

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

A big thank you to our PnF team who ran an absolutely fabulous trivia night on Friday, it was great to see the community back together to support the school. Unfortunately the teachers table couldn't keep their unbeaten streak, coming second on the night. I know all the teachers are now very busy studying the flags of the world. All up we raised over \$4000 for the school. I can't thank all the people who donated auction items and the school community enough for their generous donations. I must say I am a bit worried when Adam Bright becomes principal for a day next year, but knowing Adam it will be a lot of fun. The teachers are looking forward to getting back on top in a couple of years' time.

### New Staff Member

I am delighted to announce that Jess Murray will be joining our school team from next year 3 days a week. Jess has a lot of experience working with kids through the arts and we are extremely excited to welcome her aboard next year.

Speaking of staffing our teachers for the Grades for next year are -

**P / 1** – Shelley Sriraksa

**1 / 2** – Kerri Smith

**3 / 4** - Elle King / Peta Hamlett

**3 / 4** - Jaclyn Smith

**5 / 6** - Clare Ellis

**5 / 6** - Tiarnie Ellingworth

**Tutoring** – Nick Mollison

**Art/ music and drama/Environmental science** – Barry Farrell

**Welfare** – Donna Giliam

**PE** – Craig Couper

**Marc Van** – Sophie Calcott

**Indonesian** - Peta Hamlett

### Additional teaching support

Jess Murray

Anda Banikos

### Educational Support

Nat Latham

## Whole School Christmas Lunch

On Monday we are all excited for the return of our Christmas lunch at the Fish Creek Football Club rooms. I know the PnF team has been working extremely hard to make this possible. I don't know too many schools that provide a whole school Christmas lunch to their students and it's part of what makes Fish Creek special. It's an amazing achievement that our team can cater for 130 people. On the day we will be also presenting the grade 6 awards from 1:15pm, if any grade 6 parents wish to attend for the presentation they are more than welcome too.

## Orientation Day

On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December students will be participating in the state wide orientation day. On this day students from Fish Creek and every other school in the state go into their class that they will be in for the following year. Our grade 6 students will be off to their Secondary College and we will welcome the kinder kids into their first official day at the school. Students will be settling in with their new classmates and we will be completing rotational activities where the class spends time with a range of teachers.

## Grade 6 Graduation

Our grade 6 students will be celebrating their graduation next Wednesday, with the day starting off with the grade 6 students and teachers enjoying a dinner together. This will be followed by a celebration with the grade 6 students and their families to be held in the gym from 7:30pm.

Cheers

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER 2022

Fri 9th	Grade 6 Celebration Day
Mon 12th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Tues 13th	State Wide Transit Day
Wed 14th	Grade 6 Graduation
Thu 15th	Toora Pool Fun Day (Whole School)
Tues 20th	Last Day of Term 4 (1:30pm Dismissal)

### JANUARY 2023

Mon 30th	First Day of Term 1 (Students)
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## PRIMARY WELFARE Donna Giliam



# Student of the Week



## Primary Welfare

This week marks the end of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence and in art Mr Farrell posed a question to the students 'What is respect?' and then had the students create pieces of art with their perceptions of this. We hung them yesterday (when the sun was still out!) on our freshly painted rebound wall. The posters show that our kids know what respect looks like and are so inclusive in their thinking and their actions show this too.



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## School Council President Report

As the year ends and the weather warms we look back on another successful year at Fish Creek and District Primary School. There's a flurry of activities for students and staff. Many of these have been absent due to the pandemic. The PnF was very busy arranging last week's Trivia Night and the forthcoming Christmas lunch. Both of these are highlights in the school community calendar and we are grateful for the work that the PnF has put in to make this part of our school culture. Our community was also treated to a wonderful school concert this month, which gives students the important opportunity to perform before an audience and work together creatively. The usual end of year fun activities are also ahead as the year closes. And finally we, as a school council, send out hearty wishes of success to the year 6 students who head off to high school next year. May your time at our school be fondly remembered and your future be bright like the summer.

