

NEWS LETTER



Upcoming Dates

First Day Term 2
Tue 26 April

Mid Term Break
Mon 23 May

Queen's Birthday Holiday
Mon 13 June

Normanby Ave Play
Wed-Thu 15-16 June
1pm & 7pm
Richmond Theatre

Brunswick St Concert
Mon 20 June 7pm
Richmond Theatre

Last Day of Term & Disco 7pm
Thur 23 June

Brunswick St Play
Tue-Wed 6-7 September

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NEW ARRIVALS

Miriam Hamel-Green (FCS 1998) and Esther Bohmer recently welcomed new baby Quincy into the world. Proud parents Mim and Esther couldn't be more in love!



Imogen Hamel-Green (FCS 1996) & Anthony Nicholas also welcomed their son Henry. Now 4.5 months old, Henry is an active & cheerful baby whose presence is a constant delight to his proud parents.



Henry

SPORTS DAY

by Immi, Electra & Stephie

Thanks to Pete for organising such a great sports day. Everyone had great sportsmanship and team spirit. All the Tinies did amazingly for their first Sports Day. The Year Sixes lead their teams wonderfully, supporting everyone. Tennis Ball Madness was fun as always. The Gift was exciting, everyone running their best. No one gave up Tug-Of-War until the very end. We can't wait till next time!

THANKYOU, ISABEL

Isabel, grandmother of Cecilia (FCS 2021), has visited the Brunswick Street campus for many years. The children love to converse, sing songs and share stories with Isabel. They always learn something new during her visits. The visitor-free start to the year was not the same without her, and while Cecilia has now graduated, we hope that Isabel might continue to visit us in the future.



Isabel holding court

BIGGIES CAMP

by Kate

Question: How many Biggies can play tennis on one tennis court at one time? Answer: Just about all of them!

We had a hot and action-packed week up in Numurkah for the Biggies' camp. Much time was spent swimming in the pools, playing squash and tennis, minigolf, table tennis, and other games in the games room. Back in the cabins, there was time for chatting with friends and playing cards.



We all enjoyed our cricket match after dinner each evening; the competition was fierce. Some of the girls actually managed to bring on rain during cricket one evening with their rain dance.



All of the Biggies brought a positive joyous energy to the week. Everyone chipped in with great spirit when helping with cleaning and other jobs. It was wonderful to see the Biggies being good to each other and being such good company. What a great camp!

WATER BUGS

by Miranda

A big thank you to Darebin Parklands Ranger Pete. The Normanby Juniors had a great time learning about the aquatic life that inhabits the Darebin Creek. We were able to see many bugs up close and learn how to identify the difference between a dragonfly nymph and a damselfly nymph. We also learnt that the platypus loves to eat bloodworms!



One thing that surprised me was to learn that much of the parklands is sitting on top of an old rubbish tip. Some of the rangers have found rubbish from the 70s when they have been digging holes to plant trees! All round a very pleasant and educational afternoon.



KIDS IN CHARGE

The Brunswick St Year 6s made a request to 'run the school' to Tim. They spent a Friday afternoon mapping out roles, timetables, responsibilities and classes, and the following Wednesday put it into action, running the school for the morning.



buddies in the park

They did a wonderful job organising the day and teaching the rest of the school. Looking the part with cups of tea and a delayed entrance to Meeting, they showed excellent leadership in running the school.

DANCE!

by Chuby

I find teaching the kids very fun. I love that they are always ready to learn, and take on any dance move they come across, whether easy or difficult. They are not shy, which makes my work even easier. I enjoy when the kids are put into groups and put the dance moves they learn together and perform them at the end of the session. It's always fun to see what they come up with and I'm always surprised by the names they give their groups. I often see the kids practicing around school, which brings so much joy to me!!



When the Tinies take my class for the first time, it's a bit of a struggle getting them to move. But from the second class on it's a different feeling. All the Tinies are upfront, wanting to go first in the activities. They are great, I enjoy teaching them all. I am Looking forward to this year's concert and play!



ENGLISH

by Faye

The English classroom is a lively and enthusiastic place. Poetry has been, as always, a central ingredient. Its language moves the heart and mind as no other art form can. This term we have concentrated on memorizing chosen poems. Next term, as well as this, we will move on to poetry writing.

All levels have been working on advancing formal English skills. These are the necessary nuts and bolts for word mastery. Spelling is one of these essential tools so I thank parents for their support at home with this.



A particular pleasure for me has been the Tinies' classroom. They have embraced wholeheartedly the world of letters and sounds.



I am delighted that my Thursday morning meetings are again possible. The willingness of the children to participate in discussion, and their insights into the stories I read, is a highlight of my week. Children are our hope for the future.

