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Year 7 baseball team

Year 7 & 8 boys baseball

Playing America's pass time with a bunch of Australians was very much a learning experience for all. The Year 7 and 8 Boys went to play in the Inner North Metropolitan Zone finals on Thursday May 5th and had a great time. For the year 7's, the first game of the day was a bit rough; despite our obvious novice status as baseball players (and coach), the opposition pushed for every possible advantage. Signals came in from the coach as

to Hit and Run or Steal a Base given the opportunity. However, after some early concessions, we righted the ship and showed that enthusiasm and fun were the name of the game. Despite losing, Fitzroy High's spirit was not dented.

The second and third games were played in the proper spirit of the game and lots of fun was had. Many boys had a crack at pitching (much harder than it looks) and catching (again, much harder than it looks). Of the



Year 8 baseball team

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

Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN: Language, convention & writing

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| when | Tuesday 10 May |
| where | FHS |
| who | Fran Mullins |

Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN: Reading

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| when | Wednesday 10 May |
| where | FHS |
| who | Fran Mullins |

Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN: Numeracy

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| when | Thursday 10 May |
| where | FHS |
| who | Fran Mullins |

many highlights, the ones that really stand out are Pepin scoring on a great string of team batting and the fielding of our pitchers; both Zak and Tom had outstanding diving catches.

Overall, the lesson of the day was that sometimes the easiest way to learn a rule is to break it.

The year 8's had a couple of great outcomes on the day. Once again, the teamwork that was displayed was tremendous. The day started with two great victories in no small part due to impressive pitching efforts by Nick and Aymn. Jackson's tremendous leadership was on display for all to see, helping the less experienced teammates with his North American sport knowledge. The day ended on a sour note, however, with consecutive loses resulting in the boys not moving through.

Personally, I would like to thank both teams of boys for a great day. Also, many thanks to James for helping coach (despite not being a PE teacher); the boys and myself really appreciate it. To the boys, I hope the friendships and bonds made through sport last a lifetime. Both James and I were thoroughly impressed by the maturity and teamwork displayed by such young teenagers. I think these guys should be role models for the AFL players to follow not the other way around.

Neil McLean

Year 8 Boys Tennis

Congratulations to the Year 8 Boys Tennis Team for their fantastic efforts on Thursday the 5th of May. Edward B, Samuel P, Spencer G and Ahmed ES represented FHS having advanced in impressive fashion in previous rounds. The team did very well winning many games throughout the day. However, they just missed out on having enough points to make the finals. They showed fantastic teamwork, sportsmanship and tennis skills. Training once a week in Term 1, they're keen to train at lunchtimes in term 4 to smash the competition next year.

Miranda Jenkin

P.S. Thanks to new staff member Miranda for taking the boys and providing some very useful coaching tips on just her 7th day at FHS!!

Neil McLean



Year 8 tennis team



Principal's report

Welcome back to school. It was great to see everyone return to school after the break and quickly settle down to the new term.

Last week we had Open Day which was well attended by many families throughout the day and evening. Special thanks to the hard working student Ambassadors who did a fantastic job in making visitors feel comfortable on arrival at school, guiding the visitors around the school and answering their many and varied questions thoughtfully and honestly. I am very proud of their contribution to FHS.

A day such as Open Day does not happen without significant hard work behind the scenes. I would like to sincerely thank Fran Mullins and Sandra Dickens for their focus on ensuring that not only Open Day but the whole transition process has run smoothly and with great professionalism. The feedback, from visitors on Open Day and during the many school tours that have run twice weekly since March, has been very positive. It is important that the community has an understanding of what we do at FHS and how we do it.

Both Fran and Sandra have also been involved in developing strong links with local primary schools. Last week we began a Science program with North Fitzroy Primary School students. They will be here weekly for five weeks studying science with Jenny Fulford, our Sapphire/Indigo Team Leader. We are also currently developing other programs in Food and Wood Technology to offer primary schools. Such transition programs are important in preparing primary students for high school and give students a taste of the programs secondary schools offer.

Last night the year 7 and 8 students demonstrated their learning to their families and friends. It was exciting to see, especially the year 7s who are new to the school, present their work and discuss it with the many visitors. The year 8s were also enthusiastic and thoughtful in their presentations. Thanks to all families who supported both their child and the school by attending the event. Thanks to all the year 7 and 8 students who prepared and demonstrated their learning so ably.

There are many events taking place this term. You can find dates for these on the calendar on the school website. Next week NAPLAN testing will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Pauline Rice

Transition update

On Thursday 28 April Fitzroy High School held an open afternoon for interested primary school families. The format of the day was that visitors had the opportunity to join tours to see the school 'in action'. The day was a great success with over 200 visitors joining tours throughout the afternoon. I would like to acknowledge the role of the student ambassadors in making the day a great success. In preparation for the day 40 students across years 8 and 9 completed a training program that prepared them to run the tours on the day. The feedback on the tours was fantastic with many guests commenting on both the friendly and welcoming approach taken by our students and the opportunity to hear about the school directly from a student perspective. The feedback from the students was also very positive in terms of the opportunity for them to take on a leadership role in the school. An information night followed the open afternoon, which was again well attended, with 130 guests.

On Wednesday 4 May a small group of staff and students attended the Moonee Ponds Expo, a night for schools in the Moonee Ponds area to showcase their schools. Again there was a lot of interest in hearing about 'the way we do things' at Fitzroy High.

Families with students in grade 6 are now finalising preferences for year 7 places in 2012.

Fran Mullins
Assistant Principal



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