School grounds patrolled from 8:30am every morning
Due to traffic safety concerns, students are required to enter the school grounds when they arrive, and not wait in Falconer Street.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need. The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Term 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form.

More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

Letters and emails will be sent home to individual families over the next few weeks with the opt-out consent form attached.

NAPLAN trial tests
Wednesday August 6 (Gold week) 2014

Information for parents, teachers and students

Our school has been selected to participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) trial tests. These tests are important for the development of the final NAPLAN test items and are an integral part of the NAPLAN testing program.

The NAPLAN tests are administered by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). ACARA has commissioned the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to conduct this year’s test trial.

All tests are to be administered on the same morning. Where possible, a minimum of 25 students from each of the selected classes is expected to complete the assigned tests. If students in any of the selected classes are absent on the assessment day, it is requested that students from other classes at the same year level sit the tests to achieve the sample size. Please note that the trial will not be used to report student or class results.

The school does not need to seek permission from parents as the Trialling is part of the National Assessment Program however a parent can withdraw their child in the same way they can from NAPLAN. Parents are asked to notify the school by email or note before the test day if they wish to their children (no official forms required). We then need to replace the withdrawn students with students from other classes.
Students need to be at school 15 minutes before Advisory if possible so that they are ready to start the first test at 8.45. All materials and equipment will be provided on the day by the school.

Cold coin donation.

**VET INFORMATION EVENING**

**Wednesday 13 August 2014 : 6 - 7pm**

**Fitzroy High School Library**

Are you in Year 9? Year 10? Are thinking about studying a VET in 2015? VET combines senior school studies and accredited vocational training. It enables you to complete a nationally recognised vocational qualification and a senior certificate (VCE/VCAL) at the same time. It develops employability skills and industry specific skills. There are over 30 courses to choose from. Don't miss out!! Come along on the 13th and find out all about VET. Please confirm your participation via email to desantis.yolanda.l@edumail.vic.gov.au no later than Monday 11 August 2014.

**This week in VCE Legal Studies:**

A visit to Margoneet Correctional Centre in Lara to participate in the Schools Program. A couple of hours, four alerts, two lock-downs, seven prisoners with incredible stories and an unforgettable message. Some comments:

"It was an awesome experience."

"It was something I'll never forget."

"We got an in-depth look at the personality of prisoners."

"We got to understand how prisoners get rehabilitated."

"We learnt about prison from the perspective of the prisoners."

"We could ask questions and get honest answers."

"The prisoners all seemed quite normal and it was shocking to learn what they had done."

Rainer Parker-Stebbing