

# JANUARY 2007

ENCL :

*2007 School Calendar* for all  
*Map of The Land* for new families  
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FIRST DAY for YEAR 6s

This is also Tuesday 30th January at 10am – 12.30. Year 6s will meet their Tinie Buddies and become familiar faces.

**Welcome to new families**

**and**

**Welcome back to the old**

**FIRST DAY  
for NEW CHILDREN**

This is scheduled for Tuesday 30th January, 10am – 11.30am for morning tea & an informal assembly, to familiarise the new children before the full roll returns.



*Emma, Rouners Finals*

FIRST DAY for Other Students

This is Wednesday 31st January at 8.45 a.m. (No swimming).

Please come to FCS first. When we've all gathered here, we'll then move to the Community Rooms at Peterson Reserve directly opposite the school.

Parents, you are very welcome - plus anyone else you would like to bring.

The Schedule is :

8.45 am Arrive at School

9.00 am Move to Community Rooms (parents welcome) for First Meeting.

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

10.15 am Classes begin according to a special timetable. 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)



*Victorian Semi-Finals*

## TALKS on READING & WRITING

Faye advises that on Tuesday 13th February at 7.30 pm and

Monday 19th 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.

## TAIWANESE VISITORS

FCS will welcome a group of Nick Berryman's Taiwanese students – from grade 1 to 6 – and their parents, into our school for a 4-week period from 4th February to 4th March.

## LATIN OFFERED AGAIN

Nigel Creese is offering Latin again this year to Biggies and Past pupils. This session is conducted after school. Students who may be especially interested in Language, Literature, Classics or History may appreciate this Optional Art. (see Optional Arts flyer)

## BIGGIES' SUMMER CAMP

From Friday 9th to Friday 16th February at Kyneton Bushland Resort, Edgecombe Road, Kyneton. Because of the large Biggies group this year, there will be two camps of 3.5 days each. Each camp will have 1.5 days of Applied Maths with Philip.

Groups to be organised when school returns. Transport will be arranged close to the date. No sleeping bag required. Bring

beach towel, sun screen, hat, bathers and a jacket.

## NEWSLETTER COLOUR FRONT

One day last term David, founding programmer at Greygum Software, creator of Fitzroy Talking Readers and long time friend of the school, voluntarily put in a couple of hours to colourise our masthead for the school Newsletter. Following the design pioneered by Xiaojun (Reader's IT) and using a new pic of the school frontage taken and digitally tidied by David, we have now dipped our toe into the age of desktop publishing in colour. Thanks Xiaojun and David.



*Founding Father Airborne*

## THANKS TO CHRIS

Our Cleaner, Chris and his helper Hugh have done a marvellous job painting the School kitchen during the holidays. To keep it looking good, please avoid using sticky tape on the walls.

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS (new choices)

Parents are reminded to advise Jeannette of their new or changed 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 returning

parents 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 DINNER

We cordially invite all parents – old and new – grandparents, etc, to school for Friday 23rd February from 7pm to meet staff and other parents. Bring food to share.

## STUDENT FAMILY LIST

School families and staff, please find enclosed a copy of the 2007 Student/Family list. This list helps makes contact amongst us easier but, of course, information is to be kept within our school family. If anyone prefers an A3 (larger print) version, please ask Keith.

## FEES for 2007

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!

### SOIREE - CHANGE of DATE

To include our Taiwanese visitors, this has been changed to Tuesday 27th February at 7pm.



*Middlies' Science Class*

### FAMILY DAY at the LAND Sunday 18th 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.

### 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.

### A Reminder Message about BEN

Ben is in Middlies 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

### GOOD LUCK PAST PUPILS

We send our love and best wishes to graduates of 2006: Celeste, Harry, Jaslyn, Rory and Tom. Good luck for your first year of secondary school. And to all past pupils, remember, we love to see you and to hear how you are going.



*Middlies' Science Class*