

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

Hi everyone,

It was wonderful on Monday morning to present our school leaders with their leadership badges. A big thank you to Howard Prosser as a representative of School Council who presented the badges to the students. Students have been very proudly wearing their badges all week and should be extremely proud of their efforts.



Well done to all our students who participated in the District swimming trials on Monday; they all did a wonderful job. Congratulations to Lilly, who won the 12/13 girls age championship. It was great to see all our swimmers supporting and encouraging their school mates and all the other swimmers at the carnival. A big thank you to Welshpool Primary School who organised the event.

Tomorrow we progress to the Division swimming trials at Korumburra, at this event our swimmers have the opportunity to compete against the best swimmers from around the South Gippsland region. We have 3 swimmers participating from our school which is a great achievement. Good luck to Lilly, Leticia and Annie-Jean tomorrow, I know you will all represent yourselves and the school proudly.

Yesterday our school staff teamed up with teachers from Welshpool, Toora and Tarwin Lower Primary Schools to participate in a professional development day led by renowned educational leader Noelle Burdekin. We all worked together on professional learning communities (PLC's). PLCs are an approach to school improvement where groups of teachers work collaboratively at the school level to improve student outcomes. I know I got a great deal out of the day and I know all the teachers did as well.

Today we had our first Parents and Friends (PnF) meeting at the school, it was great to see lots of enthusiastic volunteers at the meeting who were looking at great fundraising and welcoming events for our school community. Our next PnF meeting will be held on Tuesday the 16th of March at 9am, this will also coincide with the AGM for the PnF. I hope to see you there.

Cheers Dale.

### School Leaders

Introducing our wonderful School Leaders:

Captains: Isla & Leticia  
 Vice Captains: Ruby & Oscar  
 Environment: Abbie & Will  
 Sports: Tex & Lilly  
 Arts Ambassador: Oakleigh



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### Important Dates

#### FEBRUARY

26th Division Swimming

#### MARCH

4th School Photos

5th Free Dress & Picnic  
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9th School Council

12th Waratah Athletic  
 Sports

16th Parents & Friends  
 AGM

26th District Athletics  
 Sports

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### Don't Forget Your Water Bottle



## Primary Welfare

The final line of my favourite poem is "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild precious life?" I have it stuck on my fridge and sometimes it gets covered with kids' artwork or bills or other "stick on the fridge stuff" every now and again it makes its way into my line of site and I stop. I ponder on that big question.

It is good for my soul to do this, to stop and really think about it. Let my imagination celebrate this one wild precious life and the potential it holds. Most of these thoughts head straight to my children. I imagine bushwalking with them, camping with them, diving under waves, swimming in rivers, building sandcastles, reading amazing books, playing cards, family dinners, snuggling up with a movie in the shed, a long, interesting phone call with my adult child, dancing in the kitchen with my gorgeous partner.

Then I reflect on how things actually are. Rushing out the door for school, scoffing food before sport or music, growling at them to brush their teeth, rushing through the readers and story time, Andrew and I are like ships in the night passing on quick messages about where the kids are and when we will be home. Cleaning, washing, drying, folding, scrubbing, polishing, weeding and growling. Staying up too late on my computer, who am I kidding? The computer is always there dinging and pinging sound tracking our lives.

So today I choose to STOP, I CHOOSE to wonder, to wonder "what if..." What if, on the days we do not have sport on, we climb a mountain or dive under the waves or explore the rail trail? What if, I read an extra chapter of that magic book each night? What if we have a picnic on our hill on the sport free nights? What if I leave my computer in the bag and worry about that tomorrow? What if I play my guitar and sing out the front of the girls' room while they go to sleep? What if I ignore the cleaning and play cards with Andrew after the girls have gone to bed?

On paper it is pretty clear, what I need to do with my one wild precious life... I just need to choose it, how lucky is that?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild precious life?



## Hearing Awareness Week 1-7 March

Did You Know..

- Over 5% of the world's population – or 466 million people – have disabling hearing loss (432 million adults and 34 million children).
- It is estimated that by 2050 over 900 million people or one in every ten people globally will have disabling hearing loss.
- Hearing loss is the most common disability in adulthood. In Australia, hearing loss affects 1 in 6 people and costs Australians a staggering \$11.75 billion annually in lost productivity and other impacts.
- One-third of people acquire their hearing loss through preventable means.
- Employment rates for people with hearing loss are 20% lower for men and 16% lower for women
- Individuals with moderate to severe hearing loss are up to 5 times more likely to develop dementia.
- Without the availability of support, Australians with hearing loss will experience a reduction in quality of life.

