



# SPRING 2017

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## MYSTERY MYSTERY CAMP by Sue (Chaplain)

Jo and I were lucky enough to take Mystery Mystery camp at the end of August. The destination remained a mystery for most of the children until arriving at John and my farm in Skene's Creek North. Right away, we spied six baby lambs, some only a couple of days old, and the children were able to reunite a couple of lost lambs with their

mothers. The first koala was spotted quite quickly too! We were blessed with beautiful sunshine which made for wonderful exploring, bouncing on the trampoline, tree-house-building, playing on the beach, and ice-creams and op-shopping in Apollo Bay. Our final evening produced an excellent magic show and a resounding declaration from all that it had been a brilliant camp!

## THE ANNUAL PARENTS' POETRY MORNING by Faye

Poetry is unique. It allows us to express ideas, dreams, and desires in a way that nothing else does. It is often called - and rightly so - food for the soul. During this annual event, the children listen with rapt attention while

adults read or recite a poem that has been meaningful to them. How blessed we are as a community that our children have this opportunity to witness the important people in their lives put a high value on poetry. Thank you, Philip Harvey, for leading this event. And thank you to our contributors for giving of their time, and for sharing their love of poetry.

## POETRY COMMENDATION

Our young poets have been honoured by the celebrated Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Association. We are thrilled to announce that from hundreds of primary schools throughout Australia, we are one of six schools that has been chosen for a special commendation.



Mystery Mystery Camp

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Mary Poppins!

### MARY POPPINS!

Mary Poppins was fun, lively, engaging and colourful. Well done Arkie, Solomon, Red, Estela, Aiva, Sebastian and Hector. And a big thank you to Sam, Warren, Nikki, Anne, Jo, Claire, Maryanne, Sue, Shong, and Emma for helping make this such a special event.

### BASKETBALL FUTURE STARS INTO ZONE FINALS!

by Keith  
Our Future Stars (Cocoa, Red, Mo, Seb, Gracie, Sol, Ronan, Aiva, Ari and Jarrah) won six

games straight, triumphant in their Future Stars division. The team qualify for the State Hoop Time Championships. Our Rookies (Hector, Emile, Lachlan, Martha, Beth, Kiki, Estela, Arkie, Arno and Edward) were on the positive side of the win-loss ledger in their green Celtic uniforms, and coach Wayne was pleased with their efforts. Both teams are a mix of players from both campuses. Basketball is a team sport where we aim to do our best, where winning

can be a bonus, but, where fun and fitness and learning new skills are paramount. Thanks to the parents who came on the day to cheer our teams on!

### LOLLY COUNTING

The Normanby Ave Tinies skilled-up for the game 'How many lollies in the jar?' We discovered that counting in units, tens, and hundreds was faster and more accurate than just counting one at a time. Our jar contained 36



Triumphant Future Stars!



Playing Sophia Mundi Steiner School





groups of ten M&M's, with 4 left over. That's a whopping THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR M&M's! Watch out for the Tinies next fete day - they're ready to win.

### AT LEAST TWO SIDES

Clifton Hill PS challenged the Brunswick St Year 4s to a debate. It was a somewhat impromptu yet enjoyable day, with an equal number of wins for each side. Several of our debaters gained the award for best speaker in their debates. Debating builds confidence in public speaking, teaches children that there are usually at least two sides to it argument, to listen care-

fully to what the opposing arguments are, and then to formulate a rebuttal. The Biggies from both campuses will be involved in inter-school debating on Wednesday 18th October.

### KOONWARRA VILLAGE SCHOOL by Warren

Over 35 adventurous spirits from both campuses nominated to see what life is like at another school for three days in July. The die was cast and ten names chosen to visit Koonwarra Village School in West Gippsland. On arrival, we were greeted by smiling, inquisitive faces and made to feel very welcome. Our tribe

increased the student population by one third. The outdoor area made an instant impression, with an oval, basketball court, chicken run, vegie patch, hedge maze and plenty of trees to climb. Word of the mysterious game of Animal Ball preceded us, and showing new friends the way things are done in the rain, mud, and hail was a highlight. KVS teachers remarked on how easily FCS students adapted to their approach and enthusiastically joined in with activities. A big thanks to Fiona, Sarah, and Marni for gracefully accepting us into the school, and to Jacqui for feeding everybody!



Mystery Mystery Camp at Skene's Creek





### WORDSMITH

Congratulations to Cocoa (Yr 5, Normanby Ave) who recently won 2nd prize in the 9 to 10 year-old category in a writing competition hosted by the Port Phillip Library. Her story can be found here: [www.tinyurl.com/CocoaStoryWin](http://www.tinyurl.com/CocoaStoryWin)

### FCS AT PBS by Jo

Recently the Brunswick St Tigers, Maddy (student teacher), and I went to visit the PBS Radio Station in Collingwood. We were given a tour, spoke to many of the volunteers, got a look in at many of the 'behind the scenes' jobs, learned how radio segments are broadcast, and were even able to plan, present and record our own segment!



### MYSTERY CAMP AT ROSEBUD

by Enelsa (Yr 3)

On Wednesday Eli, Odette, Tilda, Illia, Ziggy M, Ziggy B, Rufus, Banjo, Rafael and I went to Rosebud with Claire and Miranda. On the second day, we went Sand Dune Surfing. We packed lunch, got in the car and drove to the beach. The sandy air lashed at our faces as we walked toward the sand dunes. Soon the boys started climbing up the sand dunes, then they began bumping down. After about ten turns, we went to the next sand dune. The sand stung our feet. I scrambled up the sand and slid down. Soon we decided Rafael was the best at it. Then we all got hungry. We went to a park bench and began eating. After, we went to the last sand dunes. This time I was first to get there, I slid down. Everyone had about twenty turns before we decided it was time to go. I love sand dune surfing, it was by far my favourite!

