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WELCOME to the WORLD, DAISY

To Sam and Mike, a beautiful girl. All well. Congratulations to all concerned, especially Daisy! Sam may have a little helper next term for dance classes.

CONGRATULATIONS, TIM L

Tim Lightfoot, father of Emma (year 5) and Nic (year 2) works for St. Vincent's Hospital. He received the SERVE Award in October 2006 presented by CEO Nicole Feeley, for his outstanding performance in helping the underprivileged through his work for asylum seekers in Melbourne and by providing a specialized health service for those who have no access to health services. Gabby, Emma, Nic and Alex all attended the award ceremony and were very proud and thrilled for Tim. We are too.



Sam's Baby Daisy

BEN'S SCHOOL EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

This is an account of a school exchange experience as written by one of our past students, Ben Morgan from Year 11 Alia College:

At the start of last year, 2006, I went off to Japan to study Japanese for 8 months.

First I stayed at Nagoya for 6 months, then I stayed at Kyoto for 2 months! The thing I most loved about going on exchange was meeting and relying on new people.

In Japan I made many friends and joined a soccer club. Actually one of my best memories was jogging with my soccer club friends through the streets and the beautiful mountains of Kyoto. I didn't go to Japan just to learn Japanese, I went to learn about the culture, personalities and even myself, finding my good values and trying to fix the bad. So exchange really did teach me a lot more, about a lot in life. Lots of bad things can happen during an exchange, such as, homesickness, miscommunication between the host family and cultural differences. I believe that many exchange students would experience 2 of those points with a few more hiccups during their time. I myself experienced 2 of those points, homesickness and miscommunication.

For in Japan, your host family tend not to tell you if you are doing something wrong. For me, my host family said it was okay to meet friends, and go out and play, but after two weeks, my host family was seriously upset with it, and didn't actually like it, even though they said they did. For they are just being polite, and that's their culture. But it taught me something, I learned from that mistake and now know to be not as selfish and think of how others would feel.

So over all, even though I might not have been happy with those situations, I still wouldn't say it was a bad experience, for the bad things that happened to me were some of the most beneficial things for me. I don't regret it!



Tim L on receiving his award

TAIWANESE VISIT

Many thanks to all at FCS from Nick and Amy and all the Taiwanese visitors for helping to make their visit such a success. Everything went well, with the only problem being the students' desire to stay at FCS rather than return to school in Taiwan! Thanks in particular to the host families. You were wonderful and the children returned, feeling that they had a second home. Thanks also to the whole school community for such great support. FCS students are the best, and through their efforts many wonderful friendships were made. Nick and Amy hope that these will continue. The Taiwanese students certainly learnt a lot of English and developed a greater understanding and appreciation for Australian culture.



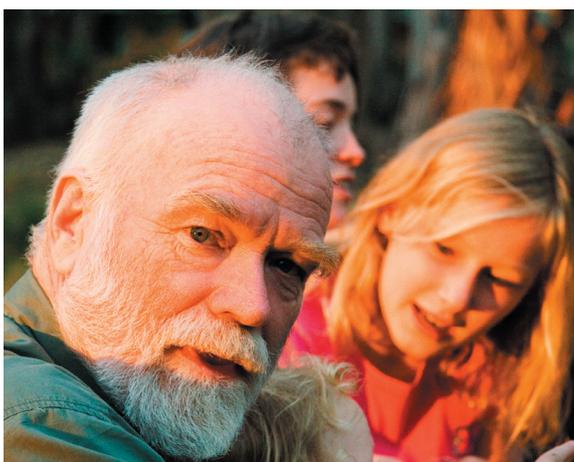
Eos and Angela

BIGGIES' OUTING TO FITZROY TOWN HALL

On the 19th March, Faye and Nick took the Biggies to Fitzroy Town Hall where an Inter-generational Debate that *Every Generation Should Live Better Than The Previous Generation* was conducted. This is part of the Fitzroy Town Hall reopening celebration. Our past student, Calum (Mimi's older brother, now at Fitzroy High) represented the student generation from the City of Yarra. We all voted for him as best speaker on his side. The adjudicator made special mention of the intelligent questions arising from FCS students. We were given many things to think about. A most enjoyable event.

WELCOME BACK TO BRIAN BOURKE

Brian is the grandfather of Estelle (year 5) and Conor (year 3). Brian will be conducting more classes with the Biggies on debating. And after a few weeks, the finale will be some debates for the school community to watch.



Biggies' Camp Guest Maths Presenter

BIGGIES CAMP AT KYNETON BUSHLAND RESORT

FCS hired 3 villas at Kyneton Bushland Resort. The Biggies stayed in 2 groups.