Howard Prosser

## 2023 Voluntary Contributions

Our Voluntary Contributions for 2023 were set at \$170 per student at our last School Council meeting. This payment is not requested until next year but we would like to let you know the costs. These funds are used to help cover the cost of all school consumables such as books, pencils, glue etc along with the gardening program and all extra curricular activities. School Council also approved a \$20 PER FAMILY Grounds Levy which helps to cover the cost of mowing the school grounds.



## Fishy Parade

Our group of zombie vikings has been working hard on their Fishy Parade entry with Mardi, Macgreggor, Jess and Samara. It's wonderful to see the students' amazing design skills and creativity in action. New students are still welcome to get involved tomorrow to make a costume and be involved in the Park Parade on New Years Eve at 11am. Parent helpers are also invited to the school tomorrow between 1:30-3:20pm to help the artists and the students create their props, and to get involved in the parade.

As part of The Fishy Carnival Sarah Parkes is running two rope art sessions in the Oberon Room at The Fish Creek Hotel on Monday 12 and 19 December 6-8pm. These sessions are free and will be working toward creating a moving sculpture for the Parade. All are welcome.



## Tutoring

Tutoring kids enjoying a big, crazy lunch to celebrate all their hard work throughout the semester



## Time to Eat

by Luke Meade Gr 4

"It is time to go to Earth, make sure you bring back some scrumptious fat kids for us to eat," demands the boss alien.

"T minus 10 seconds until launch. 10... 9... 8... 7... 6... 5... 4... 3... 2... 1... 0... lift off," bleeps the computer.

**[90 hours to Earth from Mars]**

The trip is seamless except for the landing. The alien, known as Jeffrey, crash lands into the power lines of a small country town known as Fish Creek. Sparks fly everywhere and Jeffrey opens a metal door. Feeling a bit dazed and very confused, Jeffrey shakes his big, green head.

"Now I am on Earth, I will go and find..."

Some kids to eat, the bus driver will go in cage. Look here! A school! A small school! With at least 120 kids!" Screams Jeffrey, filled with joy.

**[The rest of the school day later]**

Jeffrey hears a bell ringing which means school is all done for the day so he decides to rush back into the rocket, careful not to be seen. "Here comes a small school bus. I will use my rocket's giant magnet to lift it into the sky and take it back to my planet Mars, the best planet in the universe."

He lowers the magnet down to lift the school bus. It connects and rises up quickly, like a balloon into the sky. He can't wait to get his entree, mains and dessert back to his planet.

**[90 hours from Earth to Mars]**

"Yum" said the boss alien, looking hungrily at the bus load of kids. "Hey boss, have a guess how many kids are in that bus?" said Jeffrey. "40 or 45 kids" said the boss alien "no 59 kids and 1 bus driver." "Good it looks like I won't have to cut off your head" said the boss alien. "What are we going to do?" said one of the kids. "I don't know" said the other kid "let's eat, bring out the food" said the boss alien [the food is the kids.] "Right when the alien opens the door we jump out of this cage when I said 0 jump 3... 2... 1... 0 jump, good now run to a rocket" said the bus driver. "Ok." said all the kids "Hey, boss, the kids are gone" said Jeffrey "what? Off with your head." said the boss alien.

**That is all for now.**

**Stay tuned for TIME TO EAT 2**



### SIGNMEE

Lots of things are happening at school as we draw near the end of the school year. Prompt responses to Signmees is appreciated and if you have any trouble completing a Signmee, please contact the office.

Signmees needing attention:

- Christmas Dinner – All students
- Toora Pool Fun Day– All Students

### Payment of Accounts

With the end of the year approaching, we would appreciate payment of all outstanding accounts. This includes money for the Grade 6 Celebrations, Coal Creek Excursion & Christmas Dinner. Please ask at the office if you are unsure of your account balance.

### Bakers Delight Vouchers

We currently have 5 Bakers Delight vouchers for auction. Each is to the value of \$20. Bidding closes next Wednesday 14th December, with the highest 5 bids collecting the vouchers. Please comment on the Facebook page or contact the School Office



### Trivia Night Thank You's



Thank You!

