

*“People
before
things”*

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Fitzroy Community School NEWSLETTER

KIDEYES EXHIBITION

Inspired by the Arthus-Bertrand project “Six Billion Others”, Clotilde and Natalie put on an exhibition on the 10th of June, screening footage of all the FCS children answering big questions such as “What is god?”, “What is your greatest fear?” and “What is love?”. Visual family trees and other artworks were also displayed. For many parents, it was the first time they had witnessed their children answering these kinds of big questions. Many thanks to Clo and Nat for putting it all together. Thanks also to Alix, Adam, Kendra, Alex, Casey, Nikki and Pauline.

THE LAND FUNDRAISER

A group of parents have been busy organising a fundraising event to rebuild the campsite at The Land, destroyed in the Black Saturday bushfires in February (see insert with this newsletter for details). Many thanks to Carmela, Petra, Jackie, Susie, Donna, Carol, Megan, Chris, Toni and Pauline. If you would like to make a donation of any sort, please contact: Jackie: jackiechanzi@hotmail.com or 94169176. Also, we’re looking for musicians to form a band for the fundraising night. Contact Carmela if you’d like to be involved: carmela_ferraro@hotmail.com or 0410703074.

THE LAND CLEANUP

There are still more opportunities to go up to The Land and help out with the cleanup and building: June 20, July 18, August 1, August 22 and September 12. Contact Pauline if interested. We are really looking forward to returning to The Land for camps.



Stars, by Arun Patel

*Stars don't just twinkle, they burn like fire
In the night, they explode now and then
Comets with tales zipping across the sky
Black holes sucking planets, and stars too.
When I look up into the night sky
I see the spilt milk.*



Llewi on camp

CAMPS

Three groups of Littlies and Middlies went on camp together (a format known as Mixed Lollies). The first group, along with Tim and Pauline, spent their time at Dereel Tree Farm, building, lighting bonfires enjoying the young forest they camped in and the 3km walk to the local shops. The next two groups went to the Lewis farm in Torquay. More a resort than a camp, with 2 trampolines, tennis court, basketball court, cubby house, swings and mud heap. Jeannette and Jono accompanied one group, while Jeannette, Nick and Sebby took the last group. Many thanks to Susie, Adam, Jordon and Hunter for accommodating us so generously.

IN A STATE LIBRARY

Littlies went to the State Library to be guinea pigs for a new program there. Watch out for some future stars in library promos. Year 4s also visited the Library, learned about the legend of Ned Kelly, and had great fun making Ned-like armour from heavy duty plastic that they moulded to shape with heat guns.

TINY, BIGGIE SHOTS

The Tinies went on a grand adventure to Federation Square to watch the 'Little Big Shots' Children's International Film Festival. For many of the Tinies it was their first excursion, but to any of the city passerbys this was impossible to tell, as they all behaved magnificently! From the exciting tram trip where seats were swapped and songs were sang, to the hustle and bustle of the city streets, the Tinies showed true Fitzroy Community school spirit. All were captivated by the fun movies, and the picnic and play in the Fed Square playground really topped off the day. Thanks to Judy, Anne, Kendra, Meg and Nat for escorting them.

The Biggies and Nat also missioned out to Fed Square to watch the second session of 'Little Big Shots'. The flicks were a little more serious this time, with one in particular, an Indigenous

documentary, being the highlight. A good fun day. Thanks Biggies!

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day in term 2, organised by Haydn and James, was great fun. Tug-o-war, three-legged races, sack races, bean bag races... The FCS Gift (age-staggered running race around oval) was won by Zac A. Well done! Thanks to the awesome organisers, as well as Francis and the other parents who helped out.

CROSS COUNTRY

FCS ran in both the District and Zone Cross Countries. At the District race, Tim was really pleased to see all the kids – regardless of their position – putting in a good effort. Good running everyone! Saul and Zoe qualified in the top 6 children of our district to run in the Zone cross country. Well done Saul and Zoe!

The Spark, by Sage Agius-Giddings

*Searching for the tiny spark,
Just one,
Maybe past this bush?
There's one-
In the water's blue.
Twinkling above my head,
Like a starfish in a pond,
Or a candle in the night.
Star by day the sun so bright.
That is my light.*



INSIDE THE MIDLIES

The Middlies went to IMAX to see The Human Body with Paulzky and Tim. They enjoyed the graphical rendition after having learned about the human body in Term 2 science class. However, they were hardly impressed with the inside of a churning stomach full of food and acid. We all had a hoot. Thanks to Gabby for giving us a ride there.

