

NEWS LETTER



Upcoming Dates

FIRST DAY TERM 4
Tue 3 Oct

FAMILY DAY AT THE LAND
Sun 15 Oct 11am-3pm

MELBOURNE CUP LONG WEEKEND
Mon 6 - Tue 7 Nov

REVITALISATION DAY
Fri 24 Nov (Holiday)

BIGGIES CAMP (Brunswick St - new dates)
Wed 29 Nov - Fri 1 Dec

BRUNSWICK ST GRADUATION CONCERT
Tue 5 Dec 7pm
Richmond Theatrette

NORMANBY AVE GRADUATION CONCERT
Thu 7 Dec 7pm
Richmond Theatrette

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SPRING 2023

A STORM IN A TEACUP by Lara

Our recent production of "Storm in A Teacup" was a success and I am so proud of all our talented students. Our Biggies deserve a special mention for their commitment and dedication during the entire rehearsal process. They shone on stage, bringing their characters to life with poise and enthusiasm, captivating the audience in the process.



"Seagull!"

It is a privilege to be able to work with these kids and I thank them for putting their trust in me. I want to express my gratitude to our fantastic staff and supportive school

community for making a production like this possible. Thankyou to all who helped on the day, and to everyone for helping make "Storm in A Teacup" a remarkable achievement that we can all be proud of.



Butterflies

HAPPY HELPERS by Sue

One of the nicest ways to start the day at school is to hear a cheerful, "Sue, do you need any help?" The answer is almost always "yes" as getting snacks and lunch (and more snacks) for 60 people is a big job! Chopping a few cucumbers, grating some cheese or five minutes of drying dishes all goes a long way to help the kitchen run smoothly. Likewise, when I ask for help and it is given freely and happily, it makes working together such fun. I enjoy little chats with the children as we get various jobs done together. Open-hearted helping, or giving, is contagious, and is such an important life skill! Thank you to all of my happy helpers!

PASSION PROJECTS by Craig

This term the Brunswick St Juniors have had the opportunity to use their developing skills in an exciting and authentic way. The project aim: to develop new enrichment ideas for their favourite zoo animals.



The Juniors were given a design brief direct from Melbourne Zoo, which laid out the requirements for their creations. Each enrichment had to safely encourage the animals to either behave or move as they would in nature, or captivate their senses. This drove a flurry of ideas for a large range of animals: from Elephant toilet boxes to a Giant Tortoise car wash and from a Meerkat slide to a Tiger enclosure rainforest speaker.

During the project, the Juniors researched their favourite animals to find out more about



Leo with the zoo map

their animal's natural behaviours and exceptional senses. We then visited Melbourne Zoo to observe and understand what enrichment was currently being used around the zoo. Then it was back to school to develop the Juniors' ideas into prototypes and to produce their final product before filming short presentation videos for the zoo keepers to give feedback on.



Coming out of his shell

The results have been both creative and impressive. Alongside the finished products and presentations, I've especially enjoyed observing the Juniors' empathy grow at times throughout the project.

SPORT by Steph

Off the back of soccer fever, FCS was lucky enough to have a soccer superstar come in and teach the kids all things soccer. Whitney, Audrey's mum, joined the kids at Brunswick Street for a lesson in ball control and tips to stay focused during a penalty shootout. Her lesson was inspiring to all the kids, especially the girls, and will hopefully encourage the next generation of soccer superstars!

CHILDREN'S FARM by Zoe

Do you want to see beautiful peacock feathers glimmering in the sun? I do! I really recommend the Collingwood Children's Farm for your child for the following reasons: seeing animals in a way that is kind and caring for them, learning about animals, and it is beautiful to spend time there.



The Collingwood Children's Farm takes care of their animals. Once you walk in, you can feel that animals are the priority of the farm. At cuddle time, the



guinea pigs are rotated and given breaks. Also, the number of people who can visit goats is limited to ten.

The Collingwood Children's Farm is a great place to learn about animals from the staff and volunteers. The volunteers at the farm give visitors information about the animals. For example, I read and learnt that cows can't see green or red! The Children's Farm is a really nice place to spend time at.

SCIENCE by Steph

This term's science focus was motion and force. The kids learnt about friction, gravity, momentum, inertia and energy through exciting hands-on experiments. We made fire using traditional methods, shot balloon rockets around the room and used elastic bands to explode watermelons. It has been wonderful teaching such enthusiastic kids!



Gravity tests

WOODWORKING by Craig

This year, I've been working with the Lions, Tigers and Bears on some basic woodworking skills. Together we've been making small treasure boxes. The treasure boxes have been fun to build, but for me what has been more rewarding is the growth in confidence and competence that each child has shown with handling hammers and saws. The children will have great pride in knowing that they produced their own product.