TERRIFIC TINIES

by Miranda

One of the highlights of term 1 is welcoming the new Tinies. Normanby Ave has been blessed with a wonderful group of Tinies! What a bunch. They have grown so much in just the short time they have been at school.



There is so much to learn in Term 1 - new sounds, numbers, walking to sport, putting on hats and sunscreen, bringing lolly money on Wednesdays, buckling seat belts, new friends, dance moves, songs, art work,



games, adventures, and especially how to cool down on a hot day by wetting hats at the drink tap. The Tinies have done a great job with all these new tasks and are bringing energy, fun and laughter to school. It is a joy to see them growing and learning.





The Wood

By Khai (Year 1)

There was a pile of wood in a field. A snake lived in the woodpile. It was a cobra. When I went near the pile it raised its hood from its neck!! I knew what that meant. I backed off, but it chased me and I did not know what to do. I ran and ran until it stopped chasing me and I said to myself, "I will never go near that woodpile ever again!"



artists at work

LIGHT BULB MOMENTS

by Claire

Scott Chandry (father of Alyssa) has once again delighted the NA Middlies and Biggies with some super Science. They have collected and analysed data and learnt how it can be falsely represented, made circuits using pencils and batteries from lemons.



Meanwhile, the Juniors and Littlies have been hard at work in the lab making predictions and conducting experiments with various edible items.

BRUNSWICK ST MIDDLEIES CAMP by Nick

The Middlies headed off to Wild Dog for a few days of camping adventure. They were a positive group, full of spirit, delighting their teachers with no whinging or whining for the whole time. They took to the new surrounds with aplomb, swimming and boating in the dam, going on

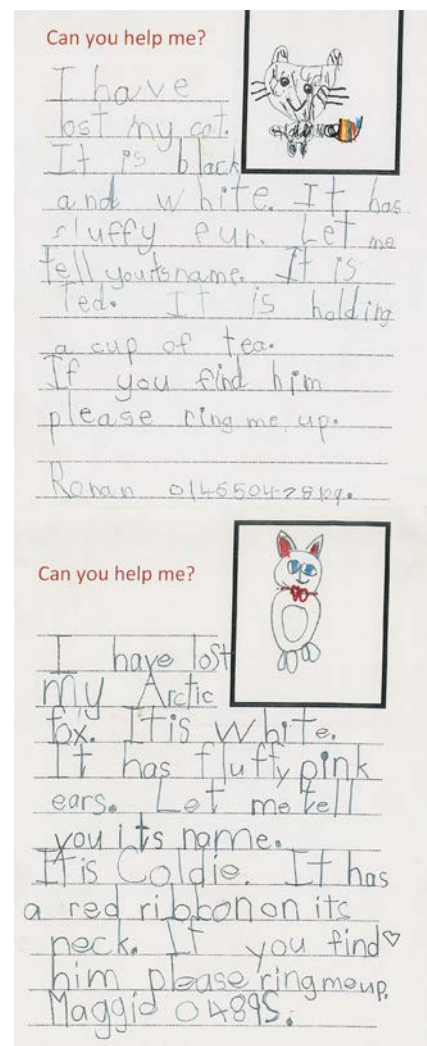


walks, lightning fires and playing soccer and Spotto. They also got a lot of practice at cleaning and generally taking responsibility for themselves and their impact on the group around them. All good lessons with fun had by all.



WRITING FUN

We all love the FCS readers. This term the Littlies enjoyed using reader 12 'My Lost Bear' to produce their own 'lost' posters

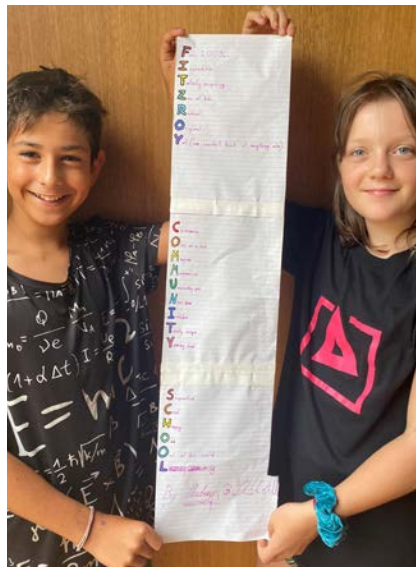


by Jibrail & Audrey

Community.
One of a kind.
Magical.
Mathematical.
Unbelievably good.
Never blue
Individual.
Totally unique.
Yummy food.

Supportive.
Cool.
Happy.
Odd.
Out of this world.
Learning community.

