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## VSSSA Athletics

**Fitzroy High School had 3 students representing us this year at the State Athletics finals in 4 events, the best representation the school has ever had.**

Tilly S (2 events), Branko N and Luke S all won their events at zone level and it is a huge credit to them to make it this far, let alone perform as well as they did.

Branko qualified in the Boys 14 year old High Jump, by beating last year's State champion at zone level. He went in with high hopes and had put in the time and effort with his training. Unfortunately he went out at 150cm, 10cm less than his PB and finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Branko was very disappointed with his performance but, as a school we were extremely proud. To finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the state is a fine achievement and he is to be congratulated.

Luke qualified in the Boys 15 year old Shot Put. Mustering all his brute strength he threw a high 12 metre as his best but, unfortunately, was outclassed by a few athletes with very tight techniques who had clearly been throwing for some time. The winner threw 16.80m, which was extremely impressive.

Tilly was the star of Fitzroy for the day bringing with her a small entourage of support from the school and family and those people are to be thanked - Millsy, Lakota, Mel, Mim, Lucy, Bea, Caitlin, Alex and Mum and 3 younger bros/sisters. Tilly qualified in the Girls 14 year old 200m and 400m after impressive runs at Zone level off very little training.

In the 200m, Tilly started in lane 8 and put in a big performance to finish 6<sup>th</sup> in the state. After this she was a bit down on herself but with some words of encouragement from her friends and family she had her head back up for the 400m. And what a 400m it turned out to be. Tilly ran a brilliant race and gave herself

every opportunity. Starting in a much better lane this time, lane 4, she took it out steady for the first 200m without giving anything away, at the bend a few had come up beside her so she picked up the pace and headed into the final straight with a slight lead. The eventual winner was very strong in the last 100 and Tilly went with her for the first 50 before tiring slightly to run 4<sup>th</sup> overall and only 1 second off 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In both events she ran PB's with her 400 time of 1.05 quite outstanding. Everyone there supporting her was absolutely stoked with her efforts and she should be immensely proud of the way she represented the school and for getting out there and giving it her best.

**Tom Robinson**



## 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

FHS Year 11 Formal	
when	Friday 30 October 7:00pm
where	Regal Ballroom
who	Sue Farrell

Art / Science camp	
when	Monday 9 - Thursday 12 November
where	Apollo Bay
who	Peter Bennet

Year 11 / VCE Music Performance evening	
when	Tuesday 10 November 6:00pm
where	FHS
who	Tom Hoyle

Year 6 Parent Information night	
when	Wednesday 11 November 7:00pm
where	Library
who	Fran Mullins

FHS Open For Inspection - New building	
when	Sunday 15 November 12:00pm - 2:00pm
where	FHS, all members of the community are welcome
who	Doris Pearse

## Indigo Inquiry update

### Students have just completed an Inquiry into Australian Identity.

As the final task they were asked to develop a research question to investigate further an aspect of Australian identity. They were required to incorporate the use of ICT into their final product. The work produced ranged from movies, web sites, photo stories, power point presentations, radio shows and claymation movies. Please find below the links to some of the students' web sites:

[http://www.wix.com/ela\\_pryor/australian-food](http://www.wix.com/ela_pryor/australian-food) (By Ela P, 7E)

[www.fideltarium.com/jessewebb](http://www.fideltarium.com/jessewebb) (By Jesse W, 7C)

### Student Inquiry presentation

#### How Australia's economy has impacted on Australia's national identity - a summary of a multimedia presentation for Inquiry, by Luca, Indigo 8Y

Australia is a capitalist society and is a 'commonwealth'. Its governmental actions are on par with its citizens' ideals, to help one another. Australia is a very rich country indeed, and not just in the sense of finance but in the sense of multicultural diversity. Being larger than Texas and England combined, Australia has extensive agriculture and mining industries and depends heavily on its natural resources.



Australia is a major agricultural producer and exporter. The agricultural sector produces a wide range of food such as fruit, dairy, wine, livestock and fish. The agricultural and mining sectors make 10% of Australia's GDP combined.

