

SCHOOL NEWS

Week 6

School Information Evening:

Wednesday 19th March

4:30 pm until 6:30 pm at the school

5:00 pm – We will make a presentation to the whole group; staff will then talk through their teaching programs.

Parents will be able to meet and chat with staff after the presentation.

Apologies for the email you will have received from the Middle Years College regarding Student Led Conferences – there was a miscommunication regarding that, and **we will not** be running interviews on Monday the 17th. Of course, if you wish to make time to meet one-on-one with your child's teachers before the end of term one, please contact them by email and we will accommodate your requests.

SCHOOL JUMPERS

We are taking orders for jumpers! They are \$50 each but the cost is going to be covered by the School Saving Bonus!

Orders to be placed via email to admin@fruitflyschool.vic.edu.au - remember to include quantity and size.

Cut-off date for orders is FRIDAY 21st MARCH.

Hopefully this cut-off date will facilitate early term 2 delivery.

As with last year, late orders cannot be accepted as that holds up the order for everyone.

Sizes can be checked at Finer Embroidery who have samples or be guided by your student's current jumpers. Size charts are also attached to this email.

Our year 9 students have put in a request for personalised jumpers as it is their last year here at the school – this request has to go to the Wodonga Middle Years College School Council for approval as it is an alteration to school uniform.

Year 9 students and their families will be advised of the outcome as soon as we know so they can proceed with their orders.

Upcoming Events:

- 12 to 24 March 2025 – NAPLAN
- 1 April – Athletics carnival – whole school
- 4 April – Last term 1 – students dismissed at 2:30pm
- 23 April – First day of term 2 for students (Tuesday 22 April is a Pupil Free Day)
- 25 April – ANZAC Day public holiday
- 2 May – Whole school excursion to Altina Wildlife Park

NAPLAN started today:

We are completing Naplan tests this week. If your child misses any of the sessions, we will facilitate a catch-up test.



Our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are pictured during their NAPLAN testing this morning. Our teachers have been reminding the students that this is a snapshot in time and that all that is required is to do their best.

Meanwhile in the kitchen some of the students who were not required to complete the NAPLAN tests were brushing up on their culinary skills under the watchful eye of Helen – not sure what treats were being made, hopefully a sample makes it way to the admin end of the school!



Student of the week Our starring student this week is Poppi who applies herself conscientiously to all school tasks, produces work of a high quality across all learning areas and complies with school rules graciously. She has settled in extremely well to her new school environment.

School Photos

Photo packs have been delivered to the students today. If you believe you placed an order and you haven't received it, please contact MSP Photography direct on 03 5482 3190.

Coming to FFFCS every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

Why Regular School Attendance Matters

Students learn new things every day at school. Attending and participating helps your child develop:

- Essential skills and knowledge to support their learning.
- Social and emotional skills like effective communication, resilience, and teamwork.

The Benefits of Consistent Attendance

Children who attend school regularly and complete Year 12 are more likely to experience:

- Better health.
- Improved job opportunities.
- Higher lifetime income.

Every School Day Counts

There's no safe number of days for missing school. Every day missed puts your child behind.

If your child can't attend school, please inform us as soon as possible and explain the reason. You can do this via phone, email, or the school portal.

End of Year Awards explained:

FFFCS English / Humanities Arts Award. The English/Humanities award is given to the students who have consistently worked to the best of their ability, demonstrating growth in reading and writing and improved vocabulary. The students seek feedback and act on it, set personal goals and creatively completes all tasks in a timely manner.

Altina Excursion (week 2 of term 2):

We have another whole school excursion planned for 2 May 2025 (week 2 of term 2). This excursion is now on your student portal for permission to be granted.

We will be heading to Altina Wildlife Park in Darlington Point. The cost of this is \$85 and again will be covered by the School Saving Bonus – Jan is waiting for your email to say you wish to use it for this excursion - jwhite@wmyc.vic.edu.au (make sure you have allocated funds to activities).

Altina Wildlife Park is a zoo situated in Darlington Point, New South Wales. The zoo specialises in the conservation of endangered species and features a diverse range of Australian native and exotic animals. It operates horse-drawn cart tours.

This promises to be another great day out for all of our students and staff.

School Fees:

2025 school fees have now been loaded on to your students' portals.

CONTACT FOR FFFCS TEACHERS

You are encouraged to contact your child's teachers directly via email using the following addresses:

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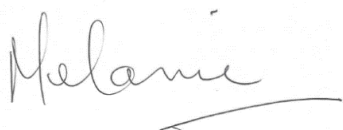
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FROM THE CIRCUS



GUEST ARTISTS

Masha Terentieva continues to work with our Cert 3's, Creative Lab sessions with Development students plus on the training floor teaching aerials and hula.

Ken Fanning is continuing to have fun with our students during his Creative Classes. He held a movie night here showing some very impressive artists.

WODONGA SHOW COMING UP SATURDAY 15 MARCH

Rehearsals are going well for the Wodonga Show. It will be a great day out so please come along and check out the shows running at 10am, 11am and 12:15pm.

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

We have also been invited to perform this show at the Culture in the Square event at the QEII Square in Albury on **Friday 21 March at 6pm**. This is a free event aimed at families with one performance, followed by come and try circus activity.



IMPORTANT CIRCUS CONTACTS

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Please remember to email **both** school and circus if your child is not going to be attending school and training:

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