



FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL

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Snowy River School Update #1

On Sunday 4th February - Kergen AW, Alfie S, Edward B, Danae P, Cara R and Issy E departed for Marlo, about a 5 and half hour drive from the city of Melbourne. They began their term at the Leadership School, an opportunity for Year 9's to extend their leadership skills in an environment of like-minded students. Below is the first of many reports the students away on this program will send through to us to let all of the Fitzroy community know on how their travelling. The first one has been provided by Terry, who is their liason teacher whilst they are away. It gives an insight into their first week.

'The Fitzroy students are all settling in very well. They have been teamed up with students from Mansfield and it is difficult to tell who is from each school as they have bonded very quickly and are mixing really well.

We have had lots of fun in the short time that the students have been here. Monday was CLP Teams day with lots of activities and team challenges. On Tuesday the Fitzroy students learnt about the 4 quadrants and discovered their thinking and learning preferences. Yesterday we completed a team activity to build a bridge (photo attached) and today the Fitzroy students have completed an Intro to Mountain Bikes and had a great Beliefs and Values session.

I have been really impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of the team. The initiative they have displayed (particularly with duties) has been fantastic.'

We look forward to hearing more about their journey as the term goes by.

Chris Millard
Year 9 Coordinator



School grounds patrolled from 8:30am every morning

Due to traffic safety concerns, students are required to enter the school grounds when they arrive, and not wait in Falconer Street.

mark your calendar

School Photos	
when	Tuesday 14 February
where	FHS
who	Tania Jovanovic

Year 7 Family Get Together	
when	Tuesday 14 February: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
where	FHS
who	Jenny Fulford

Year 7 Camp	
when	Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 February
where	Lady Northcote Camp Rowsley
who	Jenny Fulford

Swimming Carnival	
when	Tuesday 28 February: 8:45am - 3:00pm
where	Fitzroy Swimming Pool
who	Neil McLean

Year 11 & 12 Sports Day	
when	Thursday 1 March: 8:45am - 3:00pm
where	Various
who	Neil McLean

Year 11 & 12 Netbook Information Evening	
when	Thursday 1 March: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
where	Library
who	ICT Committee

WELCOME TO THE FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN – We need your help



Staff: Jenny Douglas (Manager) & Sue Everett (Assistant)

Would you like the opportunity to...

- Cook great food and collect some wholesome recipes
- Share a laugh and drink great coffee
- See and enjoy the students from a different angle
- Eat and sample delicious home baked food
- Meet the teachers in a relaxed atmosphere

Consider volunteering for a morning (10am-1pm) once a month in the canteen by contacting the FHS Office on 9488 1900.

Almost all the food is made on-site with many of the ingredients supplied from the school's Kitchen Garden.

Daily Menus include all or the majority of the following:

Morning Tea:

Cheese and Spinach Borek
Homemade Sausage Rolls
Veggie Pizzas
Wraps with assorted fillings
Falafels and Sushi
Salad cups

Lunch – changes daily

Vegetable Curry with Rice
Lentil Shepherds Pie
Pasta with a range of sauces
Stir Fried Noodles
Fitzzy Burger



Major Changes to the Swimming Carnival

The 2012 edition of the world famous FHS swimming carnival will take place at the Fitzroy Swimming Pool on Tuesday February 28th. We are looking forward to another great day of fun for both staff and students alike.

Major changes are coming this year; the carnival will now be compulsory for year 7 and 8 students only. This means that **classes will run as normal for years 9 - 12.** Students in years 9-12 will still have the opportunity to compete in any and all races they would like, but non-participants are expected to attend class. If they do not, students will be required to supply a note from their parent approving the absence.

We are very excited to have a great carnival. There are many new fun games that will be dispersed between the regular events of freestyle, breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke. Students will be walking to and from the event from school in their year groups. The roll will be marked at school at 8:45 a.m. and students will be dismissed from school at 3:00 p.m.

Students are asked to bring sunscreen, proper clothing for both swimming and resting. Also, due to the large number of people, labeling towels and other such items could be a very good idea as we usually end up with a couple of strays at the end of the day!!

Swimmers - Dress in your house colours and get ready for a great day!

As always, if you have any queries about this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to phone the school on 9488 1900 or email me on mclean.neil.n@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Thanks!

Neil

Sport Coordinator

Staff Profiles



Ian Willson has been at Fitzroy High School since Semester 2, 2008, teaching Maths part-time after a long career in a variety of schools and roles in both Victoria and South Australia. He feels very privileged now to work in a school setting at Fitzroy which strives to do all of

those things he thinks most important and valuable in the development of young people, and gains great professional satisfaction in observing the changes that have been made in education in his school lifetime.

Outside of school he enjoys his family (including six grandchildren), reading, cooking, photography, movies and other cultural pursuits, and the AFL footy (supporting not altogether successfully the Adelaide Crows).



John Hinman spent many years as a proofreader, editor and author of political, economic, business and travel publications. He has worked in the antipodes and overseas for, among others, the Economist Intelligence Unit, Lonely Planet and

John Wiley & Sons. He has taught History and Politics and, at FHS, Conspiracy Theories and Espionage.



Principal's Report *Welcome to the new school year*

Welcome back to the 2012 school year, especially those families who have joined us this year. I have met many new students, especially the year 7s and it is great to see that they are off to a good start. Don't forget that all year 7 families are invited to the school for a family night 6pm Tuesday 14 February. Please put this date in your diaries.

We have several new teachers who have joined the staff this year. Welcome to Linda Mitchell, Assistant Principal. Linda comes to us from Harvester College and prior to that, Linda taught at Eltham College. Linda has teaching methods in drama, literature and music. She also has extensive experience in VCAL.