Please Assist us in showing our appreciation for these generous businesses by visiting and trading with them

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| AFL Victoria                     | Gurneys Cidery                |
| Alison Lester                    | Jess Johnson (Massage)        |
| Amber Creek Farm and Sawmill     | Long John Pickles             |
| Bakers Delight Leongatha         | Luna Park                     |
| Bar Felice                       | Melbourne Museum              |
| Bendigo Bank Foster              | Pennicott Wilderness Journeys |
| Big4 Holiday Parks               | Sam's Patch                   |
| Bowerbird Den                    | Sandy Point Mini Golf         |
| Coopmann Plumbing                | Prom Coast Electrics          |
| Evans Petroleum Fish Creek       | Prom Recitals                 |
| Fish Creek Carnival              | TarleyMP Photography          |
| Fish Creek Football Netball Club | The Church House              |
| Fish Creek Pharmacy Plus         | The Handmakers Store          |
| Fish Creek Post Office           | TheirCare                     |
| Foster Golf Club                 | Wallace & Wallace Sculpture & |
| Foster Hardware                  | Photography                   |
| Gibsons                          | Wirrega at Bear Gully         |
| Glenn's Outdoors                 |                               |

And a big thank you to these individuals and families  
 Danny and Susi Millton      The Stefani family

### Grade 6 Celebration.

Tomorrow, Friday 9th December, our Grade 6 students are heading out to celebrate the year that has been, and the end of their primary schooling. They will head to Wilson's Promontory and the Big Drift for a day of sun, waterplay and walks.

### Icy Pole Fridays

Reminder that our JSC will be selling Quelch icy-poles tomorrow at lunchtime for \$1.00.



### Fish Creek Community Christmas Carols

Sunday December 18 at 6pm, with refreshments to follow.

Fish Creek Union Church, Williamsons Road.

Musicians: Diana and John Rees

Families especially welcome as it is to be child focussed

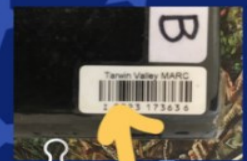
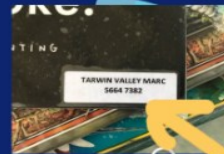
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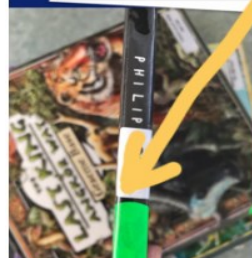
### MARC Van News



## MARC Library Book Returns



As we are approaching the end of 2022, it is now time for students to return their MARC library books. This week, students will be coming home with a bright yellow slip of paper listing the items they have out on loan. Could you please help your child/ren to locate their books and return them to school ready for the end of year stocktake. They are identifiable by a green dot on the spine, a barcode on the back and a sticker which reads 'Tarwin Valley MARC' on the front cover. With thanks for your cooperation, Sophie Callcott and Jeanette Johnson.





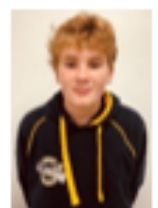
## Memories and messages from our departing Grade 6 students

# Class of 2022



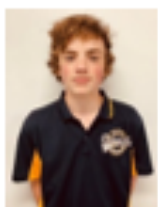
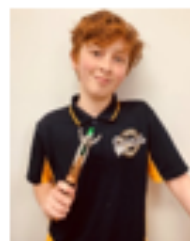
My name is Sander, I am interested in origami and P.E would be my favourite subject. My favourite part of going to this school would be the activities that we do. Melbourne camp was probably my best memory for my time at this school. I'm going to Foster Secondary College which I'm excited about. I would like to be known as the guy with a strange sense of humour. Adios Amigos!

