



Principal's Reflection - Joanne Rock



Welcome back to Term 3. I trust you have all had some time over the term break to rest, unwind and relax with family and friends. I hope that some of you were lucky enough to avoid the nasty bugs and/ or head to warmer areas and soak up some much needed sun.

Our Staff and students who travelled to Central Australia for a 10-day taster of the real Aussie outback certainly had lots of sun and warmth! They returned safe and sound on Friday 5 July full of amazing stories and wonderful memories of a once in a lifetime experience to the red centre of our country. Not only were the staff impressed with the students' behaviour and attitude, so too were the staff from the bus company. My heartfelt thanks and gratitude goes to the staff who accompanied the students, during their own term break - Jason Boyle, Sophie Avdyugin, Adam Toms and Erin Crook. It is a round the clock job being on a trip such as this, however, they all reported it was a job made easier by the positive attitude and initiative of the students to pitch in and help out whenever needed.

Term 3 has started very smoothly at the College. It started with a lot of pomp and ceremony, with a visit from the Navy band and the crew of HMAS Benalla last week. Our students were treated to a concert from the Navy band, and the following day lined Bridge Street to watch the Right of Entry ceremony for the crew in front of the Shire offices. It was an interesting spectacle for our students to see, and according to staff, well worth being involved in such a community event.

This year, in week one of term three, for students in Year 12, we introduced a Parent/ Teacher interview session to give parents

an update on how their child is travelling. We also wanted to provide some ideas/ strategies on what they can do at home to support their son/ daughter. We are heading into the business end of Year 12 this term, so the teachers made good use of these interviews to inform parents and students what is needed for the next 12 weeks.

Pathways interviews for our 2020 Year 10/ 11 students com-



menced this week. These conversations are in relation to the selection of subjects for next year. Term 3 is all about planning and looking ahead for students and staff in relation to the learning programmes on offer in 2020. To assist with this process, we will be sending home, via our School Stream App, re-enrolment forms for all students that need to be completed and returned by the middle of this term. This ensures we have accurate contact details for every student, and also some idea of student numbers – information that is essential for our planning. If you do not return these re-enrolment forms by the due date, you will be contacted via text and reminded that we need the form returned. If you need another form, ask your child to collect one from reception. Your assistance with this process is much appreciated.

As we settle back into our learning routines, looking over the term ahead shows a number of exciting things on the horizon. There is much to look forward to, so keep an eye on the calendar and chat with your children to ensure you don't miss out. A fabulous way we keep families informed about upcoming events is via our social media sites, including our School Stream App – regular notifications go out on this platform, so if you have a smart phone look at the instructions that show how to install the app provided later in this newsletter.

Stay warm and God Bless!

Joanne Rock
Principal





Calendar

July

26 Sacred Heart Tokyo Students Arrive

August

- 2 FCJ Production Opening Night (BPACC)
- 3 FCJ College Production (BPACC)
- 6 Year 7 2020 Enrolment Interviews
- 10 Sacred Heart Tokyo Students Depart
- 10 Youth Mass
- 13 Year 7 2020 Enrolment Interviews
- 15 Founders Day
- 20 Year 9 into 10 in 2020 Information Night
- 20 Year 10 into 11 in 2020 Information Night
- 29 Southern Ranges Round Robin 3
- 30 Student Free Day

September

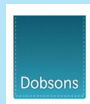
- 2-4 Year 9 Camp
- 3 Southern Ranges Athletics Shepparton
- 5 U4 Biology GTAC Excursion
- 12 P/Teacher Interviews - Student Free Day
- 13 Student Free Day
- 13 Year 11 Presentation Ball



FRONT OFFICE

Office Hours 8:00am - 4:30pm

Phone 5762 1222



UNIFORM SHOP

Open Hours

Wednesdays

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Private Music Tuition @ FCJ

Sue Ciantar

MMusStud,
Dip MusT, ATMusA, Dip Biochem



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Email: mscian@me.com

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AMEB grades.

Ms Nada Lupo

Bachelor of Arts (music major) LaTrobe University Grad Dip Ed (University Of Melbourne)

Enquiries: 5762 1222

or see Sue at the FCJ Front Office
Spaces are available for guitar lessons. If interested, please leave your name and contact details at the front office.



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On Wednesday 26 June, 40 Year 11 and 12 students as well as five staff members, went on a trip of a life time to Central Australia.

Our day started nice and early, with a 5:45am departure where we then had to drive 9 hours to our first stop at Burra. Our next stop was Coober Pedy where we slept in a dug-out, which was such an awesome experience. We explored the town of Coober Pedy when we arrived and got to have a tour through Umoona Mine where we learnt lots about opals and the way of mining them.

On the third day, we crossed the South Australian border into the Northern Territory where we got to continue the tradition of pushing the bus into the Northern Territory. We think we can say we were all very proud of ourselves. We arrived in Alice Springs later that day and we were very glad to be off our bus after many hours of driving.

The next day we got to have free time looking around the town of Alice Springs after going to the desert park and watching the birds of prey show. We had a little scavenger hunt to complete which made finding our way around the town more interesting.