Dear FCS Families and Friends,

We warmly welcome you to the sacred and celebratory wedding of

Mary and Andrew (Viktor)

They will marry at:

St John's Church, 61 Queens Parade,

Clifton Hill, Victoria, Australia

At 4pm, Saturday 14th April, 2007.

We will party at:

Mark Street Hall, 1 Mark Street,

North Fitzroy, Victoria, Australia.

Linking these elements is a processional walk of music, oxygen and poetry through Edinburgh Gardens.

With Love and Anticipation,

Mary and Andrew,

Faye and Philip,

Diane and Bryan

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Please bring along a plate of Finger Food or a Special Salad to add to the Feast!

Tim and Mary thought the Kyneton Camp was great fun once again this year. As well as the Biggies, the camp was attended by Warren, Philip, Solomon, Mary, Viktor, Tim and a surprise guest... Clotilde! Also a visit by John Marsden. Two really good camps.

Philip presented the topic of AREA in 4 sessions to each group, covering rectangles, triangles, circles and composite. Warren did the corrections. Tim introduced Clotilde much to everyone's delight. Kangaroos wandered freely among of the villas, grateful for any spare titbits. A most pleasant and serene experience.

Kids were so independent and SO helpful, helping to make things work without being asked. There was plenty of bike riding, swimming, canoeing, watching movies, baking cakes and apple crumbles. There was a lot of free time and a Maths class each day. Biggies were very good at entertaining Solomon - and vice versa. Tim was delighted that the kids made such a good impression on his fiancée Clotilde.

Clotilde was warmly welcomed, quickly felt she was part of everything, and loved the school. It has been her goal for a long time to start a school – so, well, it was amazing to come to FCS and find a place that had so many of her thoughts and feelings alive and blooming.

ENGAGEMENT IN KUNMING

Tim is on long service leave in China, very keen in keeping the liaison with our sister school Enling (The Grace School) in Kunming. Sets of Fitzroy Readers have been taken to China. In July, Faye and Philip will be conducting a series of



Celeste in the back yard

presentations of the Fitzroy Method in Kunming.

And as well, during the winter holidays with Faye and Philip in China, Tim is getting engaged with Clotilde. The official celebration will take place at Tiger Leaping Gorge in the mountains of Yunnan – where they met. Many past FCS students will remember this very place on Chinese tours with Tim.

Clotilde is French, from Paris. She is currently working for a French company in Kunming. This is where T & C first met on one of Tim's many visits to China. Hopefully in August, T & C will be living in Melbourne, immigration pending.

FAMILY DAY AT THE LAND

Many families enjoyed this outing on Sunday 18th of March. Thanks also to the helpers who contributed to the repair of the train tracks or helped in other ways.

WORKING BEE AT THE LAND

Any FCS parent, teacher or friend is welcome on Saturday 31st March for a fix-up and tidy up of the camp site at the land with Philip. There's the train track to finish, some wood to chop, tea to make, canopy to rig, roof to sweep – that sort of thing. Plan for the day: start around 10am, lunch about 12-1, finish about 3pm. Tea and coffee provided, bring lunch.



Max and Zac on Middlies' Camp

MIDLIES CAMP WITH TIM AND DENISE

Philip and Rob (father of James Perkins) also went on this camp and were working on the train. Tim loved it, and was really happy with the Middlies, who were so creative and full of energy, and so good at thinking up and running their own

games, which included sliding down the hill on the old swing plastic tyre.

FORTHCOMING LITTLIES CAMP

Monday & Tuesday on the 7th and 8th of May, Mary with Jeannette, Philip and Tim Richards. The wooden train and electric one should be operational by then. It will be great fun!

FOOTY TIPPING

Starts 30th of March, cost \$15. See or call Warren on 0432 492 296 or put name on list on fridge.

REMINDERS FOR EARLY TERM 2 CROSS COUNTRY:

Second Thursday of Term 2. Viktor, Scott, Cam and Nick are the trainers. Continue with training over the holidays. Runners can't afford to lose fitness for this one.

EARLY SOIREE:

Tuesday 1st of May. School adults may like to perform something on this occasion. This is a necessary inspiration to the children as well as a treat for everyone.

ANZAC DAY

April 25th on the second Wednesday of school is a holiday – don't come to school!

FUND RAISING EVENT: DO COME

Our 2007 fund-raising event is for a new piano. Please keep Friday, 11th of May from 7.30pm free for a night of fun and laughter. A third of the school population is now studying piano! Quiz Night at Community Rooms across the road. If interested in helping out, please contact Toni on 0411 120 846.

