

NEWS LETTER



Upcoming Dates

Brunswick St

First Day Term 1 (Tinies & Biggies)

Mon 30 Jan

Tinies 10am - 12:30pm
Biggies 10am - 2pm

First Day Whole School

Tues 31 Jan - Meeting
8:45am Mark St Hall

Normanby Ave First Day Term 1 (Tinies & Biggies)

Wed Feb 1

Tinies 10am - 12:30pm
Biggies 10am - 2pm

First Day Whole School

Thur Feb 2
Meeting 8:45am Mark St Hall

Labour Day Holiday

Mon 13 - Tue 14 Mar

Brunswick St Concert

Mon 3 April 7pm Richmond Theatr.

Normanby Ave Concert

Wed 5 April 7pm Richmond Theatr.

Last Day of Term & Sports Day 1pm

Thur 6 April

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SUMMER 2022

YOUNG ARCHIE WINNER

Congratulations Enelsa (FCS 2020) on winning First Place in the Junior category of The Archibald Prize! A brilliant achievement.



Nikki by Enelsa
Young Archie winner

FAREWELL NIKKI

By Tim

It is with some sadness that we bid Nikki goodbye. Nikki has been a stalwart, while also being a woman of many talents. There is no doubting her artistic talent, nor her creative ability, or her merits as a teacher of art. Nikki has inspired, coached,

mentored and supported countless students in her 20 years at our school. Her contribution has often also been as much behind the scenes as at the front of the class, where she has been more than willing to lend a hand wherever it was needed; not least in countless hours of wonderful set, prop and makeup design for school productions.



Graduates with mural by Nikki & children

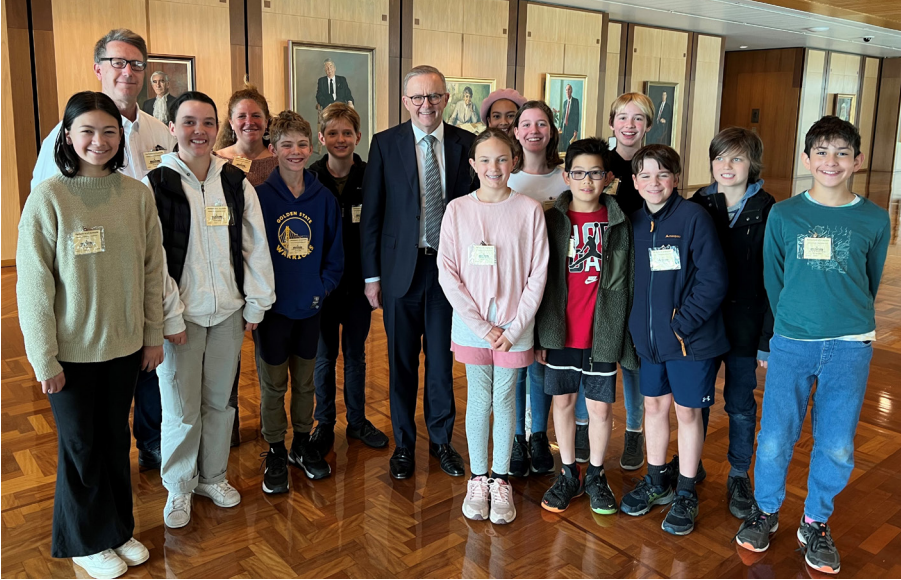
Nikki's reliability, and quiet strength made her a highly appreciated and well-liked member of staff. It is thus with some sadness that we bid Nikki goodbye.

Nikki, we wish you well in this new adventure, and hope to hear many good things about your journeys in the world of art.

CANBERRA CAMP

by Alyssa, Amrapali & Isabella

This year's Canberra camp was a lot of fun – it always seemed like there was something to do, places to be and people to meet.



PM's XI

Our adventures included a very foggy night with a guest appearance from Jupiter on Mt Stromlo; a glance back in time at the mint, and, finally, a surprise encounter with the Prime Minister. All in all it was a wonderful experience, and an unforgettable memory.

FAREWELL JAMES

By Tim

James has been around school for many years, between study and quite a number of adventures. James has a wonderful manner with children. He has provided an excellent combination of encouragement, insistence, support and guidance.

James, thanks for help on camp, on the sports field, in the classroom, and for the countless hours of 1-1 tutoring. We wish you success in this new chapter; and do remember that the door is always open.

