

September 2007

A Letter From Schipperheyn Family

Dear Phillip and Faye, your great Kids and all at FCS,

Cinzia and I often think of you and how the School is going and what your children are doing. I have not forgotten my promise to sculpt you a "Lion". I am ashamed to say I have not as yet made this work, but I do intend to make good on this promise, I hope before the year is out!

Art is working as a Fitness instructor, seems happy, has had a series of great friends to which Cinzia and I get attached! Palli is in his VCE year at Whitefriars College. "Mister Volatility"- he always had a quick and humorous tongue. Cinzia is well apart from breaking her wrist whilst sparing at Karate [taking on one of her male colleagues] I am in the process of finalizing the agreement for a really big commission, after my Zarathustra I was contacted by the President of the



Persian Cultural Society to make five or six - 5 meter tall sculptures of "Cyrus the Great" ! The first will go in Los Angeles then one in Tel Aviv in Israel and then the others will go to places all around the world: Paris, Mumbai, Toronto etc. So all going well. Will be an eventful year!

So just wanted to send you our love, and look forward to dropping in and having a cup of tea and a chat with you sometime soon.

*Big kiss to all,
Peter, Cinzia, Art and Palli*

A Letter From Garro Family

Hi to whomever sees this. Maybe Helen?

Just received the latest newsletter and it was great to catch up on all the news, I was proud to see Celeste's name in there too with the news about her being student of the term in term 1 (although it was only out of 110 students, not 250!)



Just wanted to let you know that Celeste was nominated as class captain for second semester, and she won! She now is involved in organizing the information night for next year's year 7 class.

Also Conrad and Calum (now in year 10) are off to Italy with Fitzroy High and their Italian class between September 22 and October 13.

Lucky devils!!!!!! Hope you are all well. See you soon.

Leone Garro

A Letter From Ema – Tokyo Community School

Dear Philip, Faye and Tim,

I hope you have been well. How is Fitzroy Community School?

I'm sorry not to get in touch with you. Even now, I come back to days of FCS. Thank you for your kindness when I was there. From this spring, I am working under Kazu. I'm happy to spend at Tokyo Community School. I will try to be recognized by him. So, I have to be strict on myself.

By the way, I read the FCS newsletter March. I was glad to be written about me. Thank you very much. In fact, I wrote a newsletter of TCS, the name is "TCS Journal". It was written daily happening of TCS. For example, the sports festival, states of variety classes. Staff introduction, announcement, pictures of TCS and so on. Writing it was very hard, but a lot of fun. Since I was told by Kazu, I sent it to you. If you will, please read it.

I will be in touch again. Take care of yourselves.

*Sincerely yours,
Ema Nagauasu*



New FCS T-shirts

With thanks to Grace's dad, Stewart, we now have new T-shirts featuring the school logo, the lion, the school motto, *People Before Things*, and *FCS* printed on the back.

Singlets, T-shirts and 3/4 sleeve, sizes XS-XXL, all \$15 each. See Pauline for purchase.



Kangaroos Visit

On Tuesday 21st August, the Year 4's and 5's got to practise football with one of the Kangaroos professional players Shannon Watts. The clinic was enjoyed by all. In particular, the kids were very excited to get autographs from Shannon.

*We won our first game 16-0.
We won our second game 12-2.
We won our third gam 6-0.*

Mmmm now the winning margins seem to be getting less and less... What will happen in the final???

Middlies Basketball Hoop Time

The basketball coach Keith is very pleased with the endeavour shown at training sessions, high level of interest and application shown by the 11 in the squad this year.

Against Laburnum Primary School we led 4-0 then were losing 12-10 but we won 16-12 and we thought Fantasstic – we've won our four matches which was true... but UNFORTUNATELY Keith had totally messed up his "how to read the fixture" exam and we had to play another match.

Wednesday 5th September, 2007

It seemed soooo long till the day arrived and then... Whoosh... 5 matches later it's all over. Here's what happened.

It wasn't fair because Lizzie was exhausted, Lucas had been calling for a rest and Zac G was so hungry he was wanting to eat his Maccas voucher before he even got it.



