



## NEWSLETTER

# SPRING 2014

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### A NEW ADDITION TO OUR COMMUNITY!

Lizanne brought a whole new human being into the breathing world on the evening of Thursday 25th of September! A beautiful girl, Hillary Lilian Richards, was born at Tim and Lizanne's home in Romsey. Baby and mum both doing well. Well done Lizanne, and congratulations to Tim and Amelia on your new family member!

### SHAZAM! by Sam

What a fabulous school play! Congratulations to all the Year 6 students and the entire school for your dedication and brilliance. I could not be prouder! You all worked so very hard and it showed. It was so great seeing your excitement back-stage, and how that came out in your performances. I would like to thank all the parents, friends, student teachers and past students for putting your hands up to help. I really appreciate this effort every year. Special mention must go to Karen, Arthur, Nikki, Tim, Warren, Kerrie, Sue, Anne, Kylie, Judi, Susie, Greta, James, Mikey, Emma and the Pom Pom girls, John, Jack, Netti and Nick. The show would not go on without you.



Hillary



Shazam!

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## Outing



### POETRY, by Faye

We are thrilled to announce the success we have had in this year's Dorothea Mackellar poetry awards. Hundreds of poems from all over Australia are entered in this competition. Every child in our school contributed a poem, and two of our young poets, Oliver and Ethan, achieved the status of 'Highly Commended'. These poems (printed below) will be featured in the Dorothea Mackellar annual anthology. Congratulations to Oliver and Ethan! Also, FCS gained the "Commended" award for schools 'that demonstrate effort, achievement and a high standard of entry'. Congratulations to all our students. Special thanks to Philip Harvey who again introduced the topic this year: "What Shall We Tell You?" Poetry contributes in the heartbeat of FCS; all children write and all children recite. I take enormous pleasure from this, because I believe that poetry speaks to the human spirit. Our popular, annual morning meeting entitled "Poetry for parents and poetry-people" is on Tuesday 25th November at 8:50am. Please note this date, and come and present a poem you love.

### ALUMNI POETS

And our poets continue to write. Brittany Llewellyn (Yr 2004), currently studying creative writing at Melbourne University, recently had her poem 'MMR' published in the PEN Melbourne Quarterly. Congratulations Brittany!

### BALLOONS, by Ethan (Prep)

*I wish I lived  
In a multi-coloured world  
Where balloons never popped*

### THE GAME TAG, by Oliver (Yr 4)

*Lion was eying out Bull,  
Roar! Lion pounced at Bull  
Bull only just dodged Lion  
Lion took a tumble*

*Monkey was swinging by  
Lion jumped but missed Monkey  
Lion got a bruise  
Monkey laughed at Lion  
Lion was not giving up*

*Lion saw Hippo  
Lion charged at Hippo  
His claw skimmed Hippo  
Hippo was 'It'*

*It was Hippo's turn to tag  
Hippo saw Bull and he ran to him  
Hippo missed Bull  
Then their mums' called  
"Time to come inside."*

## Mystery camp



### YEAR 3 MYSTERY CAMP

**Day one, by Aiva:** Year 3's mystery camp was great. We went to Numurkah with Nettie and Warren. All of us enjoyed playing tennis and volleyball. We stayed in villas at the Lakeside Country Club. I loved swimming in the pool and playing bingo. It was also funny when Sol and Warren fell into the lake.

**Day two, by Estela:** On the second day of camp we woke up to a thud and an "OUCH!" I had fallen out of bed! After breakfast the girls all played mini-golf while the boys had a game of volley ball. We were all hot and ready for a swim. It was so much fun swimming, especially as Warren kept throwing us in. When we got out we learned

that we could join the game of Bingo in the adults' lounge. We were so excited when Aiva won us a box of chocolates. Later on we learned how to play squash. I went to sleep very tired, but excited for the next day.

