



FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL

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FHS athletics day

As you may know the annual FHS athletics day was held last week at the Collingwood Athletics track.

What started as a cold overcast Melbourne morning (sort of weather you would stay in your pyjamas for) quickly turned into a lovely sunny day for all to enjoy.

Apart from the magnificent DJ performance from Matt "Tunes" Thomas, there were also many great performances from all students in the track and field.

Some of Fitzroy's fastest and highest/longest jumpers for their age group were:

- Mo T, Zsuzsa G, Katharina B, Max B, Indi V, Andrew C, Juanita R, Jessie M, Josh R, Rex W, Jack I

Congratulations to them all.

I'm sure they will do Fitzroy proud when competing against students from other schools in the zones coming up.

The final event for the day was the much anticipated Teachers/Students handicap over 100 painful metres. Apart from some brag worthy efforts from the students involved, this year's winning Teacher was Josephine Territi ahead of a fast finishing James Jackson.

The two disappointments from this race was the post race disqualification of Chris Millard

for using illegal footwear (running spikes) "what was he thinking". The other let down was the non running of Rainer Parker Stebbing. (Legend has it he once out sprinted a well known Australian champion!!). Maybe next year, with a bit of encouragement he will don the shorts,

Congratulations to all students who participated and all those cheering on. You all displayed great comradeship and should all be proud of yourselves.

Don't forget to thank those teachers that made your day run so smoothly. It wouldn't have happened without their hard work and dedication to you all.

Hope you all enjoyed yourselves and will be back next year participating again.

Ian Park



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

Last day Term 1	
when	Friday 8 April 8:45am - 3:00pm
where	FHS
who	DEECD

First day Term 2	
when	Wednesday 27 April 8:45am - 3:00pm
where	FHS
who	DEECD

Open afternoon	
when	Thursday 28 April 1:30pm - 4:00pm. For students in years 7-10 school will commence at 11:15am and finish at 4:30pm
where	FHS
who	Pauline Rice

Information night	
when	Thursday 28 April 7:00pm
where	FHS
who	Pauline Rice

Open Afternoon

The Fitzroy High Open Afternoon will be held on Thursday 28 April from 1.30 - 4.30pm. This is an opportunity for both prospective and current families to see the school in action. This will be followed by an information session at 7.00pm.

As in past years we will change the format of the day. For students in years 7-10 school will commence at 11.15am and finish at 4.30pm. Classes will run as normal;

- 11.15am - 12.45pm Session 2
- 1.30pm - 3.00pm Session 3
- 3.15pm - 4.30pm Session 1

Where it is not possible for students to stay past 3.00pm, we request that a note be provided to advisory teachers outlining this.

Fran Mullins

Assistant Principal



Come and see Fitzroy High School in action

Fitzroy High School, underpinned by the values of respect and trust, has an innovative approach to education that is having great results for its students. With the involvement of parents and carers, teachers support students to make choices about their learning and development, maximising their performance across a broad range of subjects and life skills.

The staff team knows its students and their capabilities well and uses this knowledge in discussions with students and their families to develop a personalised learning plan, helping each student to extend their achievement.

Tours

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am
Call 9488 1900 – bookings required

Open afternoon

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Information night

Thursday 28 April at 7.00pm



FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL



2011 FHS SCHOOL PLAY 'Rhinoceros'

Role	Actor	Year
Fireman	Kiari A	7
Lighting	Leo P	7
Old gentleman	Alfie S	8
The Butcher	Alessandro L	8
Botard	Charlotte McG	9
Daisy	Marina V	9
Grocer's wife	Kat B	9
Jean	Felix C	9
Mrs. Boeuf	Jack J	9
Rhinoceros 1	Georgia B	9
Rhinoceros 3	Ada BH	9
Rhinoceros 6	Morgan SF	9
Rhinoceros 7	Andrew CC	9
Café Proprieter	Lani G	9
Housewife	Emily H	9
Old Man	Claire D	9
Crew	Georgia W	9
Rhinoceros 5	Georgia LJ	10
Stage Manager	Anneke D	10
Lighting	Grenouille MB	10
Sound	Harry DR	10
The Candlestick Maker	Georgia LJ	10
The Grocer	Lochie LV	10
The waitress	April K	10
Berenger	Tilly S	11
Logician	Hannah P	11
Rhinoceros 2	Tanjil E	11
Choreography	Carmen M	11
Crew	Deanna S	11
Dudard	Caitlin Z	11
Mr. Papillon	Harry K	11
Rhinoceros 8	Lucas DB	11
Assistant Director	Lucille K	11
The Baker	Nancy G	12
Rhinoceros 4	Joe D	12

Principal's report

It's always a surprise to get to the end of a term and reflect on how much has been achieved. As usual, it has been full of fantastic events, camps and excursions. Students have participated in our swimming and athletics carnivals, as well as district sporting events where they have picked up many podium places. Well done everyone involved in these events. Year 7s have been on camp, the year 9 girls participated in Circus Skills, year 12s completed a range of SACs in their VCE classes. Everyone has been hard at work in classrooms across the school.

