



# FITZROY HIGH SCHOOL

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## Learn piano, keyboard and Music Technology at FHS



**Matthew Hovell (BMus) joined the instrumental department in 2008 and is the current piano, keyboard and Music Technology teacher at FHS.** A graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts, Matthew has enjoyed a career to date that has seen him perform on stages nationally and across Europe and the United States.

Matthew is adept at performing and tutoring all styles, from indi, rock and pop, classical (Matthew is experienced in leading students through the national AMEB syllabus), to the adventurous endeavours of jazz improvisation.

Places now exist for individual piano and keyboard lessons. In addition, this year FHS is offering lessons in Music Technology, covering keyboard and MIDI (musical instrument digital interface), synth and virtual instruments, sample/based music production

and recording software such as Garage Band.

For more information, please contact [matthewh@fitzroyhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:matthewh@fitzroyhs.vic.edu.au), or Tom Hoyle on 9488 1900. To enroll in piano, keyboard or music technology lessons please call Susan Jones at the general office on 9488 1900.

### Tom Hoyle

## Participation Group

**The Participation Group is a School Council committee set up last year with the aim of encouraging and promoting *Community Building* activities within the school.** It facilitates participation by parents and carers, and the wider local community, in the school.

Community Building activities are anything that promotes interaction between all the different people involved with the school. This includes conventional school events like fund raising, but also covers promotion of outside users of school facilities, instigation of workshops, demonstrations, talks, special interest clubs. Basically anything that gets people together.

If you have any ideas, would like to help the school in any way, or just want to meet like minded people, come along to a Participation Group meeting.

The first meeting for 2009 is Tuesday 17 March at 6:30 in the staff room.

Any questions contact the school president, Antony McPhee.

## 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

<b>District Swimming carnival</b>	
when	Tuesday 10 March
where	Fitzroy pool
who	Linda Ekman-Tiandos

<b>Built &amp; Natural Environment Committee meeting</b>	
when	Tuesday 10 March 6:00pm
where	FHS
who	Helen McKernan

<b>Intermediate (Year 9 &amp; 10) Interschool sport competition</b>	
when	Wednesday 11 March
where	Various
who	Linda Ekman-Tiandos

<b>Senior (Year 11 &amp; 12) Interschool sport competition</b>	
when	Monday 16 March
where	Various
who	Linda Ekman-Tiandos

<b>Participation Group meeting</b>	
when	Tuesday 17 March 6:30pm
where	Staff room
who	Antony McPhee

## Principal's Report

### **Congratulations to all students who competed in the swimming sports on Monday.**

Our students once again showed their keenness to compete in the pool while non-swimmers wholeheartedly supported their teams. We saw many great swims on the day. Many thanks to Linda Ekman-Triandos for organising the day and all the teachers for making sure the day ran smoothly. Well done everyone.

Our winners will be competing in the District Swimming carnival next Tuesday. In addition, many students will be competing in Intermediate Interschool sport competition next week. I wish them all well.

Many of you will have seen the new building slowly being revealed as the scaffolding comes down. While the outside of the building is dramatic, the inside is spacious, light filled and exciting. It is a fantastic educational space for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The finishing date is close and we expect to begin moving into the new building before the end of the month.

The new multipurpose courts behind the gym will be ready for use next week. This space will be a vibrant sports area for students. If you haven't seen the fabulous work carried out here, please drop in for a look.

The Built and Natural Environment Committee will be looking at the landscape master plan next

