

NEWS LETTER



Upcoming Dates

First Day Term 3
Tue 18 Jul

Normanby Ave Soiree
Thu 27 Jul 7pm

Brunswick St Soiree
Thu 17 Aug 7pm

Founders' Holiday
Mon 21 - Tue 22 Aug

Grampians Mystery Camp
Mon 28 Aug - Fri 1 Sep

Brunswick St Play
Richmond Theatrette
Wed 6 Sep 1pm & 7pm
Thu 7 Sep 7pm

Normanby Ave Concert
Mon 11 Sep 7pm

Last Day Of Term & Sports Day
Thu 14 Sep 1:30pm
Alfred Cres Oval

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NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations Erkan & Nas, who welcomed baby Daphne in term 2, sister to Ada. What a gorgeous girl



Ada & Daphne

And many of the older children will remember former teacher Jo, who with partner Chris welcomed baby Pippa, sister to Eddie!
Congratulations!



Eddie & Pippa

NORMANBY AVE PLAY

by Tim

Arlington Dance Eisteddfod was a great success. The Biggies did a super job, from learning lines to acting to choreography. The performances were a tribute to their effort and skill. There were more than a few funny moments and a few twists and turns. Following the themes of kindness and sportsmanship, a few lessons were learnt, and friendships forged and re-found.



Amber & Anais

The year sixes deserve a special mention: Merrilina, Bhawani, Jasper, Christos, Seamus and Audrey. They were funny and poignant, tough and brave, and lived their roles. In doing so, they brought the audience into the adventure. Thanks also to our director Lara for such a mountain of work, and Chuby for some great dances. And further thanks to Claire, Sophie, Amy, Warren and Christian for all helping put the play together.

SCIENCE by Steph

This term's science topic was Biomimicry! The kids learnt about how we can use nature to better innovate new technology and design for the future. It was fascinating to see so many ideas, from echolocation goggles to help find children, to hornet solar power airplanes, fly slow motion vision goggles, and chameleon inspired army suits. The kids presented their inventions to a panel of expert judges – Lucrezia (Olivia's mum), Lucas (Marlow's dad), and Mon (Maggie's mum), who provided excellent feedback to help set up these billion dollar start-ups.



Hilde & Jacob

SCHOOL LIFE by Sue

This term I have enjoyed watching all the 'in school' activities. The Lego corner at Normanby is always a hive of activity. Students work independently or in groups to bring all kinds of forms into creation and then, just like Zen sand mandalas, at the end of the school day these creations easily and enjoyably dissolve back into the Lego drawer. Basketball and soccer skills are soaring to new heights with many

themselves to meet Stefan's competitive streak. Finger-knitting keeps moving to new heights - or should I say new lengths? Again, the excitement of creation is infectious. Powers of concentration and coordination abound. Brunswick St backyard water-colour paintings have been in full-flight. (Bridie was eyeing off the unclaimed creations with a view to making beautiful envelopes!) Perhaps we could open a pizza parlour onto the back laneway with all the busy fingers grating cheese on Friday mornings? Nothing quite like the smell of



Fun in the park

hot pizza on a cold day. Drawing, story-writing, crochet, reading, tinkling the ivories, even mock weddings complete with runaway grooms - the term has indeed been full of fun.



Charlie & Alexander

ENGLISH by Faye

We are once again indebted to Philip Harvey for giving so generously of his time and expertise. This term, Philip has introduced two poetry competitions to which the children have written and submitted poems. Following the school meeting, during which Philip presented a wide-ranging selection of poems based on the competition themes, he then worked in the classroom with the children as they began their own writing.



Arya & Serene

Using their poems, next term, Steph will work with the children to create illustrated poetry booklets. It delights me that all children take it for granted that they can write poetry - that it is an everyday, pleasurable, activity.



Paul

ARTS OUTING

by Kate

Thanks to Lucas, Marlow's dad, for arranging an exciting and unusual outing for the Kestrels and Tinies in Docklands. After a tram ride, a quick run and a snack, Lucas showed us his sculpture studio. We saw some of his completed wooden sculptures as well as some works in progress. Lucas showed us some of his woodworking equipment and explained the use of some of his tools. It was fascinating to see examples of Lucas' beautiful work in its various stages.