A large portion of Australia's income comes from the export of wheat, wool, iron-ore, gold and energy. Without this trade the Australian economy will collapse. The largest export markets are Japan, China, the USA, South Korea, New Zealand.

Australia has recorded 17 consecutive years of

economic growth, averaging 3.3% per year. Australia is a host to a wide range of businesses and is bristling with variety whether it be food or electronics. With such an increase in business there has been a lot of competition which is a key ingredient to the economy's success.

Australia is one of the best places to live in the world with clean streets, quality education, good healthcare. The 2006 OECD (the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development) economic survey found that Australian living standards exceed all group eight countries except the United States.

According to the Australian bureau of statistics the average Australian has an annual wage of \$58,874. If overtime and bonuses are included the average wage is \$61,521 per annum. Australia has a low unemployment rate of 5.7%. For an Australian to acquire a profession is really quite easy, not only are there plenty of universities but a large number of job openings due to early retirement.

During the Global Financial Crisis, Australia is ranked first by international businessmen to be best resisting the economic crisis. Despite floods, bushfires and droughts Australia's agriculture seems to be holding strong against the recession and delivering goods to the rest of the nation. Australia is the first country to raise interest rates since the financial crisis occurred over a year ago.

Australia is a country where people are accepting of other nationalities. Crime is kept relatively low and civilian taxes are put to good use. Australia is home to citizens from 200 different countries making it the most multilingual workforce in the Asia Pacific region, and about 4 million Australians speak a second language.

On 11 October 2009 at 05:16:06 PM (Canberra time), the resident population of Australia was 22,012,141 people. Since then the population increase is as follows (the following statistic was provided by The Australian Bureau of Statistics):

- one birth every 1 minute and 44 seconds
- a net gain of one international migrant every 1 minutes and 53 seconds

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## Canteen report

**Just a quick note from the Canteen**

**Committee to thank all our volunteers for the great work they are doing.** Jenny, Mandy and Lyn would be unable to maintain the high level of service without parental help.

If there are any other parents interested in spending a day a term helping out in the canteen then please contact the school and ask to speak to Doosie Morris.

We are moving into the warmer weather and so our menu will begin to change and will include a range of salads, burgers plus all the other regular healthy food we have become renowned for.

Parents may not be aware but the canteen also uses a range of vegetables grown in the school's vegetable plot located at the rear of the gymnasium.

In the vegetable plot we have planted a range of fruit trees ranging from nectarine, apple, apricot, peach, pear and lemon. The trees are still young and not producing a great deal.

If any parents have some spare lemons the school canteen would love to have them.

Any other feedback on the canteen please contact the school on 9488 1900 and ask for John Ross.

## Kitchen Garden report

**As most parents know the school has**

**developed a Kitchen Garden as part of its curriculum,** it is located behind the hard court at the rear of the school.

The garden provides vegetables for the school canteen and for students/staff who participate in the maintenance of the garden.

The school is keen to offer parents access to the garden so if you are interested in being involved in the garden and would like to grow some vegetables give the school a call on 9488 1900 and ask to speak to John Ross.

## Principal's Report

**Today we say goodbye to our Year 12's. This group of students were our first Year 7's and so have a special place in our hearts and in the history of the school.** Throughout their time here they have been leaders and role models, and we are immensely proud of all of them. Next week they begin their exams and I wish them well - I know they will do their best.

We celebrated our year 12's with a Valedictory dinner on Wednesday night for their families and friends. This morning we held an assembly for the students to say their farewells.

At assembly, Stuart Bird gave the Year 12s one more physics lesson.

"Always remember the wave-particle duality of the matter of which you are composed. Sometimes it's good to behave like a particle. Keeping your energy contained and travelling in a focused manner. Other times you need to behave like a wave. Bending around obstacles and spreading out in all directions. At times you'll know where you're going, but not where you are. Other times you'll know where you are, but not where you're going.

Don't worry. That's Physics."

**Pauline Rice**



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