



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017

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CANBERRA, by Cocoa (Yr: 5) and Gracie (Yr: 6)

On the 13th of November, the Normanby Biggies, along with Aiva and Red, drove to Canberra with Miranda and Wayne. The day after arriving, we went to the National Gallery of Australia where we saw the Hyper Real expedition. Some of the sculptures we saw were made by Roxy and Hector's mum, Patricia Piccinini. During the guided tour, we were taken into a room surrounded by sculptures

of elderly bearded people in moving wheel chairs. The sculptures, being so realistic, led us to believe it was a tour for the local nursing home. We also went to the War Memorial, and were amazed by the wall of honour and the memorial dome room. On another day, we went to Parliament House where we had a tour of the grand building and did a roleplay about passing a law. Arno was the Prime Minister. Other places we went to were the Australian Institute of Sport, the old parliament house, Questacon (which is a science museum), and the National Botanic Gardens (where our tour guide happened to be Miranda's high school science teacher from year 8!) We had a lot of fun at all the destinations, enjoyed the exhibits, met some

interesting tour guides, and learned heaps. So a big thank you to Wayne and Miranda for a great Canberra camp!

FINAL ORAL REPORT

In the last week of Term, both Faye and Wayne took their respective Biggies to the Fairfield Amphitheatre for the final book-reports of the year, where the children offered philosophical, critical, and inspiring insights into the novels they had read before many parents and other members of the community. The day finished off with snacks and boating, and on one occasion an oar attempted to escape to the sea, leading to a chase down the creek. We were very proud of the students' public speaking ability, and have been delighted with their joy and learning in English class.



Brunswick St Grads: Aiva, Arkie, Estela, Hector, Redford, Sebastian and Solomon



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BRUNSWICK ST GRADUATION

The Graduation Concert for our seven Brunswick St graduates – Aiva, Arkie, Estela, Hector, Redford, Sebastian and Solomon – was a moving and beautiful celebration of their years with us. It gave them the opportunity to share their understanding of FCS with the school community. And it gave the school community an opportunity to experience seven wonderfully sincere young people, and to wish them well. May you have an exciting and smooth transition into High School.

PEREGRINE CAMP, by Warren Ten adventurous souls took to the sky on the way to Peregrine Camp, the first time in many years that we've caught a plane to school! Peregrine School is located in beautiful bushland near Cygnet, south of Hobart. Our group quickly adapted to the local routine, enthusiastically joining in with essentials, like

drama, sport, technology, and morning tea. After-school frivolities included inventing a new sport named StreetBall, falling in the river, beach cricket, and tripling the population of the Cygnet Hotel to supervise Australia's qualification for the World Cup. A clear favourite was teacher Suzy, who looks after orphaned marsupials. The children saw a baby pademelon emerge from Suzy's shirt, and two young wallabies keeping each other company in her backpack! Feeding these guys is a daily job for the kids at Peregrine, providing stiff competition for other jobs at clean up time. A bushwalk, lunch on the beach, and a game of 'Super Rounders' were a great way to finish the week before heading back across the Bass Strait. A big thankyou to Imogen and team for having us and making us feel very much at home for the week!



Charity Challenge

M3aDx100kmCC, by Claire During Maths this term, the Middlies organised the Middlies' Maths Makes a Difference 100km Charity Challenge to raise money for Asylum Seekers and Syrian Refugees. The whole of Brunswick Street and the Middlies from Normanby Avenue ran laps of the Alfred Crescent Oval for an hour on a sweltering 35-degree day. They managed to clock up nearly 1000 laps combined – that's over 320km! Well done all and thank you for your support. The grand total will be revealed in next term's newsletter.



