

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

Hi everyone,

We are very enthusiastic about our upcoming before and after school care program. It looks like we are on track for this program to begin at the start of term 3 (12/07/2021). Currently we are advertising expressions of interest for care providers to nominate to run the program. Once that is complete and a third party provider is selected, we will hold an information night for families regarding how our program will run. We are extremely excited about this program and we are looking forward to providing before and after school care to the Fish Creek community for years to come.

Next week students in grade 3 and 5 will commence their NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skill in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The result of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student success. I feel it is important to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of testing taken on one particular day and should be viewed as a guideline and not as a definitive measure as to where each individual child sits. Later in the year, you will receive your child's individual NAPLAN report. All parents of children completing NAPLAN this year will today receive a handout going into full detail of the testing procedure. If you did not receive this please contact the office.

Thank you to everyone who got involved in the whole school bike ride last Friday. It was a great opportunity for students and families to get together in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare food for the event. For me personally the highlight was just seeing the whole school community together, enjoying each other's company. Thank you once again to all involved.



Tomorrow our wonderful Parents and Friends group will be working with the students to create Mothers Day presents. We are extremely lucky that we have a group of hard working volunteers who are always ready to help and provide engaging activities for our students to work on. If you would like to help out on this day the activities are beginning from 11:30.

Cheers Dale



## FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MAY

- Mon 10th Grade Prep - 2  
Excursion to  
Wilsons Prom.
- Tue 11th - School Council.
- 11th - 13th Naplan Testing
- Fri 21st Grade 5/6 Winter  
Sports -  
Fish  
Creek.
- Fri 29th Grade 5/6 Winter  
Sports -  
Meeniyau.

#### JUNE

- Tue 8th School Council.
- Fri 11th Grade 5/6 Winter  
Sports -  
Tarwin  
Lower.

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# Student Of The Week



## Signmee

Last week we discovered that Signmee had upgraded their system, unfortunately this means until they fix a problem with Internet Explorer, Signmees can only be viewed on Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Mozilla Firefox.

## Expression Of Interest - Before and After School Care

Last week we placed an expression of interest on our website for Before and After School Care. This is exciting for our school community and we will keep you updated with the process.

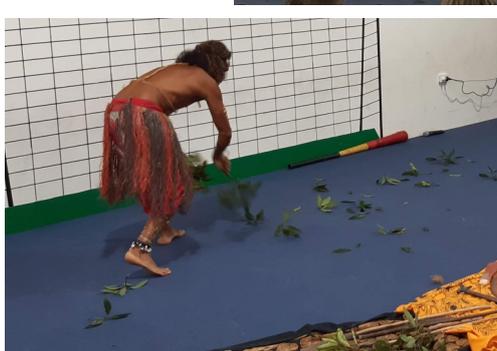
## Sean Choolburra Visit

I really enjoyed Sean's visit. He was really good and I liked the part where Monty Char;lotte and Sean made the fire. It was really cool. - **Leticia**

I really liked how at the end we had a dance competition. I liked how he did all of his indigenous dances. - **Alistair**

I think Sean was a big inspiration to the students and highly talented. He was very engaging when telling us about his aboriginal culture and amazing dance skills. - **Swae**

I reckon Sean Choolburra is a pretty cool dude and he was very funny. He was also a very good dancer. I thought it was cool how he made fire with sticks. - **Leonard**



### Science

A heads up for the grade 3-6 parents. Your child is doing a project at the moment and they may come home asking for obscure things. The intention of the project is that the students create or research something that could make or inspire change. The hidden intention is that their project may take many attempts before it works and that is WONDERFUL!

Already the children have come up with big ideas and here is a list of things that they are chasing.

- Bamboo sticks and slim piping to slide it into.
- seasonal vegetables.
- an old bike
- wood offcuts
- electrical wire offcuts
- Fabric squares (offcuts but not too small)
- soap making materials
- beeswax
- Salt (for dying)
- Rubber bands

**We are also after winter seedlings!**

### Help Needed!

We are looking for helpers to read through and respond to letters from the Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students. Helpers could be parents, guardians or even grandparents who would have time each week to read through short letters (approx. 3-5 sentences) written into a special notebook from a group of four students. These helpers would then respond by writing a reply in the student's notebook before returning them to school. With help from their classroom teacher, students will then write a reply and this exchange would continue throughout term 2 (with the option of term 3). We feel this will give the students a meaningful opportunity to practise their written communication skills and would greatly appreciate assistance. Please contact Mrs Smith, Mr Mollison or Mrs Shelley if you are interested or would like more information.

