

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to Week 2!

Our students have jumped into the expected rhythm of learning. It has been great to see them engaging and thriving, especially considering the big term they are about to experience with performance and training.

We would like to make welcome Jade Doyle who will be teaching our 6/7 and 8/9 students Health and P.E. She comes to us from the Middle Years College, and we are excited to see another chapter built upon the comprehensive and extensive curriculum work that Helen Vardy has already put in place. She has done an incredible job.

Our teaching staff are currently grading work and writing reports for the GPA, which will be available for families on Friday 24th October. Which leaves us one more reporting cycle for the year which falls in week 9.

This will be an exciting and massive term of performances and school. We will try and maintain a steady pace of rigorous school work throughout this 11 week term and of course be guided by you as families if there are circumstances of tiredness and exhaustion.

Introduction message from Kat:

Hi, I'm Kat Beaton and I'm replacing Susanne Mackey as the new Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader here at the FFFCS. This role is funded by the Department of Education as part of the Mental Health in Primary Schools initiative. My role is about keeping a light shining on the mental health and wellbeing of our students so that it's a priority at the school. I've taught in primary and secondary schools for over 20 years including Outdoor Education, Health & PE, Humanities, Music and over the last 13 years as a grade 4/5/6 Montessori teacher. I have also worked as a youth worker and student counsellor.

I'm looking forward to getting to know all the students here at FFFCS so that I can listen to their ideas, support them and understand some of the additional challenges they might face in terms of their circus training and performance schedule. I'm also looking forward to making great connections with all staff and families so that we can work collaboratively to enhance student wellbeing. Soon, I will start running some small group/whole class programs for students focusing on enhancing their mental health and wellbeing. One of the programs I will begin in the 3/4/5 class is 'Peaceful Kids', where students will learn and practise some mindfulness techniques that are useful in times of stress or anxiety.

If you have any questions or would like to get in touch, please feel free to contact me via calling the school or via email – kbeaton@wymc.vic.edu.au. My role is 0.5 and I will work Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays on odd weeks of term then Mondays and Tuesdays on even weeks.

Upcoming Events:

- 23 October – Student assembly 9am
- 31 October – World Teacher's Day
- 14 November – Year 9 grad dinner – details to come
- 28 November – Wodonga Cup Public Holiday, no school

Year 6/7 Science – progress on the planets.

Helen has taken the students to the art room for the next stage in the planet (and meteorite) making process. A little bit of mess along with some paint mixing – our planets are really coming to life!



School Focus Term 4 - Readiness and expectations in the classroom.

Students are reminded to make sure their device is fully charged each day and ready for their lessons.

Student of the week:

Congratulations to Meg – after having a term off and the travel experience of a lifetime, Meg has settled straight back into school routine, working hard, always positive and cheerful.

Recycling:

Helen has provided tubs for the recycling of medication blister packs and unwanted appliance batteries. Students can drop items into the relevant containers and they will be passed on to the recycling facility in due course.

6/7/8/9 Craft:

Shelley took advantage of the combined class last Friday to start the students on some amazing craft projects:



Have a great week.

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FROM THE CIRCUS



TERM 4 WEEK 2

On Monday we officially launched Circus Centre Melbourne! Find out more [here](#).

This week we have prospective students trialling across all of our programs so make sure to say hello!

HEADSPACE DAY

Headspace Day will be hosted in Albury this year on Saturday 18 October from 10:30am-2:00pm at QEII Square! Headspace Day will celebrate the “7 Tips for a Healthy headspace” with Flying Fruit Fly Circus workshops and performances, free workshops, live entertainment, a pop-up food court and more. This family-friendly event is free to attend.

FFFC Performances will be at 11.30AM and 1.30PM.

MYRTLEFORD SHOW

We are excited to be part of the 2025 Myrtleford and District Agricultural and Pastoral Society Show on Saturday 25 October. This is a family fun event with rides, arts, crafts, cooking, livestock and horses and a range of other fantastic exhibits and entertainment on offer.

BORDERVILLE

This December, we're excited to once again present the Borderville Festival, showcasing an incredible lineup including two Cabaret Shows, Circus Cubed, and the Graduate Show. Families should have received their child's rehearsal schedule. Please contact dbaldwin@fruitflycircus.com.au if you have any questions.



WELCOME ISABELLE CHAMPAGNE-CHITTICK - UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Isy arrived this week for her Under Construction Creative Residency to work on her project - *Heartful*.

This is a solo physical theatre and circus work exploring connection, land, and strength. Blending dance trapeze, physical theatre, and storytelling, the performance brings the natural flow and energy of the landscape to life, inviting audiences on a journey of identity and connection across generations.

Isy will do a showing & artist talk with Maggie Church-Kopp for her Under Construction residency on Thursday 16 October at 6:15pm. It will run for 30 minutes. Development students will finish training early to attend.

SHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW!

We're clearing out our stash of FFFC shirts – and they're too good to miss! Perfect for training, hanging out, or repping the circus in style.

Grab yours today at the Circus front desk!

NTP 2024 Shirts & Singlets

\$5 each OR 3 for \$10

Sizes: XS – XL

“We Make Circus” T-shirts

\$35

Sizes: 8, 10, 12 & XS

UPCOMING DATES

WEEK 2	Monday 13 October	Circus Centre Melbourne opening
	Wednesday 15 October	5.30pm FOFF meeting
	Saturday 18 October	Headspace Day 10:30AM – 2PM
Week 3	Saturday 25 October	Myrtleford Show
Week 10	Tuesday 9 December	Cabaret #1 7PM
	Wednesday 10 December	Cabaret #1 7PM
	Thursday 11 December	Cabaret #2 7PM
	Friday 12 December	Cabaret #2 7PM
	Sunday 14 December	Circus Cubed 10 AM, 11 AM, & 12.15 PM
Week 11	Tuesday 16 December	Grad Show 7PM
	Wednesday 17 December	Grad Show 7PM
	Thursday 18 December	Grad Show 7PM
	Friday 19 December	Last day of term Grad Show 7PM
	Saturday 20 December	Grad Show 3PM & 7PM

Please remember to email both school and circus if your child will not be attending school and training

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