Peregrine



Ru and friend

NORMANBY AV GRADUATION

Ronan started the night off with some high-energy drumming which lifted the mood right from the start. Beth sang an original – thanks Beth for sharing yet another talent. Gracie showed both talent and courage – due to technical difficulties her dance restarted, and then restarted again – but this did not put her off giving a beautiful performance. Kiki then sang with joy and panache, supported by her mum and aunty – what a treat. Over their time with us, and again on their final night, Kiki, Ronan, Gracie, and Beth did themselves and their school proud. Their graduation again highlighted considerable artistic ability, obvious love and care for each other, a commitment to their school and an appreciation of their time there, and a readiness for life’s next adventure. You will all be missed, but your contribution to our school will not be forgotten.

POETRY

FCS continues to participate each year in the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards. There is a different topic every year, with this year’s being ‘All Over the World’. Every student from every year level submits a poem, and this year, our school received one of the six highly sought after Commendations! Well done to everyone for participating in this enjoyable and creative event. And again, thank you to Philip Harvey for his ongoing love and support of poetry at FCS.

ARTISTIC FREEDOM, by Joelle
Every Wednesday at Normanby Ave, one of the most popular activities is Free Art. The children never cease to amaze us with their creativity. This term we’ve seen a boat building craze. The designs were amazing and every box we could get was quickly snapped up for boat modifications. Cereal box animals (especially ones that poop bottle tops) were also popular, along with



smartphones, TVs, and time-travel machines. (In this image, Jibrail is demonstrating his GX computer. I’m told it has a vital role in distributing superpowers!) My personal favourites were the letters and cards full of thanks and love for parents and grandparents.

JUNIOR GIRLS’ CAMP, by Netti
On a hot day in late November, eight Junior Girls (two from Normanby Ave and six from Brunswick St) hopped aboard our bus and, with Keith driving and Jono entertaining, headed for The Land up at Scrubby Creek, just past Whittlesea. First stop was the wonderful Country Market – formerly out in Mernda but now in the township. It’s well worth a visit – lots of



knick-knacks, tools, antiques, fruit and vegies, and toys – a cornucopia of different items! Shopping decisions were extremely difficult! Our next stop was lunch at the Lions Park across the road. Arriving at The Land, food and luggage were delivered down the 250 steps (counted by the girls!) and then it was down to the creek for a cooling dip – not quite enough water to cover a body but enough for some fun. Trampolining, hookey, mafia, reading, chatting, making cubbies, cooking, and eating filled in the next two days, plus lots of other games with Jono, until it was soon time to go home! On the way home, we stopped for a special milk shake in Whittlesea - yum! Thanks to Jono, Keith, and Nicolette for their part in the camp, and to Tim for making it happen.

EN PASSANT, by Joelle

This year, 18 Normanby Ave students participated in several Chess Victoria tournaments. Three students qualified to represent our school at the Junior Primary State Finals – well done Amber,



Rufus, and Lucian! Normanby Ave made third place out of 22 schools represented, an incredible effort, especially given the size of our team. Special thanks to Bevan, Jo, and Tabitha for supervising on competition days.

FARMING THEM OUT, by Joelle

The Normanby Ave Grade 3 girls had a lovely time visiting the Collingwood Children’s Farm this term. We had some beautiful weather, so decided to walk half of the way. We enjoyed a snack in the Convent gardens, and then strolled down to pat the horses, sit in the goat paddock, cuddle the

guinea pigs, and admire the peacocks. We capped off a lovely trip with a picnic lunch and a walk halfway back to school.

MIDDLEIES EXTRA CAMP, by Claire

Rosebud proved to be top fun again for the Middlies Extra Camp. Fantastic weather ensured that hours were spent at the beach – collecting jellyfish, swimming, super soaking and pier jumping. The local op shops were given a thorough rummage by some discerning shoppers, a play of great humour was performed (written by Grace Sze Mei and directed by Indigo), and a trip



Reusing, Tuvalu Style



to the bowling alley ensured a weary return to school for the happy campers.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, by Claire

Both campuses now have bins to collect soft plastics as we continue to fight the war on waste. Many ingenious creations from recycled materials were produced, and Leah (Edith & Aiva's mum) came to Normanby Ave to show all the Middlies how to weave Tuvalu style (Fou) – with a twist. Plastic bags and lolly wrappers have never looked so good!

