

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Week 2

### Welcome to week two of term two.

Welcome to our new students Violet and Lulu.

And big welcome back to the students who were in Adelaide at the Juggling extravaganza!

We are planning a term full of learning, laughter, and as much adventure as we can get in.

## ANZAC Commemoration

Our SRC led an ANZAC service last Thursday at our Gallipoli Oak tree. Shelley shared what it is like to be a defence force parent and of her pride in her daughter's work.



## Kindness Box

We would like to thank Helen for creating our new **Kindness Box**!

The Kindness Box gives students a special place to share kind words, celebrate friends, and lift each other up. It's a wonderful reminder that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. These messages will be distributed to the students at our fortnightly assemblies.

Thank you, Helen, for spreading positivity throughout our school and helping us build a community where everyone feels seen, valued, and loved. We can't wait to see all the beautiful messages our students will create!

## Upcoming Events:

- 19 May – 23 May – Education Week
- 26 May – Student Led Conferences – details to come
- 9 June – King's Birthday Public Holiday

# Switch off & Store



If you bring your mobile phone to school, it must be switched off and securely stored during school hours.

**VICTORIA**  
State  
Government

From the start of Term 2, Wodonga Middle College (whom we come under the umbrella of) have been reinforcing the Victorian Government Mobile Phone policy. This means phones brought to our school must be switched off and stored securely during the school day. At FFFCS we provide tubs to store the phones in. The tubs are kept in the admin area. All students are invited to place their phones in the tubs and most of our students comply with this request. More: <https://www.wmyc.vic.edu.au/victorian-government-mobile-phone-policy/>.

Talking about mobile phone use as a family is a great way to support safe and responsible technology use. The eSafety Commissioner website has many resources for families, such as - Screen time for your child, 7 tips on how families can balance their time on and offline: <https://bit.ly/42LWorV>

## **SRC NEWS:**

Our Easter raffle was a huge success. We had 12 prizes in total to give away. Winners were Helen, Kai, Christina Payne, Jamieson Dedic, Shelley, the McNab family, Adam Castagna, Holly, Bonnie, and Macie Hamilton. Congratulations to all our winners (some won more than 1 prize!) and thank you for supporting our SRC fundraiser. Over \$500 was raised.



## Altina Excursion:

In preparation for our excursion, the students made 'appointment cards' - all students had to 'book' a partner to sit with on the bus for different legs of the trip to and from Altina. The purpose of the activity was to deepen their connection to, and knowledge about, each other.



Thank you to Violet, one of our new students, for 'modelling' our appointment cards. Make sure you ask your student about their appointments.



Our excursion to Altina turned out to be a fantastic day. The wildlife park is a great place to visit; the only draw back is the long drive there and back. Thankfully Helen had a bag full of games and prizes so, along with help from some students, we were entertained and kept busy.

The Park itself has a huge variety of animals – endangered species and some that are or have been extinct in the wild. Our guides had a wealth of information to share, and travelling around in the trailers meant we were able to get up quite close to animals in their enclosures. (even the lions!!) The trip around the park takes about one and a half hours. The capybara was a real hit with the students, and a huge rhino named Kai gave us all the giggles.

Unfortunately, we didn't arrive in time to see the alligators and meerkats, but the red pandas were highly visible in the tree near where we got on the trailers. (Something more to see next time).

Thank you to all students for your enthusiasm and representing the school and circus in a way that made us all very proud.





### Primary Athletics Presentation:

On Tuesday Meg Wheeler (sports co-ordinator at Wodonga Middle Years College) joined us as we presented ribbons to our primary students for their efforts at the athletics carnival on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Fair to say all students put in a great effort, having a go at most events and reaping the rewards of belonging to a small group! Well done to all.



### Student of the week:

Big high-fives to **Ruby Muth** for her overall pleasantness and happiness – always ready to interact with those around her. Her genuine inquiries, smiles and conversations are great to be a part of and observe. We're so proud of your kindness!