BUBBLE BUBBLE

Thank you to the soup cooks for all your toil and trouble in term 2: Vanesa, Melody, Tamsin, Sue, Amy, Petra, Philip H, Lindsay and Julie. We would love to continue this Thursday soup tradition, so if you would like to make a soup to share, please put your name on the fridge list for term 3.

BARBIE DOLLS

Many thanks to the parents who keep the Wednesday barbeque going. The spread just continues to improve. Such a yummy treat for us all. Thanks Gabby for organising this.

NO EARLY CHRISTMAS

As the school play this year is a Christmas play, it has been moved from term 3 to a more appropriate time of the year: 7pm on the 3rd of December is the new date. Lock it in folks.

VISITING MAHARISHI

Nat, Tim and Nick took the Middlies and Biggies to play sport against the Maharishi Primary School in Reservoir (where Nat was a teacher). The Middlies fought hard in a tough basketball match, resulting in a draw. The Biggies showed resilience and spirit in their soccer match, despite weather that felt like it was below zero degrees, and powered on to win 8-3. Well done Biggies and Middlies!

FOOD FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

Thank you to those who contributed to the food collection for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre on the 10th of June. Foodbank distributed 444 parcels of food in January 2009! We will continue to do a major collection once each term. Thank you to Jess, John and Myf for organising it.

SCOTT BEAMS BACK

Scott will be back in Term 3 to help out with sport on Wednesdays. Welcome back Scott.



WONDERING (BACK) TROUBADOUR

Kerrie, who has been touring Europe with Opera Australia, will be back to teach singing in Term 3. Welcome back Kerry! Please let Jeannette know if you would like your children to take up singing lessons.

FAREWELL

Nat departs soon on an extended honeymoon through Asia and Europe. On her travels she will volunteer as a teacher at our sister school Enling Primary in Kunming, China. We wish her and her new husband Paul all the best, and hope to have her back at FCS in the near future.



SOIREE

A variety of music and poetry filled the air in another heart-warming night of performance by many children. Thank you to all who came.

FCSWOOD

The Biggies, have been writing a short film script. They, along with Jono and Alix, will direct, act, film and edit the movie in term 3, and put it on for all to see.

NETBALL

At the end of a fun 7-week netball season with many local primary schools, FCS finished equal top (alongside Princes Hill). Well done to the netballers! And many thanks to Sam and Tim for coaching and organising.

PROUD WINNERS

FCS won a National School Pride grant for various building improvements. We'll have new linoleum in the kitchen, a new covered BBQ, new yard shelter and various other upgrades. Many thanks to the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution program.

Art, Jack M



SALMON IN TRAINING

A few adults in the community recently carved through deep waters under the command of Sgt Oscar. The Big Fish in training - Kylie, Sofi, Amy, Jeannette and Clotilde – learned some valuable lessons from Oscar's patient and enthusiastic instruction. They encourage anyone interested in developing from Flounder to Salmon to contact him.

STUDENT TEACHERS

Casey, Alex and Kendra have been working with us for the past few weeks. They have all proved adept and adaptable, enthusiastically doing whatever has been thrown at them. Thanks to you all. Also, big congratulations to Alex on the birth of his son on Monday 15th June!

AFTER -SCHOOL ART

Nikki's after-school art classes will be held on 2 afternoons for Term 3: Tuesdays and Thursday, 3:10pm to 4:10pm. They cost \$80 per student per term. Numbers are limited so please call Nikki on 0423 161 102.

EXPERIENCING FCS

Welcome to Reagan (daughter of Leonie) and Dana (sister of former student Vanessa) who will be gaining some valuable work experience at FCS by helping out in various ways around the school.

WINTERY ICE CREAM

We received a donation of tubs and tubs of ice cream from San Churro, 277b Brunswick St, Fitzroy. Thanks to Angela and San Churro for your very sweet gesture.

CALL THEIR BLUFF

On Wednesdays, Jono has been training up the Biggie Boys in the important skills of Poker. If one of them belongs to you, why not challenge them to a game this holiday, and see for yourself how well their poker-faces are coming along.

Venus, by Zachary Gandolfo

I wait for her every night

Twilight

She is always the first to arrive

I observe

Her beauty is lost amongst the crowd

I seek

Other jewels beguile my eye

I gaze

For she will return the next night

I wait.



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