

*“People  
before  
things”*

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## Fitzroy Community School NEWSLETTER

### **Welcome to Christian Atticus Paul Berryman**

Charlotte is very proud of her baby brother Christian, luckily already very strong and healthy.



### **Welcome to Stephanie Ai Berryman**

She's a very cute little doll with wonderful cheeks.



### **Welcome to Clara Evari Beckett**

At less than a week old, Clara went to her first school concert.



### **Just married!**

Tim Richards married Lizanne in Romsey in April. Congratulations! Quite a few old FCS connections were at the Church and reception.

### **Welcome back Clare**

Clare is back teaching piano after adventures in Asia, which included accompanying Warren to his work representing Australia at the World Expo in Shanghai.

### **Bye to Jess**

Unfortunately, she has had to go back to Canada to resolve some visa issues. We hope to see her again soon.

### **Welcome to Alice**

Alice was a student teacher last year and will teach again on Mondays.

### **Australian Association of Social Workers**

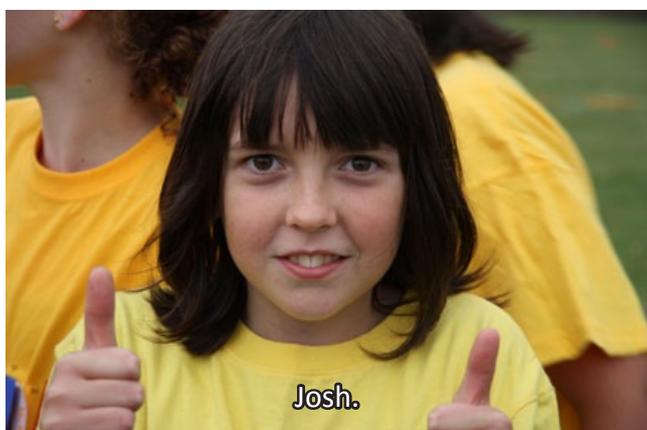
Faye was recently sent a certificate for 20 years of membership of this organisation. Faye, thanks for your personal and professional advice - given to parents, children and teachers over so many years.

### Sean's Exhibition

Sean, our school photographer, currently has a highly discussed (7 News, Northcote Leader, Herald Sun, Sunrise, 1377 Melbourne) exhibition at New North Gallery in Fairfield. Worth a look. Until July 17.

### Out of School Soccer – the non-FCS FCS team

On the last weekend of term, The Blue Sharks, a team of FCS boys + 1, won their FUTSAL indoor soccer competition by beating the previously invincible (at least in their own minds) Big Cats. It was a close game, with the final score of 6-5 relieving impending heart attacks amongst the large group of supporters (as The Sharks had been ahead 6-3 at one point). Congratulations Arun, Jack M, Marlon, Josh S, Nic L, 'Super Striker' Stefan and Sunny from FCS and Oscar (the + 1).



### Keith Basketball Report (18th June at M.S.A.C.)

We had two teams – The FCS Falcons (Future All Stars) and The FCS Flames (Rookies).

The Falcons had mixed fortunes, winning 3 and losing 3 games. Liz showed great skills and was our top scorer, David showed off his silky skills around the court, Jordon and Zac played determined defensive games whilst our trio of gritty guards were Max, Hanna and Nic.

The Flames won four of the five games they played. Coco (the Indian rubber lady) was our top rebounder, though Grace and Lexie showed great determination with Lexie in multiple jump-ball manoeuvres. Zoe was our 'go-to' person when players were under pressure, whilst Saul chipped in for a few 'steals'. Arun was handy and Jack outstanding with his ball movement.

Coaches Keith & Scott were happy with the team endeavours, especially given the limited practice. A huge thank you to Chris Frith, who was there all day scoring, and the other parents for dropping in for a game or two: Ian, Chris & Julie, Jo, Sharon & Greg and Adam.