### End of Year Awards explained:

**FFFCS LEADER'S AWARD** The leader's award is given to a student who has consistently and quietly supported the school in many and varied ways, showing thoughtfulness, kindness and pride in the school environment.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie".

Melanie McClure | School Co-ordinator

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# FROM THE CIRCUS



## LOTS HAS HAPPENED SINCE LAST TERM...

On the last day of Term1 it was a beautiful evening at QEII Square with activities, live music and a great Fruities performance for **CULTURE IN THE SQUARE**.

During the holidays we opened the **ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE** with an energetic and fun performance at the Commercial Club.

Then [Casus](#) spent a few days working on a new show for families called *Snakes and Ladders* which is planned to tour to regional venues at the end of the year.



Rotary Conference

Casus then stayed on during Term 2 Week 1, teaching their internationally acclaimed work *Knee Deep* to 10 of our young artists. *Knee Deep* has toured all around the world and our 2 casts will premier their version at the Borderville Theatre later in the year – details released soon!



## ADELAIDE JUGGLING CONVENTION

Ethan, Imogen, Amber, Clancy, Griffin, Rosie and Spencer had a brilliant time at the Adelaide Juggling Convention working on skills and meeting lots of juggling enthusiasts. As a bonus recent graduate Yoav and his brother Tal Shemesh featured as MCs for the Gala Event.

## BREWARRINA WORKSHOPS

In the school holidays Flying Fruit Fly trainers Catherine and John headed out to Brewarrina to collaborate with Moogahlin Performing Arts and Casus Creations to deliver circus workshops and make and perform a show with local Indigenous youth as part of the 10th Baiame's Ngunnhu Festival. There was an opening night corroboree on the banks of the Barwon river - home to Brewarrina's world famous Ngunnhu or fish traps. The young people enjoyed jumping, twirling, turning and flipping over each other and their trainers, to the amazement of the audience. The Brewarrina Youth Circus run by Kate Reid ran for ten years encouraging health, creativity and wellbeing through circus. It was great for the community to have the circus back in town! Outreach work in remote parts of Australia is important work and an enriching career pathway for circus artists interested in social change. Brewarrina is 770km due north of Albury, 'close' to the Queensland border.







## CIRCUS OZ

If you were lucky enough to get down to Melbourne for the International Comedy Festival you may have managed to catch *NON STOP* from Circus Oz. It was a fabulous show with our current trainer David Trapps in a stunning outfit and with a hard to beat bowling ball juggle plus a whole company, show-stopping trapeze act as the finale.



## GUEST ARTISTS

Kirk Page and Jade Dewi Tyas Tungal arrived this week as part of our Under Construction residency program. [SMOKE](#) is a First Nations inter-cultural dance and physical theatre work in development.

At the end of these 2 weeks, Kirk will stay on as a Creative Lab artist working with our students. Then Jake Silvestro and Aia Reynolds will join us for their Under Construction residency – *Noisemakers*.

## WELLFEST, ALBURY BOTANIC GARDENS - SAT 17 MAY 10am to 3pm

Let's Talk About Youth Mental Health!  

[WellFest 2025](#) is a youth-led event dedicated to mental health awareness, support services, creativity, and community connection!

✨ What's happening?

🎵 Live performances from Laylah Baines, Ella Crathern, Mia & Toby, and [Lucia Richardson!!!](#)

🔧 Free workshops to boost your wellbeing

💬 Connect with local youth support services

📦 Young Creators Market – Support talented young artists & makers!

🍔 Food trucks to fuel your day

💃 Zumba & more for fun and movement!



## CELEBRATING TULLY FEDOROWJTSCH

We are all deeply saddened by the passing of Fruities Alumni, circus performer, trainer and our dear friend, Tully. He will be remembered and celebrated as a treasured member of the Fruit Fly family whose smile lit up every room he entered.

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