

*"People  
before  
things"*

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## Fitzroy Community School NEWSLETTER



### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful summer break and we look forward to a great 2009 school year.

### **WELCOME!**

A great big welcome to all our new families and to all the younger siblings starting with us this year.

### **BEST WISHES TO OUR GRADUATES**

We wish our Class of 2008 all the very best as they launch their high school careers. Alessia, Audrey and Emma will go to the Academy of Mary Immaculate, Estelle to Genazzano, James to Xavier College, Katie to Ruyton Girls' School, Leah to Strathmore Secondary College, Meg to Ivanhoe Grammar and Nikolai to University High School. Go well and don't forget to come back and say "hi" to us all.

### **WELCOME BACK MILENA AND NINA**

Past-student and excellent assistant Milena is back... Yay! Milena has recently returned to Melbourne from adventures abroad and will be back helping-out at FCS.

Nina (student teacher last year) will join the staff for a brief time before returning to Norway in April.

We look forward to again having you with us.

### **WELCOME NATALIE**

We are very happy to have the wonderfully energetic and enthusiastic Nat joining us as a member of staff. Nat spent time at FCS as a student teacher in 2006 and since completing her studies has been teaching at the Maharishi School. We look forward to Nat's creative input!

### **BABY NUMBER TWO FOR SAMANTHA**

Sam's second baby is due this month so Sam won't be teaching in Term 1. We can't wait to meet the wee one very soon... Best wishes Sam!

### **HAPPY SINGING KERRY**

The talented Kerry will be singing with Opera Australia for the first half of the year so will be away for terms 1 and 2 but we look forward to having her back in Term 3.

### **WHEELCHAIR DIVING**

Dominic and Greg Willmott won five awards for their short film in the Geelong Shot Out Film Competition! All of the Willmotts (including Hannah) are in it. Search YouTube with the phrase "The Wheelchair Diver" to watch it. Well done Willmotts!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Nigel Creese (former Headmaster of Melbourne Grammar School and grandfather of Katie and Nic), has had a Melbourne Grammar House named after him. Congratulations Nigel!

Past student Eric Gardiner (Class of '03) is about to begin year 12 at Grammar and will be the first House Captain of the newly formed Creese House. Congrats to Eric too!

Luke Arnold (Class of '92) has recently completed a Masters of Law, Development and Governance at the University of London. By coincidence he found himself sitting in a class in London next to Sarah Birrell, a past teacher at FCS! He is now based in Canberra, helping to design Australia's aid program in Indonesia. Good to hear from you Luke!

Emmett Brew (Class of '07) won the University High School Short Story Writing Prize for Year 7... Great work Emmett!

Cecilia Acland-Barber (Class of '05) came 3rd in the state Year 9 French Poetry Recitation Competition. She very recently returned from an exchange in France where she was living just outside of Lyon and loved it! Well done Cecilia!

## PRIZE WRITERS

Thank you to Cavallini on Queens Parade for sponsoring our writing competition again!

## STUDENT TEACHERS

A big thank you to student teachers Danniell, Sian, Julie and Maf for all of their efforts in Terms 3 and 4 in 2008! We wish you good luck for your future teaching careers.



## ABOUT FITZROY METHOD

Parents are invited to attend one of Faye's info sessions explaining our method for teaching literacy. These sessions are a great way for parents to find out how they can help their kids with reading and writing at home. The sessions will take place at school on Monday February 9 and Tuesday February 17 at 7.30pm.

## WEDNESDAY BBQS 2009

A huge thank you to Gabby (and Tim during his long service leave), Kylie, Donna and Sofie for making Wednesday BBQs happen in 2008 – they were fantastic! We'd like to recruit a new group of parents who can commit to regularly helping with the Wednesday BBQ so if you'd like to offer your time to keep the BBQ going please let Gabby know on 9482 6853 or 0421 640 285 ASAP.

## CHINESE FOR MIDLIES AND BIGGIES

Nick will be teaching Chinese to Middlies and Biggies once a week after school. We have decided to make these lessons optional so that only people who are really keen to take part do so. We ask parents of Middlies and Biggies to talk about this at home and let us know. Warren's tutorials continue as before.

