

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

Hi all,

As we near the end of first term, I would like to acknowledge what a great term we have had. The effort from the students has been wonderful and it is great to walk around each room and see fantastic teaching and learning going on. I have been extremely pleased with how our tutor program is going and I look forward to further great results in term 2. I have loved looking in the junior room and seeing all our new prep students so comfortable in their environment. It really is a great school to be a part of.

Unfortunately it is with a lot of sadness that we farewell Sam from the office on Friday. Sam has done a fantastic job at school over the last 3 years and she will be sorely missed. Sam has taken up a full time position at the South Gippsland Specialist School, but before she does that, she is off on a fantastic adventure around Australia with her family. We wish Sam all the best in her future endeavours and I know she will be very missed at our Primary School.

Tomorrow we will be drawing our Easter raffle. We have been blown away by the donations and we are looking forward to the draw of 14 different raffle prizes tomorrow. We have already raised over \$450 which will be going towards an outdoor renovation that Mrs Giliam is working on with selected students (more details to come later). A big thank you to our wonderful PnF for organising the raffle, to the parents for donating the prizes and to Foster Foodworks for their very generous donation. Tickets are still available for the raffle; please contact the office if you wish to purchase some. Today we had our athletic sports, it was an amazing achievement for 43 students to go through to the next level. All students should be very proud of their efforts and we will make sure that we put the results in our first newsletter of term 2.

We have just heard today that Rapid Antigen Testing will continue for at least the first 4 weeks of term 2. On the first day back at school in term 2, tests will once again be handed out to students. If for any reason you need additional tests over the holidays please let me know and we will try to arrange it.

It will be a bit of an extended holiday for our students with ANZAC Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April and Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April being a student free day. On this day our teachers will be teaming up with Tarwin Lower, Welshpool, Morwell Park and Toora primary schools to help develop our teaching of Mathematics under the guidance of Michael Minus. Michael's ability to shape learning well beyond his classroom was recognised when he won a CHOOSE MATHS Teaching Excellence Award. He presents at conferences around Australia and provides consultancy services to a range of organisations, including the Mathematical Association of Victoria and the Bastow Institute for Educational Leadership.

At the end of each term, I do like to remind parents and students to stay safe over the holidays. For those going away over the Easter break, please drive safely and make sure you take extra breaks on the road.

Just a final reminder that the last day of term is tomorrow and there will be a 2pm dismissal.

Cheers Dale.



## FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### APRIL 2022

Fri 8th	End Term 1 2pm Finish
Mon 25th	Anzac Day
Tue 26th	Student Free Day
Wed 27th	Start of Term 2

#### MAY 2022

Fri 6th	Mothers Day Stall
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# Student of the Week



## Primary Welfare

On the weekend I went up to stay with my grown-up adult daughter Lola in her new house. She lives in Coburg and is close to the Merri Creek running trail. I was keen to check it out so Lola and I made a deal – she could walk her dog around the reserve, and I would run 5km.

Well, I quickly got distracted on my run. It was just so beautiful, and I nearly forgot I was only a hop, step and jump away from the bustle and fun on Sydney Road. As I was running, I saw a massive community garden they had a fire burning and vegetables for sale, I saw some scar trees, I ran past the Coburg Olympic pool. I broke my personal best time for 5km and as I hit pause on my tracker my phone went flat.

I was not worried and decided to jog on thinking I was looping back to Lola. As I jogged on, I saw a mum, with a pram and a dog. My heart ached to be back there again. To have prams, day sleeps, milk bottles and fascinating walks in the park or on the beach. I looked at the mum remembered the feeling I had, when I was there – juggling a dog, a pram, and a luke-warm coffee. I remembered how I would look at a cheery runner and my heart would ache for a solo run and a hot coffee!

I ran on, pondering on this and reminded myself to treasure the very MOMENT I am in because those moments pass so quickly.

I got so lost in all this thinking that I found myself in Brunswick, with a flat phone and the creek was no longer on my left or my right. The creek was gone! I had become lost in thought and geographically lost! So, I had to ask people for directions to all the things I had passed on the way. I talked to people with colourful looking dogs armed with vegetables from the market. All this getting lost with a flat phone added richness and joy to my day.

These thoughts were timely in the build-up to the holidays where there are longer days with my gorgeous, wild, active children. A reminder to switch off and look up for the break. Have a safe, creative, warm, active, connected break.

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## Mother's Day Stall

The PnF will be running a Mothers Day stall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Families are welcome to donate any items for the stall such as craft items, scrunchies, plant cuttings, preserves, soaps etc. No baked goods (as they likely won't remain fresh!). All donated goods for the stall need to be dropped off at the school by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa (PnF President) on MOB: 0478 169 550.

## End of Term Bus Times

Tomorrow, as school is finishing at 2pm, our buses will be running one and a half hours earlier than usual. Please make note that children will be dropped off 90 minutes earlier.

## Prom Coast Pack Run/Walks no.4 Fish Creek

Hi, the 4th event will be at Fish Creek starting at 8.30am on Sunday 10th April. Briefing at Fish Creek train station at 8.15am. 5k or 10k out and back course along the Great Southern Rail Trail. Hope to see you there. <https://www.facebook.com/PROM-COAST-PACK-RUNS-112149704716164>

## Prep Swimming

Our prep students are learning all about water safety in the Prep Swimming Program.



### Get Active Kids Voucher Program

Eligible families can claim a voucher or reimbursement for expenses incurred from 1 January 2022 of up to \$200 per eligible dependant to assist with the cost of memberships or registration fees, equipment, or uniforms. To apply for a Get Active Kids voucher or reimbursement you must be:

- the parent and/or legal guardian of an **eligible** child; and
- the holder of an issued and valid Australian Government Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card with named dependants or
- the parent and/or legal guardian of a child named on their own issued and valid Australian Government Health Care Card.

For more information or to apply please visit: <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/>.

### Lunch Orders from Evans

Beginning Term 2, Evans' will again be doing lunch orders for our students. Parents can still order direct with Evans but can also fill out an order form and send it in to school with payment or an account name to be booked to. A copy of the order form will be sent home with this newsletter and more copies will be available for collection from the school office.



Dear School Community,  
 Happy Easter. The children have been celebrating Easter at Their Care by making Painted Easter Eggs. Although inspired by the Ukrainian tradition of "Psanky", our decorated eggs were our own unique style. The geometric patterns typically drawn with beeswax, were organic and approximate on our eggs. We've decorated them with beeswax and dunked them in dye twice in anticipation of painting them this afternoon. Children continue cooking up a storm. Yesterday they made gnocchi al Sorrentino from scratch and then tidied up afterwards! The gnocchi was delicious. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to seeing you next term for a special art project we have planned.

**Our operating hours are;**

**B 4 S C** – 7.00 am to 8.45 am weekdays

**A S C** - 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm weekdays

Phone number: 0457 555 261

To enrol, please visit TheirCare website [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) and click "Book Now" in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details. If you would like help with this, come and visit Lucy during session times in the kitchen, or call her on 0457 555 261. Upon request, we can send home a notice with Operation Times and Fees with your child.

**Tea Cosy maker session**  
**Tue April 12**  
**2:30 pm**



**FOSTER Autumn EVENTS**





**Salt painting**  
**Fri 22nd April**  
**2:30 pm**

To see and book for all branch school holiday events, scan the QR code or follow the link below.



**MINECRAFT MAKER SESSION**  
**TUES 19 APRIL**  
**2:30 PM**



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