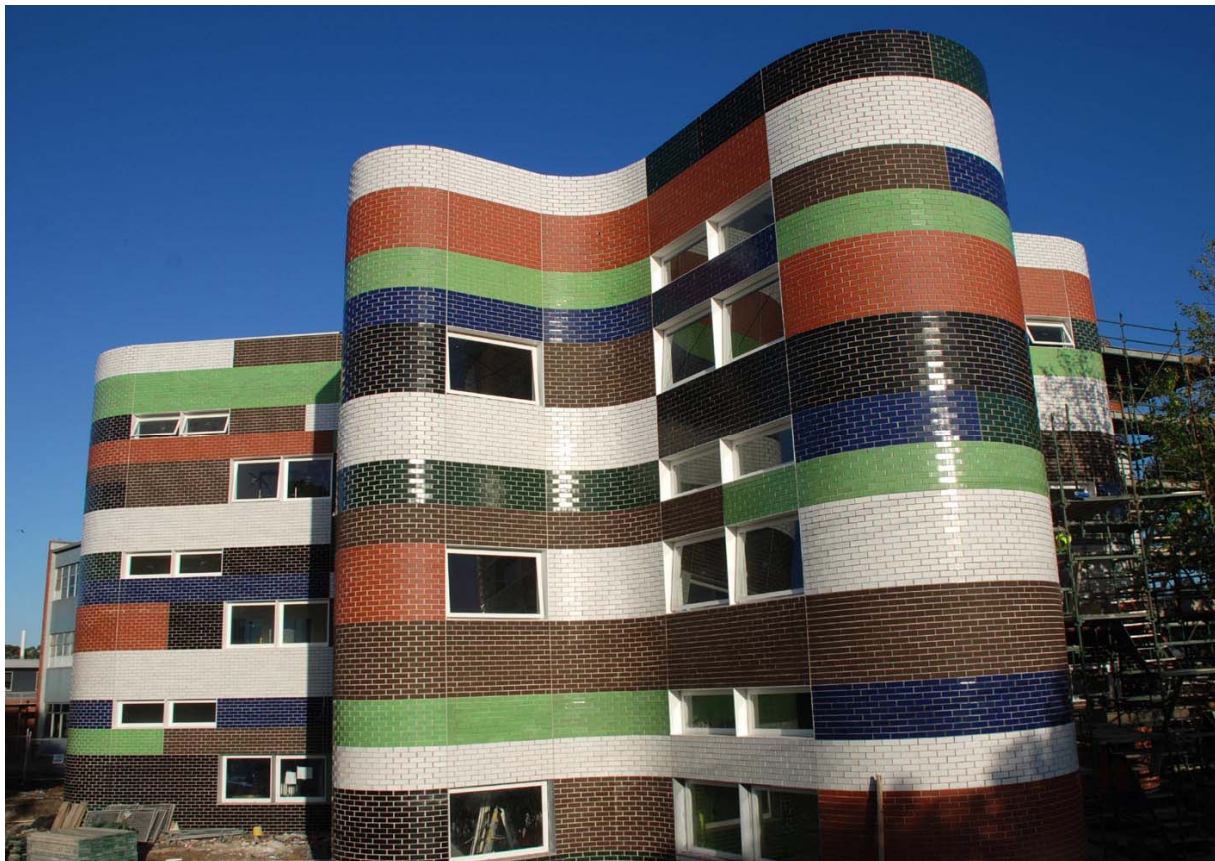
week. The committee meets on Tuesday 10 March at 6.00pm if you are interested in contributing to this work.

Many students and their families will remember the group of Japanese students who were here last year. The students attended school and experienced home stay with our families. In this newsletter you will read a letter from the Superintendent of the Asaka Board of Education. In his letter, Shigeru Hasumi expresses his sympathy and condolences to all those affected by the recent bushfires in Victoria. His letter is a tribute to the relationships forged by our students and their families with the group of students who spent time with us.

I'd like to remind families that students who bring to school personal items such as mobile phones, ipods or other mp3 players do so entirely at their own risk. The school does not accept responsibility for the loss of these items.

Thank you to everyone who has wished me well as Acting Principal. I am looking forward to continuing the wonderful work done by Tim. Please feel free to contact me.

**Pauline Rice**



## Schools 4 Schools

**Thank you to Marie, Alice and Willo for organising the latest raffle raising a further \$157 for our S4S partners.** Three lucky winners received a \$100 voucher for Fitzroy Therapeutics, lunch for two at the Corner Store and a \$30 breakfast voucher for Piccante Cafe. Thank you to those businesses for providing prizes.

**Fran Mullins**

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Friday, February 20, 2009

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald Principal of Fitzroy High School,

I have been following the news regarding the horrific bushfire disaster that has swept across the state of Victoria these past few weeks. It is truly saddening to hear that so many lives have been cut short, and that so many innocent people have been injured and left homeless as a result of this terrible tragedy.

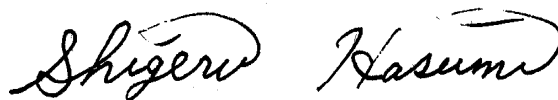
On behalf of the city of Asaka, the junior high school students who have participated in the cultural exchange between our cities and their families, I would like to offer our heartfelt sympathy, and through you, our sincere condolences to the relatives of those whose lives have been affected by the bushfires.

I hope that this disaster has in no way touched your school, the lives of your students, your students' families or your school's staff. Please let me know whether there is anything that I or the city of Asaka can do to help during this difficult time.

I am sure that the people of Australia will overcome these difficulties and soon recover from this horrendous disaster.

Our thoughts are with you, your school and the people of Victoria.

Sincerely yours,



Shigeru Hasumi  
Superintendent Asaka Board of Education