### This newsletter includes a short piece by our Year Six students

#### What it means to be a Biggie by Max Howard

When you are a Biggie, you get given a Tinie to look after for the year. For the first term you really need to look after them, because sometimes they don't make friends. Also, they sometimes feel homesick and want their mums. Around half way through term two, they have made lots of friends and don't need you as much as they did. Being a Biggie Buddy makes you more responsible with little kids. If there weren't Biggie Buddies, I reckon we wouldn't know the Tinies as well as we do. If your Tinie gets hurt and you're not there, you'd feel really sad they didn't have their buddy to calm them down and comfort them. I remember when I had a Biggie Buddy. He would always comfort me and calm me down when I was lonely. I have really enjoyed being a Buddy for these two years.

#### Cross Country by Coco Payne

When you're waiting at the starting line, your heart is beating madly. You look back and you see all these girls, and you realise you're racing against all of them. You then start feeling like you're going to be sick because you're so nervous. You look back at the referee and stare at him, waiting for him to blow his whistle - and then finally, after what seems like an hour, he blows the whistle and all the girls start charging, trying to get into the front row. I was coming fourth for the majority of the race, but then the girl ahead of me started slowing down, so I ran ahead of her. There were now just two girls to get ahead of. I started telling myself I could do it and how happy I would be at the end. I finally passed one of them by encouraging myself to try my hardest. I was now coming second! The girl who was coming first was really far ahead, but I didn't give up trying to catch up to her. After a while I just felt like collapsing, but then the finishing line was in

sight so I started running harder. As I ran through the flags, I could hear people cheering me which made me run faster - and then I was done. I had come second. I was so proud of myself. Everybody else ran well too. They all tried their hardest and should be very proud of themselves.

### **Netball by Elizabeth Walsh**

We play interschool netball; this is one of my favourite sports. We do training every Friday. We start with drills and end with a match. I love the match. It's really fun. We play two matches each Thursday afternoon. I look forward to Thursdays for the whole week. We are usually successful enough to make it into the last few rounds of the finals. We have played two games so far and we won both by heaps!!! When we train, Tim and Sam put us in different positions to see who is strongest in each spot and also to improve our game. If someone gets hurt, then we have learnt to play in their position. When we play netball, I always go through a phase of wanting to put up shots in the backyard all the time - and I feel like I should play outside of school, but I already play basketball. I hope we get into finals. They're always the best matches in the whole competition. It's nice to win, but I just like playing netball even if we don't win. I love netball.



### **High School by Grace**

Pretty soon the year 6s will be going to high school. I think it will be a nice change to go to a bigger school, meet lots of new people and make lots of new friends. Although none of my class mates from F.C.S are going to the same high school as me, we will keep in touch. I know that in a bigger school you won't get looked after like you do here. For example, when you get a cut on your knee, Nettie will come and kiss it better and look after you; but in a bigger school, the nurse would come and slap a bandaid on and tell you to get back to class.

### **Bike Camp by Zac M**

On day one we drove to Meredith with all our

bikes. On the camp were Arun, Jordon, Saul, Hannah, Nic, Zoe and me, Zac. When we got to Meredith, we got our bikes off the trailer and started to ride. We had a 42km bike ride ahead of us. When we got to the Tree Farm, we were so tired that we sat around the camp fire and stayed in the cabin for the rest of the day.

On day two we got off to a slow start. In the afternoon, every one had woken up. The kids made a soup out of beetles, dirt, dried ginger, salt, pepper, apple, banana skin, orange skin, a block of hard milo and vinegar. Sam, one of the teachers on the camp, drank a cup and said it was not too bad. I helped cook dinner. It wasn't bad. The next day, we got up early and started to ride back straight after breakfast. We set the fastest time so far on the way back. It was a hard ride.

