



FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL

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Sports update

As we enter into the colder months, Physical Education (PE) is kicking it up a gear. After a great first term of two carnivals and a whole bunch of teams heading out to enjoy the wonderful weather, term 2 has arrived. With it comes new sports and new adventures. Already we have had baseball, tennis, and senior footy. More fun is around the corner with soccer, badminton and senior basketball. While out competing, Fitzroy has a well-established reputation for excellent sportsmanship, great enthusiasm, and strong teamwork. The teachers look forward to witnessing this more and more as the year goes on. Watch this space for frequent updates!!

It is also a good time for an update on sport that is occurring during school hours. Our multi-use hard court is getting plenty of use despite all the rain and still maintains much of its original grip. During lunch, all students have an opportunity to get active with different sports and ages each day. Brush up on your basketball lay-ups or work on that drop shot in badminton.

We are starting a new program this week till the end of term: Girls only Mondays. Despite being extremely active and loving sport, we are finding that the boys tend to dominate. This can be a bit intimidating if you are a girl and just want to have a bit of a go. Monday is officially your day! The ever-enthusiastic Miranda will be there to supervise and support. Watch this space for frequent updates! If you think this is a good idea, get out there and participate!

A reminder to all that in PE class, uniform is compulsory. We expect all students to purchase a FHS shirt and wear suitable shoes for exercise. Jeans are a major issue as they restrict movement and result in over heating.

We do know it might be a bit cold for some to be in shorts so please make sure track pants or jogging pants are worn in class. If students are not in uniform, there will be some follow up as this really is quite important.

That is all for now. I look forward to telling you more about the triumphs of FHS students throughout the year! If you have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to phone the school and ask for Neil or email me on neil.mclean16@gmail.com.

Thanks!

Neil McLean - new PE co-ordinator

P.S: Want to be a serious athlete? Buy a FHS uniform shirt and look the part!



Want to have more fun at school? Buy a FHS uniform shirt and let the good times roll.



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.

mark your calendar

Interschool Athletics	
when	Monday 23 May
where	Coburg Athletics Club - Harold Stevens Athletics Field
who	Neil McLean

Jet Ballarat Camp	
when	Thursday 26 May - Friday 27 May
where	Ballarat
who	Rainer Parker-Stebbing

Report writing day - No students required at school	
when	Friday 10 June
where	FHS
who	Pauline Rice

Queen's birthday public holiday	
when	Monday 13 June

Principal's report

Last night, two different aspects of students' work was on show at Fitzroy High School.

The Jet team put on an exhibition of their learning which included song, speech, multimedia and visual presentations. I want to share with you, an email received from a parent who attended the exhibition last night. I think he captures the purpose of these events and the positive effect they have on student learning and I thank him for taking the time to give us this feedback.

"Whilst the memory is really fresh - just wanted to say once again, 'thank you' for your efforts in making last night happen for the parents and the kids.

What a great thing it is for the students to have public moments where their work is presented to a real audience. I know that it helps on the home front here... there seems to be an increase in activity in the build up - that shows me that my young bloke 'buys in' to the Fitzroy philosophy and wants to have something ready for these nights.

It was terrific to see the work that the students had put together... history of SCUBA presented 'message in a bottle' style. Loved Fidel Castro (just tell him, that was a bit shorter than his usual speeches but I understand, he is getting old) and the young woman who sang the Kev Carmody/ Paul Kelly song was so strong in her knowledge and obvious passion for the topic. I found what she did quite inspiring. Thanks too for your preparation of Jack...he brought things together and these nights show how much the kids' *thinking* is growing up.

I reckon it is so important to capture the great moments and I want you guys to know that I appreciate that nights like last night don't just happen... you will have put so much work in to have that all ready.

Thanks so much Josephine, Chris and Rainer - for all that you do to teach my son and all the kids at FHS."

The other event was the VCE Drama performance. Again the room was packed with family members. The students' performances were challenging, thought provoking, appealed to a wide range of emotions and were expertly executed. It is amazing to see how these young people can take sophisticated ideas, work up a concept, write the script, choreograph the moves and then perform the piece with such expertise. Well done and thank you to all the performers

and to Matt Thomas, their teacher - I can imagine just how many hours must have been put in to gain such a wonderful experience.

At Monday's school assembly the inaugural Robert Spurway Trust Scholarship was awarded to Han N, Year 9. Tabitha Lovitt and Kerryn Jones from Equity Trust, who manage the scholarship, attended the assembly and made the presentation to Han. The Robert Spurway Charitable Trust Scholarship was created under the will of the late Robert Spurway and its purpose is to provide assistance to a student in year 9 who demonstrates satisfactory academic performance and a commitment to continued study. The scholarship is for four years. Congratulations Han.

Students who are part of the Ambassador program were also awarded certificates for their fantastic contribution to the very successful parent school tours and Open Day held this term. Their contribution is greatly appreciated and valued.

There a several staffing changes this term and I'd like to welcome the following teachers to Fitzroy High School. All come highly recommended.

Rachel Blake, Maths and Humanities, will take over much of Tanya Whiteley's classes. Ian Wilson will be teaching the Year 12 Maths Methods class for the rest of the year. Rachel will began on Wednesday 18 May.

Shannon Gration, Physical Education and Health and Human Development, will be taking Abby Walklate's classes for the rest of the year. Shannon began on Monday 16 May.

Miranda Jenkins, Physical Education is replacing Linda Ekman-Triandos. Miranda began at the start of Term 2.

Pauline Rice





Ambassador program

In 2011 Fitzroy High School has continued to develop the Student Ambassador program

(photo included above). We are very proud of our students and recognise the contributions that they make to the school.

To date we have trained 40 Ambassadors across years 8 and 9. These students will continue to develop their leadership responsibilities in and beyond the school.

While the focus to date has been the promotion of the school through tours for prospective students, the scope of the role of Ambassadors in the school will continue to develop. Updates will be provided in future newsletters.

Fran Mullins

Senior Boys Football

The senior boys football team played on Tuesday the 17th of May at Charles Mutton Reserve in Fawkner. Despite having little chance to develop team camaraderie in the weeks leading up to the gala day, the boys displayed great teamwork playing hard for each other out on a soggy pitch. The first game, whilst we were trying to find our feet, was one-way traffic. The eventual winners on the day, Brunswick, showed their class defeating the boys comfortably.

However, the team was starting to gel and against Fawkner, we looked solid. A couple of goals lifted the side trailing only by a goal at half time. Despite some herculean efforts by some of our smallest players, Fawkner pulled away in the second half leaving FHS winless on the day.

The voting for the best on ground was fairly unanimous. Cosmo, Fordy, and Sam won quite

comfortably splitting almost all of the votes. A special thank you to all those who got out there and had a go despite not having any clue about the rules or anything. Great attitude! Love it.

Thanks for the day boys. You did Fitzroy proud.

Neil McLean

Boxing sessions

Year 9 student Patrick S coaching proper boxing technique - quite a workout!





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