DISCO

by Audrey M & James B

The disco is a dance party with food, songs and limbo. At the disco there are colours that are rainbow and swirl around like crazy. Everyone loves the music, dance, food and drinks.

NORMANBY AVENUE OUTINGS

by Kate

This term, the Falcons and Kestrels have enjoyed many outings, walking along different parts of Merri Creek. The creek provides so many opportunities for discovery and discussion. We have noticed how fast the creek flowed after the heavy rains, inspected insects, lizards, leaves, flowers, rocks and sticks, and observed some fascinating bird behaviours. Walks are interspersed with picnics and games in parks and playgrounds. A tyre swing in Coburg consistently elicits smiles and squeals of delight. It is charming to observe the children engaging in dramatic play, sharing their wonderings and imaginings, laughing, chatting, dreaming and building their connections with each other. We are so fortunate to be able to devote time to these valuable learning experiences.

GRAMPIANS CAMP

by Tim

Grampians Camp this term involved the longest walks yet on these camps, due to the general positivity of the children. I love the rugged wildness of this part of the world, where for most of the day the experience is of total isolation, with no sign of human endeavour visible. The helpfulness of the children made this particular camp fly by, assisted by their enthusiasm for mountain walks. Aside from the breathtaking vistas, dips in waterfalls and plays in mountain ponds defined this camp.



Intrepid Sailors

ACROSTIC

by Elva

Crispy roast ham for lunch

Harvey and James rushing downstairs before you can wake up

Rooms all scattered with wrapping paper

Itching mosquito bites all day

Santa leaving crumbs all over the floor of the living room

Talking about strange things at the table

Munching sounds all across the dining room at lunch

Annoying siblings taking half the food on the table, saying they can finish it, then not being able to

So sad when it's over

NEW ARRIVAL



Congratulations to Bex & Vince, who welcomed baby Isla early in Term 4, younger sister to Leo. What a gorgeous girl, and a very proud big brother!



Leo & Isla

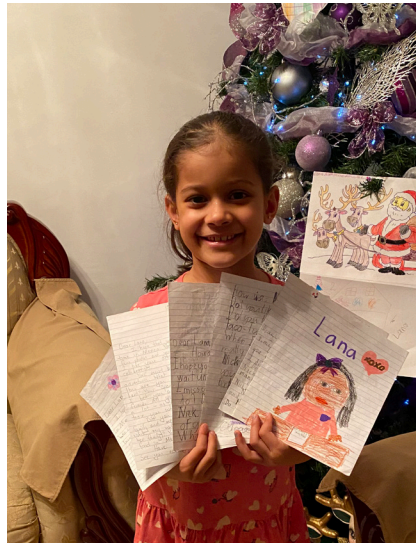
SOIREE by Gawain

This term two morning Soirres were held for instrumental students, one at Normanby on 10th Nov and one at Brunswick St on 5th Dec. Well done to all performers. Both were opportunities for kids to have a go, perform on stage, and share their musical journeys with parents and friends. Applause was enthusiastic and Normanby kids also got to see Gawain on the sax. Kerrie used Pink Panther in all her lessons that day!



KEEPING IN TOUCH

The Juniors wrote letters to Lana, who has been living with relatives in Mexico for the last few months.



Lana was so thrilled to hear from her friends that she read and re-read their messages several times, and sent this photo along with her reply, which the Juniors were delighted to receive.

OUTING by Ilaria

We really enjoyed the outing to Ceres with our Tinies. We had so much fun playing tiggy, making sandcastles and sipping a lovely cup of hot chocolate. We all learnt more about our Tinies and got to spend some extra time with them before we finish year six. Everyone had a great time. Big thanks to Netti for taking us!



ART by Nikki

This term in the art room we have been exploring artists that use recycled materials. We have used cardboard, newspaper, magazines, plastic, fabric scraps and lots of other rubbish. It has been so inspiring to appreciate some truly amazing works of art and so much fun making art together along the way.



By now I am sure that you are all aware that I will not be returning to teach art to your beautiful children next year. I am so grateful for having had the privilege to teach at FCS for the last twenty years. It has been an absolute joy to teach art to your children and to watch Weenies grow into confident young adults, sometimes even getting to work alongside them in later years. I hope that all the children will continue to have fun making art and I look forward to popping in to say hello, have a cup of tea and check out what you have all been up to.

