

JANUARY 2006

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to new families
and
Welcome back to the old

FIRST DAY for NEW CHILDREN

This is scheduled for Monday 30th 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 30th January at 10am – 12.30. Biggies will meet their Tinie **Buddies** and become familiar faces.

FIRST DAY for Other Students

This is Tuesday 31st January at 8.45 a.m.

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)



Coco & Hannah, Sports Day 2005

TALKS on READING & WRITING

Faye advises that on **Tuesday 14th** February at 7.30 pm and **Monday 20th** 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.



A joyful moment in the Edinburgh Gardens

Meg, Cecilia & Celeste

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 – old and new – grandparents, etc, to school for rinks on Friday 3rd March from 7.30pm to 9pm to meet staff and other parents.

STUDENT FAMILY LIST

Early in Term 1, a copy of the 2006 Student/Family list will be made available. This list helps makes contact between each other easier but, of course, information is to be kept within our school family.

FEES for 2006

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!

FAMILY DAY at the LAND Sunday 26th February

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.

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.



Lily and Anthony at the Chinese Museum in Bendigo

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF FCS 1999

Congratulations to Aki, Avrom, Caitlin, Feri, Ginevra, Giancarlo, Jasper, Laura, Mardi and Milena who recently completed year 12 with flying colours.

Giancarlo achieved a rarefied level with a TER of 99.9 based on an IB score of 44 out of 45.

Well done, all of you. It was lovely to see all but one of our year 12s attending the 2005 graduation concert. You have all grown up to be beautiful young adults.

GOOD LUCK 2005 GRADUATES

We send our love and best wishes to Alex, Cecilia, Magnus and Sam.

Good luck for your first year of secondary school.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Maggie, our past Italian teacher, and Piero on the birth of their baby boy on January the 2nd.

TAIWANESE VISITORS

FCS will welcome 20 of Nick Berryman's Taiwanese students – from grade 1 to 6 – and their parents, into our school for a 2 week period from Monday the 23rd January until Friday the 3rd Feb.

The students will attend school from 9am-1pm each day, with 2 hours of English with Nick, followed by 2 hours of one of a variety of activities: art, clay, dance, cooking, drama, gardening and sport.

The first week these students will spend at FCS is one week before the FCS school year starts.

Our Taiwanese visitors will then join in our first week of school, including the BBQ and swimming. We would be very grateful to FCS parents who would stretch out a hand of friendship to the Taiwanese parents during these events.

BIGGIES' SUMMER CAMP

From Sun 12th to Fri 17th 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.



Giancarlo showing early tendencies towards Com & Sci in the sandpit

COMPUTER ADVICE or REPAIRS

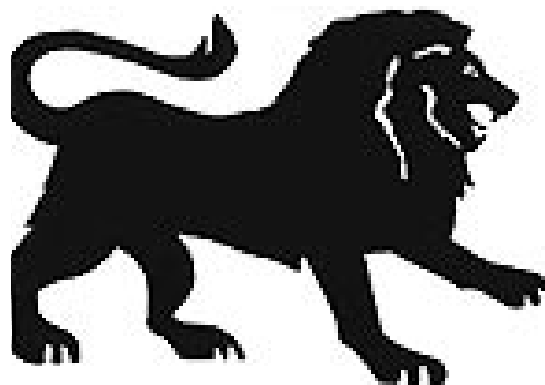
Contact Tim Richards, FCS Staff member on 9443 7318 for 'very good rates for all FCS friends'.

THANKS TO CHRIS

Our Cleaner, Chris has done a marvellous job painting much of the School interior during the holidays.

ALL PAST PUPILS

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



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