

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Week 9

We're into Week 9 with just a week and a bit to go. There are some important updates (Altina excursion change of date), and upcoming events (athletics carnival) to keep in mind, so be sure to check the details below (the athletics travel arrangements will come by separate email).

Let's keep juggling all the balls as we wrap up the term and let the students head into a well-deserved break.



### Australian Institute of Sport Presentation.

On Tuesday morning the Flying Fruit Fly students in years 6,7,8 and 9 attended an online presentation on 'Mental Fitness' by Australian Institute of Sport and Black Dog. Anastasia Typou presented an engaging program and shared her journey as a young person training to be an elite athlete and experiencing complex injuries and surgery. Anastasia shared her challenge with mental fitness and how she was supported to remain in her Taekwondo community and to remain training. Anastasia is now training to be a psychologist and did go to the Olympics in Paris to support her partner in Taekwondo. We are grateful to Anni Davey from the FFFC who was present in the presentation and could add to questions and comments. Thank you to the students who offered feedback and asked great questions. We learnt that having good friends is as important as food and shelter.

### Athletics Carnival on Tuesday:

Travel arrangements for Tuesday will be sent by separate email to our families – keep an eye on your inboxes!

### Student of the week:

Again, we have 2 students this week! A huge "WELL DONE" to Eva and Holly. Both students have a lovely, positive attitude to learning and improving their work. They are always smiling and pleasant and have settled into their new school environment extremely well. Congratulations to both of you.

### Upcoming Events:

- 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)
- 23 April – SRC Easter Raffle drawn
- 25 April – ANZAC Day public holiday
- 30 April – Whole school excursion to Altina Wildlife Park **\*\*NEW DATE\*\***

## SRC NEWS:

SRC are asking for donations of Easter themed items to make up raffle prizes for our Easter raffle. The raffle will be drawn after Easter due to the short timeline till the end of term, and Easter falling at the end of the holidays. For the lucky winners it will mean more Easter treats after the Easter bunny's gifts have been eaten!



### FFFCS Easter Raffle

Drawn 23 April 2025 @ School

Numerous prizes to be won.

Tickets:  
\$2.00 each or  
3 for \$5.00

*Proceeds to SRC Fundraising*

The SRC are also holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Great fun for the whole school!



Thank you to the parent who shared these happy snaps with us – the teachers and Jan don't get to see a lot of the fun (and friendship) that goes on at circus training:



### **Student Enrolment Information Forms**

Thank you to those families that have returned their forms – we have received just over 50% back which is great. If you have yet to return yours, can we please ask that you check the information on them, sign and return at your earliest convenience?

### **End of Year Awards explained:**

**FFFCS SELF-DIRECTED LEARNER AWARD.** Self-directed learners commit to all tasks, and complete extra work. They seek feedback for self-improvement and are consistent in their approach to schoolwork.

# SCHOOL DOG RULES

*Thanks for helping look after our best friend*

**Ask Before You Pat!** – Always ask the dog's handler before touching. Not all dogs like surprise cuddles!

**Read the Dog's Body Language!** – A wagging tail is great, but if the dog looks nervous, give them space.

**Walk, Don't Run!** – Running can make dogs too excited or nervous. Move calmly around them.

**Use Your Indoor Voice!** – Loud noises can startle dogs, so speak softly and kindly.

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**Let Sleeping Dogs Lie!** – If a dog is resting, give them space—they need their naps too!

**Toys Belong to the Dog!** – Some dogs don't like sharing. Always ask before playing with their toys.

**If a Dog Walks Away, Let Them!** – Just like people, dogs need breaks too. Respect their space.

**Be a Dog Safety Superhero!** – Always follow the rules, listen to the teacher, and help keep school dogs happy and safe

### **Altina Excursion (week 2 of term 2):**

As advised, we have had to change the date of the Altina excursion:

Our next whole school excursion is planned for **30 April 2025** (week 2 of term 2). This excursion is on your student portal for permission to be granted.

We will be heading to Altina Wildlife Park in Darlington Point. The cost is \$85 and again will be covered by the School Saving Bonus – Jan is waiting for your email confirming you wish to use it for this excursion - [jwhite@wmyc.vic.edu.au](mailto: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 our students and staff.

### **School Fees:**

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

### **CONTACT FOR FFFCS TEACHERS**

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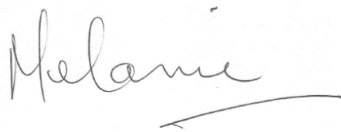
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# FROM THE CIRCUS



## GUEST ARTISTS

Last Thursday there was an informal showing from Ken Fanning's Creative Lab and Clancy, Ethan, Etta, Griffin, Imogen, Izzy, Rosie and Spencer presented some very cool short films. These skills could be taken onto future projects – who knows where they will go!

This week is our last with Masha Terentieva. There will be a showing from the Creative Lab sessions in the Borderville Theatre at **6pm this Friday 28 March**.

Students and families are welcome to attend.

## CONGRATULATIONS ETHAN

Ethan McDonald was given a wild card and invited to travel to Melbourne for the state heats of Class Clowns as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Well done Ethan!



## CULTURE IN THE SQUARE



After a postponement from last week Culture in the Square is in QEII Square on **Friday 4 April**.

There will be a performance from the Fruit Fly Circus, plus other cultural activities, live music, food vendors and activities for all ages! Create your own puzzle artwork and enter the draw to win a prize.

The event runs from 5pm to 8pm with the Fruities performance at 6pm. Be there or be square!

## ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE PERFORMANCE

Fruit Fly Circus will perform at the opening of the **Rotary District 9790 Conference** on Friday 11 April.

Some rehearsals are scheduled in the first week of the holidays.

Rotary do fantastic work in our local community and abroad and we're delighted to show attendees a little insight into what makes Albury-Wodonga so special and invigorate their conference with some Fruities magic!

## REMINDER

March has flown by with the last day of Term 1 coming up on Friday 4 April!

Tuesday 22 April is the first day of Term 2.

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