

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to Term Three!

We're excited to welcome everyone back for Term Three! We hope you all enjoyed a restful break and are feeling recharged for the busy weeks ahead. Term three is a short term and will be over before we know it.

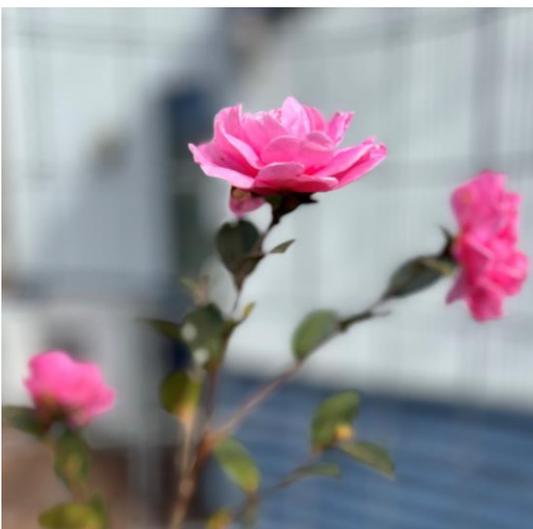
This term promises to be a positive one, full of learning, creativity, and connection. We are running our Respectful Relationships program, so look out for newsletter items throughout the term. We will also keep you informed of what's happening in our classrooms each week. Big thanks to Greg, Helen, Shelley and Will for keeping us in the loop. We also see our students go out on tour again. What an exciting life it is at the circus, so many opportunities for our students to shine.

Uniform-free days – A missed opportunity for community support

Uniform-free days are intended to be more than just an opportunity to wear casual clothes—they are community-building events that support important causes and foster a stronger school culture. These days are often linked to fundraising efforts that allow students to contribute to school projects or charitable organisations, helping them learn the value of generosity and collective action.

It has been disappointing to see that many students continue to take part in uniform-free days without giving the expected gold coin donation. While we love seeing students express themselves and enjoy a break from our everyday uniform, we ask that families support the spirit of these days by donating a gold coin.

These contributions may seem small, but together they make a meaningful difference. We encourage everyone to treat uniform-free days not just as a privilege, but as a chance to give back and be part of something bigger. Let's work together to model responsibility and school pride. Every coin counts.



This beautiful camellia in the FFFCS garden greeted us as we returned to school this term.

Upcoming Events:

- 29 July – Respectful Relationships VIP Morning Tea
- 5 August – year 3 – 6 swimming lessons commence
- 8 August – Wodonga Federation of Government Schools Conference – Pupil Free Day

Mental Health Wellbeing

This term we are learning about and celebrating Respectful Relationships.

Week 1 we are exploring **Friendships**. On Tuesday the 22nd of July we celebrated a belated **International Friendship Day** with games and activities.

Week 2 will feature our VIP morning tea – details below.

Weeks 3 & 4, we will be focusing on **Diversity and Inclusion**. On Tuesday the 5th of August we will be having a '**Come Dressed in Rainbow Colours Day** with games and prizes for the best rainbow dresser.

Respectful Relationships VIP Morning Tea

Tuesday 29 July

10am

Part of our Respectful Relationships Program has included talk about communication, especially respectful and friendly conversations. Our 6, 7, 8 and 9 students will be talking with some important adults in their lives – including the Wodonga Middle Years College Principal Steve Fouracre and Circus representatives Donna, Bek and Tahni.

The 3, 4, and 5 students will be serving light refreshments which they will make on Monday at school.

Other students are invited to bring a small plate of food to share.

All students are asked to make sure they are in correct school uniform for this event.

Japanese Study Tour – Homestay Families Needed!

We're excited to announce that Masaki Adachi from our sister school in Gamagori has been in touch about their upcoming visit to Wodonga in October. This year's study tour will include 14 students – seven girls and seven boys – and we are currently looking for homestay families to host them during their stay. They are all in middle years school in Japan.

Given how many Fruities visited Japan last year, we hope some of our families might like to host one of our Japanese visitors.

The tour itinerary includes:

- **Monday:** School day with their host sibling (student shadowing)
- **Tuesday:** Activity day at WSSC for both Japanese students and their hosts
- **Wednesday:** Excursion to Beechworth
- **Thursday:** Yindyamarra Sculpture Walk in Albury, followed by a BBQ dinner

If you are interested, please contact me at school. Host families need to be confirmed by **the end of August**. Please have a chat with your family and get involved. This is a fantastic opportunity for cultural exchange and lifelong friendships — thank you for your support in making it a memorable experience for everyone involved!

Student of the week:

