



TERM 3 21 JULY 2023

Dear FCJ College Community,

Welcome to Term 3! I hope the break, despite the weather, found you all able to enjoy some quiet time. After three weeks in Chicago studying with other colleagues from the Sandhurst Diocese, I was glad to be home, see my family, and get right back into the FCJ family as well.



Chicago, and the USA more broadly, is an interesting place. It's a place of contrasts and simmering tensions. The history of racial injustice in the USA is well known, even amongst our Australian students. Our students know a great deal about the American Civil Rights Movement, people like Martin Luther King Jr and Rosa Parks are part of our collective knowledge. When I was in America, I visited the Du Sable African American Museum which charts the black history of America from the time of slaves, through the Jim Crow era, right up to President Barack Obama. It was a powerful collection of artefacts and images that acknowledged the significant steps that African Americans have taken to reclaim their identity and fight for equality and justice in their community. It was quite confronting standing in front of a Ku Klux Klan cape, alongside drinking fountains for whites and another for people of colour and seeing a black family's house ransacked during race riots in the mid twentieth century.

However, whilst I was overseas, it was difficult to ignore the stark correlation between injustice in America and injustice in Australia.

Like America we have a troubled history. Our first nations people who have lived and cared for this land we live and work on for over 65,000 years have not always been treated with justice. In fact, while we can be shocked at the segregation in America, we need to look no further than our own country to see similar examples, where rural pubs often had separate entrances for Indigenous Australians and white Australians and public swimming pools had separate times for white bathers and Aboriginal bathers. While America had Martin Luther King Jr and the Civil Rights Movement, in Australia we had Charlie Perkins and the Freedom Rides (which our Year 9 PBL class is currently exploring). It is so important that our young people learn about the experiences in our own country as well as the global experience. Imagine how wonderful it would be if our young people were able to recognise Paul Keating's "Redfern Address", as much as they do Martin Luther King Jr's "I have a dream" speech.

As our country prepares to vote in a referendum, we must seek to educate ourselves, to know more about our history, to learn about the injustices experienced by Indigenous Australians and empathise with their experiences. The Voice, as proposed, seeks to establish a constitutionally enshrined Indigenous voice to Parliament, ensuring that First Nations peoples have a say in the decisions that affect their lives and communities. It is a vital step towards healing the historical wounds of colonisation and acknowledging the rich cultural heritage and wisdom of Australia's First Peoples.

As we move towards the referendum we continue to pray for our country and everyone who will vote. I'm especially conscious of our Year 12 students for whom this referendum will be their first chance to vote in any capacity. What a privilege and an opportunity they have, to contribute to a better, more just, and reconciled Australia. What a privilege we all have. I offer the prayer of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council for your reflection and discernment.



Voice Prayer

Dear Lord

We invite all Australians to join us, their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Brothers and Sisters in prayer.

We pray for a bright and just shared future for all who call Australia home.

We ask that Your grace of acceptance and compassion will guide us.

Let the Creator Spirit lead our journey with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of this land.

May we share Your Spirit more deeply & celebrate the gifts You have given us.

Help us appreciate true harmony and peace just as our Old People did;

Keep us strong, make us resilient and remember us in this time.

Now is an opportunity to change our Nation's history for the better.

Walk with us as we write a new chapter together and

may we be one in Your love.

Amen.

Go well,

Shaun Mason

FCJ COLLEGE'S COMMITMENT TO CHILD SAFETY

All students enrolled, and any child visiting FCJ College, have a right to feel safe and be safe. The wellbeing of children in our care will always be our first priority and we have zero tolerance to child abuse. We aim to create a child safe and child friendly environment where children feel safe and are free to enjoy life to the full without any concern for their safety.

PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



What's On

July

24	Year 8 & 9 Pathways Evening
31	Year 7 in 2024 Enrolment Interviews

August

1	Year 7 in 2024 Enrolment Interviews
7	Student Free Day - Teacher PL Day
8	Year 7 in 2024 Enrolment Interviews
11	Round Robin Three
15	Founder's Day
17	Year 10 Outdoor Ed Hike
30	FCJ College Athletics Carnival

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Uniform Shop

Open Hours

Wednesdays
1pm - 4pm

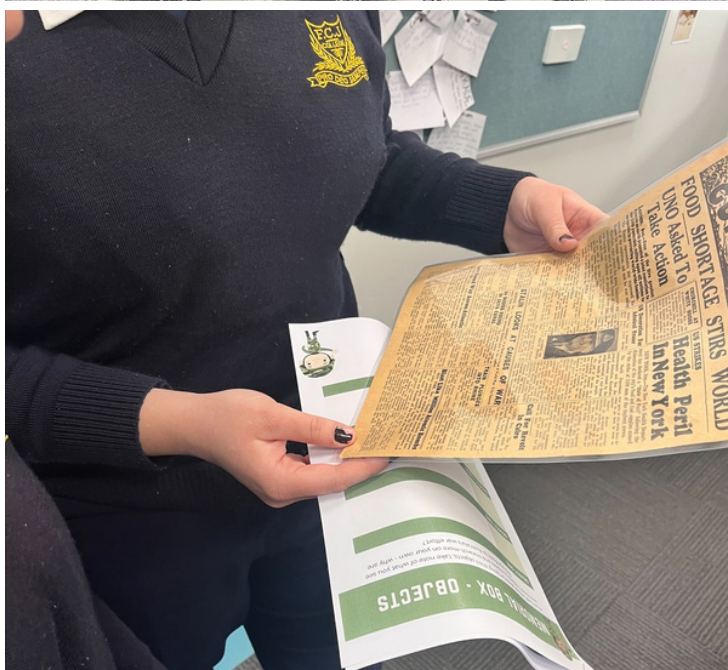
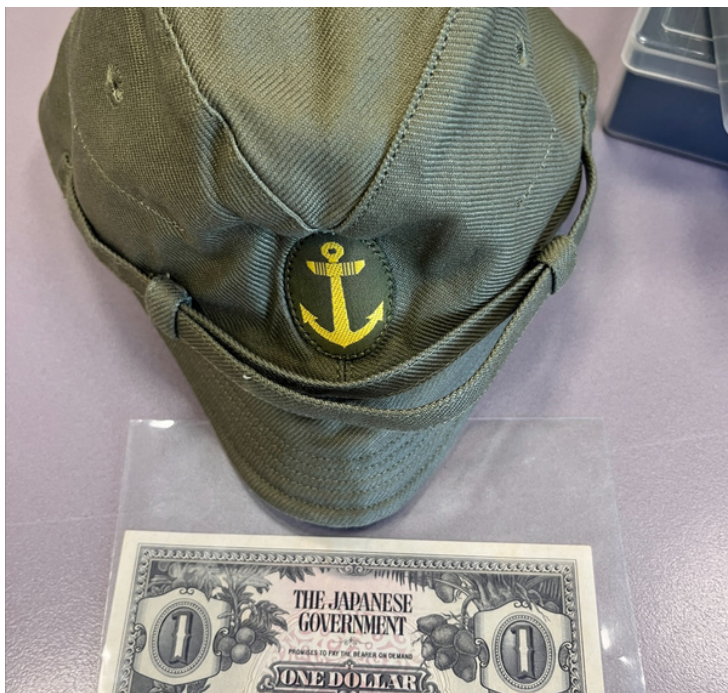
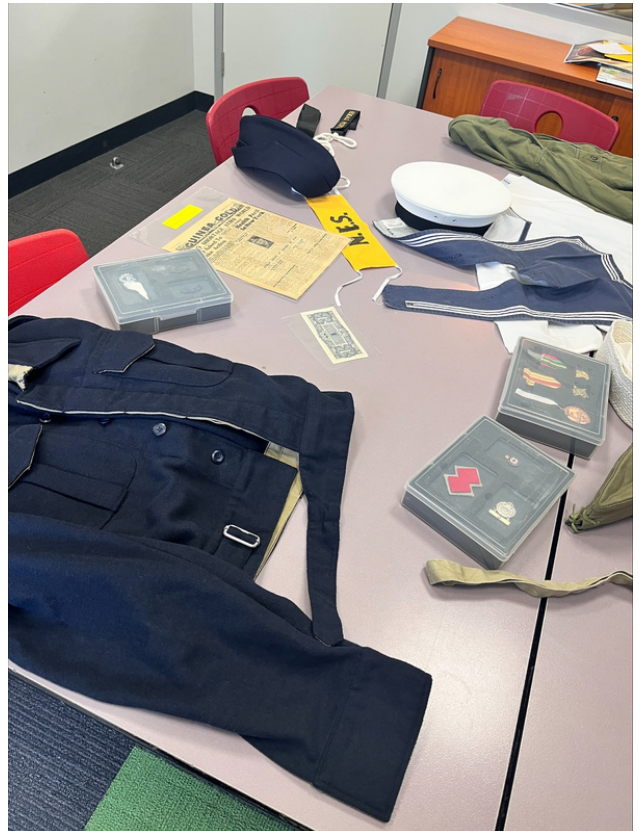
LOST &
FOUND