Love Nikki



POETRY FOR PARENTS by Faye

The richness of the poetry curriculum at FCS owes enormously to Philip Harvey for his love and expertise in poetry teaching, and to his facilitation of so many of our poetry events. Thank you sincerely, Philip.

The following poems were read at our annual Poetry For Parents meeting on Monday the 14th of November 2022

Lewis Carroll
Jabberwocky
Read by Philip Harvey

Robbie Burns
A Red, Red Rose
Philip O'Carroll

Roger Dench
Monday morning 8 a.m...
Marieke Dench

A.A. Milne
Disobedience
Nick Elias

William Shakespeare
The Witches' Chorus (from 'Macbeth')
Eleanor Colonico

Marian Gold, Bernhard Lloyd & Frank Mertens (Youth Group)
Forever young
Nikki Frankel

Joyce Kilmer
Trees
Faye Berryman

William Blake
The Tyger
Sarah Mead

Gerard Manley Hopkins
Pied Beauty
Philip Harvey

FALCONS CAMP By Joelle

It is always lovely to be on The Land for camp but this term's Falcons camp was particularly exciting because it was Tinies' first camp.



Adventure Time

One thing that really pleased me was the fact the Falcons completely ignored the bad weather, they just made the best of things.



Quality Control

We played games, had a fancy dinner, and raced to the trampoline between downpours. Stefan cooked one of his famously good dinners on the fire for the second night - under an umbrella! We also sent Marius out on little adventures/errands because he came equipped with a full body wet weather suit. As always, it ended up being great fun and once again I was

thankful for our cheery, resilient cohort. A few kids ran out of dry socks, but no one ran out of laughter. Thanks to Jasper and Stefan for making it such a nice camp.

The Sun Warms
By Jacob

Above my house
is the sun.
We have a garden with a cactus.
The sun warms the cactus.
The cactus belongs in our house.
It is happy here with us.



Jacob

FOCUS by Sue

I love observing the children when they are completely focused on an activity. It may be knitting, playing chess, trying to finish a maths book before class ends, keeping the hoola-hoop in motion or meditating whole-heartedly. It inspires me to give my whole attention to activities and experience that same freedom and joy.



Rapt

FAMILY DAY by Tim

Family Day was massive, with many families having not been to The Land due to this even not happening for a couple of years. The old hands were happy to be back while new families were entranced by the magical splendour of this quiet hideaway just an hour from Melbourne. The weather Gods granted a pleasant day for a walk and picnic in the bush, and the kids scampered around as children like to do in nature.



The place to be

BASKETBALL by Joelle

Basketball at Normanby has always been a wonderful part of every day, and this term it was as popular as ever.

It is lovely to see older, more skilled kids helping others learn. We frequently hear cheers when a Tinie or Little makes a shot after hours of trying - although we do have two (related) Littlies who frequently give older kids a basketball lesson!

Thanks to the staff who spend hours on the court. James, Wayne, Stefan, Ted, Chester, Chuby and even a few parents can often be seen helping younger kids and more

enjoying some fairly intense, competitive sessions. When I handed James some beautiful farewell letters, I noticed most of the students either mentioned basketball or decorated their page with basketballs. They will miss his presence on the court!



Tide's Coming!

CHESS by Grant

On October 26th, students competed in an interschool chess competition at Coburg North Primary School, with 126 players from 10 different schools. 4 FCS players finished in the top 6 spots!



Winners are Grinners

To create the team score, the scores of the top six performers from a school are added together.

FCS Brunswick St won the event. Magnus finished 2nd on countback with an equal top score of 6.5/7. Ben, Emerson & James finished in equal third place.

Intraschool Term 4 results:

Brunswick St

1st: Magnus (7/7)

2nd: Emerson (5.5)

3rd: Ben, Ray, Christian (5)

Best New Player: Patrick

Most Improved: Khai, Arya, Nathan

Normanby Ave

1st: Max K (6.5/7)

2nd: Phoebe, Amber, Haru (5)

Best New Player: Abi

Most Improved: Misha

Sun And Moon by Patrick

I love the sun

So warm and wonderful

The sun is my friend

I also love the moon

So cool and exciting...

