

SCHOOL NEWS

Week 8

As Borderville approaches, excitement is building for the upcoming shows. Our students have been training hard and have also been keeping up with their schoolwork through this busy time of the year. We are looking forward to seeing them show their incredible skills in front of our border audiences! Creating shows for Borderville takes a lot of dedication, teamwork, and hard work, and we couldn't be prouder of how much our students are able to do and how well they are trained. Over the past term, they've been rehearsing their routines, refining their skills, and collaborating with peers to perfect their acts.

- **Hot Weather:** As the weather gets hotter, please ensure that your child has appropriate sun protection wear. Students will go outside for breaks unless it is raining or excessively hot.
- **School Hours:** Please remember that school starts at 8:55 am. Students should arrive on time to avoid being locked out of the grounds.
- **Sickness:** If your child is feeling unwell, please keep them home to rest and recover. We want to keep our school and circus community healthy as we head into Borderville and the summer break. There has been a particularly nasty gastro bug going around.
- **Uniform:** Please come to school wearing correct uniform. Training clothes are for the training floor, not school 😊
- **Step Up Day For New and Current Students:** this is a very exciting day for your child and for the existing students to all meet each other and learn who is in their class. While we know many parents are eager to be involved in the transition, we kindly ask that you allow your child to experience Step Up Day independently. This day is designed to help the new students get to know the school, the routines, their classmates, and the teachers. The day will provide your child with the opportunity to ask questions, make connections, and start feeling at home here. Students are expected at school for an 8:55am start and will be with us until 3:10pm. If you have any questions prior to 10th December, please contact me.
- **Cinema Excursion 18 December:** payment and consent are due by 13 December. There CANNOT BE ANY LATE payments or consents as it is the last week of term and numbers / payments have to be finalised.

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Upcoming Events:

- 29 November 2024 – Wodonga Cup Public Holiday – no school
- 10 December 2024 – Head start day for new students
- 16 December 2024 – Family BBQ and Awards Presentation – RSVP 9 December.
- 17 December 2024 – Christmas craft and water fun
- 18 December 2024 – Cinema Excursion
- 19 December 2024 – Clean up day at the school
- 20 December 2024 – Last day of school – PUPIL FREE DAY

*****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 in 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.

A \$50 deposit is due by 13 December via the school portal, balance by 7 February 2025.

Permission is required on the portal IN ADDITION TO a paper consent form that accompanies this newsletter (a requirement of the Dept of Education for an adventure activity such as this). There will also be a medical information form that needs to be completed – this will be sent at the start of 2025.

Students will need swimwear, towel and a complete set of dry clothing for the trip home.

Last week of term

Monday 16 th December	Annual BBQ and Awards Presentation Night – start time 5:30pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Craft and Water Activities – remember a towel, change of clothes and a plastic bag for the wet ones – especially bus travellers
Wednesday 18 th December	Regent Cinema excursion to see Moana 2. This is now live on the school portal. Full payment and consent must be received via the portal NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER.
Thursday 19 th December	Clean up day 😞
Friday 20 th December	Pupil Free Day

CONTACT FOR FFFCS TEACHERS

You are encouraged to contact your child's teachers directly via email using the following addresses:

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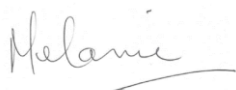
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FROM THE CIRCUS



Thank you to everyone who has indicated their assistance for Borderville – remember help is always needed so if you can help in any way please get in touch!

VOLUNTEER CALL OUT

We are once again on the hunt for some incredible people to volunteer their time and talents at this year's Borderville festival.

Volunteering is a great way to connect with our circus community and be a part of the fun and festivities. We are looking for support in roles such as cast wrangler, crowd conductor and popcorn promotor.

If you have some time and energy that you are willing to share with us as a volunteer, please let us know via the link below or contact Bek Gibbs at the circus directly.

[VOLUNTEER LINK](#)

SYNTHOTRONICA'S SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 5 December, 6pm

Tickets \$5 or Free for students using promocode:

FREEPASS24

MIRRORED

Thursday 12 – Saturday 14 December

FREE | Booking required

FLOP

Friday 6 – Saturday 7 December, 7pm

Tickets \$25 or \$20 using promocode: **FFFAM24**

LIVE & FAMOUS (GRAD SHOW)

Monday 16 – Friday 20 December, 7pm

Tickets \$25 or \$20 using promocode: **FFFAM24**

POSTERS

Help us get the word out about this year's Borderville Festival. If you have a shop window or lunchroom at work that you think is prime location to hang a poster come and grab one from the office at Circus. Flyers are also available.

IMPORTANT DATES

3 December	Swing Style: Night Flies
5 December	Synthotronica's Disco
6 - 7 December	Flop
7 December	Circus Arts Showcase
12 – 14 December	Mirrored
16 – 20 December	Live & Famous
21 Dec – 13 Jan	FFFC Building Closure

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

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