### **To Kill a Mocking Bird (Read in Class) by David**

In English, we have been reading To Kill a Mocking Bird. We are doing a written book report on it. As we read, the teachers (Faye and Carol) point out things such as metaphors, similies, the philosophy of the story, etc. They do most of the reading, but we sometimes do a bit of it. It is much easier reading as a class than reading by yourself. Many things are pointed out, such as a thing about the characters, that I might have missed. The disadvantage of reading as class is that when you miss a class, you won't know what everyone else has written down. Faye says that you have to go to school unless you are extremely sick to stop this from happening.

### **World Expo in Shanghai-Warren on show**

About 500,000 people visit Expo everyday! 50,000 of these visit the Australian Pavillon, including Keith and Netty who travelled to China for a whirlwind 10 days. Son Warren (FCS 1996) is using his considerable Chinese language skills (thanks Tim and Nick) to keep order among the masses. It's not uncommon for people to queue for several hours before getting in, so Warren has also been employing his flute playing skills to amuse and please the crowd.

At the end of the day, as the crowds diminish, Warren often joins the house band to again play flute, didgeridoo or guitar. The band members appreciate his ability to chat to the crowd in Chinese. Shanghai itself is a nonstop flurry of activity. New underground train stations have been built specifically for Expo. Wide streets are filled with cars, taxis, bicycles, motorbikes, with

some very creative driving, particularly by the taxis, which makes crossing road an exercise in self preservation. See Warren on TV: <http://www.icshanghai.com/html/2010/07/01/2016.html>

### **Candlebark's Approach to Nits (a note from John)**

Hi everyone,

It would be great to have a campaign against nits during this week and next, continuing through the holidays, so everybody comes back next term nit-free. If we all launch a massive onslaught, using our preferred recipes (it's amazing how many there are), we can look forward to a nit-free winter... and wouldn't that be nice?

If anybody has a method that they guarantee is absolutely 100% effective, and does not involve kerosene or DDT, feel free to send it in, and we'll circulate it.

Other schools have books of recipes compiled by parents; we'll have a book of nit treatments...

Cheers, John

### **Request for Sportsboys and Sportgirls**

The Yarra Jets FC is an inclusive community-based soccer club based at a number of grounds in Clifton Hill. Call Susan on 0430164417 for more information.

### **Yarra Libraries Survey**

Yarra Libraries is reviewing the opening hours of its five branches, and is seeking feedback from library users and the wider Yarra community at [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/library](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/library)

### **An Archery Party**

Scott runs 'Littlehoods Parties' on weekend and afternoons. He has asked us to let you know that he is more than happy to offer these to FCS families. His mobile is: 0414792238 or speak to him at school.

### **Home Energy Audit**

Megan Norgate, (mother of Xaviere) is also a Home Sustainability Assessor, and is happy to look at your place and conduct an energy audit. Her contact details are:  
[greenhome@netspace.net.au](mailto:greenhome@netspace.net.au) and 0409551547

### **Middlies Ballet by Claire**

Sam and I took the Middlies on the tram to the State Theatre to see the ballet and find out if dancers are athletes. We were treated to over an hour of dances taken from a range of Australia's most successful performances. A commentary of the training requirements and the history of the ballets and dancers was given by the director in between dances. The physical ability shown by the dancers indeed shows them to be elite athletes, and their dedication and strength is to be admired (as well as their tutus and tights!). Everyone seemed to be suitably impressed, with 'awesome' always being the word used to best describe it. Impeccable tram and concert manners made the Middlies delightful company on an afternoon out.

### **Sports Day at Candlebark**

The whole school piled onto a big bus and we set off for the Sports Day to compete once again for the sports-day trophy. This year saw the introduction of an excellent new game called Lord of the Rings, which had children running in every direction and rules being clarified as the games proceeded. FCS put in a sterling effort in all the games, particularly in basketball; not even a sheep wandering onto the court could put them off their game! A feast was laid on, and any spare moments were spent playing on the huge mud hill or the trampolines. At the end of the day the results were tallied and we got to take the trophy home again. Good sportsmanship and a sense of fun prevailed, and we look forward to seeing our friends from Candlebark later in this year.



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