Christine Shaver originally comes from Canada by way of New Zealand where she taught in both the government and private sector. Christine will be teaching senior maths predominantly.

Dave Logan, a graduate teacher, will be taking physics, science and maths. As an engineer, Dave previously worked for VicRoads.

John Cleary recently taught at Avondale Primary School. John teaches maths and PE and is replacing Linda Ekman-Triandos who is on leave in term 1.

Clare Hopper, recently returned from travel, is replacing Tom Hoyle in term 1. Clare teaches music.

Welcome back also to Georgina Harper and Maria Kaczmarek who both returning to FHS after leave in 2011. Georgina joins the Jet Team and Maria joins the Scarlet team.

School dress code

Fitzroy High School is a workplace for students, teachers and other school staff. While the school does not have a uniform, there is a dress code which all students are required to meet.

The code was developed to meet sun smart and occupational health and safety standards as well as meet community expectations regarding appropriate dress. Clothing should be comfortable, practical and allow students to participate fully in the range of activities of a school day.

The school is very conscious of the long term danger posed by exposure to the sun. We provide sunscreen at all our outside activities.

As part of our Sunsmart policy it is inappropriate for students to wear singlets or brief tops that expose the stomach inside or outside at school unless there is a covering tee or long sleeved shirt.

Thongs and unsecured sandals are considered an occupational health and safety risk and are unsuitable footwear for school. Students must not wear thongs or unsecured sandals while at school.

Students should not wear clothing printed with offensive or inappropriate writing or images.

I encourage students and their families to think about what is appropriate clothing for school. Later in the term we will be revising the dress code and will communicate this to you and to students.

Personal property

Personal property is often brought to school by students. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys and sporting equipment.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Therefore personal goods that are brought to school are brought at the owner's risk.

Students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. Where items are required at school students must either keep their property on them or leave it locked in their locker. Students must keep their locker combination secure.

Pauline Rice



Vaccination dates - 2012

The immunisation programme for 2012 applies to students in years 7 and 10.

Consent forms were handed out to students last week. Please make sure to return these forms to school, even if your child is not taking part in the programme no later than Friday February 10th.

Tuesday March 6 - 9:00am

- Year 10 - Boostrix (Adolescent Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough)

Tuesday March 20 - 9:00am

- Year 7 - 1st Hepatitis B, Chickenpox (girls and boys)
- 1st HPV (girls)

Tuesday May 3 - 9:00am

- Year 7 - 2nd HPV (girls only)

Tuesday September 6 - 9:00am

- Year 7 - 2nd Hepatitis B (girls and boys), 3rd HPV (girls)

Year 8 girls

If your daughter started the three-dose HPV vaccine in Year 7 but has not yet completed it, **she has only until the end of this school year** before any missed dose will need to be purchased from a health service provider at a cost of approx \$150 each. These students are able to receive any missed dose of the vaccine on March 20th. Please ask at the office for further information.

For further information about the HPV (Cervical Cancer Vaccine) including answers to FAQ's, click on the following link

www.cervicalcancervaccine.org.au

Doris Pearse

Netbook Parent/Student Information Evenings

This year, as part of the federal government program, National Secondary School Computer Fund (NSSCF) all students in years 9 - 12 at Fitzroy High will receive a netbook for their personal use. The process will include the signing of an agreement about use and the payment of \$50 to cover the insurance excess.

Throughout term one, we will roll out the computers team by team until each student in years 9 - 12 has a device that is theirs to use and care for. The following information nights will be held where the details of this program will be explained in detail:

- **Years 11/12 (including year 10 students undertaking VCE subjects at FHS) -** Thursday March 1st, 6:00 - 7:00pm in library
- **Years 9/10 -** Thursday March 15th, 6:00 - 7:00pm in library

Please call or email the school to RSVP your attendance, we would welcome both parents and students attending the evenings if possible.

ICT Committee

Under 15 Australian Rules Football players required

Preston Bullants Junior Football Club (part of the Yarra Junior Football League) is seeking players for 2012 season for the Under 15 age group (must be 14 years of age on January 1, 2012). Pre-Season training has already commenced. A Club Sports bag, Club Shorts and Socks will be provided to all new players upon registration. For full details please contact Dean Hayes on 0409 918 097, email pbjfcadmin@optusnet.com.au or the web prestonbullantsjfc.com.au



School Council Elections 2012

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

- **A mandated elected Parent category.** More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.
- **A mandated elected DEECD employee category.** Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- **An optional Community member category.** Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DEECD employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not employed are eligible to nominate as parents for the school council where their child is enrolled

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.

If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.



Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

Contact the principal for further information.

Schedule 4: Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Fitzroy High School

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on Monday 27th February, 2012.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on Tuesday 13th March, 2012

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	NUMBER OF POSITIONS	TERM OF OFFICE
Parent member	Five	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014
DEECD member	One	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014
Community member	Two	From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in 2012 to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in 2014

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Pauline Rice
Principal



FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL



REGISTRATION/FAMILY DAY SAT 25TH FEB 11am-2pm

**11am Onwards : Registration/
Update details etc**

11.15 : President's Welcome

**11.30-12.30 Fun Activities
including**

- **Penalty Stroke Comp**
- **Tug O War**
- **Relays**
- **Fun Competitions**

1.15 Drawing of the Raffle

**DAWSON ST GROUND @
Brunswick Secondary College**



BBQ and Refreshments

Uniform Purchases

Register on line and up-
date contact details.



Lots of fun activities for all
age groups. (Bring your stick)

Meet the Coaches

For more information email
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