

SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to week 5

Halfway through Term 1 already!

SRC News

Yesterday our full SRC met with Will and set some goals and tasks for the year. Their list of fundraising suggestions has been forwarded to Melanie who will present them to the Business Manager for approval.

Vaccinations will be run for the year 7 boys and girls on Friday 7th of March. Please go to the website as provided in the email to families of year 7 students and give your permission.

Student of the week

Our student of the week for this week is **Jemima Paine**. Jemima's teachers have commented on her initiative (if she sees that something needs doing, she does it), attention to detail with work and her happy demeanour around the school. Great work, Jemima.

Melbourne Excursion (6, 7, 8 and 9 classes)

The correct uniform is a must. We are representing the School and the Circus. We are visiting venues that require a respectful demeanour – which includes both behaviour and appearance.

We are requesting all families to support this requirement.

As it is a normal school day for the students, **mobile phones are not to be taken on the day**. Teachers will take photos and contact school or parents if needed.

This is a curriculum excursion, and we would like students to be focused on the environment around them. We want the students to have "Present time consciousness", which means being fully aware of the current moment, actively noticing their environment, feelings, and sensations without getting caught up in the past or worrying about the future; essentially, living fully in the "here and now" with mindful awareness.

End of Year Awards explained:

FFCS Sports Awards. These awards are presented to students' who choose to represent the school at a higher level in their chosen sport. This is in addition to all their circus training so requires commitment and dedication (and often more driving for the families).

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 – email has been sent to Year 7 families
- 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

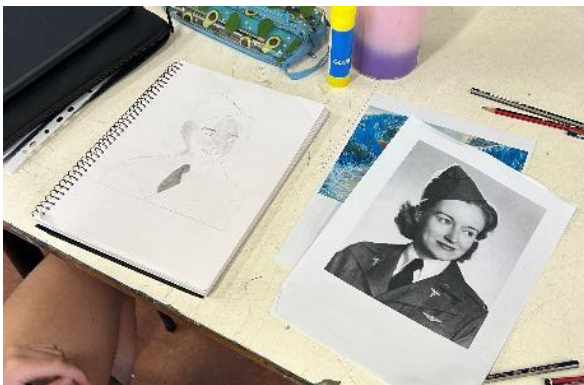
From the classrooms:

In Primary 3/4/5 we have been learning about electricity. We have created electrical circuits to develop our understanding of how energy flows, and learnt about Alessandro Volta, who created the world's first battery. In the science lab we were able to replicate Volta's experiment using copper coins and zinc washers to create a 'Voltaic Pile'.



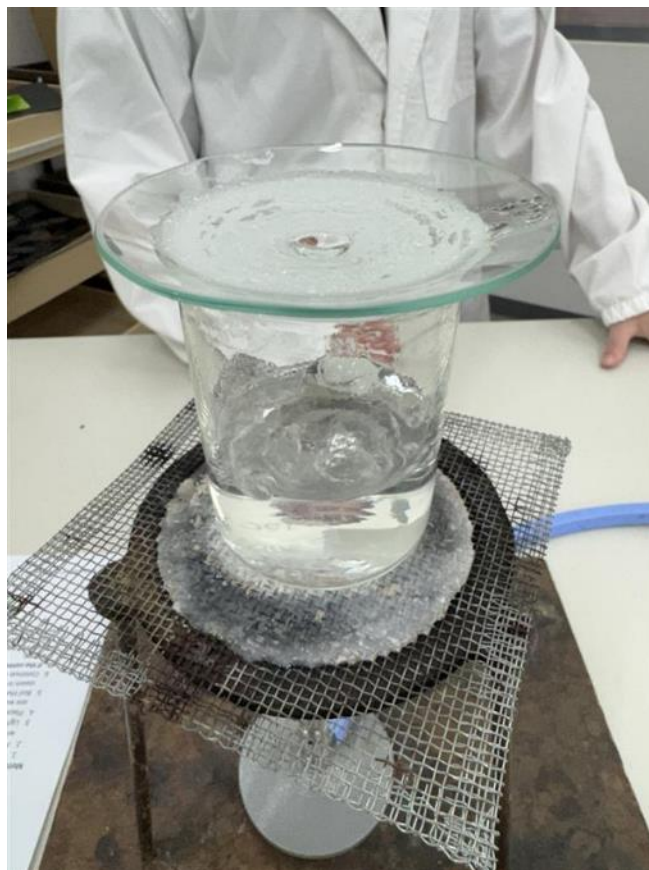
8/9 Art -

The year 8/9 students are working on their formative assessment – portrait painting: focussing on World War 2 service personnel.



