

NEWS LETTER



Upcoming Dates

1st Day Term 4
Tue 4 Oct

Family Day At The Land
Sun 9 Oct (11am-3pm)

Brunswick St Tinies Camp
Mon - Tue 10 - 11 Oct

Grampians Mystery Camp
Mon - Fri 17 - 21 Oct

Melbourne Cup Holiday
Mon - Tue 31 Oct - 1 Nov

Normanby Ave Tinies Camp
Thur - Fri 3 - 4 Nov

Teacher Revitalisation Holiday
Fri 25 Nov

**Normanby Ave
Graduation Concert**
(Richmond Theatre)
Wed 7 Dec 7pm

Brunswick St Graduation Concert
(Richmond Theatre)
Thur 8 Dec 7pm

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SPRING 2022

SHAZAM! by Warren



The FCS original, Shazam, was performed at Richmond Theatre to rave reviews, with audiences on the edge of their seats, following every twist and turn. It was brilliant to see the young children have so much fun doing their dances, and the confidence and maturity

shown by the lead cast through their fantastic performances belied their age.



"Did you see that Buck?!"

Lara did a wonderful job putting the show together and helping the children perform at such a high level.

A big thankyou to everyone involved, especially Nikki for the set design and makeup, Chuby for choreography and student teacher Helen for backstage management.



What a turn of events!

SPORTS DAY

Thanks again to Pete for coordinating another successful Sports Day. The kids were abuzz with excitement and anticipation all day, and the events didn't disappoint.



Fleet footed Finn

Thanks also to everyone who helped out, especially Helen, Keith, Nicolette & Zali. Congratulations to Finn on winning the Normanby Gift, and Ben for a record third win of the Brunswick St Gift, pipping James at the post again!

BEST WISHES STEPHANIE

By Joelle

The Normanby Campus was lucky to have teacher Stephanie help us out for four weeks at the beginning of the term. She jumped in with energy and great



Steph & kids

ideas. At her farewell, students spoke of fantastic lessons involving clouds in a jar, nature walks and best of all, dying natural fabrics with food.



The art room was transformed into a fabric printing centre and every child was able to make bags, t-shirts and cloth. Thanks for the fun Stephanie. We wish you all the best for your travels.

CAMP by Khai

At The Land I bounced on the trampoline. I could jump very high. It was very fun.

We went to the Op-Shop and it was great and I bought an R2-D2. I really liked playing Spotto. In Spotto we had to touch the kitchen and if a kid touched the kitchen that team would win the game.

Best of all, we went to a Play Centre. The creek was flooded. On the last day we could go to the creek and I crossed the creek without thinking and got my shoes soaked for lunch.

On the third day Miranda cooked lunch. It was delicious.



Hard earned hunger

BRUNSWICK ST

POETRY FOR PARENTS by Faye

Our Poetry for Parents event is back again!

Led by poet, Philip Harvey, this will take place on Monday, 15th November at 8:50 am. Parents are invited to bring a short poem which they remember possibly from their childhood - and present it to the morning meeting. A few words explaining the appeal of the poem to them are always engaging and good for the children to hear.



Cat

Pull!

by Christian

I open my eyes in the morning,
Long before my giant friends
open theirs.

I get out of bed and stretch my
stiff limbs.

Just like every other morning,
I take a stroll.

I frolic on the roofs of many
houses,

Dancing in the sunlight.

I go home just in time

For my big friend to feed me my
favourite food.

This is where I belong.

THANKYOU by Tim

Our school has been lucky to have three very good student teachers with us this term. Thanks Alice, Alex and Helen for your energy, ideas, classes and general support around school.

YOUNG ARCHIE by Nikki

This term I have some news to share about my own daughter, Enelsa, who was in grade six at FCS in 2020. I am proud to announce that she is a finalist in the Young Archie competition and is currently having her artwork exhibited at Bunjil Place in Narre Warren.



Enelsa's portrait of Nikki
Young Archie Finalist

The Archibald Prize is being exhibited in the same building, so well worth a visit. Congratulations Nelsie!

POETRY by Faye

Congratulations to Ray and Ilaria for their success in the "Write4Fun" competition. Ray submitted prose and Ilaria a poem. Further congratulations to Ilaria for her success in the Dorothea MacKellar National Poetry Competition. Ilaria received the "Very Highly



Ilaria as Phoebe Rainbow

Commended Award".

