

*“People  
before  
things”*

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## Fitzroy Community School NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME CHARLIE!

Arthur and Josephine are the proud grandparents of one large and healthy Charlie James, born 18th August to Naomi and Nathan. Congratulations to the family!

### KEATING COLLEGE

Craig Keating, who observed and taught at FCS for 2 terms this year, will be opening Keating College (level 12, 55 Swanston St, Melbourne) in 2009 with 24 students, and adding a level each year. This is a great asset for people seeking quality, personal education. Pop in for a look during their open day: Sunday November 16, from 10am to 2pm. Well done Craig, and thanks again for your contribution to the Biggies this year!

Visit [www.keatingcollege.com.au](http://www.keatingcollege.com.au) for more info.

### A VISIT FROM OUR MP

Lindsay Tanner visited FCS in August to launch the Investing in Our Schools Program. The program has contributed many new books for the library, as well as cabling, projectors and screens. Many thanks for the contributions, as well as the visit.

### STARCRAZY

The Astronomical Society of Victoria are bringing their fat and fancy telescopes to FCS for some star gazing on the night of Tuesday the 7th of October (the first day of Term 4). This will take place on the oval opposite school. Should Zeus decide to pull the cumulus wool over our eyes, we'll have to postpone our cosmic voyeurism for two days to Thursday the 9th.



Lindsay Tanner MP with Tim and Philip

## IMPORTANT DATES IN 2009

Morning Tea: New Families, Tinies & Biggies at 10am  
1st day school year and BBQ  
Last day 1st Term

Thu 29th January  
Fri 30th January  
Thu 2nd April

### Autumn Holidays

1st day 2nd Term  
Last day 2nd Term and Disco 7pm

Tue 21st April  
Thu 18th June

### Winter Holidays

1st day 3rd Term  
Last day 3rd Term

Tue 14th July  
Thu 17th September

### Spring Holidays

1st day 4th Term  
Last day school year

Tue 6th October  
Thu 10th December

### Summer Holiday

## PLAY

The FCS play, written by Gabby Trifiletti and Peter Morrissey, was a wonderful success! The apt script about an inter-school competition was sprinkled with witticism, and the cast stepped through their acting and dancing with flair. From the suavely suited godfather to the oh-so-chilled hippies, from the hilariously outfitted Tinies doing

their dance moves to the butler boys who always had something to say, this play was brimming with fun and laughs. Directed by Sam, with character development by Jono, costumes by Sharon and set by Arthur. Big thanks to all involved, including the many parents and teachers. A wonderful show!

## WELCOME LEONIE

Some of you may have noticed a new voice on the telephone. 'Programs' has a new staff member, Leonie Sullivan (Helen's daughter). Welcome Leonie to our community.

## WELCOME WEENIES

The cuteness factor at school has been bumped up a notch by the presence of some of next year's Tinies, visiting on certain days.



Hippies Roland and Katie at the play



Weenie  
Julia

## DAMASCUS

Catherine has recently departed for Syria where she will enrol in an Arabic language course and possibly do some travel. She will return just in time for the last day of school at the end of Term 4. To Catherine we say “سعيد يسافر” or in English, “Happy Travels”.

## CHAPLAINCY

We would here like to acknowledge the wonderful job that Mary has done as the school chaplain, and thank the Australian Government for providing funding for her position through the National Schools Chaplaincy Program.

Our funding requires us to make the school community aware each year of the following facts about the role that the government is funding: chaplains are expected to provide general religious and personal advice, comfort and support to all students and staff, regardless of their religious denomination, and irrespective of their religious beliefs. It is also the case that no member of the school community is obliged to have any involvement with the chaplain or the program. Sorry Mary, nobody has to speak with you!

## BOOK LOVERS

Tinies, Littlies and Middlies all attended Book Week functions at the Fitzroy Library along with Jeannette, Faye, Mary, Romany, Max and Ben. Gary from the library introduced the kids to some nominated books and read them some stories. He also arranged activities for us and kept some of the Tinies work for his Book Week display.



## PROSE

By James (Biggie)

*When my brother Andrew was 3 or 4, he had an unusual companion. His companion was one that nobody had seen and nobody else knew. He was Andrew's imaginary friend, Johnny Wegsen.*

*Johnny Wegsen did everything that Andrew wanted to do but was too afraid to try. This imaginary friend was into extreme sport. He liked sky-diving and climbing the tallest trees. He rarely had an accident.*

*Johnny Wegsen disappeared over time as Andrew learnt to take more risks himself. His unusual companion allowed him to explore dangerous actions from a safe distance. He also allowed Andrew to avoid getting into trouble, because when something went wrong, “Johnny did it!”.*



## PUPPETRY

Mitchell visited FCS again in August to teach puppetry. The kids (and some adults) had a blast making and interacting with all sorts of characters constructed from butcher paper.

## CONGRATS

The Fitzroy Junior Football Club won the Yarra Junior Football League Under 15 Section 1 grand final on the 31st of August. Congrats to past students Alex Marles and Magnus Gilberg who play for the team. Also, Magnus won the Under 15s best and fairest award for Xavier Rugby

recently. Well done Magnus!

#### PAULINE'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Apple Crumble: Serves 6.

Here's what:

1.5kg Granny Smith apples; 2 Tablespoons caster sugar; 1 cup plain flour; 1/2 cup brown sugar; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 100g butter, chopped.