Mysterious

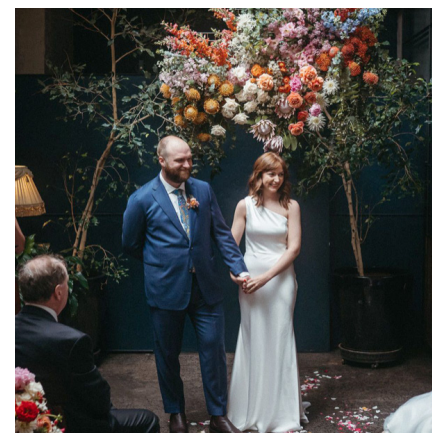
In the daytime I sun bathe

In the night time I go on bush walks

Day and night are very nice.

WEDDING BELLS

Congratulations Eric Gardiner (FCS 2003), who was married to Fiona on the 27th of November this year!



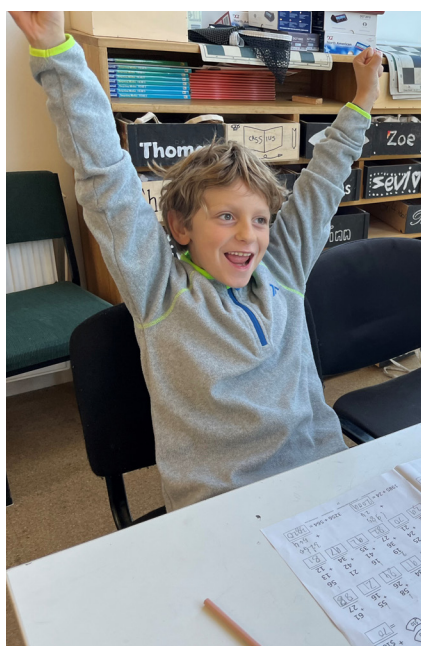
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

by Miranda

The holiday program is always lots of fun! This summer it has been especially rainy so we have had a lot of time indoors. The kids love having this extended time to roam the school and play freely.



We have baked every morning, created a lot of art, performed play after play after play, held an apple juice stall and had a lot of dance parties. I think the loveliest part of holiday program is that friends from the two campuses are able to connect and spend time together. The children are so lovely, creative and fun, it is always a pleasure to share these extra days with them.



I got it!

VISITORS' REPORT

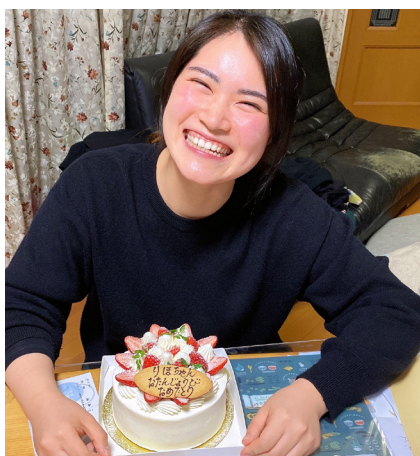
In Term 4 we welcomed Jonas & Marcus, visiting from Denmark. Here they share their reflections on their time at FCS.

It was a good experience being in a school smaller than ours, where we literally know everyone – we felt very welcome from the first few minutes of arriving at the school. It was fun to have a lot of different classes that we don't have in Denmark like Creative Writing, Drama, Story, Yoga, and Meditation – and we loved having so many sports. We also learned a lot, but the best thing was finding so many new friends – we are definitely going to miss all of you!

Please come and visit us in Denmark

Love, Marcus and Jonas

We were also pleased to hear from **Riho**, who spent a year with us as an intern in 2019. She writes that she has passed her graduate school exam, and will go on to graduate school at Hiroshima University next year.



Riho on her 23rd birthday

Thanks to Fitzroy Readers, I have become interested in phonics instruction and would like to learn more about teaching Japanese children literacy skills and phonics instruction. - Riho

CRICKET by Theo

I really enjoyed interschool cricket every Thursday. We played against other schools and everyone had a blast getting wickets and making runs.

CRICKET & ROUNDERS

by Thomas

During Term 4 I played interschool sport with the Biggies. As a Middie it was great being chosen to play cricket or rounders. It was so fun running from wicket to wicket and around the bases.



Arborists in action

COMMUNITY SPORT

Carlton Netball Club is seeking new players, competition match days on Saturday at Parkville Netball Centre. Contact Louisa: carltonstars@gmail.com



See you next year!