BRUNSWICK ST POETRY FOR PARENTS by Faye

Dear Parents,

This special meeting, introduced by Philip Harvey, has long been one of the highlights of the English curriculum year.

At the 8:50 am meeting on Monday, 16th October, we invite parents to bring and present a poem that was special to them as children, and which lives with them today. (Of course, parents are welcome to come to the event with or without a poem.) Children value what they see the significant others in their life valuing. Poetry is a unique art form. FCS students know that I value poetry, but it will be much more meaningful to them if they see that other adults do too. Looking forward to seeing those who are able to make it at this time.



Happy Poets

HOOP TIME by Keith

Middlies headed to Nunawading on 26th July where our 'Future stars' won two games and lost two (both by just 2 points) and drew the other match. Both 'Rookies' teams won most of their games with special contributions from Shun and Haru. Coaches were Keith, Craig and Stefan, with several parents in attendance as supporters. Thanks to Sarah and Maddy for assistance with transport.

Biggies Hoop time was at the Coburg Stadium on 4th August. All players showed positive endeavour and their effort was at a high level. Merrilina and Jacob were considered our two most improved players. The day ended with a trip to Thornbury Basketball Stadium for a challenge game between our two Campuses. This ended in an exciting draw. Both Hoop time days were enjoyable for all involved.

MEDITATION AT BRUNSWICK ST by Sue

A friendly, relaxed meditation is offered every Wednesday and Friday morning in the Eyrie at Brunswick St. Simply, we practice connecting with the senses to come into the present. So often our minds dance between recollections of the past and anticipation of the future that we can miss the rich expansiveness and peace of right now. Parents from both campuses are warmly invited to give it a try! Wednesday 9-9.30am; Friday 9-9.20am. Just turn up. Any questions? Please contact Sue



BIGGIES CAMP CHANGE

The final camp of the year for Brunswick St will be for all Biggies from Wed 29/11 to Fri 1/12. Future All Stars Camp will not go ahead this year.

ART by Steph

This term's art class began with candle dipping! Inspired by Melbourne artist Hillary Green, the kids each created unique candles from start to finish. It was great seeing a variety of different styles of candles and the kids loved experimenting with various techniques. It was an excellent practice of patience and focus as candle dipping is not a quick endeavour. Hopefully you all enjoyed the candles at home. A special thank you to Nadine who helped out!



FINAL ARTS DAY

Wednesday 4th October will be our final Melbourne Uni Arts' Day. It will just be for Biggies and Year 4s.

Over the years there has been many and varied outcomes from these days and they are remembered fondly by the children

We thank Marnee and her colleagues for all the planning and preparation that went into these events.



POETRY AWARDS

Congratulations to Esther, Emerson, Nathan, Patrick, Ada & Cedric, who all received honourable mentions in the Independent Schools Poetry Competition.

Where the Mind Takes You

by Emerson

I can go further than anyone
All I have to do is sit down
And I imagine
You could be a bird
Or a fish
Or an ant
You can go anywhere
I've been to Antarctica
And slid down mountain ranges
as a penguin
Rocketed through clouds as an eagle
And sped through the sea as a dolphin
My imagination is my
superpower



NITS

A number of heads have been scratched about what to do about nits... Please check your children and ensure they are nit free when they return to school.



don't blame Kevin-Possum!!

CONNECTIONS

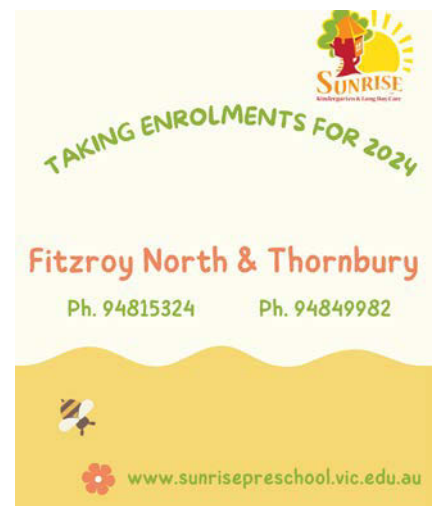
by Kate

It is beautiful to observe connections and friendships blossoming between children in different year levels at school. I think that this is one of the special aspects of life at FCS.

At FCS, it is natural to be friends with children of different ages because the children spend a sizeable amount of time in the company of friends who may be older or younger. On outings, it is delightful to observe children collaborating, organising, constructing and playing together, no matter their age. Older children get the opportunity to lead and be role models; younger children



take the opportunity to step up and try something a little more challenging. But most of all, they all learn to enjoy each other's company, without thought of their year of birth.




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