Hi, I'm Makayla, I'm the Grade Six JSC this year. I love all things to do with art but I love drawing more than any other form of art, which is kind of cool because my Mum is an artist. I also really like cats and animals in general. I remember in Grade One I accidentally hit Kayleigh with a stick and since she was crying I started crying too, when we went to class we were both still crying so Mrs. Smith took us to a room to talk about it but since we are both shy we sat there and cried. And I will always remember all of the times Mabel has been Mabel. Next year I'm going to Foster Secondary College. I'm super excited to move on to high school but still a little nervous. Anyway, byyyyyyeeeeeee.



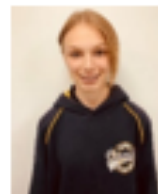
Hi my name is Aliatfair or Big Al I've gone to this school since Prep and it's been a blast!! I like playing basketball and soccer. My favourite subjects are P.E., Maths and Science. The thing I like about Fish Creek Primary School is how friendly everyone is and how you can always make new friends. My favourite memory is when I ran down the hill to get the soccer ball and Casey yelled out "Don't slip!" and as soon as she said this I slipped and had mud all over me – damn Casey! I'm going to Foster Secondary College. It's going to be very scary going to high school next year because it's just like being in Prep again but I'm looking forward to making new friends. I remember seeing the School for the first time and seeing the Grade Sixes and thinking how big they were. I would like to be remembered as a tall, friendly and very sporty kid. And to the school community thanks for being a great place for learning. Selamat tinggal! (That's for you Ms Hamlett.)

Hi I'm Carmine and I like pretty much all subjects. If I had to name my favourite I'd say maths not including specialists and science if you include specialists. For least favourite I'd probably have to say P.E. My favourite part of school here though has probably been VHAP or Virtual High Ability Program which is pretty much fancy maths and numerals in other languages. My favourite memory would probably be when me, Steele, Sander, Porter, and I think Jack F used to play 'monster school' which is a Minecraft YouTube thing where the old junior building was in the little undercover spot with the locked door. Unlike the other 82.352% who are going to Foster Secondary College, I'm part of the 11.764% (or two people) who are going to Mary MacKillop. I'm looking forward to next year and I already have plans (. There are a lot of things I wanted to be remembered by for this year including using elephant toothpaste to send a fish to space, but it would probably be my formula for square numbers  $n^2=2n-1+(n-1)^2$  but it's really just how to calculate square numbers for those who know that  $n=$  any number. My message to you all though is that although for some Science and Maths can be annoying to learn, if you do learn it then that's when things get fun!



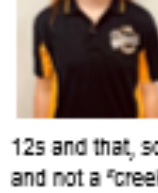
Hello my name is Owen Gornall and I am a Grade 6 student at this primary school. When I came to this school all the way back in Grade Prep I've always liked how nice people are and how easy it is to make friends. I have always been interested in sports and that makes PE by far my favourite subject. A good memory from this school is the Winter Sports soccer game. Next year I am going to Foster Secondary College, where most others in the class are going to, which I'm a bit excited about. From this school I'd like to be remembered as a kind person that is good at sports. And lastly a message to the present and future students: pay attention in class and be kind to everybody.

Hi I'm Fyn, you may know me as Ms Hamlett's daughter or the Environmental Captain... Yeah well, it's true, I'm my Mum's daughter. Thing is, me and my Mum have lots not in common. I loooooooooooooooooooooo Kiss and I don't know if you know him but Oleg from AGT. I have many crazy friends that do crazy things like when my friend Kyla put cordial on her pizza at her birthday party and when Sophie and Ebony were walking to the blue gums and they slipped onto their back and couldn't stop laughing. A few things we do have in common is that we both loooooooooooooo ice-cream and we love Kath & Kim. I will really miss this school and having my little sister running up to me every day. I'd just like to thank all the teachers for supporting me through the 7 years at Fishy Primary and thank you to my Mum for getting me to school early every day, I love ya.