Anyhow we went in to MSAC for a fifth (Grand Final) game and just lost 7-4. So we finished 2nd out of 16 teams and just missed out on going on to the Regionals Competition in November.

Here's the players who did so well:

Centres: Zac G & Zac M
Guards: Paul, Lucas, David, Max & Conor
Running 'Forwards': Audrey, Grace, Liz & Coco



Thanks Audrey for being Middlie for a day... Thanks David A for scoring so capably. Thanks too to Aly for being our Team Manager. And to Toni, David (Zac A's dad), Gary & Julie for supporting the team so well and to the players for being so patient about being 'subbed on' and ... Special thanks for all those who helped with transport (and to The Table Tennis Centre who allowed us special use of their facilities for a team meeting).

It was a very pleasant Spring Day and I think everyone had fun... and were a credit to our school. Thanks for everyone's endeavour & support.

Keith Howden (Team Coach)

Children's Book Week 18 - 24th August

The Year 2 and 3's enjoyed a visit to the Fitzroy Library on Tuesday 21st August as part of Book Week 2007. The children learned about this year's award winners and asked questions

about the winning books. The 2007 Book of the Year Award Winners' books can now be found in the school library.

Edinburgh Cricket Club INTERESTED IN PLAYING CRICKET

2007/08 Season starts in October

Edinburgh Cricket Club is looking for more Junior players to join our club. We have teams from development level (for beginners 8 – 11 years) up to Under 16. (VicCric available Sat mornings for younger boys and girls.)

Training starts September, plus two special clinics in the School Holidays – Wed 26 Sept & Wed 3 Oct.

Competition matches commence in mid-October 2007. Edinburgh CC are based at Brunswick St Oval in North Fitzroy. Equipment supplied.

If you are interested in playing contact Junior Coordinator Stan White on 9486 1063 or stan.white@bigpond.com.

Come down to a practice session and register at the Brunswick St Oval nets (off Freeman St, Nth Fitzroy) on Sat.



Sept 8 or Sept 15 between 9.00am and 11.30am.

Website: www.edinburghcc@asn.net.au
Edinburgh Cricket Club Inc.
Community cricket for Juniors, Women & Seniors.

Thank you

A Big Thank you to Nick Gardiner (past student) who was on camp with Biggies and Jeannette, and also helped out on bike camp earlier on in the year.

Another Thank You

Another Big Thank You to Chris, FCS' cleaner and handyman for keeping the school looking so good, and for each holiday, tackling another room in the constant job of keeping the place looking nice.

Welcome to Pauline

We welcome Pauline as FCS's new secretary, and congratulate her on getting the front office so nicely cleaned up.



Student Teachers

Welcome to Hayley (from Melbourne Uni) and Alison and Dechakka (both from Latrobe Uni) to our school. You have been wonderful, helpful with the kids. On Fete day, in the school kitchen, you were indispensable. We hope you have enjoyed the time with FCS. We wish you all the best in your future career.

Story written by Littlies Y with Nick (Jan, Sunny, Issa, Marlon, Josh M, Josh S, Stefan and Alex)

Jan and Josh M were on holiday in England. There was a storm so they wanted to shelter from it. The nearest place was a castle, but the Queen would not let them in. So, they sneaked in a window that had been blown open. Before they had taken three steps, they were caught in a net. A strong robot came with light shining from its eyes, blinding them.

The robot grabbed the net and pulled them into the dungeon. They were bumped and bruised. He threw them in a cell and locked the door. They looked around. The cell was big and dark. The floor was muddy and wet. The walls were slimy and had skeletons hanging from them.

There were rats running around the dungeon – big, scary, hungry-looking rats. They had big teeth and fiery eyes. Jan and Josh M grabbed bones and tried to club them. The rats were too fast. Ouch! Disgusting! They found leeches all over their bodies. It took ages to flick them all off. They needed to find a way out quickly.



Jan and Josh M started to examine the walls. A rat sneaked up behind Jan and bit his foot. Jan jumped up and grabbed onto one of the chains holding a skeleton. The hook holding the chain came down with a click. Rrrk – a rock on the wall swung back. It was a secret door. Through it was a secret passage. They went in. The door shut behind them. It was pitch black.

