per adult. Venue Trades Hall, 54 Victoria Street, Carlton (in the old Council Chambers). Bookings 8290 7000 12-7pm Mon-Fri and 10-5 Sat.

BIGGIES’ SUMMER CAMP

From Sun 13th to Fri 18th February at Kyneton Bushland Resort, Edgecombe Road, Kyneton. Parents who want to make the trip are welcome to join us for afternoon tea 2.30-4pm at the site. If your child needs transport, please speak to Tim or Jeannette. No sleeping bag required. Bring beach towel, sun screen, hat, bathers and a jacket.

A VISIT FROM KAZU AND TACT

Kazuyuki Kubo and family stayed with us last year, having a good look at FCS. Since then, they have started up – would you believe – the Tokyo Community School! We are their sister school, and very proud to be so. Early this year, Kazu and eldest son Tact will spend another week or so at FCS for further exchange, staying with Philip and Faye.

BEST WISHES, 2004 Graduates

As they begin their secondary education: Astrid, Brittany, Dominic, Genna, Greta, Jade, Josh and Seamus.

JOSHUA BLOOM

Our former singing teacher, is now performing with the San Francisco Opera. Faye, Philip and Catherine

saw Joshua perform as a guest lead artist in January 2005 at the Sydney Opera House in *Così fan Tutte*. He sang Guglielmo. His singing was grand, as was his acting.

COMPUTER ADVICE or REPAIRS

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

FAREWELL (TEMPORARILY)

To Estelle, Conor, Judy and Peter and Finn, who will spend 6 months in The Hague. Peter is defending an international figure accused of war crimes.

DISPLAY MATERIAL

Our Cleaner, Chris has done a marvellous job painting much of the School interior during the holidays. Please use Blu-Tak on wood and pins on noticeboard. Don’t use sticky tape on paintwork.

TIM & CO IN CHINA

During the holidays, Tim conducted a tour to China for Nic (Gardner) and Jasper (Parker-Trenfield) who are going into Year 12 this year. Later in the trip, they were joined by parents Wells, Merrilyn and Ian. A great adventure was had by all.

ALL PAST PUPILS

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



*Tim, Faye, Jeannette,
Philip, & all staff.*