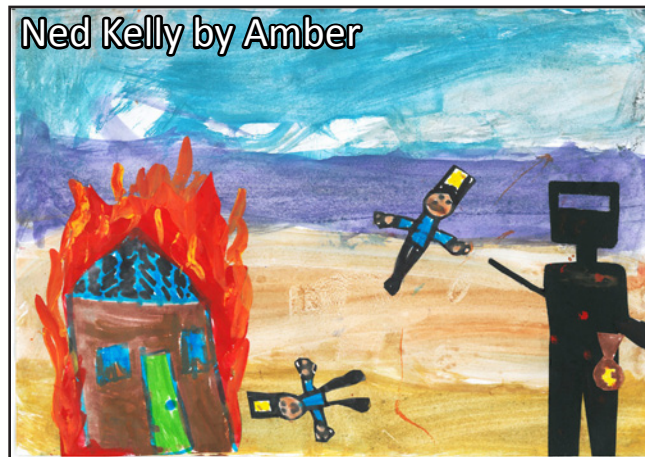
**Day three, by Arkie:** Before we left on the final day of camp, the whole villa was hectic. People were shouting things like "Have you seen my sock?" and "I can't find my tennis racket!" and "Do you know where my bathers are?" Finally we were ready. We all piled into the bus, found our seats and hit the road. After about half an hour, we all started to feel hungry, hot and a bit bored. So Nettie and Warren decided to stop for some lunch. Nettie went and got pies while Warren played shops with us. After a snack and a play in the park, we set off again. Soon we were back in Melbourne. Nettie invited us back to her house where Keith was waiting for us with some drinks. Keith showed us all his trophies and medals. There were heaps of them. Then we hopped into the bus and drove back to school. BEST CAMP EVER!!!! And a big thank you to Nettie and Warren!

### **AT THORNBURY, by Wayne**

Wow! Three great terms of Thornbury have passed already. Each week we have enjoyed sharing our campus with the Fitzroy students and it has been great to see how well all of the students play and work together. There have been some lovely friendships formed and the fun (and competition) in the sports sessions has been especially great. Each fortnight we have Outing and have used this time to explore Melbourne, spending time at art galleries, playgrounds and playing huge games of gang up tiggy in city parks. One of the most memorable trips was to the Old Melbourne Gaol and the State Library where we saw Ned Kelly's armour and his gallows, and were all locked up in a dark cell for... 5 minutes. Once again we have been blessed with a lot of help this term: John and Jess (Silas' grandparents) come each week to impart their unique wisdom and straighten out handwriting; Phillipa (Beth's grandma) teaches sketching; and places for sewing with Arthur are always in high demand. Thank you to our wonderful staff, Warren, Nat, Mary and Mimi, and to our lovely parent group for their help and support.



Bears camp



### **VISITING THORNBURY, by Warren**

Every Tuesday a group of Fitzroy Middlies spend the day at Thornbury. Whilst classes are fairly similar to a normal school day (Maths, English, Sport, Free), some other features keep the tram or bus ride alive with anticipation. Amongst the most popular are the table tennis table, netball court, and a whole new kitchen pasture for grazing. A real favourite is baby Sebastian, who never fails to attract a gaggle of admirers. It's lovely to see the children develop relationships with people of a very different age, and we look forward

to this continuing as the Thornbury campus grows.



### **MURAL, by Nikki**

You may have noticed a wall being transformed from glum to glam over the last couple of terms. With help and inspiration from students, Susie (Hunter's mum) and I have spent many hours using images from the children to create a mural that I'm pleased to say is near completion. For years I have noticed students playing a drawing game in their spare time, which they call 'drawing wars', ongoing drawing battles that have the children drawing collaboratively, creating highly imaginative characters and scenarios. We have chosen to celebrate this. So if you have not already noticed, take a peak next time you pop into school. The children would be glad to lead the way. Susie and I have a few more hours yet to complete the work. A cup of tea or a CurlyWurly from the lolly shop is much appreciated to keep up our stamina. Thank you to Susie and all the students who have helped with this project.

### **NETBALL, by Ella (Yr 6)**

This term, Silas, Hunter, Oscar, Jack, Ted, Llew, Dante, Chloe, Blake and I went to play netball. We had got into Zone the term before. We won our first game quite easily, but the second game was a hard one against a team that had always beaten us. The pressure was on, as we had to win all our games to get into the Regionals. It was a tough and close game, but we played hard, scored and won! Our third game was easy and we won it. A week later, we won three of four games. Three teams had done this and it went down to percentage. We missed out by one percent and came third. We were a bit disappointed but we still had fun. Thanks to all the helpers, to the mums who play against us on Wednesdays and especially to Sam and Tim.

### **A LITTLE VOICE**

We were lucky enough to have a visit from the wonderful children's storyteller, Kym Lardner. He has an extraordinary talent for telling hilarious, relatable and interactive stories using song, drawing and a very convincing 3-year-old voice. The children loved it!