Later that night we went to the ANZAC Hill lookout and then attended Mass at the nearby Catholic Church. Whilst in Central Australia, we got the opportunity to visit Hermannsburg and interact with the local indigenous community. We also visited Simpsons Gap, Kings Canyon, Kata Tjuta and of course, Uluru. We think it is safe to say that we are all very experienced campers and bus travellers now.

Finally, on 4 July we were preparing ourselves for our 30+ hour express bus trip home.

Our favourite moments from the trip were Boyle's constant unintentional jokes, Hermannsburg, the Uluru tour, doing all the walks and Tomsy's singalong nights.

On behalf of all the students, we want to thank Jason Boyle, Erin Crook, Adam Toms, Sophie Avdyugin and former FCJ student Georgia Hooper. We couldn't recommend this trip more highly to students wanting to go in the future. This trip has given us many memories that we will treasure forever more.

Written by Sophie Humphries and Claire McCauley







The Elmore Equestrian Interschool State Qualifiers event took place over the school holidays on Friday 5 July.

Grayson Kirk, Jasmine Weeks, Meggan Thompson and Tammanie Robinson represented FCJ College proudly wearing their school uniform and decked out in the school colours.

They were very grateful and lucky to have the support of some local businesses to assist with funding the event. They had customised saddle blankets made up in the school colours with the FCJ logo on the them and sponsored by Narelle Bridges at 'Horse Habits Benalla' and some beautiful brow bands for the bridles custom made in the school colours by a local lady and purchased by Tracey and Jason Robinson and their local busi-

ness 'Bayview Roofing'.

The day was a very early start at 5.30am and the whole team arrived home late into the night at 10.30pm after they waited around for re-sults and presentations.

The results are as follows....

Grayson Kirk (Yr 10) - entered the 75cm show jumping class on 'Zoro' and placed 2nd in the first event, 15th in the second round and overall finished in the placings with an awesome 3rd place overall in his class!!!

Jasmine Weeks (Yr 9) - entered the 90cm show jumping class on 'Jack Of All Trades' and ended placing 10th and 11th in her second event.

Meggan Thompson (Yr 8) - entered the Preliminary Dressage event and placed 19th on 'Lucy'.

Tammanie Robinson (Yr 7) - entered the Preliminary Dressage event on her pony 'Maddi' and finished 15th.

The team of riders and their families had a wonderful day doing what the kids love so dearly and are passionate about.



Visit from HMAS Benalla by Caitlyn Stubbs

The crew of HMAS Benalla II and the Victorian Navy Band visited Benalla on 15 and 16 July.

The first week of term 3 was started with a brilliant performance by the band including drums, guitar, brass instruments and a top-notch singer. We had the rare pleasure of listening to it all. They performed happy love songs, some jazz and even the Sesame Street theme. The experience was interesting and entertaining.

Later in the week, we had the privilege of seeing the parade. Many soldiers, twice as many than the previous performance, marched in formation while playing their instruments. It was short, but quite amazing. It's not often a town like Benalla gets to experience something like this and it's great to see it when it does happen.

Overall, it was excellent. - *by Caitlyn Stubbs 9X*



FCJ COLLEGE PRESENTS

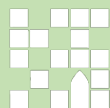
The WIZARD of



FRIDAY 2 AUGUST
SATURDAY 3 AUGUST

7:00 P.M.

AT BENALLA PERFORMING ARTS AND
CONVENTION CENTRE



AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE COLLEGE OFFICE

STUDENT	\$10.00
ADULT	\$15.00
FAMILY	\$40.00

(2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN)

THE WIZARD OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics

By Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard

Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

"The Wizard of Oz" is presented by permission of ORiGiN™ Theatrical on behalf of Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.



Families who have a child in Year 5 and above with special needs

*If interested please email Kirsty at
kirsty.renkin@fcjbenalla.catholic.edu.au
for more information.*

26 June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Family Weekend Program at Feathertop Chalet Harrietville, 16-18 August 2019

Catholic Education Sandhurst invites your family to attend our forthcoming Family Weekend. This program supports families who have children with special learning needs to come together for a family respite opportunity:

- to share their story
- to learn together
- to build friendships....

In 2019 in Catholic Education Sandhurst, we are especially committed to engaging families in partnerships that support their family. Strong research reveals what we know intuitively – the key role the engagement of parents as partners plays in improving the learning outcomes for all students. The opportunity to engage in friendship, personal and professional learning together has always been a focus of the program for the weekend, along with a social coming together that enables all to share their gifts and talents.

Our August weekend this year is for families who have children with special needs from years 5-12. A range of workshops and personal renewal time will be available to parents, while children and teenagers will be supervised by our experienced team of volunteers; those in year 5 and older will visit Mt Hotham or Mount Buffalo for skiing or tobogganing (weather permitting). Younger children will participate in organised activities at the Chalet.

If your family is interested in participating in the August weekend we ask that you reply promptly to the invitation – we have a limited number of places, which usually fill quickly. We look forward to sharing the weekend with your family if you choose to attend.