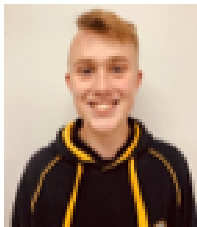
Hi I'm Kyla and you might know me as one of those crazy Grade 6s. My favourite subject is Maths because we get to do fun activities like cooking and going outside, but we have to do measuring and record what we got in our Maths book. I've enjoyed all the time I've had at Fish Creek with my friends and my teachers and sisters. My favourite memory would probably be when I first came and one of my friends Fyn kept pulling me around the school. Next year I'll be going to Mary MacKillop along with Carmine. I feel good but sad because my other friends aren't going, so yeah it's pretty sad. I would like to be remembered as an awesome SPORTS CAPTAIN and being the oldest by far. My message to everyone is we have an awesome school here and the gardens are beautiful.

Hello my name is Archie, I like tennis, soccer and piano and a few other things. Next year I will be going to Foster Secondary. Fish Creek has been a great school, a small school but a very good one. I joined in Grade One but I made friends very quickly. I am going to miss Fishy a lot. I have a lot of great memories from over the last 6 years, from putting a see-through net shirt on, to winning a rubber throwing competition. I'm sad to leave such a great school. I'll see you guys in the next one.



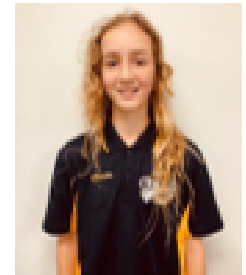
Hi, my name is Caesy and I like AC/DC. My years at this school have been awesome, I have learnt so much and I have made the best friends I could ask for. My best memories at this school have mainly been to do with my friends and me all being goofballs, like rolling down the hill but accidentally rolling over a stick, or when Oscar got his shorts and underpants stuck on a tree and got the ultimate wedgie. Next year I will be going to Foster Secondary College so we will be put in with all the Year 12s and that, so I'm sad we won't rule the school. Before I leave I want to tell all that read this that I loved my time at Fishy and being a Fishy kid, and not a "creeker" like Mim Hook the radio person said. I will always be a Fishy kid at heart. Casey over and out, and remember. AC/DC RULES!





My name is Jayden. I like to game, ride my mountain-bike, climb trees, ski and snowboard and hang out with my friends. My favourite subject is (most of the time) PE. I will be going to Foster Secondary next year and I'm pretty happy because most people in my class are going there [except for some which is why I said most (those people are: Carmine, Mabel & Kyla)]. Lots of people reading this don't know that every year for Term 3 I go up to Falls Creek Primary which is in a ski resort. My school up there is also very small, there are only 40 people in the winter and about 10-15 in summer. Because the school is so small I have barely any friends up there so I'm much happier down here at Fish Creek where I have more friends. I would like to be remembered at Fish Creek for being the kid who was only here for half the year and did some things that no one can remember.

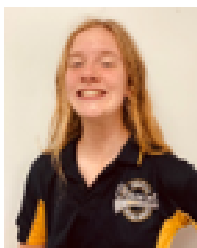
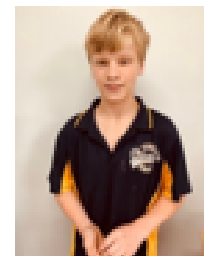
Hi my name is South, some of my favourite interests to do are: play soccer, watch soccer, go surfing, go running, and hang out with my friends and listen to music. The things I have most enjoyed about Fishy are hanging out with my friends, playing soccer on the oval and that all the students are really nice. One of my favourite memories is when we played soccer for Winter Sports and we played against Foster and we lost by a penalty shoot-out. Another good memory was when we made a human pyramid, I was always on the top, or all the Grade Sixes singing songs as loud as we can on the bus. I'm going to Foster next year and I'm sort of excited and it's a new way to make new friends. I would like to be remembered for making it into State Cross Country and how much I liked soccer. I would like to thank the school community for helping us with fundraisers and school discos and other things that we needed help with.