## CHINESE ACTIVITIES TERM 4, 2008

Middlies and Biggies participated in a number of workshops relating to Chinese culture. Continuing on from our visit to the Chinese Museum at the end of Term 3, the kids have had a taste of kite building, hustled some kung fu, played mahjong like the pros, and kept Princes Bridge safe from evil spirits with a frightening dragon boat ride. Thanks to Jo from Kites4Kids, Zach from Taichi-Wushu Australia, Will, Nian and Clare from Mahjong Enterprises, and Jonathan & Jim from Dragon Boats Victoria. Thanks to Warren for his involvement throughout the year. Also, a big thanks to AISV and the Federal Government for funding the program.

## SPARE HATS

If you have any caps or sunhats you would be happy to part with, we'd love to have them. We like to have spares for people to wear when they don't have their own.



## **NEW CHAPLAIN**

Clotilde will be our chaplain for 2009. Welcome Clo. Mary, thanks for your beautiful contribution in 2008. The role of the Chaplain is to promote spirituality and wellbeing. This role, funded by National Schools Chaplaincy program requires us to acknowledge this as a Federal Government Funded Role, and to re-state that no-one is required to seek the service of the Chaplain.

## **GOOD LUCK CATHERINE**

Catherine is taking time off from FCS and we wish her lots of rewarding experiences!

## **BYE LAURA**

Laura has been a great help around school for 3 years, but is leaving us for the world of fashion. Good luck Laura.

## **STAYING SUN SMART**

Please remember to send kids to school with sun-hats or caps and wearing sunscreen.



## **PAULINE'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

### **Bacon and Egg Tarts**

*This recipe was used for the Graduates' Breakfast at the end of Term 4.*

*GET: 2x 12 cup muffin tray; 2lt measuring jug; 8 sheets thawed puff pastry; 24 pieces rindless bacon; 12 eggs; 500ml cream; 200g grated tasty cheese; chives; salt and pepper; oil spray for the tin.*

*DO: Line a tray with baking paper and place the bacon on it to bake approx 10 minutes. Spray the muffin tins with oil spray. Cut each piece of pastry into 4 equal squares and carefully place them into the muffin trays. The pastry will overlap itself, do not trim it. Place a piece of baked bacon into each hole. Add 1 tablespoon of cheese onto of the bacon. Mix together the rest of the ingredients and whisk until well combined. Using a measuring jug with a spout, pour the mixture into the cups filling them almost to the top. Bake for 20 minutes in a hot oven (200 C) until golden and crispy. Enjoy!*

## **UP, UP AND AWAY**

The new third storey is coming along nicely! The builders expect to be finished during 1st Term.



## **MIDDLEIES HOOPTIME IN TERM 4**

**(by Keith)**

FCS was one win short of making it into the State Finals! The last game played was Girls & Grown Ups (coached by Jono) versus Boys & Keith. We were sad to report that there was a big technical foul against Kevin Walsh, and that the Umpire (who looked suspiciously like Jeannette) missed an obvious knock out by student teacher Julie on Keith. Fortunately two Jump Balls were judged as good between Ben and Julie Higgins, with Mum winning both (her first game of basketball ever). These Middlies exceeded all expectations in getting so far in Hoop Time 2008. Thanks to Jono for his support and enthusiasm at training. Thanks to Kevin, Julie, Jeannette and Julie #2 for being at the games. And thanks to Tim and the other Middlies for their support on the way to camp.

## **POLITICS AND MISPRINTS**

(an item from Philip)

The Rudd/Gillard federal government legislated at the end of 2008 to continue the existing rate of federal funding to non-government schools. That was good news. But federal education bureaucrats wanted to add a clause to withhold funding from schools that didn't pass a new federal "non-financial audit" – buro-speak for an inspection. Somehow The Age printed this as a financial audit.

## **DONATING FITZROY READERS**

Our sister school in China makes great use of the Fitzroy Readers. If you have any at home that you no longer use and would like to put them to good use, please leave them with Pauline. Tim will deliver them in person on the next China trip.

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