Christian, Ilaria, Khai, Estelle and Miette also received honourable mentions in the Independent Schools Victorian Poetry competition.

Congratulations poets!

A selection of these poems are printed in this newsletter.

SCIENCE by Adam

In Science this term we have been learning about the living world. We have learned to categorise animals into their biological classifications, and discovered the varieties of camouflage that creatures use to evade, attack or sneak up on prey. We learned the features of insects, discovered them in the park and created model water striders that utilise surface tension to walk on water.

Biggies and Tinies learned about mould and conducted an experiment watching mould grow on bread!



"Better at love than trivia!"

Family Dinner

By Miette

My mum cooks dinner.
She puts lots of love in it.
When we all sit at the dinner table
We talk about our day
And other funny things we do.

DAFFODILS by Axel & Teddy

Delightfully dancing

As aimless as a breeze

Forever beautiful

Fairy-like

Ocean of yellow

Daintily fluttering in the gentle
wind

Involved in their life

Lovely as ice cream

Sun-powered

SWIMMING by Oscar

Any program needs a few ingredients to make it achievable and worthwhile. Firstly, the program, needs to be carefully structured to cater for the children's capabilities. Secondly, the program needs quality



Morning swim squad

instructors to implement the program and Nikki, Miranda and Nick have embraced the drills and skills wholeheartedly and pass the knowledge onto the children. Thirdly, the children enjoy the diversity of the drills and come to understand the benefit of 'swimming like a fish'. It is a privilege to be part of such an innovative and purposeful life skill program.

ARTS & CRAFTS by Steph

At the start of this term I was lucky enough to teach art and science at Normanby Avenue. I was given such a warm welcome and felt very much at home from day one. With just 4 weeks before going overseas, my goal was to teach students useful and environmentally thoughtful ways of thinking.



Shun & Haru

We looked up to the sky and learnt about the wonders of clouds. Students learnt about cloud formations and, with the expert help of Scott, we experimented with lightning in a Leyden jar, managing to send an electric shock through the whole class! I was blown away by the level of understanding and excitement from the students.

In art we learnt about natural dyeing using plants and food scraps. Children were encouraged to smash, squish, roll, soak and steam the colour pigment from oxalis (sour grass), cineraria flowers, onion skins, avocado pips/skins and turmeric to create vibrant patterns and often unexpected colours.

The enthusiasm of students, teachers and parents made it a joy to teach at FCS!

MIDLIES HOOP TIME by Keith

On 17th August, 18 Middlies ventured to The Nunawading Basketball Stadium for Hoop Time.

We had two teams with all members a credit to our school. Our Rookies team, coached by Jono, were undefeated in all their matches.



"Yes, Coach!"

Our Future Stars won their preliminary matches to win their section.

They were then asked to tackle an All Boys team from a higher grade and in the last game of the day lost 4-7 in a brilliant display of defensive endeavour. All played well, with Ben outstanding.

Thanks to Miranda for driving and helping throughout the day.

My Family By Estelle

My family is where I belong.
I love my family.
My family never lets go of me.
And I never let go of them.
Mum looks after my little brother Roman.
Dad goes to work.
I go to school.
Cedi goes to Kinder.
That's what my family does throughout the day.
After they've done all their jobs
We come back home for dinner together.

CHAMPIONS by Sebastian

A couple our teachers were lucky to be a part of Grand Finals. Jasper won his football grand final and James won his Volleyball grand final. It's good to have talented sports teachers! My family watched James on Clutch TV and we were cheering hard, especially when he did a few Clutch moves towards the end of the game. Congratulations to them and we hope you pass on your skills to us. Great job guys.



Go Blue!

ARTS DAY

Pre-Service teachers at Melbourne University's School of Education hosted students from both campuses for a morning of arts, drama and music workshops. All things wild and wonderful were created, Van Gogh masterpieces were sold at auction (for just under a trillion dollars), and a cacophony of pianos, triangles, marimbas and tambourines were thoroughly whacked. Thanks Marnee and team for organising the activities.