Here's how:

Preheat your oven to 180°C. Peel and core the apples and cut into chunks. Place in a saucepan with 1/4 cup water and bring to the boil, then reduce the heat to low. Cook until the apples are just soft. Remove from heat, drain and then stir in the sugar. Spoon the apple into an oven-proof dish. Mix together the flour, brown sugar and cinnamon. Add the butter and rub in until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Sprinkle evenly over the top of the apple mixture. Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden. Serve with your favourite ice cream, [Ed note: invite Paul over] and enjoy!

#### RUGBY NETBALL BASKETBALL

The Middlies, along with Estelle and Alessia, had a fun day playing in a round-robin of 'Tag Rugby' with a group of other schools.

The netball squad won in the first round of the zone games, and lost in the second. They played well and enjoyed the contest.

A great team effort in the Grand Final on Hoop time day (12th September) saw our Middlies



defeat St Mary's 6-0 to advance to the Regional Championships. Thanks to Jono, Kevin and Jo for their support on the day. The team celebrated their big day with some chasing of chickens in Glenroy. The Regionals will be at Mill Park Basketball Stadium on Monday 14th October (on the way to Middlies Camp) - all parents welcome to attend (games commence at 10am).

#### SKIPPING HIGH SCHOOL

Middlies attended university on a few Monday afternoons in Term 3 to learn some interesting songs from Unimelb Music Education students. On the 16th September the Middlies showcased their work to the rest of the school at FCS. Lovely work kids! Thanks to Andrew Swainton from Unimelb for inviting us to participate, to the student teachers, and to those who drove us there.

#### CONTINUAL CHESTNUT PART 4

Following on from part 3 of the continual story, Conner and Lexie (Middlies) won the 4th round (below). Well done! Find the preceding parts of the story on the FCS website if you've lost your newsletters. Anyone can write the 5th part and give it to Paul (paulzky @ gmail.com) to stand a chance of winning a prize (drink and munchie for 2 at a local café).

...*"One day I saw a photo of this beautiful Trunkertill tree, tall and splendid, and although I had never seen a real one it encouraged me to get into this business, growing plants and selling them", said the Odd Big Man. "Then a friend of mine, who also grew plants, died. His will was so divided that just about everyone he knew got something. I got*

*a tin of seeds. As he was dead, he couldn't tell me what the seeds were, so I just kept them - three seeds in a tin.*

*"A few years ago I decided to grow one seed. However, I have since discovered that it is not a pot plant as it didn't grow properly without space, rain or sun. It's been like this for years, small and shrivelled. And this is where good and evil come in: once, I found two mice and kept them in this pot beside the tree trunk. But for some reason, the mice soon died. Shortly after this the neighbour's cat got sick and as mice and cats are opposites I thought I might cure the cat by keeping it in the pot. Believe it or not it worked!"*

*The Odd Big Man looked sadly at the gnarled tree in the big pot. He continued: "A plant inspector came here only two days ago. I asked him what this was and he said it was one of the seven still surviving Trunkertill trees! I didn't tell him that I still have 2 seeds!" ...*

#### INTO THE WILD

The Biggies were lucky enough to go on 2 camps in Term 3. From some descriptions, the first camp with the Two Terrible Tims at Dareel sounded like an educational simulation of the pioneering days in Australia. Mary, Sol, Romany and Philip were in tow for the second camp at The Land which by comparison was child's play.

In early August The Land was also descended upon by a swarm of Middlies along with Jeannette and Sarah. The usual smorgasbord of fun was on offer over a particularly frosty few days. Toasted marshmallows by the fire warmed the cockles of



every heart, and enthusiasm was in abundance.

#### EDUCATION TAX REFUND

Thanks to the Federal Government's \$4.4 Billion Tax Refund, parents can save receipts for education-based expenses. Relevant from 1st July 2008, parents of secondary and primary school children can claim 50% of up to \$1500 and \$750 of expenses respectively. Eligible expenses include laptops, home computers and associated costs like trade tools and text books. This refund does not apply to school fees.

#### ADVERT: GUIDE DOG PUPPIES NEED HOMES

Guide Dogs Victoria is urgently seeking new Puppy Raisers - people who are ready to love and socialise a pup over a period of about 12 months - to begin caring for a Guide Dog puppy. The role of Puppy Raisers is to ensure that the pups are toilet trained, able to walk on a lead and are introduced to the sights, sounds and smells they are likely to encounter as a working Guide Dog. The pups' food is provided free, along with all veterinary



care, and Puppy Raisers are fully supported by supervisors who visit every six weeks. To take on the fulfilling role of Puppy Raiser, you need to have your own transport, not leave the pup for more than 3 hours, have a securely fenced yard, not have children under school age, and allow pups to sleep inside the home overnight. To register, please call Guide Dogs Victoria on (03) 9854 4444 or visit [www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au](http://www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au) for more information.

#### POEM

By Bridie (Tiny)

*Wings wings*

*There are wings made of strings*

*Strings made of wings*

*Wings made of strings*

*Strings are all different colours*

*Blue, green, purple*

*Any kind of colour*

*Any kind of colour*

*Pink or green or*

*Any kind of colour*

*Or maybe made for a wing*

*Please may these coloured strings*

*Be colourful to make wings*

#### KEEPING HOUSE

- We ask children who are waiting to be picked up after school to remain inside the school.

- Please do not chew gum at school.

- Lolly day is about having parties and sharing with your friends, not about getting stuffed with lollies. We recommend that Tinies and Littlies have a maximum of \$1 and Middlies and Biggies a max of \$2.

#### GUESS WHO

Below is an old photo of somebody you probably know. Can you guess who it is?



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