Hi I'm Sophie and I love soccer, surfing, music, netball, maths and some books. My favourite thing about FCPS is that all the staff and students are so nice and respectful. My favourite memory was in the first round of Athletics at Foster Secondary College when we were doing shot put and we were huddling like little penguins because it was so cold. One of my funniest memories was when I was coming back from my clarinet lesson on Friday and I saw Fynley fall out of the MARC Van and I could not stop laughing. Another extremely funny memory was when Mabel was casually eating some flowers and then started chasing children around with pink foam coming out of her mouth. Next year I'm going to Foster Secondary College and I'm really excited. I'm really going to miss Ms Ellis and all the teachers and students next year. I'm going to remember this school for the rest of my life

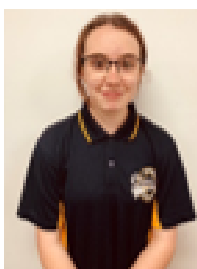
because I joined in lockdown and when we got back everyone welcomed me with open arms.

Hi I'm Lanza. I like doing a lot of sports. My favourite subject is PE. Something I really like about this school is that I've made a lot of friends really quickly. I remember going ice skating on Melbourne Camp and I kept falling over. I am going to Foster Secondary next year and I'm feeling worried. I'm going to miss coming to this really great school. Oh, and go North Melbourne and Cricket Australia!!



Hi I'm Mabel, my time at this school has been amazing. I like dragons, chaos and drawing. All of my memories at Fishy have been great, such as Scouts, Prep Buddies, stupid times in class, funny moments. One of my favourite memories from school is when we were at camp last year, there was this couch in the main room and Cody, Willem, Monty and I would pile onto it: Monty stuck at the bottom with one arm free, then me pinned in the middle unable to move, Cody second to top who somehow found entertainment and Willem who was sitting on top like a prince. Next year I'm going to New Haven College, away from all of my friends. Last year Monty stopped coming to school and then Cody and Willem left for high school and now I'll be going to a different school. I'm very sad I'm leaving my fellow baboons but I'll never forget my time at Fishy.

Hi, I'm Julia. This year I was School Captain with Mabel and I found it really fun and with a good sense of responsibility. I really like dragons and mythical creatures; I mostly enjoy reading about them. I am into drawing and I have always loved writing magnificent stories. I also did Netball this year for Fishy with most of my besties. I also love playing piano and I think I'm pretty good at it. Fish Creek Primary has been the best experience ever! I have made heaps of friends that I will cherish forever and I have loved playing outside and having all the funny memories for so long. Next year I will be going to Foster Secondary College with most of my friends. There have been too many hilarious memories of Fishy that I can hardly remember, but all I know is that the wanted outlaws of laughter have been: Big Al, Mabel, Makayla, and of course Casey (maybe me too). Now I just want to say thank you to the school community: my family and friends, teachers and my buddy. I will never forget this amazing school and to be honest I will probably cry next year.



Hi, I'm Ebony Taylor, I'm twelve years old and love rollerblading and netball. I've been doing netball for two years and don't plan on quitting anytime soon. My favourite subject at school so far is probably gotta be P.E or Integrated. Being at Fish Creek School for so long I've gotten to experience around 4 to 5 school camps and a ton of excursions. I gotta say that they are one of my favourite parts of school. Next year I will be going to Foster Secondary College. I can't wait to move on to the next stage in my life. Although I am nervous and kinda worried about all the changes that will happen like new teachers, a bunch of new classrooms and all the other students I will get to meet. I would like to be remembered by my kindness and hard work I put into this school. I would just like to thank all the staff and teachers for their awesome work getting us to Grade Six, they have done an awesome job and I'm so thankful.

Hi I'm Zac and some of my time here has been a bit of a BLAST. I've made lots of friends and some of my interests are kelpies and farming and probably my only favourite subject is PE. The thing I enjoyed most about coming to Fishy were meeting people and making friends and the camps we went on especially the Melbourne camp although it was a lot of walking it was fun. One of my favourite memories was when Oscar tripped out the tree and the tree caught him by his underwear and everyone burst out laughing. Next year I'm going to Foster Secondary College because the school at Leongatha IS SK A YEAR!!! Honestly I don't think I'll be that nervous going to Foster because I already know a lot of people there. I don't really care how I am going to be remembered as long as it's nothing bad. I guess the only message to the school would be: cheese is good :)