CANDLEBARK VISIT AND BASKETBALL

John Marsden brought his Years 3 and 4 to Curtain Square for a game of basketball against our Middlies. FCS won convincingly in the first match. Then teams were mixed up for the second game, which was a lot closer. Thanks to Keith, Warren and John for managing the umpiring. It was a fun day, and we hope to do it again.

WELCOME, JESS

A warm welcome to Jess, our new singing teacher. The Tinies and Littlies will sing a song she has taught them at the concert.

SOIREE

The Soiree went very well with a high standard of performance from all the

participants. The evening finished up with a fantastic duet from The Pearl Fishers by our new singing teacher Jess and old friend Josh(our former singing teacher, now with the San Francisco Opera).



Jordan, Lexie, Kate and Zoe in backyard

FEES

As we are a small community, we need people to pay their fees on time. If any one has an issue about paying, can they please let Jennifer know. Thanks.

CHICKENS

We have incubated a number of chickens. 10 eggs were delivered from "Living Eggs" which resulted in all 10 chickens hatching. A good success rate this time. The children positively adored them. 2 were roosters so they were sent to a farm. They have gone to good homes – Pauline, Sasha and Tim R.

AISV

Special thanks to AISV's CEO, Michelle Green, the executive team, and all the staff for their ongoing support of our school.

YOGA CLASSES FOR KIDS & ADULTS WITH MIRANDA

Each Wednesday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm starting from 28th of March. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring yoga mat if you have one.

NITS

These little life forms are always circulating. Please check heads every week. We like to keep them away as long as possible at a stretch.

SCHOOL CONCERT

Our first concert for the year is on Thursday 29th March at Collingwood College (Vere Street) at 7pm. A social occasion during which children gain concert manners and performance confidence. The concerts also provide an opportunity for groups to show their skills. The audience gets an idea of what the children have been working on.

LITTLIES SCIENCE EXCURSION

On Monday, 19th of March, with a ratio of one adult to three children, the Littlies went on an excursion to the Museum. A very excited group of kids took the tram, but settled once we got to our destination. We have been talking about water, sources, drought and recycling in science, so we spent our time at the Household Water-Saving Simulator. Most groups managed to “save” lots of water, which reinforced the buckets-in-the-showers and the 2 minute power-shower we have all been doing at home. We finished with a walk through the Rainforest walk.

HOME TIME

School finishes at 3.00pm. Please collect children by 3.20pm. Those who walk home alone should leave by 3.20pm at the latest, except Wednesdays – unless special arrangements have been made with Tim or Jeannette.

FAREWELL, EMMA

Emma, a new staff member at our sister school, Tokyo Community School, recently completed a two week internship with us at FCS. Emma enjoyed herself and we enjoyed Emma. Some will remember Kazuyuki Kubo, founder of TCS, who has stayed at FCS, sometimes with his whole family. Thanks to Tim Richards who accommodated Emma at Hutton Street, and was able to practise his Japanese.



Jeremy on Biggies' Camp



Solomon on Biggies' Camp

TEACHER DENISE

Hi there! For those of you I haven't met, my name is Denise Campbell. I am a student teacher completing a Master of Teaching (Primary) Degree. Through my course at Griffith University, I have been able to spend first term at FCS. During my time here, I had hoped to become a part of FCS and through the help of the staff, parents and students, become a better teacher.

I have been delighted by the opportunity I was given to be here at FCS. The wonderful philosophies, approaches and methods used here at FCS will be taken with me when I return to Canada on 14th of April. It has been a great pleasure to get to know everyone within the FCS community. Many thanks for sharing your special world with me. All the best!

We thank Denise for her input into our community. We benefited from her expertise and commitment from day one.



Catherine in a triathlon at UCLA

MIDDLELIES SCIENCE EXCURSION

The Middlies had a great tour of the Western Treatment Plant, otherwise known as the Werribee Poo Farm, on Wednesday, 21st of March. We had two guides over the two hours, who explained the process of treating the sewerage up to a Class A category of water which is suitable for recycling on market gardens, parks, and the veterinary school. We saw the results of rubbish in the sewerage, smelt the gases rising off the open treatment pans and noticed the colour change of the water as it progressed through its treatment. The kids were well behaved and should now be very knowledgeable on what a purple pipe means.

HEAD OF THE RIVER

A traditional sport held in Geelong. Two of our bigger boys, past pupils Dom Walker (Yr 10 Xavier) and Jojo Gauci-Seddon (Yr 10 Melb Grammar) competed recently in the rowing at Barwon River. Rowing is voted by the boys as a great sport for both fitness and team spirit.