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NEWSLETTER *Term 3*

[From the Program Director](#)



I am into my 5th month at FAME and am still learning the extent to which this program touches the lives of the young people it serves. We talk about it being a holistic service and by this we mean that the whole person is important to us. Our core business is about education, but it is balanced with a strong concern about the social, emotional and psychological wellbeing of our young people. Overall, our aim is to encourage the understanding that opportunities lie in being open to ongoing learning in all areas of life. It is great to observe this ethos permeating the lives the young people at FAME.

One of the noteworthy characteristics of FAME young people is the courage they display, and such a lot of it. Many of the young people throw themselves into all kinds of new experiences and challenges on a regular basis. Believe me, this is easier said than done. Nobody likes to fail. And if you have been brought up being told you are a failure and a waste of space, then it takes a lot of guts to put yourself out there and attempt something new. Our young people do put themselves out there and how fabulous it is to hear the success stories. I must say, I have been most touched by stories of young people who have tried something and it didn't go too well. But they are okay – why, because they feel the staff & their peers still believe in them and support them regardless. Trust plays a strong role in the relationships at FAME. The sense of belonging is palpable and it provides the impetus to get up, brush yourself off, and try again.

FAME held a planning day late August which was a huge success and gave us a great deal of food for thought. The response by stakeholders, other than staff, was greater than I had expected it to be with over half of those in attendance being from outside our own program. This contributed significantly to the discussions that were held and generated some insightful considerations. It has provided a good basis for exploring in more depth FAME's vision, mission, values and goals. The clearer we are on these things the better.

FAME also had a social enterprise workshop in August which really had our creative juices flowing and produced some intriguing, yet realistic, ideas for business possibilities. Some of the ideas included cottage industries in local produce (utilising the skills of Greg, our Chef) and furniture production (using the skills of Shannon, our Woodwork man). We even explored the running of a Function Centre with a funky café on the side! The purpose of a social enterprise would be to provide work experience, employment possibilities, training & apprenticeships and some additional funds to help resource the service that FAME provides.

There is much more to tell you but come and visit sometime and see for yourself what is happening in the world of FAME. By the way, we are always looking for volunteers and I am sure we could keep you busy if you wanted to extend a helping hand.

Peace and joy, Yvonne

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Principal Pete's Rant.



It's that time of the term again! I've said it at the end of the previous terms, this year is flying by! Term 3 has been yet another fantastic term with attendances the best we have seen. The work produced this term has been the best of the year and all students who have been attending have really put in huge efforts to get their work done!!! The woodwork program continues to flourish as too does the life skills and cooking program. It is amazing to see that most of the dishes most of the time get into the dish washer. An amazing event in itself! Well done to all!

It is at this time each year we say farewell to Phil Larner for another year. His impact has certainly been noticed this year with the garden looking fantastic and the student achieving excellent result in their well being program. Although sad, we will still see Phil once a week as Aquatics has started!

Term 3 has also seen the return of one of FAME's all time favourites, Phil Nourse. Phil has come back to FAME in a volunteer capacity to work alongside Shannon at woodwork. We are very grateful for his contribution to the program and it is great to see him back in the program!

During this term I have noticed that the students who have been here for a while have really gone out of their way to help the newer students to "fit in" and to be there when they have needed a friend. I would like to congratulate all of you for taking on this role and having such a positive effect on the new students and the program as a whole! Well done team!!!

As the holidays approach I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday and to let you know it is only for two weeks so we'll be back before you know it. I am very hopeful that term 4 will continue as this term has with some extraordinary work, great attendance and of course, lots of fun!



Zoo Trip, Term 3

Principal Pete

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VET (Vocational Education & training) Update:

This term students have participated in:

- Retail Operations Certificate 2 at Noarlunga TAFE
- Hospitality – Liquor Service at Noarlunga TAFE
- Hospitality – Café Operations at Noarlunga TAFE
- Intro to Fabrication – Welding at Marcellin Technical College
- Intro to Basic Car Servicing at Marcellin Technical College



Eight students also had the opportunity to do 'Try a Trade' at Marcellin Technical College. They spent three half days learning about mechanical engineering or carpentry. All students were focused, motivated, and keen to learn, which was excellent! We will encourage them to further their education in these fields when courses become available.



We have also had a student doing work experience at Hackham West Community Centre, assisting with lunch preparation for the Everyday Café. This is a great opportunity for him to be involved in the local community

and practice the skills he's learnt at FAME in our Cookery Program.

VET is a crucial part of the student's education at FAME and their participation is encouraged.

FAME Kitchen Education



The FAME kitchen skills programme has continued to provide quality meals for staff and students. Lunchtimes have progressed from a general free for all to a time to sit talk and eat together. Several students have shown particular interest in the programme and have developed considerable skill in general kitchen organisation and operation.

The girls of Katie Miller's class develop and cook the Wednesday menu and have produced wonderful results including one of the best roast lamb meals this chef has tasted. One of the downsides of the programme is the production of delicious cakes, biscuits and sweets in the recreational cooking periods. Yum!

The programme has resulted in a number of the students trying out other hospitality training options including Café Operations and work experience at a local volunteer kitchen. We are currently in discussion with other educational institutions with a view to gaining accreditation for the skills trainees are gaining at FAME.

