

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

Welcome back to the start of term 2. It is great that we are starting the term with further easing of restrictions around the school. This starts with the return of our Monday morning assemblies at the undercover area, hopefully families can make it up the hill for the first one on Monday. We will also be welcoming back volunteer parents for our morning reading program. This is a really beneficial program as it gives students greater opportunity to read out loud and also provide greater one on one learning opportunities. Additionally, masks are no longer required to be worn by students (the exception to this is if you are currently a household contact), however if students wish to continue to wear a mask that is absolutely encouraged as well. The distribution of rapid antigen tests will continue for at least the first 4 weeks of the school term.

ANZAC day

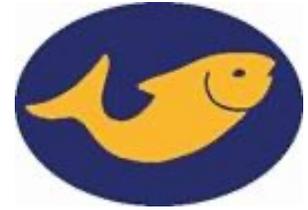
A big thank you to the students that attended the Anzac service on Monday. The ceremony was very different to other years due to restrictions. It was wonderful that our school could play a small part in the parade and ceremony as we pay our respect to fallen and serving soldiers who sacrificed so much for this country. Unfortunately, the afternoon didn't work out quite as well with Collingwood defeating my beloved bombers in the traditional ANZAC Day match.



NAPLAN

In week 3 of this term our Grade 3 and 5 students will be participating in NAPLAN testing. The NAPLAN testing will all be done online this year with the exception of Grade 3 writing which will still be completed on paper. This will be a new experience for our Grade 3 students so for the next week and half our Grade 3 students will be predominantly working with Miss Jackie on NAPLAN preparation and our Grade 4 students will be with Mr Mollison and Mrs King. Miss Jackie will be working on familiarising grade 3 students with the online format and testing procedure so that all students are feeling comfortable, relaxed and ready to go when week 3 commences.

Cheers Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 2022

Mon 2nd-5th	1/2 Swimming
Mon 9th-12th	1/2 Swimming
Fri 6th	Mothers Day Stall
Fri 13th	5/6 Winter Sports
Tue 10th	School Council

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Swimming

Just a reminder that Grade 1/2 swimming will commence from next Monday (2nd of May). Students need to pack swimming clothes and a towel. Please make sure everything is labelled correctly in case they go missing. The preps completed their swimming program at the end of the first term and all did a fantastic job, a big thank you must go to Bec Kranen for all her work.

Welcome

Welcome to Rachel Woodall who has joined our office staff (Wednesday to Friday). Rachel has vast administrative experience and has previously worked with the Regional Office of the Department of Education. Please feel free to introduce yourself when you next drop into the office.



Lego Masters

Tomorrow is a very exciting day for our students as we have a visit from Ryan Evans who was a top contestant in last years Lego Masters. Ryan is also a teacher in regional Victoria and is looking forward to doing lots of fun and exciting science activities with our students.

To see some of Ryans work please go to the following link
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zFijGM7IDmg>



Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival

Fishy PS are excited to announce the we will be holding a stall at the upcoming Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival on Saturday 14th May, We have decided to sell items that could otherwise go to the op-shop so we would love donations of clothes (in good condition), toys, household items etc. Please have a look around your house, use it as an excuse to do some decluttering and start sending any items to school (Indo room) Thanks for supporting our school and local community
 Junior School Council

Primary Welfare

3 years ago, my sister and her family took a year out of life in South Gippsland – they packed all their things from their lovely home in Wattlebank into their big shed and then took off on a round Australia trip. After the first year of travelling, they decided to stay in Exmouth for a year and then another... and then they bought a block over there.

My sister is an incredible host. Before moving out West her sunny deck in Wattlebank held many birthday parties. She would prepare just the right number of decorations, a perfect amount of beautiful food, a detailed and mixed age group treasure hunt and tasteful little waste free departure gifts for the guests. Christmas would be just the same – including whole family swims in the pool and very competitive lawn games.

The best bit of it all, was what happened around the big, long table that her partner Timmy built for them all. The bench seats would be crowded with all the family and would come alive with stories, games, laughter, and songs.

And then it didn't.

They embarked on new adventures and the house got rented out, then the borders closed, and those bench seats were empty. Quiet. Without the noise and magic of our family.

Meanwhile, kids grew, adventures happened. Time passed. And then, these holidays my sister and her family came home to have their last holiday on their little bit dirt in Wattlebank. The borders had opened, and they were not wasting a moment!

My mum, kids and I arrived out at their little old empty house before them with swags, firewood, and sausages. We had the fire roaring and sausages sizzling when they arrived.

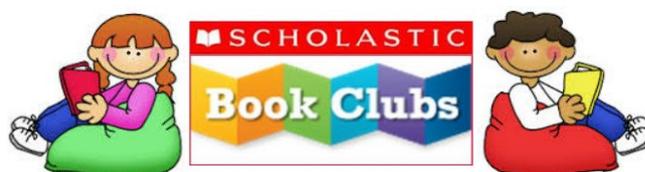
I had not laid eyes on my nieces and nephew for 18 months and here they were all strong and sun-kissed still speaking the secret language of family. We sat at the same long table that we always did with the simplest meal - sausages in bread. The noise, stories, songs, and fun still happened and did not require fancy cheese or decorations.

My sister is back in WA now, her shed is empty, and her long table with bench seats is on my deck now. I look at it and remember my favourite dinner at that table. A simple sausage in bread - filled with gratitude to finally all be sitting at that table together again. A reminder that it is not WHAT is on your table but WHO is there that matters.

I hope these holidays found you around a table with the people you love.

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2023 Year 7 Enrolments

2023 Enrolment packs have gone home with Grade 6 students today. Please complete and return by the 13th May

Prom Coast Pack Run/Walks No.5 Sandy Point

The 5th Event will be at Sandy Point starting at 830am on Saturday 14th May. Briefing at the start of Roy Henderson Trail, Manuka street at 8:15 am. 5k or 10k out and back course along Roy Henderson Trail. Hope to see you there

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.

Monies Owing

Reminder to anyone who hasn't paid the \$10 Prep to 2 Swimming Program , can you please do so.

Sign In and Out

Just a reminder that now that restrictions have been relaxed, parents when picking up early or arriving late to school, need to walk children into school and complete the sign in /out book at the office.



Mother's Day Stall

The PnF will be running a Mothers Day / Special Persons stall on Friday 6th 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 2nd May. If you have any questions, or are interested in joining the PnF please contact Lisa (PnF President) on MOB: 0478 169 550 .

Lunch Orders from Evans

Evans' are again 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.

Camp

With Covid a factor in our day to day life, it was unfortunate that some students missed out on camp due to being in isolation. With that in mind through the Positive Start Program I have managed to source an extra camp for our grade 3-6 students. This camp will be at Lakewood Park near Paynesville and will be **free of charge** for all students to attend. The camp will run from the 14th to the 17th of June. I will give more details of the camp as we get closer to date, but it will be a fantastic experience for all our 3-6 students.

Forms will be sent out next week.

Fish Creek Auskick Centre

Where - John Terrill Reserve, Fish Creek

When - Thursdays from 3:30pm

Cost - Price \$91

Starting on the 19th May

[REGISTER HERE FOR FISH CREEK AUSKICK](#)



Bus travellers

Bus travel reminder to parents to let the office know of any changes, permanent or temporary, to bus travel arrangements. Permanent/regular changes must be submitted in writing to the office.