

NEWS LETTER



Upcoming Dates

First Day Term 2
Wed 26 April

Normanby Ave Fete
Wed 3 May 2pm
(Normanby pick-up)

District Cross Country
Thu 4 May Princes Park
1:30-2:50pm

Mid Term Break
Fri 26 May

District Netball
Thu Jun 8

King's Birthday Holiday
Mon 12 Jun

Normanby Ave Play
Wed 14 Jun 1pm & 7pm
Thu 15 Jun 7pm
Richmond Theatre

Brunswick St Concert
Mon 19 Jun 7pm Richmond Th.

Last Day Term 2 & Disco
Thu 22 Jun 7pm @ Brunswick St

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SPORTS DAY

Term 1 finished with great excitement and feats of strength and speed. This time the title went to Orange, with the Normanby gift won by the fleet footed Seb Stott, and Brunswick St's event taken out by Ben for a record fourth consecutive time.

A huge thankyou to Pete for co-ordinating the event yet again, Helen & Rich for helping with setup and to everybody who helped during the event.



WOODWORKING by Craig

Every Friday afternoon this term, the Lions, Tigers & Bears have rotated through the back yard and work-bench to build a simple treasure box.



Over the term, the competency of woodworking skills such as clamping, sawing and hammering has increased, as well as the confidence around the tools. There is still more work to be done next term with the box sides, hinge lids and final embellishments to come.



BOATHOUSE OUTINGS AT NORMANBY by Miranda

This term I have been lucky enough to take a Normanby outing every Monday morning. We have been heading down to the boathouse in Fairfield,



a lovely place to go for a bush walk. The fun that kids can make out of very simple surroundings never ceases to amaze me. Last week a group was entertained for ages by throwing clumps of clay into the river.



There are so many adventures: Sloping walls under the bridge become a climbing challenge; the rocks lining the path become a balancing game; the sticks on the ground become fishing rods, swords, wands or digging sticks. This is one of the reasons I love spending my days with children - they see magic and opportunity in the everyday.



ENGLISH by Faye

The English classroom has been a delightfully buzzing environment. All levels have worked happily and diligently making pleasing advances in understanding what it means and requires to read and write well.



Tinies and Year 5 Biggies are uppermost in my mind. It is a thrill that Tinies have begun their reading with the iconic "A Fat Cat". Year 5 Biggies have made the challenging leap from Middlies to Biggies with aplomb.



Committing poetry to memory bore great fruit with the finale at the end of term concert where all levels presented their poems. In the coming term this will continue, but our emphasis will be on poetry writing.



BRUNSWICK ST HITTIN' THE RAILS by Sue

Outings this term have taken us by tram, train and foot to some wonderful places - including playgrounds, creeks and Art Galleries. Excitement begins from the moment the children spot their names under 'Outing' on the timetable. There are eager questions about destinations and of course, sandwiches to be made for the journey!



It's fun to watch the smallest of children ponder sandwich fillings before putting together and packaging their own creations. However it turns out, they are always so happy to eat something they have made completely by themselves. Outings generally have a destination and a loose itinerary. This allows for relaxed travelling time and enjoyment as we follow the interests of the children. Ambling rather than rushing offers the best connections and conversations, and helps to spot treasures on the ground! (See Anjali's story)

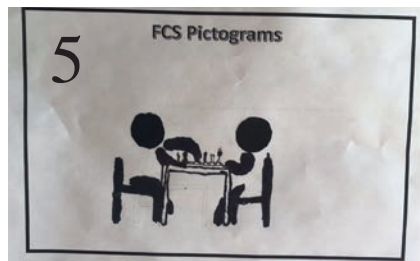
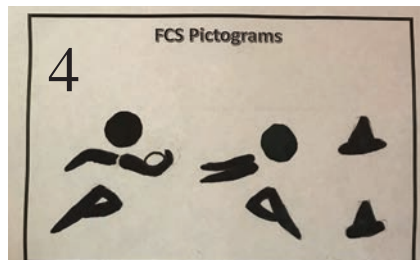
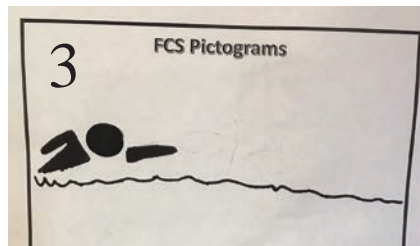
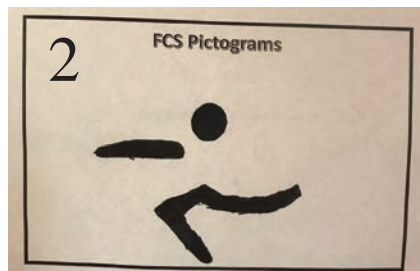
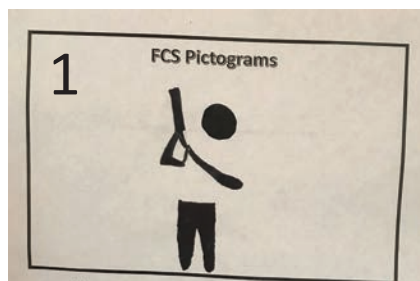


PICTOGRAMS by Joelle

Did you know that Pictograms, to represent every sport, were developed for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics? Since then, Pictograms have been displayed at every Olympics for athletes and spectators who speak many different languages.

At Normanby Ave, the students produced Pictograms to represent FCS activities.

Can you identify the following FCS sports?



The Two Shells by Grace

Once upon a time there lived two shells. They had never been to the sea. They longed to go to the sea, but they were scared of the sea. There were so many sharks that would eat them if they were hungry. But the shells could not move. So they did not have to worry about being eaten in the sea.

