

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

Hi all,

We are all looking forward to tomorrow when finally after weeks of remote learning we will have all our students back at school. A massive thank you to our students, teachers and families for how well we have all managed this last section of remote learning. It has been a monumental task combining remote and onsite learning and the constant off and on again nature making it very difficult to get into a school routine. We know after several weeks of remote learning and a total of 18 months of disruptions, that many students may be anxious about the return to full time schooling, and that is a perfectly natural response to have. If you are at all concerned about your child's return to full time schooling please let myself, your teacher or Donna know and we will assist in making the transition as smooth as possible.

A signmee was sent out over the weekend regarding the wearing of masks for grade 3-6 students, we understand that the wearing of masks maybe difficult for some students. I have spoken to all of the 3-6 grades over the last couple of days to help reassure students around mask wearing protocols. Some of the dot points that I went over with the students include

- Talking about the different reasons why some students and indeed some adults may not be wearing a mask (eg. Medical)
- That we do not have to wear a mask while you are outside
- If you are feeling you need a break from wearing the mask, just to let your teacher know and we will provide time for you to go outside and have a bit of a "mask break".
- That we have plenty of masks at school, if for any reason a student has forgotten or lost their mask, each classroom has a large supply of masks that they will be able to use.

If you still have concerns about the masks in regards to your child please contact me at anytime for a discussion.

While we are still a long way from working out our class and teacher structure for 2022, one decision we have made is that Shelley Sriraksa (Miss Shelley) will be taking over the Prep grade for next year. This doesn't mean that Mrs Smith is going anywhere she will still be teaching and helping to support Shelley with the preps for next year. The reason for the early announcement of this change of staffing is to help assist with the transition of the kinder students into Primary School for next year and to get the incoming students working with their new teacher as soon as possible. I know Shelley will do a great job as our prep teacher and I would like to thank Kerri for all her hard work and dedication in nurturing our prep students over the last 7 years.

Just a quick reminder that if you are picking up your child early or you are dropping your child off after a late arrival, please call the office and we will bring down the sign in/sign out book down to the front gate.

An additional reminder that school hats are compulsory to wear outdoors in term 4, if your child needs a new hat please contact the office and we can arrange it.

Cheers Dale.



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IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

Fri 22nd All students return
full time

NOVEMBER

Mon 1st Student Free Day

Tue 2nd Cup Day Public
Holiday

Tue 9th School Council

PRIMARY WELFARE

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DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
orders are due:

22nd October 2021

Primary Wellbeing

It is so challenging for so many families at the moment so today I am taking the time to celebrate the wonderful things happening around our beautiful school, as a reminder of things wonderful!

It is a delight to hear the sound of children back at school, the buildings are starting to get their heartbeat back, the playground filled with swinging and laughing children and the cubby builders evaluate the storm and earthquake damage and start to make repairs.

It is beautiful seeing the kids happy to be around each other and I have been lucky to be working in the garden during our enviro science sessions. It is such a delight to work



around kids who love being in the outdoors, love being strong and bring skills from their homes and farms to our classroom. I would love to say we are getting our summer crops in but we are weeding and weeding and weeding and weeding and weeding! I am so grateful to the kids as they keep on pushing through and yanking out those weeds!

The oval smells of fresh mowed lawn and the sun is doing that thing where it makes the blue gums look like an enchanted playground. The teachers are invited to play 5 star jumps on yard duty and get such joy just being around your kids!

The buildings don't echo like they did in lockdown and the walls are filling quickly with the creations and words of your children. We are slowly stretching and gently falling into a rhythm of learning.

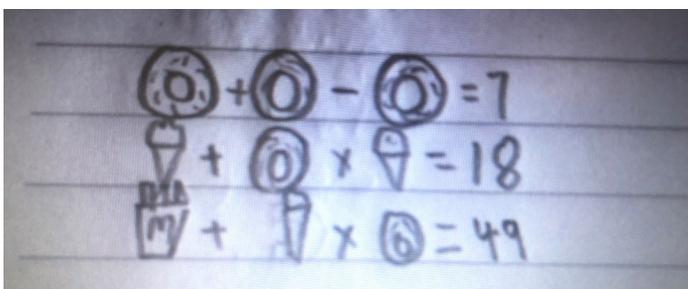
I know this is not over, I know there is still pain and hurt as we move forward.