If you have any questions regarding the weekend please contact Linda Power at the Catholic Education Office, phone 03 5443 2377 or email: lpower@ceosand.catholic.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Paul Desmond

*Director of Catholic Education
Diocese of Sandhurst*

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE

Applications are now open to eligible families to lodge a claim through the Conveyance Allowance Program. The allowance provides financial assistance towards the cost of:

- travel more than 4.8 km by private car to access a free school bus or
- reside more than 4.8 km by the shortest practical route from school and pay to travel on a city bus
- travel to school on a private bus (FCJ College)

Students travelling by private car for more than 4.8kms to a free country school bus pick up or drop off point should complete the application form for private car travel.

Students travelling on a city bus who reside more than 4.8 km from the school purchase a yearly or half yearly bus pass from Benalla Bus Lines. A copy of the receipt should be attached to the application form for public transport travel.

Students travelling by private FCJ College bus are required to complete an application form to travel on a private bus.

All forms can be obtained from the College Office, school stream app or <http://www.education.vic.gov.au.conveyance>

Camps Sports Excursion Funding

Are you eligible for the \$225.00 annual payment?

On the first day of term one (29 January 2019) or the first day of term two (23 April 2019), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- ♦ be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards:
 - Veterans Affairs Gold Card
 - Centrelink Health Care Card
 - Pensioner Concession Card
- ♦ OR they must be a temporary foster parent
- ♦ OR the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card)
- ♦ AND the parent or legal guardian must submit an application by the due date.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.docx>

PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM)

Student Medical Information

From the commencement of 2019, PAM accounts will be used to collect and maintain important medical information for your child.

The collection of this information is a legal requirement which allows us to care for your child's medical needs while they are attending classes and school activities. We are requesting families update the information at the beginning of each school year and also during the year as required.

Please access your PAM account using your login details, in the Student Medical Profile section firstly, update your email address and secondly, add medical information for your child.

We do stress urgency for this to occur as a lack of medical information may impact your child's participation in off-site activities.

To access the PAM portal go to web address:
pam.fcjbenalla.catholic.edu.au

LOCAL KIDS NEED SAFE AND LOVING HOMES

Our region is experiencing a shortage of foster carers to care for the vulnerable children in our region. Do you have a spare bed? You can help!

Upper Murray Family Care (UMFC) provides foster care for 60 children each night in our region. However, each month, around 18 adolescents and children are unable to be placed as there are no carers available. These young people will be placed in residential care facilities or moved out of the region – away from their school! As the school holidays are coming up, UMFC expects an increase in the need for emergency placements. School holidays place additional strain on families who are already struggling. We need more carer families to support these vulnerable children.

UMFC tries to match the children with foster families. "No two children in care have the same story – they are all unique which is why we need a diverse range of carers", Ms Aughey said.

Foster care is care provided by trained carers in their home. Foster carers provide a safe and nurturing environment for children and young people up to 18 years of age, with the aim of reunifying children with their families.

"We currently have foster homes all over our region, which includes Wodonga, Benalla, Yarrawonga, Mt Beauty and everything in between. We have young single carers, older retired couples, same-sex couples and families with young children." Ms Aughey said.

"You don't need to own your own home or have a tertiary education. You just need to be tolerant, patient and adaptable." Call UMFC today on 02 6055 8000 or email fostercareenquiries@umfc.com.au



JACQUES' DRIVING SCHOOL

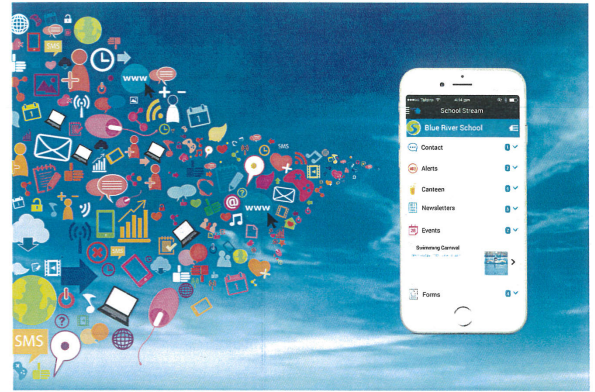
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types of foster care

emergency

usually for a few
nights with not very
much notice.



short term

can be for a few
weeks or a few
months

long term

up to a few years
requires commitment
from a carer to a child,
creating a stable home.

respite

regular, planned care
for the same child
usually one weekend
a month



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MY EXCHANGE WAS ONE OF THE BEST EXPERIENCES OF MY LIFE! WEP WERE SO SUPPORTIVE PRIOR TO LEAVING, DURING MY PROGRAM AND ALSO UPON RETURN. (JIM - RECOMMENDED)



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MORE INFO: WEP.ORG.AU

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TEEN MONTHLY MOVIE

BACK TO THE FUTURE III

Wednesday 10 August, 5pm - 7pm



Join us on the second Wednesday of the month in our new Teen Monthly Movie program.

This month we will show the last installment of "Back to the Future 3".

Come along and have a say on what next months movie should be.

Bookings required.

TEEN MONTHLY MOVIE