BASKETBALL by Keith

Basketball has been on the agenda for Biggies and Middlies at both campuses.

Nine Biggies played an interschool match against Thornbury Primary School late in the term and though they played well missed out on a win.



The Magic Bunny by Hannah H

Once upon a time there was a bunny and the bunny was magic. Her friends came to play with her and to see her magic. Suddenly, the magic bunny froze one of her friends by accident. Soon after, the bunny melted her too. The friends ran away screaming. The bunny's fairy godmother heard all the screaming and rushed over and fixed everything by unfreezing her friend.

THANK YOU to Fatima who came all the way from Iran to create 'messenger birds' with the children. Each bird carries a heartfelt wish from its maker.

A TREAT FOR ALL by Anjali

A group of Middlies walked from school to Clifton Hill train station with Sue. On the way there, Lana and I found ten dollars on the ground! We had a fun train ride to Eltham Park and bought hot chips for everyone with the ten dollars. It made the day extra fun.



Happy find!

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

by Tim

Biggies and Middlies did lots of training in term 1 for their upcoming 2km & 3km races. Please keep up the running practice during the holidays.



Fatima

NORMANBY MIDDLEIES CAMP

by Craig

My first camp back at FCS and to say I was excited would be an understatement. Not long into our expedition to Wild Dog, I realised that the Normanby Middlies shared every ounce of my excitement. This camp had it all: creek explorations,



swimming in the dam, delicious food, early evening Spotto and late night eel fishing. The children were passionate about hooking an eel and cooking it up for dinner. However, while the eels were cunning and evaded capture; we could not help but get reeled in by the experience. Under torch light and with possum wee showering from the trees above we stalked our prey until we collectively admitted defeat. What fun!



POTTERY

A very big thankyou to Patricia who has been running After School Pottery Classes at Normanby. The creations produced by the children have been very impressive!



PICTOGRAM ANSWERS

1. Cricket (by Christos)
2. Dance (by Muhammad)
3. Swimming (by Haru)
4. Animal ball (by Olivia)
5. Chess (by Seamus)



PASSION PROJECTS

by Craig

The aim of Passion Projects is for children to develop the necessary Enterprise Skills (creative & critical thinking, problem solving, communication, teamwork and presentation skills) to pursue their own interests or passions. This term, the Juniors followed a guided project that invited them to create their own mythical creatures. The creatures had



their own special powers and backstory, and after planning and practicing the sketches of their creations, the children started to develop a product. Along the journey, problems were welcomed and solved, either individually or as a team. The Juniors designed and made a range of creations, from clay models, badges and t-shirts to a delicious cake, a board game and a children's party entertainer.



NORMANBY ADULTS DINNER

We had a lovely social evening at the Normanby dinner - and what a splendid assortment of dishes!!

SCIENCE by Steph

This term in science we uncovered the tiny and exciting world of microbes!



We learnt about the importance of microbes in and on our bodies. The kids swabbed germs from around the classroom and on their bodies to grow on petri dishes, and grew mould on bread under different conditions



to discover what these microbes need to survive. Enue (Lana's mum) was an amazing guest, bringing all her knowledge as a microbiologist to the classroom! To finish off this topic we made fermented sauerkraut with the wonderful help of Nadia (Lola and Anais' mum) and Edie (Sue's daughter). (Thank you for all the jars!)

ART by Steph

We've started art right from the beginning – learning all about the elements and principles of art and design. The kids have experimented with line drawings, using a colour wheel,



shapes with inspiration from local artist Tom Gerrard, and pattern using another local artist – Hannah Maskell, to draw inspiration.



The Silly Six Men by Nathan

The silly men whose names were all Bob got upset because everybody said they were silly to have the same name. Then they gave up being upset.

PIANO MAESTRO

We have been very fortunate this term to have Michael, grandfather of Amber, visit from Germany. He has given a number of piano recitals at both campuses, introducing a wide variety of repertoire to the children. Michael has a wonderful way of inviting listeners to engage with the music, and drawing out different ideas of what the pieces may be expressing. Thankyou, Michael, for sharing your musical expertise.



SPORTING LIFE

Plenty of events on the calendar for Middlies & Biggies: District Cross Country is on Thur May 4 at Princes Park; Netball Round Robin is on Thur June 8 at Parkville Netball Centre. In term 3, Hoop Time (Basketball) for Middlies is Wed 26 July at Nunawading and Biggies is on Fri 4 August at Coburg.

If you'd like to help out with marshalling, umpiring or transport for any of these events please speak to Tim.



FALCONS & KESTRELS' DAREBIN PARKLANDS FUN

by Kate

The children have found many interesting ways to spend their time at the Darebin Parklands on our outings this term. There have been leaf races in streams, rock hopping in the creek and hill rolling. Fairy houses and cubby houses have been constructed from leaves, branches, sticks and flowers that the children have found on the ground.



The parklands have many different places to visit and explore. On one visit, we happened to be sitting near a nesting box when some park rangers came to check its contents. One ranger placed a camera (attached to a long pole)

into the box which produced live images on another ranger's digital tablet. She was able to show us images of the ring-tailed possum that was sleeping inside the nesting box which we were



sitting so close to. After this, the children noticed the multitude of nesting boxes in the park, their differing sizes, and we even saw the backs of a few possums peeking out of some boxes. The rangers explained that as well as possums, they'd seen miniature bats, sugar gliders and several different bird species that day.

There has been a fantastic sense of camaraderie amongst the children in these mixed-aged groups as they spend the day exploring, creating and getting amongst the natural world together.

SANDS OF TIME

Thankyou Benjamin for cleaning out the sandpit, and organising and depositing a truckload of new sand!



WEDNESDAY START

Term 2 begins on **Wednesday 26 April** due to ANZAC Day. See you then!



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