Well done to the students involved in the operation of the kitchen.

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SACE Student Achievement

We have had some fantastic student efforts towards completing SACE stage 1 and 2 Subjects this year, which have seen some well deserved high grades as a result. Starting at the beginning of 2012 FAME will have 13 Stage 1 SACE students (Yr 11) and 7 Stage 2 SACE students (Yr 12). This is a commendable effort and these students should be very proud of the level they have reached. Some particularly notable achievements for Stage 1 SACE so far this year include:

Ashleigh

English – A
Literacy for Work and Community Life – A
Personal Learning Plan – A

Carla

English – A
Personal Learning Plan – A
Literacy for work and community life – A

Cathy Lee

Community Studies – A

Isabella

Numeracy for Work and Community Life – A

Ruby

English – A

We hope to see much more of this success for the remainder of the year and into 2012. This is the first time FAME has seen so many students keen to complete Year 11 and 12 and we are very proud to have such intelligent

and dedicated students (it definitely makes our jobs easier). Congratulations to all the SACE students this year (including the many whose names were not mentioned); there were a lot of high level B grades gained as well! Keep up the hard work and you will continue to reap the rewards!

Katie
Key Teacher

Travel Around the World



This year students from all three classes have been working on travel posters. They have chosen countries they are interested in visiting one day or learning more about and then conducting research about that particular country. All of their hard work researching their chosen country has then been presented beautifully as a poster.



Some of the countries researched include the United States of America, Italy, New Zealand, Brazil and France. Such amazing and interesting countries to learn more about!!

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Zoo Excursion

On the 1st August FAME had an excursion to the Adelaide Zoo as part of the 'Planetkeepers' program. The main aim of the excursion was to teach the students about the endangered species especially the Sumatran Tiger.

On arrival at the Zoo, students and staff were booked into see the Pandas. Funi and Wang Wang were both on display and students were able to see them eating and resting. As far as Pandas go they were quite active. Wang Wang seemed exhausted after having chewed on Bamboo and Funi was moving about her enclosure. There were zoo volunteers to answer questions and tell us about the pandas.



We then moved on to see other animals on display. We saw Australian animals, the giraffes and the meerkats were particularly enjoyed by the students. The lions were being fed as we arrived and Jessica got a real fright from the beautiful male... although she probably didn't think he was so lovely.

Before lunch we were met by an education officer who took us into the education centre to tell us more about Sumatran Tigers. The students, who had done some research on endangered species, asked many thoughtful questions about endangered species, tigers

and other aspects of the zoo. They learned about the importance of zoos worldwide in the preservation of species and special breeding programs. The education officer was happy to answer questions and showed a video of the stunning of a tiger so as to give medical help and to collar it, to learn more about tigers, their behaviour and whereabouts. It was very interesting and the students were engaged the whole time.

After lunch we were about to see the 'free flight' show of the Zoo's macaws. These beautiful birds are free to fly from tree to tree and back to the keeper for treats. They fly quite low and many of our students had to 'duck' to avoid them.

We then met the education officer again who took us 'behind the scenes' to the Sumatran tiger enclosure. The Tiger keeper tried to get one of the Zoo's tigers (Kemiri) to have some meat and he spoke to us about the three tigers at the zoo. Kemiri was very shy, so we walked around to the main enclosure and the keeper threw meat to Tuan (the male tiger). He was quite happy to eat the meat and we all enjoyed watching.



We were able to take our Zoo excursion due to some generous funding from a grant applied for by Janine Ashwell. Thanks to Janine and the grantee we had an excellent day at the Zoo and learned much about tigers, pandas and many other endangered species.

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Marion Youth

We would like to again thank Marion Youth for their contribution to Fame's social skills program. This term they have done workshops with our students about challenging Homophobia and Racism, and Alcohol and other Drugs. Their workshops are interactive and very engaging. Again, thank you for your support.

Marion Youth also provide many different services to young people such as counselling, support groups, drug related services and General Practitioners.

If you would like to use any of their services please refer to the contact details below.

Address: 10 Milham Street
Oakland Park, 5046
South Australia

Phone: (08) 7425 8300

Website: <http://www.southernhealth.sa.gov.au/Community/pages/SPH/youthmarion/>

Volunteers:

A big **thank you** to the people who volunteer their time at FAME: Pat, Brother Pat, and Tabina (our newest recruit) support with the one to one tutoring of our students. Michael and Phil have also joined our team of volunteers, assisting with our Woodwork Program.

We really appreciate and value your time and contribution that you make.



Dates for Term 4 2011

FAME starts back for all students on **Tuesday 18th October**

Term 4 concludes on **Friday 16th December**

(Note: for Yr 11 students Term 4 concludes on Friday 9th December and for Yr 12 students on the 28th October – Exams begin for Yr 12 students on Monday 31st October)

Affordable Clothing Store

Savers at Noarlunga sell clothing and shoes at very affordable prices. If you would like to pay them a visit please refer to the below information.

Address: T06 12-18 Davis Witton Drive
Noarlunga, 5168
South Australia

Phone: (08) 8383 2300

Hours: Monday to Wednesday 9am to 6pm
Thursday 9am to 9pm
Friday 9am to 6pm
Saturday 9am to 5pm
Sunday 11am to 5pm