HELPFUL HANDS AND HEARTS

Once again, we cannot understate the contribution that our volunteers make to our school at both campuses – a contribution that adds many activities that simply would not be possible without their support. There are few days in a school year when the school is without our constant team of helpers. A special thank you Tabitha, Glenda, Charlotte,

Bevan, Nicky, Kieren, Jo, Anne, Nicolette, Lucy, David, Philippa, Hilary, and Michael!

ROUNDERS

This term has seen our children playing Rounders against many of the local schools on Thursday afternoons. Despite our size (both in terms of number of players and age) we held our own, admirably led each week by the Biggies. Many games were won, with a few draws and losses in the mix – but all were played with sportsmanship and fun.

ALUMNI GRADUATES

Five past FCS students, now completing year 12 – Arun, Jack, Jordon, Saul and Zoe – came to support our graduating students at their final concert. We thank them for participating in this tradition that shows the continuation of the FSC spirit and community. And we wish them well in their soon-to-arrive exam results, and in the next stage of their lives!

UNI ARTS

In Term 4 we all departed in two large buses to Melbourne University for our annual Arts Day visit. Much fun and many creative activities mark this day – with the children involved, engaged, and challenged by a long list of creative and artistic activities. Drama, art, and craft all get new and wonderful angles – making this day one of the highlights of the year. Thank you Marnee for once again enhancing our school with your ongoing commitment to this day.



Sue, Emma and Niamh



STUDENT TEACHERS

Craig (Brunswick), Maggie (Brunswick) and Elena (Normanby) have been student teachers with us this term, and have helped to make many aspects of running a school easier. From preparing enjoyable and engaging lessons, to supporting individual students with their learning, and jumping in again and again as needed. Thank you for your efforts, and for being positive and fun.

DECK THE HALLS

A special Thank You to Michael (parent at Normanby Ave) for getting an adults' choir together, and for supporting the children with their Christmas carols.

HOOP TIME

Our biggies made the State Final in Basketball and ended up 9th in the State – meaning that we finished higher than 926 teams but not as high as 8! Quite an outstanding effort! Well done team – and well done coach Keith for getting our small school to

such an impressive level!

FETE

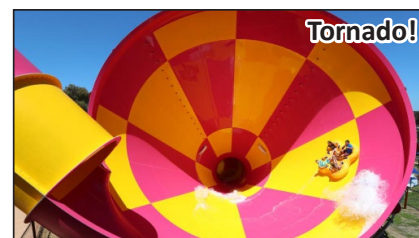
Our fetes continue to improve the lives of children and teenagers in Burkina Faso – helping with school fees, housing, medical and hospital expenses, and even the provision of some food staples. Thank you for your contribution to this enjoyable and worthwhile day.

ASYLUM

A big Thank You to our school families for continuing to support the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre with food and other contributions.

TORNADO

In the final week of term, Tim, Miranda and the Biggies visited the Adventure Park near Geelong for a day of water play: water slides, paddle boats, aqua racing, river floating and... THE TORNADO! The ride that brings out the loud side of the normally quiet Miranda! Jarrah aptly described this ride as a bit like the charity coin spinner that appears in the foyer of some



supermarkets – where after being dropped into the funnel and skimming up the sides, you end up being spat out the bottom into a pool. A fun day to finish of a great year!

ALUMNI

Edie (FCS: 2016) was awarded two end-of-year awards for Year 7 Wesley College: The Academic Award for Language (Chinese); and The Endeavour Award. And Elentari (FCS: 2014) received five end-of-year General Excellence Awards for Year 9 in Science, Health Sciences, Languages, Performing Arts, and English at the Academy of Mary Immaculate. Well done both!

GUESS WHO?

The picture in the Spring edition was Philip O'Carroll! Guess who this young girl is (clue: she works at Normanby Ave!)