GEOGRAPHY by Adam

In Geography with Lions, Tigers and Bears we have learned about the 7 continents and memorised a song listing them in size order. We studied the different habitats across the planet, and the reasons why climates differ according to their distance from the equator. We learned about the tilt of the Earth's axis and how it causes seasonal changes in each hemisphere. Look up the continent song on youtube and sing with your young'uns, it's a real earworm!



Grace

RAINY CAMP by Miranda

With a rainy forecast ahead, the Littlies and Juniors Mystery Camp headed off to The Land for a few days. Thankfully, children don't seem to mind if they get wet or muddy! Despite constant drizzle, the children explored, jumped, ran and played endless games of hide and seek. We were lucky to have Helen along, who lit the fire and hung ropes

to dry our clothes. She also brought along some trivia to keep us entertained.



Playdough Party!

After a day and a half of rain we headed into town for a break. The lovely Op Shop ladies told us about an indoor play centre - Jungle Kids. This was a wonderful addition to camp. We bought some fresh socks from the Op Shop and had a few good hours of playing in the ball pit, sliding down all sorts of slides and making new friends. Although the rain was a challenge, I have to say it was a great reminder that children really do know how to have a good time, no matter the conditions. Thank you Helen for coming with us on camp!

NORMANBY SOIREE

by Gawain

On the last day of Term 3 we held a Soirée at Normanby Ave on the basketball court. The sun came out and we heard a variety of well-prepared performances of piano, guitar, drums & singing, parents and students listening attentively. Congratulations to all the performers, especially Jibrail who played 2 instruments, Leo M, and Pascal who has only had 1 lesson!

PLAYDOUGH HAPPINESS

by Netti

3 cups flour
1.5 cups salt
2 tablespoons cream of tartar
2 tablespoons oil
3 cups water
Food colouring
Stir over medium heat until more or less solid.
Add garlic crushers to make spaghetti!



Miette

POETRY

by Ben, Emerson & Xavier

People before things
Others always count
Enjoy what you have
Think before you act

Respect differences

Your life is a precious gift

BIGGIES HOLIDAY READING

by Tim

Please read the following books these holidays, and think of a couple of things about the book that stood out to share with the class during the first week of term.

The novels you need to read are:

Year 5: **My Side of the Mountain**

Year 6: **The Silver Sword**

CHESS by Grant

Congratulations Amber, and Phoebe, Emerson and Ben for their competition leading chess expertise.

Final results (Brunswick St):

1st Emerson (6/7)

2nd Magnus (5.5)

3rd Ray, Xavier (5)

Most Improved:

Travis, Theo, Eleanor

Best New Player: Raphael

Final results (Normanby Ave):

1st Phoebe, Amber (5.5/7)

3rd Ethan, Jibrail (5)

Most Improved:

Ronan, Seb S, Stella

Best New Player: Zevi

Final results (Wednesday):

1st Ben (9/10)

2nd Axel (6)

3rd James (5)



Heave!

NETBALL by Tim

The school netball season was our most successful ever, with FCS winning the District and Division level competitions and then qualifying for the Regional Grand Final. The decider was lost in a very close contest 13-10.

All games were played in a good spirit of sportsmanship and

camaraderie. The District competition, played over seven weeks, saw all Biggies (and a few Middlies) play each week, with the year 6s organising the teams and showing leadership and a good sense of fairness.



The Regional Squad of 10 was chosen at a training session run by Grace from the Heights Netball Club. Thanks Grace for your time and training tips.



The kids were positive and encouraging, and demonstrated a clear understanding that success is built on teamwork.

A special congratulations to the squad: Clara, Christian, Stephie, Magnus, Ray, Theo, Ilaria, Lexie, Electra and Lucas who did their school proud.



GRAMPIANS CAMP

by Stephie, Immi & Electrã

This year's Grampians was the wildest yet. Campers were having heaps of fun until Elva



Showtime!

fell off the nerve test, and, while in mid-air, got abducted by aliens (for the second time). Unfortunately, in all the panic Tim got pushed off, and was never seen again. When the kids returned back to the house they found Magnus and Ilaria, who had teleported there from school. They arrested everybody for letting Elva get taken again. In jail, Luc decided to run into the wall to break out, sadly splitting his head in two.

In conclusion, Magnus and Ilaria stole the house, had a great rest on camp, and finally let the kids out when it was time to go home.