

NEWS LETTER



Upcoming Dates

First Day Term 3
Tue 29 Jul

Middlies Mystery Camp
Wed 30 Jul - Fri 1 Aug

Poetry For Parents (Brunswick St)
Mon Aug 4 8:50am

Founders' Holiday
Mon 18 - Tue 19 Aug

Grampians Mystery Camp
Mon 1 - Fri 5 Sep

Normanby Ave Soiree
Tue 9 Sep 7pm

Brunswick St Concert
Mon 15 Sep 7pm

Normanby Ave Tinies Camp
Tue 16 - Wed 17 Sep

Normanby Ave Fete
Wed 17 Sep 1:30pm

Last Day Term 3 & Sports Day@1:30
Thur 18 Sep

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JOSEPH by Elinor

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls - what a magnificent show! Our production of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat was a roaring success. From the opening lines confidently delivered by Ivan and Cc to the closing number and curtain calls, it was about as smooth and professional as they come!



The closing night went off without a hitch; lines delivered perfectly, costumes and make up shining under the stage lights, and big bright smiles. However, it was the journey to get there that was the real highlight for me:



watching the students take ever increasing ownership of the play over the three performances.

Watching Teddy stay in character after his coat got under his own feet, or hearing Eden leap up onto the stage (mid-scene!) to deliver his lines were some of my highlights. That is what productions are all about - the unpredictable nature of being on stage combined with lots of hard work – all combine for a magical event.



A special thanks to Warren for the music, Sue for the costumes, Chuby for the dances and Tim for co-directing and the script. And to everyone else who contributed.

NORMANBY CONCERT

The Normanby Concert was a sweet, happy and inclusive evening. Poems were recited, songs sung, dances performed and community shared. A special thanks to Chuby for getting the dances ready so quickly.



JUNIORS PASSION PROJECTS

by Craig

Our Juniors have been busy transforming their passions into creative stalls for Passion Projects Day. These ideas & projects have been re-envisioned as engaging presentations.



Passion Project culminated with Passion Projects Day, where the families of Juniors came and celebrated the Juniors' hard work and creativity. Thanks for coming along and making their considerable endeavours even more special!

DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY

The end of term Disco is a great tradition, a fun, up-beat finale to a great term. Thanks, Craig, for being the DJ and for all the song suggestions.

CROSS-COUNTRY by Miranda

The cross-country race is a day of excitement, nerves, sweat and sore legs. A lot of preparation goes into this race, with the children running many laps for their training. This doesn't always happen with extreme enthusiasm, but, as the term goes on, little legs get stronger and the focus to improve their running becomes clearer. For some, the goal is simply to run four laps of the oval without stopping; for others it is to achieve a certain spot in the race; and some are aiming to get through to the next race.



On race day, we pack into the bus and head to Princes Park, and then with tummies full of butterflies the children line up for their races.

The Princes Park race is my favourite race. This is the race where all our kids get a chance to run. I love the thrill of seeing students who have pushed themselves into the top ten running their hardest to get there in front. I also love seeing the kids who are pushing hard, achieving their goal of running the whole way.

This year, the FCS runners did very well. Finn, Lucas, Paddy, Vivian, Stella, Cecilia and Abi all came in the top ten of their races, qualifying for the Division race.



This race was held on the Heidelberg Flats where, in addition to the runners, we brought a cheer squad. This track was harder, with a few hills. Despite the new challenge, four students qualified for the Regional Race in Kilmore: Abi, Cecilia, Finn and Lucas.



In the Regional Race, all four of our students ran their hardest, again supported by some really loud cheering, with Abi continuing the journey, qualifying for the Victorian State Finals in Yarra Glen.

Big congratulations to all of our runners, and for those who've committed to try even harder next year.