This week in Science, as well as learning all about the 51 species of Ants living in Australia, we are continuing to learn how to use Science Apparatus. (when you are in the school check out our ever-growing ant parade created by the year 6/7's on display in the foyer)

On Tuesday we separated the salt from sea water. We did this by boiling water and watching the sea water evaporate. The salt was left in the Evaporating Basin.



Emi and Issy Swimming

Last Tuesday Emi and Issy (me) participated in the WMYC Swimming Carnival. We had started off the day by getting to the Albury pool at 9:00 am. Around 10 our first race had been marshalled which was the 100m freestyle, which we both achieved first in for our age groups. As soon as we got out of the pool, we had to collect our ribbons and marshal for our next race the 50m freestyle. Emi came first while Issy had got a close second. Issy then competed in breaststroke and had managed to get first. After both of us had competed in a mixed boys and girls 11 to 16 years butterfly race, Emi had placed second and Issy had placed third overall, but both achieved first for their age groups. We had also competed in novelty races, and we went on the slide together. Even though we got a bit sunburnt, overall, the day was really fun, and on Thursday the 27th of Feb we will both be competing the ZONE level.



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FROM THE CIRCUS



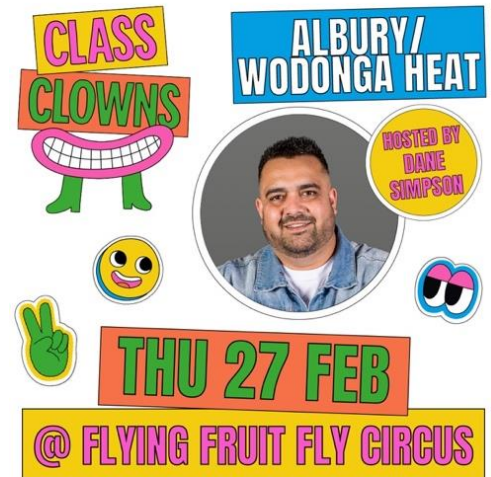
CLASS CLOWNS THIS THURSDAY

Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Class Clowns is this **Thursday 27 February at 7pm** in the Borderville Theatre.

This regional heat will have local 14 to 18 year olds performing their comedy routine – probably for the first time - so come and support them!

[Dane Simpson](#) will mentor & host a night of the funniest high schoolers, vying to make it through to the state finals and the National Grand Final as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

Fruities families can get their **FREE** tickets [HERE](#) by using **FFFCLOWN**



RODEO CLOWN



Fruities families have been offered a great deal to see Nicci Wliks' RODEO CLOWN. Nicci is a former Fruit Fly, actor and clown based in Melbourne.

Where: Hothouse Theatre

When: Thursday 6 March at 7.30pm (straight after Training!)

Suitability: 14+

Cost: \$15 tickets

Only by emailing [Donna](#) by **Friday 28 February**

Money collected beforehand

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SHOW [HERE](#)

GUEST ARTISTS

On Monday [Masha Terentieva](#) landed at the Fruities! She has started working with our Cert 3's, Creative Lab sessions with Development students plus on the training floor teaching aerials and hula.

[Ken Fanning](#) has been having some fun with our students during his Creative Classes.

On Friday all are welcome to come along and watch some circus films, or are they films with circus? You decide! **6pm to 7pm this Friday 28 February** in the Borderville Theatre.

SAVE THE DATE: WODONGA SHOW SATURDAY 15 MARCH

Please come along and support us throughout the day. <https://wodongashow.org.au/>

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*



SPORTS & SPINAL: OSTEOPATHY & CONCUSSION BASELINE TESTING

Is coming up on Friday 7 March

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