Please don't do this alone. If you need someone to talk to please reach out.

Donna Giliam Primary Welfare Officer
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Grade 5 Maths

Dan in Grade 5 created this problem for his peers, how much are the chips worth?

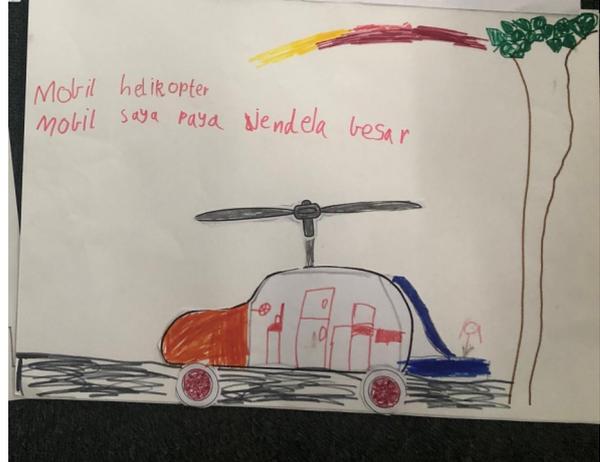
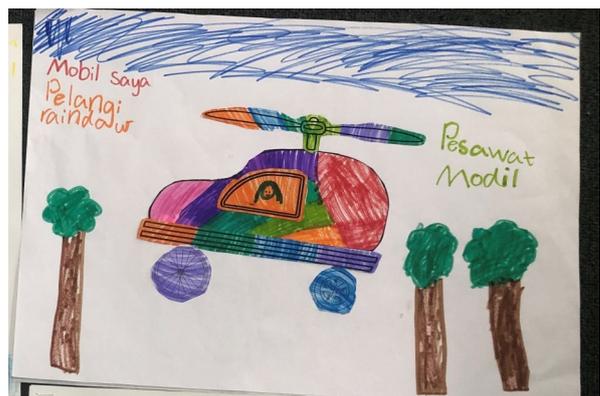
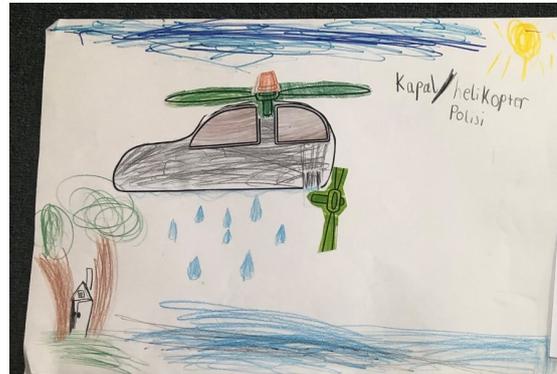


Student Free Day.

Please note that Monday 1st November will be a Student Free Day.

Indonesian with the Junior School.

Junior school have started learning all about Transport in Indonesian. They have designed their very own inventions combining different forms of transport and learning Indonesian along the way.



eSmart Tip of the Week:

Hi from the Cyber Safety Team— Alistair Isla, Emma & Lorenzo

Get involved. Share online time with your children as part of family life. Play games together. Talk about favourite apps, games or websites.



Scouts

JOIN NOW! Scouts is a fun activity after school on Thursday nights from 7-9pm ages 10+. At scouts we learn to tie knots, raft building and with our rafts, we use them in competitions. We also do Bunnings sausage sizzles. Our favourite thing to do in scouts is the camps! Recently we went on a 2 night camp to Blue Pools where we went swimming, played games and had an awesome time. Scouts is held at the footy oval in a little hall. You can't miss it, there is a giant sign!