New designs

We then visited the neighbouring studio of artist Brett Ashby. We met Brett, Felix Ezrael (musician) and Bessie Kay (portrait subject). In front of the canvas were two skateboard ramps and all of Brett's brightly coloured paints, brushes and painting implements. Bessie sat directly facing us in an armchair behind the canvas so she could not see the painting as it evolved, but could not miss the audience's responses. Felix began to beat out different rhythms on his drum. Brett rolled back and forth on his skateboard, up & down the ramps and across the front of the canvas, painting as he rolled by. Slowly but surely a portrait of Bessie emerged in front of our eyes! A huge thanks to Brett and all of the artists who contributed to our special day.

GARDENING

by Steph

Yarra City Council will be giving the school two new planter boxes. These will be located on a small green patch at the corner of Rae and Church Street. It will be an opportunity for students to grow plants from seed, observe how nature works, and enjoy the garden through different seasons.



Zoe

KINDER

by Christian

On Mondays and Thursdays I help at the Sunrise Kindergarten in Thornbury. The kindergarten teachers, Catherine and Alice, occasionally ask me to do something specific but most of the time they want me to play and speak with the kids.

What I do there depends on what the children are doing. We have played a lot of tag. We have also built many things together including block houses, sandcastles and lego houses. One day we built a volcano in the sandpit and made it 'erupt' with bicarb soda and vinegar. We've often played make-believe games where we pretend to be superheroes, bus drivers, passengers, shop keepers and other characters. There are so many things you can do with the kids. I am learning different ways to play with the children and having fun.



Some wise words for the young man

CROSS COUNTRY

by Tim

The Biggies and many of the Middlies participated in District Cross country earlier in the term. Many of the children put in a tremendous effort, arriving at the finish line pink, sweaty and puffed – fully spent with nothing more in the tank. Thanks Nick, Miranda, Tim and Stefan for many weeks of training. A special mention to Ben, Elva and Cecilia who qualified for Division Finals, and Elva who then went on to Regional Championships.



Elva

The Winding Road

by Caroline

Up, up we went
Round the winding road
Round, round we went to Mount
Hotham snow
I skied straight down

NORMANBY OUTINGS

by Miranda

One Monday we took the train into the city to Fed Square. After a fun time playing at Birrarung Marr we visited the NGV to take a look at the Melbourne Now exhibition. We had an excellent time building miniature furniture using materials provided by the gallery. We then experienced the live instillation called TEMPLE by Melbourne artist Rel Pham, a large-scale instillation exploring the way the digital realm plays out in the physical world. It was a digital art work using screens, sound and a large number of cooling fans. It was quite an experience!



Our day ended with a delicious lunch at an 'all you can eat' Harre Krishna restaurant in the city. The Middlies definitely got a taste of the variety of art and culture that Melbourne has to offer.

The Shell by Hilde

A shell was found once. It was a magic shell. It could turn to diamond. IT glistened in the sun. Nobody had seen it before. A girl found it. She saw it change from a beach shell to a diamond shell. She took it home. She told Mum. Mum was surprised. Mum put it on shelf. It was still there over the years.

"I like it there," said the girl. The mum loved it so, so, so, so much that they looked at it every day.

EXHIBITION by Miranda

On the last day of term we hopped in our trusty school bus for a drive to Malvern. Oscar, our swimming teacher, is currently exhibiting his drawings at the Malvern Artists' Society Gallery. The exhibition, *The Art of Trees*, showcases a range of



Oscar

trees from different parts of Melbourne and Victoria. It was a real treat to have Oscar explain his process to us. Along with his drawings Oscar is also exhibiting some sculpted human figures



Oscar holding court

made from cedar wood and bronze. The children had a lot of questions about Oscar's life and also his techniques. In true teacher style Oscar explained his method and then handed out pencils and paper to the kids so that they could try sketching their own trees.



Journey of Falling Water

by Eleanor

Rushing water
Splashing water
Clear water
Shining water
Water drops
Like people on journeys
Twisting and turning
Sharp rocks
Smooth pebbles
Coming to a bed
Of soft sand



The Journey by Tommy

The snake went on a journey
He went to the mountains
He slithered through the grass
He slithered under bushes
He swam over a lake
He found a crocodile
The snake bit the crocodile
Then he kept going
He made it to the mountain
He climbed up it
To the very top
After he reached the top
He went back home
Over the lake
Under the bushes
Over the rocks
Through the grass
Back into his home

PASSION PROJECTS

On the final Wednesday of term, the Juniors exhibited various creations and experiences developed during the term with Craig. Here are a few reflections.

