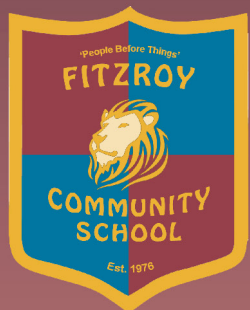


# NEWS LETTER



## Upcoming Dates

**First Day Term 4**  
Tue 7 Oct

**Tinies & Parent Camp**  
Wed 8 - Thur 9 Oct

**Family Day @The Land**  
Sun 12 Oct 11am-3pm

**Normanby Ave Play**  
Tue 21 Oct 1pm & 7pm  
Wed 22 Oct 7pm

**Melbourne Cup Holiday**  
Mon 3 - Tue 4 Nov

**Teacher Revitalisation Day**  
Fri 28 Nov

**Brunswick St Graduation  
Concert**  
Mon 8 Dec 7pm

**Brunswick St Last Day Term 4  
& Kris Kringle 2pm**  
Tue 9 Dec

**Normanby Ave Graduation Concert**  
Wed 10 Dec 7pm

**Normanby Ave Last Day Term 4  
& Kris Kringle 2pm**  
Thur 11 Dec  
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## SPRING 2025

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations Adam & Ellyse, who recently welcomed their fourth child, Raz Yedidya! What a gorgeous boy!



### SPORTS DAY

Sports Day was another great success, the perfect end to term with the sun shining and spirits high. Congratulations to Catriona and Logan for winning the FCS Gifts!



A big thanks to Stefan and Miranda for coordinating the event, and to Whit, Alita, Karissa and all the other parents who helped out.





## BEACH CAMP by Miranda

Very sweetly, some campers seemed to think that because we were going to the beach it would mean instant summer weather! Once we arrived, I was asked quite a few times why we were having a beach camp in winter. In the end the sun did shine for us, and the temperature did not stop the children from spending a lot of time in the water.



We visited Ocean Grove Main Beach for our first swim. Some children braved the water while a few dug holes in the sand to shelter for warmth. Finally, we settled into our comfy accommodation. The most unusual thing about the house was the funny backyard with a huge dip in it. This provided a fun location for Spotto in the evening.



The next day we headed off on an adventure to Point Lonsdale, visiting the very friendly local op shop, jumping in rock pools and adventuring along the rock wall to look for fish in the

water. We continued along to the lighthouse where we went for a beautiful walk along the headland. We found incredible rock pools and the children insisted that a quick dip was in order. The water was icy, but the scenery was stunning and we all felt very happy to be spending a school day enjoying the seaside.



We also visited another seaside village in search of a special pier to jump off. The children filled themselves up with hot chips before getting back into swimmers and braving the pier.



A highlight of the trip was the last swim at the main beach. The weather was beautiful, and the water felt so fresh. I loved looking ahead of me to see a group of kids enjoying the thrill of an icy swim. I thought we were all so lucky to be sharing that moment together.



## TINIES BASKETBALL

Most Wednesdays Tinies have been joining whichever group of older children are on court with Keith.

Some started with well developed skills; others having had little exposure to any sort of sport.

The older children involved – whether Juniors, Middlies or Biggies, were all excellent assistants in teaching the Tinies. Some passing, relays, and games of ‘Piggy In The Middle’ have all contributed to fun times and increased skills.

Enthusiasm is usually high, as attempts are made to get the ball up to the ring.

Consistent practise during the year means that most can now dribble the ball and pass to another player.

Way to go Tinies!!

## SEWING SEEDS

Thank you to Julie (grandmother of Henry, Flo & Cecilia) who has graciously given her time and teaching skills to kick off sewing skills amongst the Biggies. Vintage sewing machines have been mastered and gorgeous little bags sewn!



Thanks also for donations of fabric and thread - all gratefully received.



## PASSION PROJECTS by Craig

What an exciting journey our students have been on this term! We visited Melbourne Zoo, where we attended a keeper talk and saw first-hand how enrichment is designed to keep the animals happy and engaged.



The students played a fun game of enrichment Spotto, spotting the different toys and activities the animals were enjoying. This hands-on experience inspired their own creative enrichment



ideas for the zoo animals and brought their projects to life. It was a day full of learning, fun, and inspiration — and we couldn't have done it without our amazing parent helpers. Thank you so much for your support!



## IMMERSING OURSELVES IN ART by Joelle

The Normanby Ave Middlies were fortunate to be able to visit Pascal's dad Patrick Pantano at his art exhibition 'Trying to Bite the Wind.'



The group discussion we had while we were there was a lovely reminder of the magic of art. The children were buzzing with ideas, interpretations and feelings. Thank you, Patrick, for hosting us.



## THANKYOU

As always we are very thankful for all the volunteer parent & grandparent contributions to school life. As Napoleon said, an army marches on its stomach, and Rocco and many others continue to keep the Wednesday troops fit and firing!



## KEEN CLEAN DREAM TEAM

Nyah and Paul have been leaders in community spirit this term by jumping into their kitchen clean-up with great skill and enthusiasm. What a joy - well done!



## CONGRATULATIONS VIVIAN

Vivian (Normanby Ave Middle) received a Commended Award for her poem My Dog in this year's Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards.

Almost 8,500 poems were submitted to the judges for their consideration this year, so Vivian has done remarkably well for her poem to have been selected. Well done, Vivian!



## My Dog

By Vivian Fay

*First, add a bowl of fluffy fur.  
Next, stir in a teaspoon of ticklish tummies.  
Then sprinkle a cup of caring claws.  
After that, provide it a brave bark.  
Then, finally pour it out on the floor for a play.*



## MSO OUTING by Kate

One lucky tribe from Normanby Avenue experienced an extra-special outing this term, with a trip to Hamer Hall to see the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra perform.

Flautist, Eliza Shephard, curated the pieces performed, which created a narrative about her own childhood and early experiences and joys in music.



In the first piece, Eliza gave a remarkably dynamic performance as she played her flute with the orchestra, playing an incredible range of sounds and rhythms combined with dance movements and facial expressions. It was quite the entrance! Other pieces included



Ravel's Bolero, an aria from Bizet's Carmen and Rossini's William Tell Overture. Eliza gave a brief introduction to each piece and kept us all involved and engaged, even asking us to sing and conduct in two pieces.

Huge thanks to Amy, Jude's mum, for suggesting this outing and for joining us on the day to help make it a positive, successful experience for everyone.

## MURAL by Elinor

Have you noticed some big changes in the Brunswick St decoration? Our students have been busily working on our new mural in the courtyard, and learning everything from undercoating through to spray paint and stencils. Watch this space for the design to reveal itself!



We have also had a wonderful time exploring different media as well as deep diving into collaborative art making.



**THANKYOU** from Craig

In what has been an extremely busy and somewhat challenging time for the school over recent weeks, we have felt enormously supported by our parent community. For the many and varied thoughtful contributions, conversations and messages of support, we are very grateful.