### DRESSING THE PART by Emma

Congratulations to everyone involved in a very success-

ful 2017 production of Mary Poppins. What a show! So much effort is poured into the school play every year, from writing to rehearsals, prop-making and music, makeup and hair styling, backstage crew and lighting – it all adds up to a wonderful highlight of the school year. Thank you to Anne for many years and excellent tailoring within the FCS costume department. While we're sad to see Anne go, this gives any budding costume designers hidden in the school community the chance to step forward for next year's production (no need to have extensive tailoring skills). Don't be shy – get in touch with me or someone at school. We look forward to having you on the team in 2018!

### BUSH CAMPUS by Joelle

The Normanby Ave Kestrels and Falcons had a great outing to The Land in early August, alongside the Biggies, Wayne, and Warren, who were already there. We all had a fabulous day. Highlights included cubby-building, raft-making, river-crossing and of





course open-fire-food-eating. The Land is a beautiful natural spot and the children enjoyed the river, thick bushes, and steep hills very much. Thanks to Warren and Wayne for supporting our invasion of their camp. Having Warren keeping the fire going to feed 41 people was much appreciated.

#### **THE FLYER'S TEAM** by Tim and Dougie (Yr 3)

Our FCS basketball team, The Flyers, raced down the court with only six seconds on the clock. Tim got the ball, only two seconds left. He was under pressure. He shot - everyone went silent... it went in! The buzzer went off. We won! The team picked him up. We sang, 'We Are the Champions!'



#### **A NOTE FROM FAYE'S ADULT WRITERS' GROUP**

Dear Writers, we had a great meeting yesterday. Our thanks to Faye Berryman for hosting us at Fitzroy Community School. We were all charmed by the welcome at the door, by happy, helpful students who carried our bags up the stairs and made sure we knew where the toilet was – all quite delightful. Tasma and Anne

#### **A BIG THANK YOU** by Joelle

We love our helpers! This term at Normanby Av parents provided a beautiful soup every Thursday - and that's not all: our lovely helpers also provided pizzas, shepherd's pie, sausage rolls, and cakes! We are also very grateful for parents who consistently offer to transport children - Nicky, Kieran, Tabitha and Jo - and the (grand)parents who regularly listen to reading or deliver lessons - Phillipa, David, Tabitha, and Hilary.

#### **NGV THE POOL EXHIBIT**

While the Brunswick St Lilties may be familiar with jumping into the Fitzroy Pool, visiting a pool in the middle of

a gallery in the city was somewhat less familiar. 'The Pool' exhibition is on at the NGV, a multi-sensory installation of water, light, scent and sound, exploring Australian cultural identity through the iconic pool.

#### **COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL** by Tina Mahony, Student Teacher

Throughout 2017, I have been privileged to have my placements at FCS. FCS is about a lot more than just academic achievement. A love of learning is nurtured while children are empowered to grow into independent and good individuals. The community environment of FCS promotes a sense of belonging, of personal identity, and of contributing to their world. There is a sense of mutual respect between students and teachers. And the learning environment promotes confidence and engagement. I have felt very welcome and have learned so much from my time at this school. Thank you to the students, teachers, and staff who have made my placements so enjoyable!



Professor Robert Greenberg's visit

### A KIWI VISITOR by Faye

During Term 3, we were delighted to welcome Professor Robert Greenberg, Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Auckland. Robert, who is blind, shared with our children his experience of being blind in a seeing world. He explained braille to them, and showed them how to write their name in braille. A wonderful education experience for our children.

### GRAMPIANS CAMP by Tim

I shared with the children that the thing I love most in life is walking in the mountains, so simply being in the Grampians puts me in an excited and happy mood, which is always a good start for any adventure. Our first walk to Chatequa Peak was an insight into the camaraderie and spirited positivity that this group would bring to the week. Mo (despite it being about 8 degrees) had a quick dip under a waterfall, which aptly demonstrated that the conditions were not going to dampen any spirits. Tues-

day brought a walk to Boronia Peak, which gives a view of farmland on one side, and the main Grampians range on the other. The sun flickered in and out of the clouds and we were privileged to view a rainbow from above. Our path was crossed by several emus and kangaroos, with a hint of spring in the emerging wildflowers. We also ventured over to Zumsteins and walked the river gulley track back up to Mackenzie falls which were in full flight. We could hear them while they were still out of sight around a bend – they were roaring, no perhaps rumbling is a better description. You could feel the deep bass of the crashing water in a similar way to the way that you can feel a large sound system pushing the bass through a wall. The energy was palpable, fierce and wild. Aside from walking through forests, beside rivers, jumping over rocks and splashing in mud, we spent time mastering Rubik's cube, working on our book reports, tackling maths, doing puzzles, playing Dob-

ble, learning Whist (precursor of Bridge and 500), revisiting lines (Mary Poppins), playing football, writing a song, and chatting by the fire.

### ADVERT

Not-for-profit organisation, World Education Program Australia, is looking for volunteer host families for overseas high school students arriving in Australia in 2018. Hosting promotes an exchange of cultures, languages, and traditions. Students are aged 15-18. To find out more, visit: [wep.org.au](http://wep.org.au).

### GUESS WHO?

The girl in the previous (Winter) newsletter was CLO-TILDE! Guess who the little lad below is. Hint: the large frontal cranium suggests the future development of an impressive intellect!\* Another hint: this newsletter contains another picture of him!

(\*While true in this individual case, Phrenology has been widely discredited.)



Guess Who?