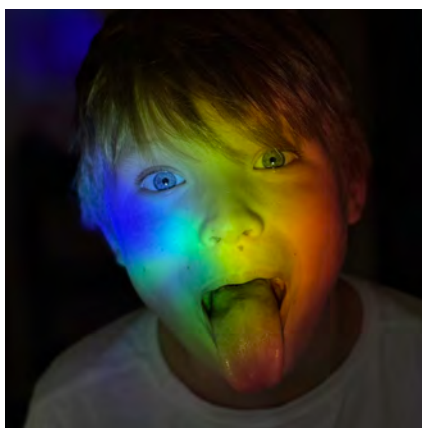
SCIENCE by Adam

In Science classes we have been learning about the 5 senses through experiments and activities.

Students have learned that we sense the world using our bodily senses, but require the brain to process this input. These sensations transmit information to the brain along the nerves, which coalesce in the spinal cord before travelling to the brain.



We began our exploration of the senses by learning about the science of light in Term One. We then learned the components of the eye, including carrying out experiments demonstrating that pupils change size based on light intensity. Students worked in pairs to test their peripheral vision, using words written on



coloured shapes. They noticed that our furthest peripheral vision only sees colour, our moderate peripheral vision can detect shape, but only our centre vision can perceive details such as letters and words. We've also conducted experiments

in sound (we made string and cup telephones). In our taste experiments, we learned that tastebuds detect the five primary tastes, and that smell and taste are interconnected. Touch was also explored.



FCS & THE HENRY HANDEL RICHARDSON SOCIETY

The following is an edited excerpt from the HHRS newsletter.

FCS, founded in 1976 by Faye and Philip, shares a connection with Summerhill, as does the Henry Handel Richardson Society.



When Faye joined the Society, she was shocked to learn that HHR's sister Lil had been the co-founder of Summerhill and that this was hardly acknowledged. The feminist in Faye was incensed, so when Faye heard that Lil's relatives would be coming to Melbourne, she arranged for them to visit Fitzroy Community School.

An animated and rich discussion around the kitchen table at the Brunswick Street Campus of Fitzroy School on May 27th occurred in amongst the hurly burly and over a delicious

lunch. The principles and values underlying the two iconic schools – Fitzroy Community School and Summerhill – and the realisation of those values were considered, evaluated and compared.



Ocean Love by Vivian

*I am the thrashing ocean,
screaming like a two-year old.*

*I am a precious pearl,
protected by the blue ocean top.*

*I am feet,
walking on an avalanche of
sand.*

*I am the glowing sunset,
as the ocean looks out to the
horizon.*

*I am a dolphin,
doing acrobatics in the sky.*

*I am the ocean,
giving splashes of hope.*



LITTLES & JUNIORS SCIENCE

by Craig

Our Littles and Juniors have been reaching for the stars in their space science adventures! The Littles have been exploring how the sun's energy touches our lives here on Earth, discovering how sunlight helps plants grow and keeps us warm. The Juniors have been amazed by the massive size of some of the planets in our solar system. There were lots of giggles when Henry's study planet, Mercury, turned out to be so tiny when we drew it with a pair of compasses! It's been wonderful to see everyone's curiosity take flight as they ask big questions and share their discoveries. We can't wait to see where their cosmic curiosity leads next!



NETBALL by Tim

FCS had four teams participating in the Carlton District Netball competition at Fairlea Reserve. This day had eight local schools involved, with all FCS Biggies and some year 4s participating. It was a really fun day, with many wins, a few draws and some losses, all played in a good spirit. The FCS A team, a combined Normanby and Brunswick Street effort, won the whole competition and will go on to Division Finals on Wednesday the 30th of July,

at Narrandjeri Stadium. The teams had a mix of experienced netballers and newbies, with many of the newbies declaring that they now want to join a netball team.



I Am by Haru

I am a sunset shining on the water.

I am a pebble lying down on the shrine.

I am a bridge hearing the water flow beneath.

I am a bamboo forest keeping the shrine safe.

I am a dragonfly buzzing through the Meiji Jingu Shrine, keeping evil spirits at bay.