### **FARMING THEM OUT, by Nat**

On the last Wednesday of term, I had the absolute pleasure of taking the Year 5s on an excursion to Collingwood Children's Farm. Spirits were high as we strolled up Brunswick Street, stopping at the IGA to have a philosophical debate about which flavor of crisps were best. We then jumped on a bus and soon found ourselves amidst bouncy, frolicking baby goats. We milked the mama cow, went to cuddle some little woolly lambs, and took some time to each do our own thing (which from what I hear, culminated in Blake nibbling on some strange food). By the time we left, we were all in agreement that it had been a super awesome fun day!



### **ANIMAL CAMPS, by Netti**

Lions, Tigers and Bears each spent several days at the Tree Farm in Dereel. Excitement always builds as we approach after a long drive, everyone bundles out at the gate and runs to the campfire. Soon, beds are organised and the serious camping activities can begin – making rabbit-traps and cubbies, trampolining, walking around the farm, putting together bits of found ceramics, rolling the tyre down the hill, soccer, footy, badminton, bocce

and all manner of other invented games. On the long walk (2km) to Corandhap footy oval with the Tigers, we bumped into local farmers, Sally and John, who kindly invited us to see their alpacas, dogs, cats, ducks and chickens. They also gave each child an egg to take away and some alpaca wool to be shared. Such generosity was marvelous to behold, and a great example for our children. On camp, children continue to become more independent, getting to know each other better and realising that they can function happily away from home, and away from any electronic gadgets.



Sage (FCS: 2012) has just been accepted into MacRob Girls High School for next year. Well done Sage, and wishing you a wonderful time at your new school.

**Tigers camp**



**CAMP ROAD, by Scout (Yr 2)**

The road is bumpy and my tummy is thumpy  
 The mud is icky and my gumboots are sticky  
 The cabins are warm and outside is a storm  
 The fire is flickering and my toes are tickling.

**ALUMNI ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

Amy Prendergast (FCS: 1991) recently completed her PhD at the Department of Archaeology at the University of Cambridge. She is currently working as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Mainz, Germany. Her research looks at Paleolithic human-environment interaction in the eastern Mediterranean using stable isotope analyses of archaeological mollusc (particularly limpet) shells. Phew! Congrats Amy.

**A KID AGAIN, by Jaime (student teacher)**

Wow! What a whirlwind experience I've had at FCS. As my final school placement for my course, I am so happy it was here. My eyes have been opened to the myriad possibilities of how beautifully, independently and successfully a school can be run. FCS is the only school I have experienced that not only embraces community and family, but embodies it whole-heartedly. Many thanks to Tim, Faye and Nick for their guidance and support, and many thanks to the community - especially the kids - for such a welcomed stay. Thanks for the fun and laughter, and for letting me be a kid all over again.

**A KEY TO HAPPINESS, by Christina**

It is a joy to teach all the budding pianists at FCS. Each student is wonderfully individual. For example, there's Illia: Illia's piano lessons usually begin with her rushing to the piano and before I've even had a chance to properly greet her she's already launched into play. During the lesson, Illia often moves her fingers across the keys listening out for patterns of sound that inspire her. A few weeks ago she completed her very first composition, 'Sea Bird'. It's a lovely piece and I know she's looking forward to performing it at the soiree next term. I just wanted to say to all my piano students this term: you have all worked so hard and it's a wonderful thing to see you honing your skills and expressing your unique creative selves. Congratulations to you all! Keep it up!

**REMINDER**

Both hats (labelled with child's name) and sunscreen are required for sunny Term 4.



**OUT N ABOUTING**

Miranda and Mary continue to take small groups of children on outings each Friday. On one outing to the Darebin Parklands in Term 3, Miranda, Edith and Scout spent time lying in the scrub. Scout said "I feel that when you lie on the Earth you feel like you are part of it. Have you ever tried pressing your hand into the Earth while lying down on it? If you haven't, you should try it."

**ADVERT**

Scouts have recently returned to Carlton after 25 years! Joeys (ages 5-7) are launching at the beginning of next school term, on Wednesday October 8. Cubs (ages 8-10)



and Scouts (ages 11-14) kicked off in July. Kids are welcome to 'come and try' on any meeting night, with no obligation. Scouting offers activities encouraging the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people in a fully inclusive organization. For more information about Scouting, please contact David Hunt (Group Leader) on 0432 129 594 or at [scouts.carlton@gmail.com](mailto:scouts.carlton@gmail.com).