Brunswick Street Biggies played 2 games against Thornbury Primary School in Term One. Keith umpired both games, Lexie (assisted by Jade) coached the Rookies to an 8-6 win and Jerry (Ray's dad) coached the 'A' team to a 13 -9 win. Both teams played well around the court but goal shooting proved difficult, perhaps due to



All of our players will be training hard for a re-match later in the year, and in preparation for Hoop time at M.S.A.C. on 2nd August.

Magnus 4, Lexie 3, Clara 2,
Ray 2, Christian 2



My dog, Millie, always lit me up inside. She made me feel like the real me, the me I know I am. But now that she is gone I don't feel right anymore. You might just think, "A dog is a dog. What's the tragedy?" But for me she was special. She was the only one who understood me. It was like no one else existed when she was with me. We had a connection that no one will ever understand.

I agree that being a dog owner has pros and cons. Yes they bark. Yes, they can get really dirty. Yes, they hate being forced into a bath. With an owner like me they'd learn better ways.



A group of children are playing with large beach balls on a green playground. In the foreground, a boy in a blue cap and white shirt holds a large beach ball. To his left, a girl in a yellow shirt and pink skirt also holds a beach ball. Other children are visible in the background, some wearing caps and holding balls. The scene is outdoors with trees and a building in the distance.

I think I was a great owner and Millie was a great dog. She was my best friend a friend I loved very much. She wasn't just a dog to me, she was my sister, a part of our family. No one can understand what I felt with her. We were meant for each other. Even though she's dead, to me it doesn't feel that she's gone. She will be in my heart forever and ever. I love her.

POMEGRANATES & POTIONS

by Miranda

The Normanby Tinies were very lucky to be invited to visit the garden at Maaz's home. Isobel (Maaz's mum) invited us to experience some of the wonders of her garden.



We picked pomegranates and apples, made potions from eggshells, dirt and charcoal to put in the compost, fed chickens, and looked at bugs and insects through a microscope. It was great fun, and also very interesting. Thank you for a great afternoon, Bella!

FREE TIME

by Sue

Unstructured time has always been a valued feature of FCS. This happens at school on a regular basis – especially for the younger students. It has been fun this term to see children drawn to the knitting basket to create pom-poms, the chess board for a concentrated game, or simply heed the call of an empty cardboard box for imaginative play!

Our regular weekly outings also allow us to forget about the clock and simply follow a stream of water, the waddle of ducklings or an enticing path amongst the trees. At such times one can feel such ease and connection - with nature and with each other. Free time is such a blessing!



SPORTS DAY

[secret report-do not publish]

Thanks Pete for organising Sports Day, we are very sorry that your leg got bitten off by a crocodile, and to Elva, who got abducted by aliens. Elva, we will miss you. We are sorry for the Tinies who disappeared into a sinkhole in Tug-Of-War. The Tennis Ball Madness was super crazy, with Tim hitting the ball so high it broke the atmosphere, froze, and came down so fast that it made a hole in Clara's skull. We thank everyone who helped fight the aliens. Other than those few misfortunes it was an awesome Sports Day and we can't wait till next time.

By ~~secret reporters~~ Immi, Stephie & Electra



FETE

There was a great buzz at the end of term, as beauty salons, trash & treasure, sweet treats and games of skill were all a hit at the ever popular fete.



Well done to the Biggies of both campuses who did a great job planning, organising and running their respective campus's fetes.

WHERE'S THE BALL

Can you guess where the soccer ball should be in this photo?



COMMUNITY CORNER

**Fitzroy Junior Football Club**



Registrations for 2022 are now open for boys and girls of all ages and skill levels.
Join one of our many teams at all levels, 680+ players and their families from your community and be a part of real grassroots footy. Fitzroy Junior Football Club prides itself on its culture of fairness and sportsmanship above on field success, with the safety and wellbeing of the players being paramount.

Under 8's, Under 9's and Under 10 girls play modified rules including smaller ground size, playing zones and modified tackling, so it's a great entry point to 'Real Footy'!

Mixed/Boys teams
Under 8 mixed
Under 9 mixed
Under 10 mixed
Under 11 mixed
Under 12 mixed
Under 13 mixed
Under 14 mixed
Under 15 (boys)
Under 16 (boys)
Cottis Boys (U17/18)

Girls only teams
Under 10 girls (incl U9s)
Under 11 girls
Under 12 girls
Under 13 girls
Under 14 girls
Under 15 girls
Under 16 girls
Youth Girls (U17/18)

Our volunteers and parent coaches are guided by the core values of
Teamwork, Respect & Mentoring.

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