

SCHOOL NEWS

Funfields Report from Frankie:

On Friday the 14th we went to Fun Fields, Whittlesea.

Fun Fields is a theme park with waterslides and dry rides.

Most of the 8/9 students' favourite ride was the Super Nova, which was a rainbow waterslide that a max of four people can go down in a raft. It also had a huge drop that everyone screamed at. The drop led to a funnel and another steep drop to end the ride. Everyone split up into groups with their friends and had an amazing time. The scariest ride in the park was called the Voodoo. It was a dry ride that was 18 metres high with 16 seats on a spinning gondola. I watched all my friends and most of my classmates go on it and I was even scared watching so I couldn't imagine going on it. As much as the park was fun so was the bus ride there and back. Everyone was singing songs and talking among each other. I think we all hope to do something like this again soon.



Upcoming Events:

- 4 March 2025 – Year 6, 7, 8 and 9 excursion to Melbourne – on the portal now!
- 7 March 2025 – Year 7 immunisations at school
- 10 March 2025 – Victoria Labour Day Public Holiday – no school on this day
- 12 to 24 March 2025 – NAPLAN
- 1 April – Athletics carnival – whole school

From the classrooms:

Year 6/7 –

Chelsea

On Thursday we took a school photo with a drone for the school website. We got in lines – the sun was in my eyes. We had to look up at the drone to take the photo. We also took some with a regular camera, and one of us jumping in the air.

Zahra

Last Friday the whole school went on a trip to Fun Fields near Melbourne. There were so many fun rides. Some of them were waterslides and some were dry rides. The bus ride was fun too and I got to sit next to my best friend. We had so much fun.

Bonnie

We went to Funfields! It was so fun. I went on the Voodoo – I wasn't even holding the Halter! We went on a big heap of water slides – they were fantastic! We went on the bumper cars and then I got something to eat. When I got home I was tired and sore but it was so fun!

Rosie

On Friday the 14th of February (Valentines Day) most of the people in my school went to Funfields Water Park/Theme Park. There were 2 massive waterslides. One was called Gravity and the other was Supernova. Both of them had a really big steep drop, but it was still really fun. The Voodoo was my favourite theme park ride. The Voodoo is a big circle attached to a pole and it starts to swing but also to spin. It does full 360' spins and swings.

James

Last Friday my whole school went to Funfields.

What is Funfields?

Funfields is a big water park just outside of Melbourne. It has dry rides like Cyberdrift and Voodoo. The Voodoo is a big swing that goes upside down and turns. It is probably the scariest ride at Funfields.

Now let's talk about wet rides.

There are a lot of waterslides and I went on all of them. I went on the Zero Gravity most. It has a big drop and you get a lot of momentum going up a ramp and then down before another drop. I wouldn't say it was scary but it was still a thrill.

The Supernova is another big wet ride. It is basically the same as the Zero Gravity but has a bigger drop.

Last but not least

I want to talk about the Pirate Ship. IT WAS SCARY! It goes from side to side and gains more momentum each time.



UPCOMING YEAR 6, 7, 8 AND 9 EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE 4 MARCH 2025

Year 8/9 will be accompanied by Shelley and Will to The Lume for the Van Gogh exhibition and then The Shrine in support of their upcoming studies and art program.

Year 6/7 will be accompanied by Helen and Susanne to the Melbourne Museum for the Antopia exhibition as well as the Bugs Alive and Forest Gallery displays.

All students will meet at Wodonga Vline Station **by** 6:45am – the train departs at 6:56am. They will return to Wodonga at approximately 9:20pm. All students must be met at the station by a parent / guardian and have their name marked off by FFFCS staff.

Quite often the café bar on the train is not operating so all students are advised to bring snacks, bottled water and/or money to purchase food at Southern Cross Station for the return trip.

The Importance of Wearing the Correct School Uniform on the excursion to Melbourne:

As part of the upcoming excursion to the War Memorial, Melbourne Museum, and The Lume, on March the 4th, we are reminding everyone of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. This is not only essential for maintaining the respectful and professional image of our school in the venues, but it is also a matter of safety and practicality during the visit.

Respect and Reverence:

The War Memorial is a place of deep historical significance and reflection. By wearing the correct uniform, we respect the memorial and the individuals who sacrificed so much for our country. It is a visual representation of our commitment to understanding the importance of history and honouring the sacrifices of others. Even though the group will separate into two class groups upon arrival in Melbourne, a consistent dress code unifies us throughout the journey to and from Melbourne. Training clothes, such as bike shorts or leggings, are **not** to be worn on this trip. We want the students to wear loose shorts or long pants (depending on the weather). Closed in sneakers, not Crocs, **must** be worn.