There are various items in Lost Property waiting for their owners, including jumpers and blazers. Please look to see if any items are yours. Please ensure uniforms and belongings are clearly labeled with students' names.

Year 12 HISTORY

This week in Year 10 Humanities, Year 12 History and History Club we explored a Memorial Box from the Australian War Memorial. These boxes are mailed to schools for students to experience primary source analysis activities and to learn more about Australia's contribution to war.

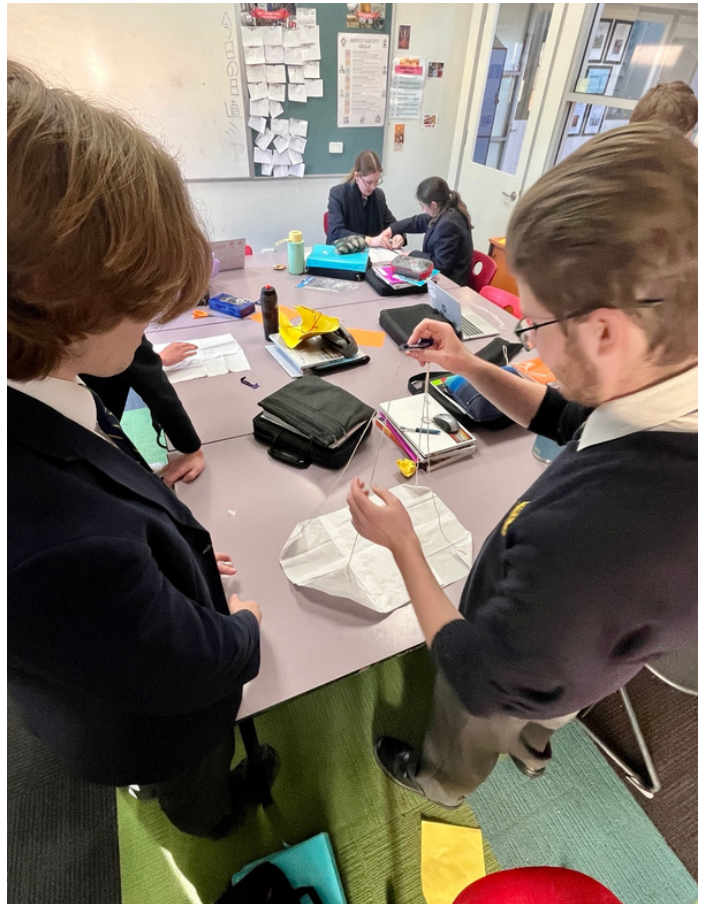
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THE CANDY BOMBER

This week in Year 11 Modern History, my students learnt about the Berlin Blockade and Airlift and we discovered the story of Captain Halverstan of the US Army who dropped "candy bombs" over Berlin for children who had nothing. The students then made their own "chocolate parachutes" with random supplies. A fun and engaging finish to our Monday afternoon class.