We've had 3 Way conferences for all year levels and an evening information session and bbq evening for new families. There have been visitors from schools in Singapore, schools in country areas of Victoria, business and education leaders from Leadership Victoria and architects interested in our new building. We have been busy with the formation of the new School Council and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all Councillors for their continued work on behalf of the school. Teachers have been hard at work providing challenging and engaging experiences for students in their classes, my thanks to each of you.

Today we say goodbye to Linda Ekman Triandis who goes on leave to have her second child. We wish Linda and her family all the best. Miranda Jenkin, PE/History, will be taking over Linda's classes at the start of term 2.

Yolanda De Santis is taking leave for the start of term 2 - enjoy the break Yolanda, we look forward to your return.

Tung Dinh, our ICT technician will be on leave for part of next term and will be celebrating his marriage during that time. We wish Tung every happiness for the future.

Doris Pearse, our academic facilitator, is also on leave for part of next term. Have a great holiday Doris and don't forget the post cards.

For those of you who remember, Kellie Maddaford who worked in Indigo Team has just had her first child Isaac. Congratulations to Kellie and family.

I wish everyone a restful break and I look forward to term 2. To all our families, enjoy your time with your children during the holidays, stay safe over the Easter period if you are travelling and see you all next term.

Pauline Rice

School Ambassadors

This year we have introduced a School Ambassador program. This program allows students who are interested in leadership opportunities to provide further input into the school through participation in a range of school based programs. The student interest in this has been fantastic, with over sixty students across years eight to ten expressing interest in being a School Ambassador.

Initially the focus of the Ambassador program has been the support of the primary to secondary transition program. Forty students across years 8 and 9 have been trained to conduct tours on the Open Afternoon which is being held on Thursday 28 April. These students will play key roles in the running of the afternoon.

The Ambassador program will continue to develop throughout the year. In term two students will have the opportunity to participate in focus groups where they will consider other ways that students can contribute to Fitzroy High School.

Fran Mullins

Beat the bite

If you're planning to go on holidays over the break, here is some important information to know from the Department of Health.

It's holiday time and lots of families will be heading to areas where mosquito activity has been high - and they're not just annoying; some mosquitoes can transmit serious diseases.

There are simple ways you and your family can protect yourselves and Beat the Bite:

- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use mosquito repellents containing DEET or picaridin on exposed skin.
- Try to limit outdoor activity if lots of mosquitoes are about. Dusk and dawn is when most mozzies are active.
- Make sure there is no stagnant water where mosquitoes can breed around your accommodation.
- On holidays make sure your mosquito netting or screens are properly fitted.
- If you've got a baby in your family, it's safer to spray or rub insect repellents on their clothes rather than directly onto their skin.

For more information

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au



FHS bushwalk

This time we got the weather order right for a very pleasant stroll along the Yarra - a good 11-km loop including both boathouses (to keep the caffeine levels up) and Dights Falls. The flying foxes have extended their camp for some distance along the river making that section very interesting, very noisy (even rendering the rainbow lorikeets inaudible) and - yes - perhaps a touch aromatic too. There must be tens of thousands of them, snoozing, squabbling, flapping about and just generally hanging around. No truth to the rumour that one of the party felt a little itchy between the shoulder blades.

In any case, we braved the Studley Park boathouse for a morning tea stop, then did the geological section of the walk around the Falls area (flat lava plain to the west of the river, older sedimentary hills on the Kew side) with stratigraphical pointers from Dave in time for lunch in the pavilion by the old mill. Then back via the flycasting ponds, occasioning much sociological comment from the less discreet members of the party who were reely hooked by the spectacle and were keen to spin a line on a scale you could hardly imagine. The easiest walk you'll see in the program, folks - no hills to speak of and lots of shade. It won't always be like this!

Next walk is Sunday May 22, possibly Marysville. Be there or be an upright rhombus.

Peter Bennet



More sports action