### Bush Nature

Cubby hut doing a roaring trade using sticks in exchange for fruits and veggies from the veggie patch.



### Primary Welfare

I spent this weekend at the Prom with my beautiful Running Mamas. These girls are my soul sisters whom I meet each morning in the dark to run with. We share sunrises, thunderstorms and stories as we trot along the rail trail with our head torches, well-worn sneakers, and old running gear.

This weekend we camped at the Prom with our families to make a weekend of a fun run we were doing. The run was on Sunday, so we had all of Saturday to just be at the Prom, the kids were FREE! They rode bikes, fished, swam, and played crazy hide and seek. All the wonder that the Prom offers.

There was one moment that was incredible. We were all near the river and we saw the tide come in. The river went from its usual stained yellow and brown to a stunning aqua. We saw the tide pushing in that blue like spilled paint. It was cold but I could not resist diving in. The river was so deep, and I spent as long as the kids exploring and was thrilled by the river. I would go to hop out but needed to be back in there again.

And one of the boys in our group said "Donna, it reminds you that you are not dreaming!"

He was right. The cold, the deep, the rocks and the current. Splashing around with my wonderful daughters, looking up to the surrounding mountains. I thought "how did I get so lucky and yes, I am not dreaming. I am living a magic moment."

The Prom is a very special place but we don't even need to travel that far to have magic moments. It could be on the farm, in our back yards or out on one of our wonderful trails. Magic moments out in nature, pause us for a moment and "remind us we are not dreaming."

I hope this reminds you that you are not dreaming, that our days are filled with opportunities for magic moments out in nature to nurture our souls.

**Help Wonder turn BREAD BAGS into SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**

**It's simple...**

- 1 Collect your empty bread bags and tags
- 2 Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin (There is a separate box for bread tags)
- 3 We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!

**Our school is in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 exercise circuits made from recycled plastic we collect!**

**LET'S GET RECYCLING!**

Tag Wonder on social @wonderrecycling to share all your recycling champion stories!

**Wonder**  
Full of goodness

**Tarwin Valley MARC**  
Fish Creek—Meenyan—Tarwin Lower—Toora—Welshpool

Term 2, 2021

# MARC Library News

## Preview of Learning

A new term begins and with it the promise of shared learning sessions and the reading of wonderful stories.

Why do we read? Reading teaches, expands our minds, enriches our lives, shapes our dreams, opens doors and inspires us to become who we are.

Where do we find the books we need and love? MARC Library has a wonderful selection of picture fiction, fiction and non fiction books. Our library is added to regularly. We support and feel excited to be able to help students find just the right book. We like to share their enjoyment, gains in knowledge and pursuit of the next book, that, as we often observe, they can't wait to begin. Albert Einstein said, 'The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the library'. We believe he knew exactly what he was talking about and thank him for his wisdom.

In Term 2 we will plan for and thoughtfully use the following texts to explore connections, provoke understanding and aim for deeper learning.

<b>Week 1-19<sup>th</sup> April.</b> ANZAC books were read to all students, honouring and re-
<b>Week 2-26<sup>th</sup> April.</b> Junior and middle school students were introduced to books which challenge stereotypes. Senior students were introduced to Shakespeare and noted his historical phrases, such as 'into thin air' which are used today, five hundred years later.
<b>Week 3-3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> All students will share books about 'Mums', their uniqueness, love and caring.
<b>Week 4-10<sup>th</sup> May.</b> New literature for all grades.
<b>Week 5-17<sup>th</sup> May.</b> Stories for all based on aboriginal themes.
<b>Week 6, 7 and 8- 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June.</b> The juniors will 'discover' the Seasons. The middle school students will wonder about inventions and the senior students will study and use collage, as an illustrative technique.
<b>Week 9-14<sup>th</sup> June.</b> Once again there will be the opportunity for all to share in the
<b>Week 10-21<sup>st</sup> June.</b> Junior students will be immersed in the joys of Eric Carle's writing. Middle and Senior students will learn more of the personal stories and struggles of refugees.

Yours in reading and learning, Jeanette Johnson & Sophie Callcott

## New books in the van available to borrow now



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Children's Book Council of Australia has released its shortlist for the 2021 book of the year. We will be looking at many of the books on the shortlist in more detail in Term 3.