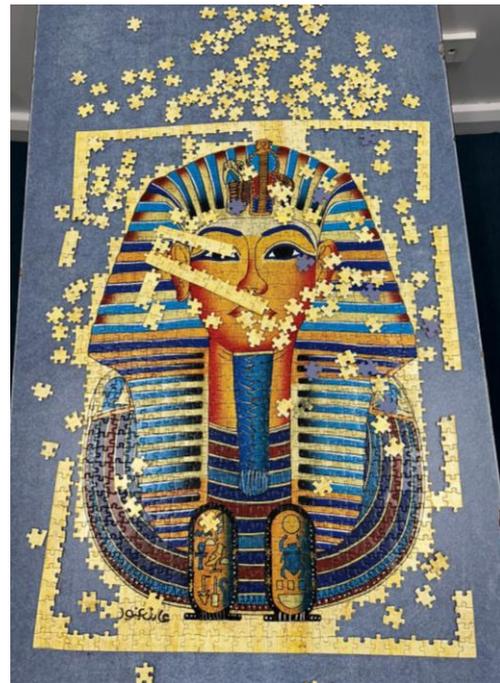
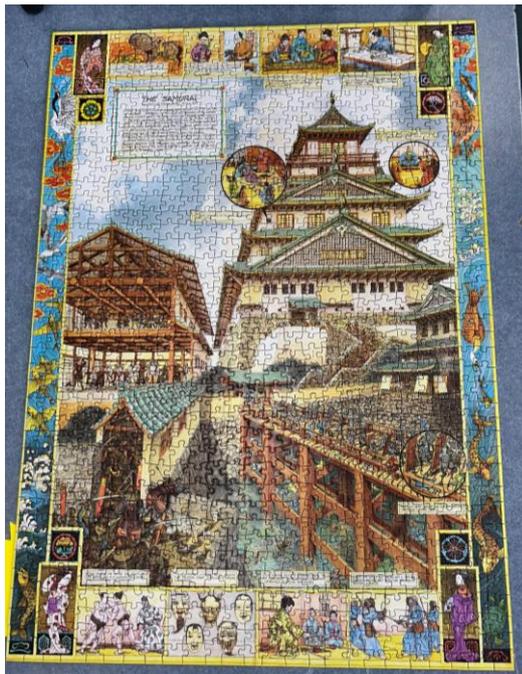
Congratulations to Frankie. We are only on day 3 of term but Frankie has already shown great leadership, school pride and organisational skills.

Farewell to Susanne – Our MHiPS Practitioner

This term, we say farewell to Susanne, our Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHiPS) practitioner. Susanne has been an incredible support to both students and staff during her time at our school, bringing warmth, compassion, and expertise to her role.

She has built strong connections across our school community and has played a key part in promoting student wellbeing and resilience. While we are very sad to see her go, we are excited for Susanne as she takes the next step in her professional journey—taking up a full-time counselling role to continue supporting young people and families.

We thank Susanne for the care and commitment she has shown during her time with us and wish her every success in her new role. She will be greatly missed! Susanne leaves us on the 12th of August.



Some great teamwork and relationship building strategies were demonstrated during the work on these puzzles on Monday. (those pesky yellow pieces have us stumped for the moment!!)

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FROM THE CIRCUS



After an incredible National Training Project, our Fruities are back on the training floor. This term we are hitting the ground running with so many exciting projects coming up.

SPHERICAL

Spherical is back in rehearsals again and ready to hit the road on Monday. This time they are headed to Wilcannia, a remote indigenous community in NSW. The team will perform and provide workshops for students in Hay, Ivanhoe, White Cliff and Wilcannia. Chookas team!

KNEE DEEP

Jesse and Lachy (Casus Creations) are back in the building this week rehearsing Knee Deep. Five performers explore the boundaries of strength and tenderness. Bodies are pushed and pulled, weighed and tested, probing the limits of both physicality and feeling. As unlikely bonds are forged and space is transcended by thrilling physical feats, we are invited to reimagine notions of our limitations.

See the work that took Casus to the world - their first production - a bold, quirky, and captivating performance that has blown audiences away around the world since 2012.

Knee Deep is a breathtaking display of humanity and incredible physical skill performed with raw emotion and honesty.

Performers (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 7.30pm)

Aoife Gordos, Emma Giasoumi, Finn Neill, Jake Kavanagh, Lucia Richardson

Performers (Wednesday, Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 5.30pm)

Jovita Paul, Joe Keating, Lucie Mariethoz, Maya Chynoweth, Peter Giasoumi



Tuesday 12 August - Friday 15 August at 7.30pm & Saturday 16 August at 5.30pm and 7.30pm

FFFC families can access a discounted ticket price of \$20 using promotional code: **COMM25**

Booking link: <https://fffc.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/151963>

TERM 3 BORDERVILLE CABARET

Tickets are now on-sale for our Term 3 Cabaret. Featuring original acts created and performed by our Development Group students. Three fantastic nights to choose from, don't miss out on getting your tickets!

Thursday 18 September, 7.00pm

Friday 19 September, 7.00pm

Saturday 20 September, 7.00pm

BOOK NOW



SPLIT FOCUS - UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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Louis Green, Griffin Hooper and Alfonso Pineda from Split Focus are here as part of our Under Construction residencies. The team are further developing their show *A Scary Thing Happened by the Campfire*, a fun, jump-scare comedy spanning from sunset to sunrise. Combining physical theatre and circus, the story follows two men scrambling to survive the night as they are seemingly pursued by a mysterious, bloodthirsty assailant.

Students will get a sneak peek showing on Friday 1 August.

AUSTRALIAN DANCE THEATRE: MARROW

Australian Dance Theatre will perform their show [Marrow](#) at the Albury Entertainment Centre on Thursday 24 July, 7.30pm. Training will conclude at 6.30pm to allow students to attend.

The show is recommended for ages 13+ and the company have arranged \$20 tickets for FFFC students.

WEEK 1	Tuesday 22 July	Knee Deep rehearsals begin
	Wednesday 23 July	ADT workshop with Cert 3 students
	Thursday 24 July	<i>Marrow</i> at Albury Ent Centre, 7.30pm
WEEK 2	Monday 28 July	5.30pm FoFF meeting
		Spherical on tour

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