DROP OFF ZONE

A reminder on school drop-off. The space directly in front of school is for families who want to drop and go, not those who want to come inside. We do love it if you come in and chat, but please be mindful of neighbours and other parents when parking.

SOUP GLORIOUS SOUP

by Joelle

At both campuses we have a lovely tradition of 'soup Thursday', with the soup made by parents. The soup itself is of course a wonderful warm bonus - but it is the joy of communal eating that I really loved seeing this term. This term we enjoyed every contribution and were impressed with how the students were willing to try something new. If you would like to contribute a soup next term, please add your name to the roster.

Thank you for making FCS a wonderful place.



WAYFARERS by Sue

Gawain Davey is a talented composer, song-writer and multi-instrumentalist who introduces many of our students to the joys of the piano. Well, adding to the strings of his bow, so to speak, Gawain conducts a Melbourne chapter of the choral choir 'Wayfarers'.

The choir's recent concert performance of 'Roads and Rivers' delighted heart and soul. Gawain's virtuosic conducting elicited musical beauty and nuance. The programme included a rich variety of songs - traditional, meditative and humorous from around the world. Congratulations to The Waferers on a magical, truly uplifting performance.

FLOATING & SINKING by The Normanby Ave Juniors & Kate

What do you think happened when we put a ball of plasticine into a bucket of water? It quickly sank to the bottom. We were given a challenge: using the same sized ball of plasticine, we had to make a shape that would float. We tried lots of different shapes. Some shapes floated,



but most of them didn't. Some of the shapes we tried which did not float were a perfectly flat pancake, a torpedo, a donut, a flat rectangle, a sausage and a hollow ball shape. Shapes which almost floated, or which sank more slowly, were a flat pancake with small edges, a boat and a flipper shape. We also noticed that if our plasticine had cracks in it, it would fill with water and sink. The shape that floated well was shaped like a water lily or a jar lid.



We were learning about the push and pull of different forces. We learned that gravity is a force that pulls down. Gravity pulls down on our plasticine. Water pushes up on the plasticine.

For the plasticine to float, it has to cover a big surface of water because the water is pushing up on it.

STITCHING TOGETHER by Sue

Thanks to the donation of a couple of sewing machines, we are aiming to set up a little sewing space at school. Donations of fabric and thread are most welcome. We can also re-purpose an old garment if there are sections of good fabric remaining!

Knitting has also been popular again this year. As always, donations of wool and needles are eagerly received.



MISSING FISH

The Normanby Littlies always enjoy the story prompt, 'Fred stole my fish!' But who is Fred? And what type of fish?

I will never forget the day Fred stole my fish. I was at the beach with my parents, wearing my new fish bracelet that I had just bought from a shop near the beach. I went swimming and then Fred, a seagull, swooped down and grabbed my arm to try and get my fish bracelet off me. He grabbed the bracelet and took it off my hand! I yelled, "Curse you, Fred!" He flew away and I was very sad. Luckily, he realised it wasn't a real fish and dropped it on my dad's bum when he was bending down to show me a shell! by Marla

I will never forget the day Fred stole my fish. I was in an Indian restaurant. The waiter brought a beautiful fish curry which I enjoyed a lot, but I only ate one fish piece. Then a tiger came in and took the rest of the curry! The kids and adults all screamed, so I rang the zookeeper who came to catch the tiger. The tiger ran! Luckily he was tired, so he stopped for a drink - but it was special water because the zookeeper had put sleeping drugs in the water, so the tiger fell asleep and the zookeeper caught him. by Stan



BIKE SERVICE

The final Wednesday of Term saw Mike (father of Eden) and Pete (James and Tommy) offering a bike servicing clinic. Lots of bikes finished the school run in better shape. Thanks Mike and Pete for keeping our bikes all ship shape.



HOOP TIME DATES

Middlies Hoop Time Basketball Day at M.S.A.C. is Tuesday August 26, while Biggies Hoop Time will be held in Coburg on Tuesday September 16.