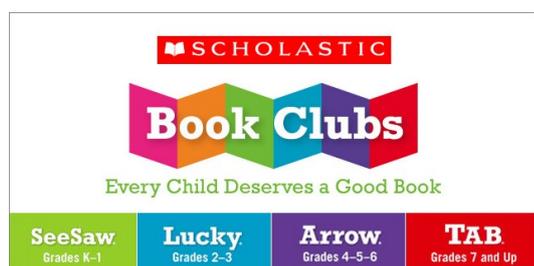
Join Now! By Archie, Casey & Ebony.



Book Club

Book Club Catalogues were sent home last week, alternatively, you can look at it online at <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/BrowseCatalogue.aspx>.

Orders will need to be in to the office or placed online by the 22nd October.



Grade 5/6 Thoughts on Returning to School

It's good because I get to see my friends and I am not at home being annoyed by my sisters—**Lance**

I'm kind of looking forward to coming back to see my friends again—**Big Al**

Not doing remote learning is great! I definitely wish we were never in lockdown. It is very peaceful without 3/4's. I don't like the masks though, it's too hot.—**Kelly**
I love school because I get to see my friends and I am less bored. We have more work and learning with my friends and I have something to do during recess and lunchtime—**Fynley**

I feel excited to be back at school. It's really good to be able to see my friends rather than just over the phone. However, I don't like the fact that we need to wear masks—**Oakleigh**

Less stressful—**Rhylee**

I am happy to back with my friends—**Mabel**

I feel good that I am back because I get to see my friends and do work with my class. I dislike wearing a mask—**Oscar**

I feel excited about seeing my friends and having a teacher in the classroom. It feels like a long day because at home I would usually finish in 2 hours, but I am enjoying being at school—**Julia**

I miss being in the class and I find school work easier to do at school—**Carmine**

It feels different not being at home and having a schedule but I am adjusting—**Ruby**

I am excited to be with my friends again—**Leonard**

I don't want to go to school. Home school is more fun and I don't like masks - **Lilly**

I am excited to be back and see my friends Because I would do nothing during lockdown—**Tex**

It is great to be back and see my friends but it is hard to wear a mask and talk at the same time—**Will**

I am really happy to be back. It's hard when you're at home and you can't really communicate with friends, so I love that we are back at school—**Leticia**

Being back at school has been super duper exciting and I love it—**Isla**

I'm happy to back at school, it's like a Christmas miracle and I don't have to do remote learning anymore—**Abbie**

Being back at school is very tiring and it's hard with the masks because it gets very hot, but it's less of a distraction on home learning and you get work done—**Swae**

I feel very happy about coming back to school because I missed all of my friends when I was at home. Also doing work at school is quite a lot more preferable—**Willem**

I'm excited being back because instructions are easier and my dog isn't eating all my belongings. Plus I missed socialising, I also hate how I can't go to the cupboard anymore—**Cody**

I'm happy to be back—**Makayla**



TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

Amazing Before + After School Care Programs

Fish Creek Primary School



About the program

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children and an environment where children come and enjoy their time in their program. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Fish Creek Primary School has partnered with **TheirCare** to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

Operation Times		Fees*	Out of Pocket	Average^
Before School Care	7:00am – 8:45am	\$19.00	\$3.13 - \$19.00	\$3.13
After School Care	3:30pm – 6:00pm	\$26.00	\$3.90 - \$26.00	\$3.90
Pupil Free Day	7:00am – 6:00pm	\$70.00	\$10.50 - \$70.00	\$10.50
Cancellation / Late Booking	Within 48 hours	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Cancellation Fee	Same Day	Full Fee	See BSC/ASC	

Service Phone Number: 0457 555 261 Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410.

How to Enrol

Visit **TheirCare** website: www.theircare.com.au and click on 'Book Now' in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details.

*Standard fees excluding Incursion / excursion costs

^Based on ABS published average family income for the suburb the school is located