

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Week 1

Welcome to 2025!!!

More from me next week. In the meantime, Jan has listed the following 'must tell the families' items. Please read and get in touch with me if necessary.

### Mobile Phones

To be placed in tubs each morning

Each student has an individual labelled bag to put their phone in

If there isn't a phone in the bag, contact will be made with home to confirm with parents that the student has not brought a phone to school

### Buses

NSW students need to contact Dept Transport NSW for bus passes

Wodonga students need to contact Dysons

Outer Wodonga area students need to contact the bus co-ordinator at Wodonga Senior Secondary College – 02 6043 7500

### Canteen

- Lunch orders to be written on a paper bag, include payment, and placed in the tub in 345 room
- Tub will be taken to the canteen to have orders processed
- Tub will be collected from the canteen at the beginning of lunch time
- Lunch orders made online through the canteen app need to have FFFCS noted on the order so the canteen ladies know to put the order in our tub

### School Saving Bonus

SSB was given to all students who were enrolled in FFFCS as at the end of November 2024.

An email was sent to all families regarding this.

In the email there was a link where you need to indicate how the money will be used. As the supplier of our uniform is not registered for this scheme, and the school does not sell textbooks, you need to indicate that you wish the full amount to be used for school activities.

Then as activities are arranged can you please email (preferred) or call Jan to confirm that you wish to use the SSB money for that particular activity.

### Funfields Excursion

A separate email will be sent to all families with a medical permission form; please complete and return asap

An email will also be sent re payments that have not been received as yet

\*\*please see above note under **School Saving Bonus** to use this money for the payment.

### Upcoming Events:

- 14 February 2025 – Funfields Excursion
- 18 February 2025 – Year 7 to 9 Swimming Carnival at Albury pool (Year 3 to 6 carnival to be confirmed)
- 19 February 2025 – Photo day. Envelopes will arrive soon and will be distributed.

2024 Awards Presentation

After the disappointment of having to cancel our end of year BBQ due to the extreme heat, we were able to conduct a modified version of our awards ceremony. Congratulations to all our recipients, and congratulations to all students for a great year.



### **ALSO PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- We encourage all families to contact teachers on their emails re education concerns. This will give the teachers a base document to work on and ensure your concerns / comments are followed up.
- Class expectations – students are asked to make sure they always follow all teacher instructions to ensure the smooth running of classes.
- Arrive at school on time – we know there are times when being late cannot be avoided, but where possible please make sure all students are at school on time
- We ask that families check the school portal regularly for notifications of upcoming excursions etc
- If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please reply to this email and we will update our records

## **FUNFIELDS EXCURSION INFORMATION REPEATED:**

### **\*\*\*\*\*Funfields Day Out 14 February 2025\*\*\*\*\***

A day of 'getting to know you' fun for our new and current FFFCS students. We will travel by bus from FFFCS to Whittlesea on Friday 14 February 2025. Our 2025 Year 9 students are organising activities to help us get to know our new students and to deepen connections amongst our current students. This will be a day to allow our prospective leaders of 2025 to step up and show their leadership qualities.

#### **The fun details:**

We will leave FFFCS bus park at 7am and return at 6pm.

We are travelling with our FFFCS bus man Tom – an integral part of the circus training schedule as he always gets us there on time!

We will have a designated area at the park so students will always have a point of contact during the day.

We are anticipating a day of water-soaked fun for all.

The venue has various food vendors, but you can also bring your own packed picnic lunch and snacks (and water bottle).

#### **The boring details (but extremely important to note):**

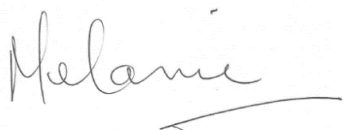
We will be home by 6pm.

We will not be stopping to purchase food on the trip home.

The total cost of the trip is \$100.

**IF YOU WISH TO USE YOUR SCHOOL SAVINGS BONUS TO PAY FOR THIS EXCURSION, PLEASE** check your emails and follow the prompts for the SSB and indicate that it can be used toward 2025 camps sports and excursions. The sender address will look like: [noreply@comms-mc.education.vic.gov.au](mailto:noreply@comms-mc.education.vic.gov.au) (maybe check in your junk mail.)

There is a medical information form that needs to be completed and will be sent home via separate email. Students will need swimwear, towel and a complete set of dry clothing for the trip home.



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# FROM THE CIRCUS



## WELCOME 2025!

Welcome back to everyone returning and a special welcome to our new students and families joining the Fruities. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are ready to hit the floor. A big thank you to everyone who worked on Borderville last year and our show piece Mirrored was an incredible success, with over **3,000 people** coming to see the show on Gateway Island.

