



*“People
before
things”*

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Fitzroy Community School NEWSLETTER

RECENT DELIVERIES!

If you thought we were going to have a break from births in the FCS community, you were wrong! We pay homage to these new bundles of wondrously intricate joy.

Reiher/Jessop Family

Emily Isabel was born at home on the 20th of June weighing in at 3280 grams. Congratulations to Alison, Greg, Lexie, Kate and Julia on another female addition to the clan!

Becket/Howden Family

Holly Imara was born on the 29th of May weighing in at 2954 grams. Congratulations to Carolyn, Ben, Oscar and Chloe on their new family member!

STORY

Well, the story for this newsletter is a little different to the previous few: it comes in the form of a new level at FCS!! Yes, we're excited to say that construction of the 3rd storey is underway! This means that half of the back yard will be blocked off to allow the builders

enough space to play Four Square and build tunnels in the sandpit.

FAREWELL DONISHA

After spending 2 terms with us at FCS, Donisha is going back home to Yuendumu (300kms north-west of Alice Springs). Donisha made good friends at FCS, and will be missed. We all hope that you keep in touch, and come and see us again one day in the future. We would also like to acknowledge the beautiful painting given to FCS from Cecily, Donisha's grandmother.

JUKURRPA ART EXHIBIT

Cecily (Donisha's grandmother) is an artist committed to keeping alive the Jukurrpa (Dreaming stories and spiritual knowledge of her people, the Warlpiri). You may be interested to visit an exhibition showcasing the art of Cecily (Donisha also has some paintings on display there) at Gallery Sunshine (9428 6070) until July 12.

15.3kms/hour FOR 3kms!

Our esteemed runner Leah has come along again in leaps and bounds! She won the Zone Cross Country and came 13th in the Under 12/13 Cross Country State Championships on the 20th June. On a hilly three kilometre course, Leah broke her personal best by six seconds to cross the line in 11m47s. Well done Leah!



A CHAMPION

Prose by Alessia (Biggie)

A champion might be someone who saves the world, or someone who scores the winning goal for their team in the grand final, or someone who is just your childhood hero. But I've seen better. A champion in my point of view is someone who will take care of you when your parents are gone, someone who will feed you and protect you from danger; someone you enjoy spending time with and who you look forward to seeing; someone who will fuss over you, watch over you and won't stop until you've gone out of sight, but not out of mind. Someone who you dearly love, and someone who cares for you. That's what I call a champion. (For my Nonni).

FCS AT UNIVERSITY

The Middlies will receive training from 3rd year music education students at Melbourne University in term 3. They will learn from a wide variety of material including a Chinese folk song, an Afro-Caribbean percussion-based calypso and a Haka. They will perform for the whole school (at school) on Monday 8th September, so come down and be

entertained! Drivers are needed for the 2 sessions at Unimelb on Monday 25th August and Monday 1st September (depart FCS at 12:40pm, return approximately 3:30pm). Please let Jeanette know if you can help out. We thank Gina Grant (former art teacher) for suggesting us to the project co-ordinator.

LETTER FROM VISITING ACADEMICS

Hi all,

Just wanted to let you know that the visitors from Melbourne University are universal in their praise of FCS and the warmth of your welcome. Everyone, including Andrew the music lecturer, would love to work at the school as this is what education is all about.

Gina Grant

(Melbourne Uni Art Education lecturer)

FÊTE DOUGH

We raised \$725 at the May Fête! Well done to all those involved. These proceeds will be used to support our two sponsored children - Wu Xiaoli and Wu Xiaoman - at Enling Primary School in China for another two years! Thanks everyone for coming along and joining the fun, eating up, and making this happen. Chris sends out a special thank you to the kids for cleaning up so well at the end of the day. Great pizza Pauline. And Helen, maybe next time we should use 5kgs of flour for the scones; they were way too good for only 4kgs worth.

THE FISH AND THE SHARK

A poem by Issa (Little)

The graceful fish swimming

The evil shark hunting

The shark gets a nibble of the fish

Graceful fish a little bit hurt

Evil shark wanting to kill graceful fish

Good shark comes

Bad shark swims away

Good shark says,

"Don't kill 'em fish you baddie"

Graceful fish rescued

No more hard times.



YUMMY WEDNESDAYS

Aside from the extra special swimming fun we have on Wednesdays, we also have an extra special yummy barbie too! We'd love to have a few more helping hands doing simple food prep, so if you can offer some time between 9am and 11:30am on Wednesday, please call Gabby on 0421 640 285.

WELCOME NINA

Nina Chapman was our student teacher in term 2, but has now joined the staff! She has been a constant source of energy, ideas and smiles. Welcome Nina!

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT VISIT

Lindsay Tanner MP will officially open the Investing In Our Schools Programme (IOSP) grant at FCS on Tues 15th at 9am. All welcome. Money from this grant was used to fund new windows, projectors, sound systems, cabling and library books. We'd like to thank the Federal Government for making this funding available.

MAX' JIBBITZ

Max was one of five winners of the Design a Jibbitz Competition. Jibbitz are accessories that snap into the holes in Crocs footwear. His drawing will be used to produce 2,000 Jibbitz units and all profits will go towards the Lighthouse Foundation. Well done Max!

CYBERNETICS

Thank you Tim Richards for upgrading the FCS website. Among new additions you'll find the FCS Calendar, these newsletters and spelling lists (under "kids") online.

WEBSITE OF INTEREST

You may be interested in the Victorian Parents Council site, a voice for non-government school parents. Their key principles are that (1) parents are the primary educators of their children and have the right to choose the kind of the education their child receives; (2) when families and schools work in partnership, students' educational and social outcomes improve; and (3) all children are entitled to an equitable share of government funding for their education. Look them up at: www.vicparentscouncil.vic.edu.au



CAULDRON TECHNICIANS

Thank you to all the parents who made soup on Thursdays last term. There are still some chilly months ahead, so if you would like to help out with soup prep next term, do put your name on the fridge list.

FOUR WILD HORSES

A poem by Estelle (Biggie)

*The forest was wet and dark and cold,
The trees were gnarled and twisted; old.
I was searching for a glimpse of four
Horses by a waterfall's roar.*

*One is black, the horse of night,
Her blaze is like a new moon's light.*

*The palomino, gold and gay,
He is the stallion of the day.*

*The liver-chestnut of high birth,
He is the guardian of the earth.*

*The dappled grey's stare is wild and free,
Watcher, carer of the sea,
Of streams and rivers, lakes and ponds,
The water is where she belongs.*

*I saw four horses, tall and fast,
Canter majestically across the clearing's grass.
They saw me and hid themselves away,
Before the coming of the day.*

*I see them! I see them! Behind a tree!
"Horses! Horses! Come to me!"*

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