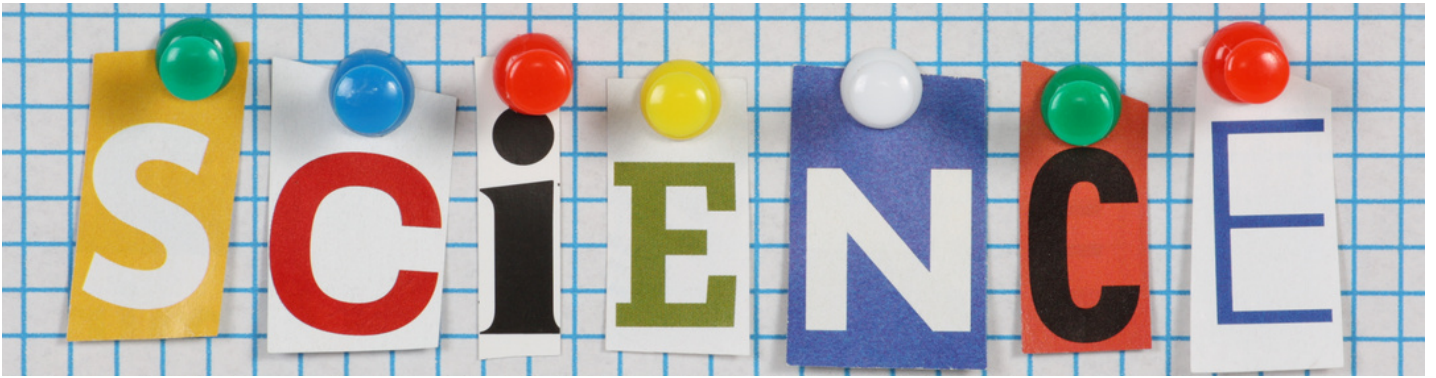
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SSV Cross Country Championships

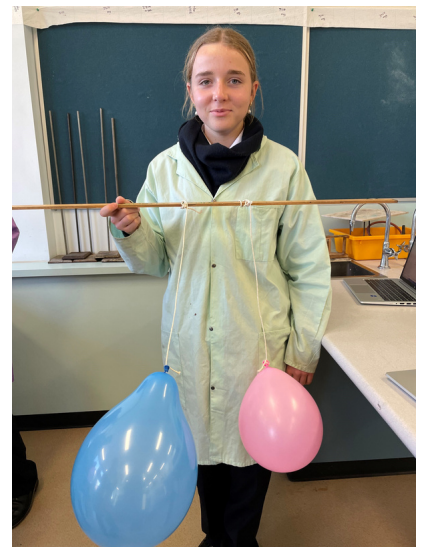
On Thursday 13 July, seven students represented FCJ College at the School Sport Victoria Cross Country Championships held at the Yarra Glen Racing Club.





Year 7s

Year 7s investigating different types of forces.



Year 9s

Year 9s investigating the absorption of carbon dioxide and light conditions during photosynthesis.



Year 10s

Year 10s proving the conservation of mass during a chemical reaction and conduct decomposition reactions.



Book banter!

21-7-2023

As we reach the half way mark in the school year I thought it would be great to have a look at what students are borrowing...the what and who of what our students are choosing to read.

Who is reading?

The Year 7 Cohort take out the top borrowers spot with 7Y leading the pack with 326 issues (with 2 of the top 5 readers in the school!). 7Z came in second with 253 issues, followed by 7X with 191 issues and in fourth place is 7W with 148 issues! Not bad for our top four borrowing classes! The next 6 spots were a combination of Year 8 and 9 classes.

What are they reading?

With a surprising jump this year 6 of the top 10 reads are Graphic novels. These are often in extensive series format so when you read one, you have to read them all...Very popular with our Year 7 cohort. Second on our list is Diary of a Wimpy Kid and rounding out the top 10 are the titles such as Weirdo, Good Girl's Guide to Murder and the Felix and Zelda series.