Jan had a lighter in his pocket. He lit it. They saw some stairs, so they went up. The stairs ended at a wall. They saw a rope. Josh M pulled it and the wall and floor turned around. They were in the main hall. The Queen was on her throne. She saw them and yelled for her robot. Jan and Josh M dashed down the hall and out the doors. The robot chased them, but the rain stopped the robot at the doors. They escaped.

Violet and Rosie's holiday – Written by Sage & Zoe

Once upon a time in Fairyland, there were two fairies called Violet and Rosie. One day they decided to go for a holiday in Australia. So they packed their bags and flew off. After they had flown over Fairyland, they saw the sea. It looked pretty in the sun. They flew to a nice beach near Melbourne. Rosie said, "Let's stop here." So they put up their tent on the beach and cooked dinner. Their dinner was noodles. After dinner they went to bed.

In the morning they had pancakes for breakfast. After breakfast, Violet and Rosie collected shells on the beach. When they had collected five shells, they turned them into other fairies and they call them Crystal, Lavender, Emerald, Misty and Sally. They called the wind and told it to blow the baby fairies back to Fairyland.

Having said goodbye to the baby fairies they went back to their camp and packed up. They flew to the desert which they had heard was an interesting place. When they got there, it was dark so they made a purple cactus house to stay in with their magic. After that they went to sleep.





Pyramids of Giza: whenever I want, for however long I want, wherever I want. But I know that as soon as I finish with it, everything will be normal again.

Anyone can be God in this way. All you have to do is pick up a snow dome and shake it! And so, you make the World a different, snowy place, a winter scene, whenever you want.

In the morning they had scrambled eggs for breakfast. A minute later, they went outside and found two big black ants. Rosie said, "Why don't we have ant races." Violet said, "Yes, that would be fun." They asked the ants if they would race. The ants said yes. Rosie made a start line and a finish line. Ready, Set, Go! They were off. The ants stayed together and it was a draw.

They were very hot so they went for a swim in the waterhole near by. They had a lot of fun splashing around and making sand clouds. They got out and built a big sandcastle. They gathered ten flowers and put them on top. They collected leaves, sticks and rocks. They built things for the sandcastle. They climbed an apple tree and ate apples. When they were full they climbed down. It was getting dark so they went to sleep. In the morning, they had porridge for breakfast and flew back to Fairyland.

A Winter Scene – written by Christopher

Sometimes I can be God. I can pick up a piece of the World and shake it and make it snow. I can make it snow in places where it would normally be too hot, or places that would never have had it before. I can make it snow in the



That was fantastic! – written by Audrey

The fantastic something that I am going to write about, is the first time I rode a horse. It was amazing! I felt so high up, so important, so big, so calm and safe, but most of all, I felt like my grandfather.

My papa is wonderful. He used to ride in some kind of horse like army sort of thing. I have forgotten the name of it. There is a photo of him on a big horse. He looked like a king up there, as if he was made to be in that saddle for the rest of eternity.

I am so proud to be his granddaughter. It just ties with the first time I was up there on my gorgeous horse, Cires. It

was as if I was taking his place. Now that was fantastic!

Independent Schools

There is a great deal of public misinformation in the media and elsewhere about independent schooling. The independent schools' sector is constantly under attack by those opposing adequate funding for our schools. The media unfairly highlights independent schools when there are claims of bullying, alcohol and drug use and other issues that are common to all schools - government and non-government.

Our member service organisation, the Association of Independent Schools of Victoria has created the Parents' Website - <http://www.independentschoolparents.com.au> so that you have facts and figures at your fingertips and the latest news and information about the independent school sector. You can register on the website to receive regular updates by email.



The Fountain

(Formerly known as *the wet block*) is coming along nicely. It is taking time because there is so much plumbing – 6 taps, 3 tanks, gas hot water unit. Already looking quite presentable. Already providing dishwashing (so far just cold) and shower (also cold!). Putting up a Builders' Board on the structure when it's done. Names we could think of in two minutes: *Haydn, Shawn C, Habib, Viktor, James F, Rob, Katherine, Nikki, Philip, James B, Sean O, Paul, Adam, Arthur, Nick, Jeremy, Mary, Faye, Jeannette* .