Team Spirit and Identification:

When everyone wears the correct school uniform, we present ourselves as a cohesive group. This makes it easier for our teachers and staff to identify and manage students, ensuring safety throughout the excursion. It also fosters a sense of unity, pride, and egalitarianism among our students, elevating the overall experience.

Practical Considerations:

A proper uniform ensures the students are appropriately dressed for the day's activities. This includes comfortable shoes for walking and attire that is suitable for both indoor and outdoor environments. We want all students to have a smooth, enjoyable experience without any clothing-related discomfort or distractions.

We thank you for supporting this important aspect of the excursion and look forward to a meaningful and educational visit to Melbourne. Should you have any questions about the uniform requirements, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Student of the week:

Ava has been nominated for week four. Ava has been making a huge effort to improve her learning in Reading, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics. Well done Ave, keep up the great work.

End of Year Awards explained:

Year 9 Graduation Certificate. Our school acknowledges the completion of the students' journey with us and moving on to senior years education. Some of our year 9s have been with us since year 3 so we have seen a lot of growth and change. It is a happy / sad moment for us as their teachers, but also an exciting one as we watch them embrace their future opportunities.

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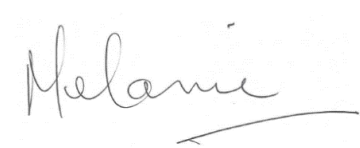
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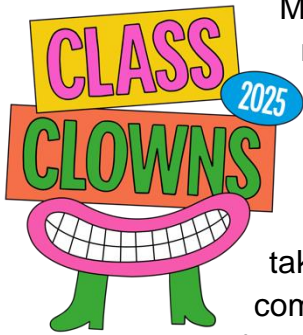
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FROM THE CIRCUS



Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Class Clowns local regional heat will be held on **Thursday 27 February at 7pm** in our Borderville Theatre!

Open to 14 to 18 year olds, it's more than just a chance to perform.

Each competition heat includes a FREE 2-hour workshop where participants will fine-tune their performances with guidance from a professional comedian before taking to the stage. Be it stand-up, sketch, solo, group, musical, or physical comedy – all participants need to get started is 3-5 minutes of original material. The funniest high schoolers who make it through the state finals will win a trip to Melbourne to perform at the National Grand Final as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. The winner will take home a \$1,500 cash prize and a workshop package for their school, along with the 'Class Clown' title for 2025.

Click [HERE](#) for more info OR [HERE](#) to register

Free tickets will be available to Fruities families. We would love you to support local talent by coming along!

Get your **FREE** tickets [HERE](#) by using **FFFCLOWN**

ADELAIDE JUGGLING CONVENTION

From Thursday 24 to Sunday 27 April the Adelaide Juggling Convention is 4 days of workshops, games and shows, learning and sharing new skills in juggling, manipulation and fun!

Fruities have been offered a 10% discount code if you would like to attend:

[BOOK HERE](#)

CODE: *InterstateCircus*



GUEST ARTISTS

[Ken Fanning](#) is working with our students in Creative Classes for the next 3 weeks. We will have some circus films showing from Ken and other artists coming up in March.

[Jessica McCrindle](#) and Co are now set up on the Mr Lu with amazing tight wires! Students will have an opportunity to see a showing of their work in development this Friday 21 February at 4pm.

WODONGA SHOW CAST ANNOUNCEMENT



Saturday 15 March is the annual Wodonga Show at Wodonga Showgrounds.

Chloe, Finn, Eliza, Harry, Jacob, Joe, Hudson, Maya, Peter, Tal & Tyce will be performing between 10am and 12:15pm. Plus we will run open circus workshops for the community.

Please come along and support us throughout the day.

<https://wodongashow.org.au/>

THE GREAT MOSCOW CIRCUS



A couple of pics highlight from last Wednesday night at the Great Moscow Circus –
Yep, that's Finn Neill flying high with Zac Saltalamacchia, Sam Waite & Will Ledingham.

SPORTS & SPINAL: OSTEOPATHY & CONCUSSION BASELINE TESTING

REMINDER!!

There are still a few families that are yet to return consent forms and Student ID numbers to Donna. Without this, your child (12 or over) cannot be provided with this excellent safety initiative.

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