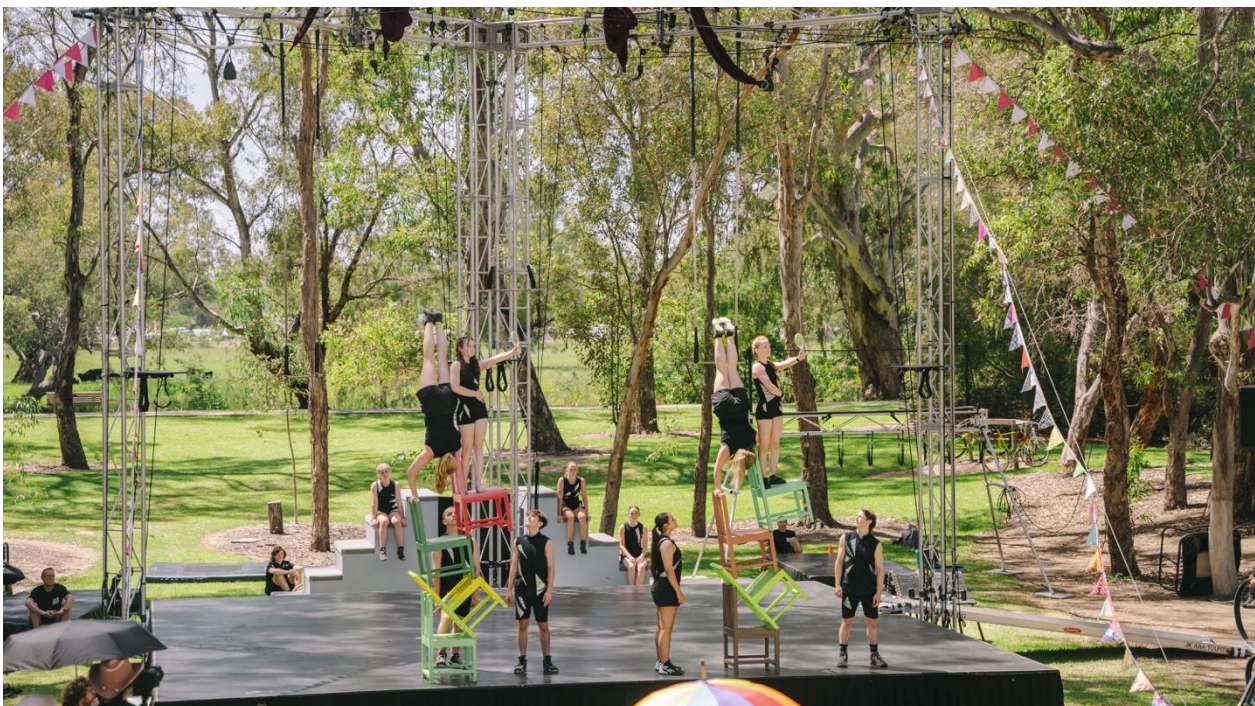


We have some familiar faces joining the company this year including Dan Power and Mitch Kilsby in our training team and Beck Palmer stepping in for Bek Gibbs who now has a gorgeous little one called Wren. Over the course of the term we will also have David Trappes, Skip Walker-Milne, Anne Arellano and Halle Baart joining us.

Over the year some incredible artists will share their work and skills with us through Under Construction & our new Creative Ensemble Labs.

First up is [Masha Terentieva](#), circus artist, innovator and director who will spend 5 weeks with us as a trainer and creator. Irish circus and film artist Ken Fanning will also be joining us in Term 1.

Thank you to everyone who joined us yesterday for our welcome & BBQ. It was so great to spend time with you all and start to get to know the new families that have joined us. We look forward to seeing what 2025 brings!



Mirrored Borderville 2025 (photo Jasper Wood)



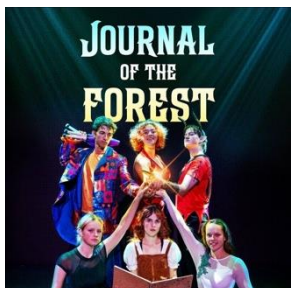
## WODONGA SHOW

On **Saturday 15 March** the Fruities will perform as part of the annual Wodonga Show at Wodonga Showgrounds. This is a great opportunity to connect with our community with workshops and performances.

Cast announcement next week. We hope you can come out and support us throughout the day. <https://wodongashow.org.au/>

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## FRUITIES PERFORMING AROUND THE COUNTRY



Fruities Tal Shemesh, Rachel Phillips and Jay Rensen are currently performing in a new family show **Journal of the Forest** at Fringeworld in Perth. It's an action-packed family friendly circus cabaret.

If you have friends or family in Perth please encourage them to get along!

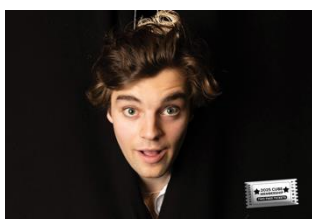
[https://fringeworld.com.au/whats\\_on/journal-of-the-forest-fw2025](https://fringeworld.com.au/whats_on/journal-of-the-forest-fw2025)



## MISBEHAVIN' YOUTH CIRCUS

A little bit closer to home Barney Herrmann has been working with Arabella Coghlan, Finn Neill, Emma Giasoumi, Peter Giasoumi, Nico Pope and Chloe Pirie to create a high energy circus show *Misbehavin'* to open the refurbished Roxy Theatre in Leeton. They perform this Saturday 1 February, tickets on sale:

<https://roxyleeton.com.au/event/misbehavin-youth-circus-taster/>



## FLOP

Fruities graduate Arthur Hull will perform his solo show FLOP at The Cube Wodonga on Friday 14 February.

Use code word **Valentine** when booking to grab two tickets and a glass of bubbles each for only \$50. <https://www.thecubewodonga.com.au/Whats-On/flop>

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## SPORTS & SPINAL: OSTEOPATHY & CONCUSSION BASELINE TESTING

An email will be coming out this week to all families with consent forms to be seen by our inhouse osteo team from Sports & Spinal.

We will be conducting baseline concussion testing for all students in year 6 and up for the first time in 2025. This baseline testing will give us individual information for each student when assessing concussion. This will be completed by Sports & Spinal during after school training on Friday 4 March, those students invited to be involved will receive an email with instructions and permissions to complete.

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## REMINDER!

Can all families please return student enrolment form and fee payment plans to Donna as soon as possible!

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Please remember to email **both** school and circus if your child is not going to be attending school and training:

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