Most popular authors

Many of the old favourites make the top 10. Morris Gleitzman, Jeff Kinney, Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton hold strong places, as do the Graphic novel authors such as Masashi Kishimoto and Eiichiro Oda. Jumping up the popular authors list is a favourite of mine, Tristan Bancks who is sitting at the third most borrowed author, with others such as Zana Fraillon and Caleb Cook being popular as well.

CHILD EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

If you're considering employing someone under the age of 15, you need to be aware of the following requirements.

THE MINIMUM AGE OF EMPLOYMENT IN VICTORIA IS 13

This includes employing children to do delivery work. To employ children without a licence they must be 15 years and older.

SUPERVISION

From 1 July 2023, children are required to be supervised by someone who holds a current employee Working with Children Check.

Supervisors of children under 15 in the workplace will now be required to be 18 years or older.

MOST TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT WILL REQUIRE A LICENCE

You must obtain a licence from Wage Inspectorate Victoria prior to the employment commencing. This includes paid and voluntary work.

Employing a child without a licence is a criminal offence and may attract a penalty.



WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CHILDREN

- During school term children can be employed for a **maximum** of 3 hours per day and 12 hours per week.
- During school holidays children can be employed for a **maximum** of 6 hours per day and 30 hours per week.
- These hours are inclusive of rest breaks.
- Children **may not** work before 6am or after 9pm.
- Children must have a 30 minute rest break for every 3 hours of work.
- There must be a minimum of 12 hours in between their shifts.
- Children **may not** be employed during school hours on a school day.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF THE CHILD EMPLOYMENT ACT

Offences include:

- Obstructing or hindering a child employment officer
- Breaching a licence condition
- Employing or allowing a child to be employed without a licence
- Employing a child without observing the general and/or special conditions of employment
- Employing a child in prohibited employment
- Allowing a person who is not considered to be suitable to have direct supervision or control of a child

Penalties for these and other offences range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.



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Fun
Fitness
And
Friendship



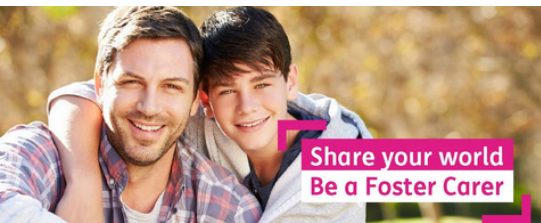
2023/24 Domestic season starts July 31st 2023

Register via PlayHQ website

<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/62996c>

Family discounts available

For any further information contact us via Facebook or at benallabasketball@gmail.com



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Perks of being a Red Cross retail volunteer!

- 20% discount in our shops
- Learning skills in retail
- Add new experience to your resume
- Connect with the community
- Make new friends
- Improve your English



GET READY - NETBALL IS BACK!

Have you missed netball? Or have you always wanted to have a go at playing netball? Come and join our pre-season training sessions in August to join in the fun!

When: Tuesday 8th and 15th August 2023

Time: 5pm to 5.45pm

Where: Churchill Reserve Netball Courts

Who: Anyone born in the years 2009-2014



2023 SPRING COMPETITION

Juniors and Ladies Netball starting

Tuesday 22nd
August

Registrations close Thursday
17th August



Tuning in to Teens Emotionally intelligent parenting



This free six-week program aims to help parents and carers of teenagers to understand their child's experience and connect with and support their child.

If you are a parent or carer of a teenager this program will help you to:

- understand what your child is going through at this stage in their life
- help your child manage their emotions
- communicate more effectively
- build a closer more connected relationship
- build on your skills as a parent.

Location	Date and Time	Cost
Online (link will be provided)	Thursdays 3rd August - 7th September 7 - 9pm	This is a free program

Contact us

For enquires and to register your attendance please call 0457 279 796 or email parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au.

Bookings are essential

gatewayhealth.org.au

Please note this information applies to Term 3 2023.

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