

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Acting - Acting Principal

WOW! What a week this has been for our school.

Our year 3-6 students headed off to camp at Paynesville for the week and Mr Collins and his family headed off to Fiji on long-service leave. This all meant that I was going to be our Acting-Acting Principal...that was all fine until Saturday night's RAT robbed me of my title.

I am one of the very fortunate ones who only have a very mild COVID response, but still have to isolate for seven days, along with some of our students who were very unfortunate to miss out on their camp.

Isolation has given me time to proofread the student reports that staff have spent many hours agonising over and it is wonderful to read about the progressions students have continued to make in their learning. Our year ones and twos don't know what it feels like to put in a full year of uninterrupted schooling, and they are doing a remarkable job of keeping their learning moving in the right direction.

The interruptions we have been experiencing due to COVID and other illnesses running rampant, sporting events and the camp have meant that we have had to do a lot of rescheduling of staff.

To Irene who has been putting in many extra hours keeping the office, and therefore the school, running smoothly...THANK YOU.

To our teachers on camp who have given up their week and time with their own families to ensure our students have some positive and enjoyable experiences...THANK YOU.

To our specialist teachers who are filling all the gaps in staffing this week, (mostly for me)...THANK YOU.

To Mrs Shelley, who has taken on her new title of Acting-Acting-Acting Principal for this week...THANK YOU.

To our students, who rock up each day with smiles on their faces ready to do whatever it takes...THANK YOU.

And lastly, to all of our parents and carers. We appreciate the difficulties you have been experiencing in changing your schedules so that your children can continue to be here or to be home when they have needed to be...THANK YOU.

Our school cannot function at its best unless we all do our bit, and it has been wonderful to see people chipping in and ensuring that our students remain at the forefront of everything we do.

Keep yourselves safe and healthy,  
 Kerri Smith



## FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### JUNE 2022

Tues 14th—17th	Gr 3—6 Camp
Mon 20th	SGSC Yr 7 2023 Parent information Evening
Wed 22nd	Free Dress- Pyjama Day
Fri 24th	Last Day of Term 2 2pm dismissal

#### JULY 2022

Mon 11th	First Day Term 3
Tue 19th	African Drumming
Tues 26th	3-6 Fire Safety

### PRIMARY WELFARE

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## COVID– HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS

Reminder to parents that if someone in your household returns a positive covid test, please notify the school. Students who come to school when they are a close contact to a household member must test negative on at least 5 days out of 7 to continue to come to school. Masks are also required for these students if they are over the age of 8.

Students and staff who test positive and have completed their 7-day isolation period are not required to participate in the RAT screening for 12 weeks after their release from isolation.

### Thank You

A big **THANK YOU** to all our families who have made a payment for Curriculum Consumables. Whilst this \$170 per year per student contribution is voluntary, it helps to cover the cost of all stationery that we provide to the students and the purchase of resources and extra curricular activities so it is very much appreciated. If you would like to know more about this contribution, please contact the office

### 2023 Yr 7 Parent Information evening

Foster Secondary College will be holding a parent information evening Monday 20th June for those families that have children enrolling in Year 7 for the 2023 school year.

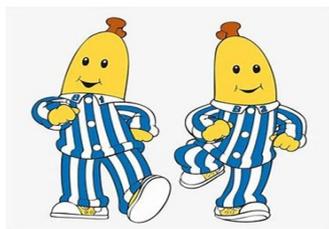
### Free Dress Day

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June our school will be having a PJ Day. Students may come to school dressed in their pyjamas, dressing gowns, slippers, everything comfy.

Please bring along \$4 to buy a hot chocolate and some chocolate balls at recess to help warm up your belly for Winter.

Thankyou,

JSC Team



### Grade 3-6 Camp

A quick update from the happy campers! They are all having an amazing time, participating in kayaking, boat trips to Raymond Island, hut building and orienteering so far. Looking forward to the stories and excitement on their return!



## Primary Welfare

I read a statement once which said;

‘To apologise does not mean that you are wrong, and the other person is right, it just means you value your relationship with that person more than your ego.’

When I read it, I put it on my fridge. I thought to myself, I like this. It sits well with me. It has come to mind this week while trying to organise a family event with my cousins (whom I adore) – we all have a little bit of a different idea of how the event should look and we all think we are right. We all think that it should be clear to everyone else WHY our idea is the best. It has caused a little bit of tension.

I think about when I watch kids navigate the playground. I am sure most parents have heard a woe about a down ball argument or a stick argument up at the cubbies or someone being unfair. I know I have, with all three of my children across 4 different primary schools, 2 different decades and across 2 states! I have concluded that the ‘cubby stick’ and the down ball arguments are universal. What is also universal is that my kids come home thinking that they are right.

Sometimes they are right and sometimes they are wrong; sometimes they are just being reactive without thinking about how that impacts others and it is our job to teach them at times perspective, integrity and humility and other times to teach them about speaking up, walking away, and seeking help.

Some of the conversations we have around this are prompted with ‘Is this worth it? Is this argument or frustration worth the energy you are giving it? Are you being kind? How would you feel if this happened to you? How do you think the other person might feel if you apologise or acknowledge that they are feeling rotten? Are you being inclusive? Did you seek help at school?’

Having all these conversations does not mean that they are nailing it, I still hear the woes and we keep having the conversations because this is another part of school and learning – the hidden stuff that prepares them the world too. So, they keep playing handball and keep building cubbies and, in the process, they get better at following the rules, seeing things from other perspectives, and acting with integrity.

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