To help raise money and awareness for the Deafness Foundation, we are going to participate in the 2021 Sound Bites Initiative. JSC are holding a picnic in our playground on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Students are invited to come to school dressed as loudly as they can, in as many bright and colourful



clothes as possible, there will be prizes for best dressed. Bring along a yummy picnic lunch and don't forget to bring a gold coin to help raise money for this important initiative. We will also be selling beautiful butterfly badges at school all week for \$2.50. Check out [soundbitespicnic.com.au](http://soundbitespicnic.com.au) for more info.



## Preps at school on Wednesdays

Starting next week our preps will be at school 5 days a week! Looking forward to seeing all our preps in school every day next week

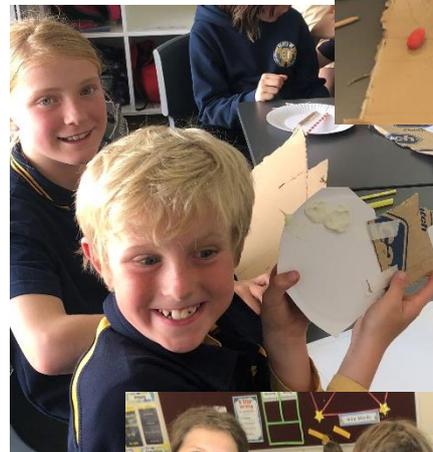
### School Photos

School photos are happening on the 4<sup>th</sup> March. Forms went home last week. If you would like sibling photos done, we have separate forms for these and they are available at the office. All forms must be returned to the school office by 9am on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### Lantern Parade

Science went sideways on Tuesday and our students got all arty and put on their design hats.

We had Mardi and McGregor run some workshops on how to make lanterns. The Junior Primary students made theirs out of old milk cartons and the Senior Primary used bamboo and grease proof paper. The end results are going to be spectacular. If you would like to see these lanterns in action please come to the Prom Coast Festival Lantern Parade, it follows after the Picnic in the Park at Pearl Park on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. There is free entry to this event AFTER 6:30pm. Parade starts at 7:30pm.



### Friday afternoon Challenge

Grade 4/5/6 got together last Friday afternoon to participate in a design and construction challenge. They were given a restricted list of materials to use and were asked to work with their partner to make a working piece of adventure equipment that could possibly be found at Woorabinda Camp which we are still looking forward to going to later in the year. We saw amazing constructions such as zip lines, giant swings and high ropes courses.



### District Swimming Team

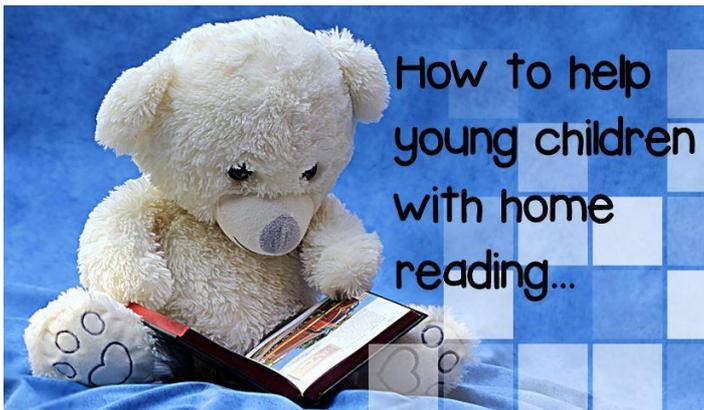


### PREP-2 HELP WITH HOME READING

Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm via Webex.

We will run this online discussion about how parents can help young children with home reading. The link will be sent out closer to the day and the session will run for roughly 45 minutes.

We will look at the strategies that we are teaching kids to use when they come across unfamiliar words and show you how you can prompt them to get the right words without having to tell them.



### Parents & Friends

Our Parents and Friends Committee is running a cake stall at the Children’s Literature Festival in the Rotunda on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March. They are looking for help in the form of donations and/or volunteers on the day. Helpers on the day from 9.30-12pm or from 12pm would be great.

Any donations of cakes/slices/biscuits in serving sizes would be greatly appreciated. Please drop baked goods in to the school



on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March or into the Handmakers Store on Friday or Saturday between 10am - 3pm. Alternatively, you can bring donations on the day. All donations need to be labelled with a list of ingredients in order of most used to least. No cream cakes please as there will be no access to refrigeration for the whole day

### Junior School Council

Introducing our wonderful Junior School Council members! Aiya, Marlow, Roxy, Edie, Mabel and Kelly



**Sunday 7th March 2021  
10am to 7pm**



**Fish Creek Children's  
Literature Day**

*The 2021 Fish Creek Children’s Literature Day is part of the 2021 Prom Coast Festival. It recognises Fish Creek’s unique standing as a destination for children’s literature and storytelling. The program is an opportunity for children near and far to meet the authors and illustrators behind their favourite storybooks, as well as for local children to feel the sense of pride and belonging which comes from celebrating the creative pursuits of their local community.*