Estelle: Passion Projects is one of my favourite classes! Let me tell you a bit about it. At the first class of the term, Craig gives us the theme. We then find a partner or do it alone and make the project plan. This term we did the theme, "What is your favourite hobby or sport?" Annabel and I created a gymnasium in the Meeting Room. Ada did a China Stall; Audrey and Charlotte did Jungle Golf; Charlie did Olympics; Eden, Oscar & Leo did Video Games and Khai & Paddy did Mythical Creatures. It was really fun!



Ada

Audrey: I like Passion Projects because you get a theme, then you get to make up your own thing. I solved problems by working with my partner Charlotte. Team-work makes the dream work!

Patrick: We had a lot of problems to resolve during Passion Project, and we solved them by gluing fallen off legs to my models. I really liked finding out what other people's

favourite models were. I like Passion Projects because we get to make lots of cool things. I think I learnt a couple of things like sawing very quickly and using the hot glue gun.

Ada: I love Passion Projects because you get to run wild with ideas and you get to make fun stuff!



Charlotte & Florence

BASKETBALL by Keith

Middlies have a day against other schools at Nunawading Basketball Centre, Burwood Rd, East Burwood on Wednesday 26th July.

We are sending 3 teams!
If anyone is available to help with transport and scoring, please let Netti know.

The Brunswick St Middlies had a match against Thornbury Primary School during Term 2 and won by 2 points.
(Thanks to Nick B for coaching).

Hoop time for Biggies is Friday 4th August at Coburg.

On the last day of Term 2 Normanby Avenue Biggies (plus Ben), coached by Ted, played Thornbury Primary School and

Kit's Cotton Bed by Art

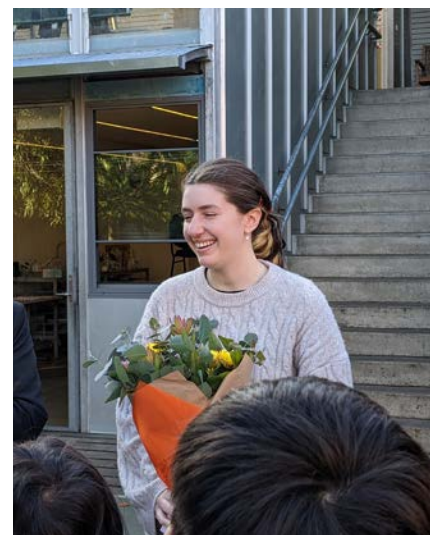
Jumping up and down,
Left and right,
Chasing birds and mice.
All the cats in town
Say, "Hello Kit."
Then Kit the cat
Flies into space, before...
Slowly waking up in
His cotton bed.

FAREWELL, GABBY!



Gabby has been a wonderful helper for the last couple of years, much loved by the kids.

Gabby, we hope you have a great adventure for the rest of the year and hope to see you again when you return.



SWIMMING by Tim

Oscar has been part of our swimming program for many years, coaching both the children and our swimming teachers. Thanks Oscar for your contribution to our school, and the children's swimming.



REQUESTS

For the eagle-eyed Op-shoppers out there...

We are seeking extra fitted single mattress sheets for use on camp at The Land, and also more mobilo for our budding trainee engineers!



En Garde!

Please keep an eye out or drop some in if there are any spare lying around the house!

Journey Through The Creek by Esther

The journey through the creek can sometimes be wet wading your legs through the water, tripping over, falling in, having to dry your clothes by the fire.

I went the creek way,
from the bunkhouse to the trampoline
I love the feeling of your feet being compressed by the water, having to step over logs, and finally climbing up to your destination
I love the comforting sound of the water flowing,
lulling me to sleep.



Leo

HOLIDAY READING

Biggies are requested to read the following books over the holidays.

Year 6: *The Silver Sword* by Ian Serrallier

Year 5: *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aitken



Seb & Muhammad

Little Leaf's Adventure by Anjali

Autumn was coming
Leaves were falling
A poor little leaf was falling
He held on with all his might
But soon the wind won
He got swept away
By the wind
He was frightened
Shocked
He saw things he had never seen before
Soon the wind stopped
The little leaf fell
He waited for a bit
Then the wind came and
Took him under his tree
He lay on the ground with his family



Farmhouse by Henry

There was a farmhouse
Underneath the farmhouse
There was a deck
Underneath the deck
There was grass
Underneath the grass
There was dirt
Underneath the dirt
There were worms



Balloon!