

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal



I would like to wish Students, Parents, Staff and all involved in our Fish Creek community a safe and happy Christmas. It has been a very busy but wonderful year at Fish Creek.

To our departing grade 6 students I wish you the best of luck next year in Secondary College. It was special that we were able to celebrate your achievements at your graduation night, last night. You have been a fantastic group and I am sure that a bright future awaits all of you. I loved hearing all our your speeches and especially enjoyed Miss Ellis special take on our graduating grade. Our Grade 6 students also received a parting gift from our Parents and Friends group, to help them with their future studies and a tree donated from Bunnings in Wonthaggi to symbolise their transition into secondary college. A big thank you to all our grade 6 parents and to Donna for the decorating of our gym, it looked absolutely amazing

On Monday we had our whole school Christmas Lunch. I honestly don't know how our parents and friends group have done it, but they managed to cater a whole school Christmas lunch for 130 people. The food was simply amazing, I know all the students who I had sitting on my table loved every bit of it. If things couldn't get better after having a great meal and fabulous dessert, we were treated to a visit from Santa. A massive thank you to our Parents and Friends for organising the lunch, they have done a tremendous job not just with this function but all year, raising money to make the school a better place for our students.

At the conclusion of our Christmas Lunch we held our awards ceremony, it was an extremely difficult challenge selecting our award winners as all our grade 6 students have done a fantastic job this year. All awards winners (pictured on the next page) were very deserving and I would also like to thank all the people and community groups that donated the awards. The award winners were -

Rotary award for excellence donated by Foster Rotary was won by Julia Stefani

Kindness award donated by Pam Seuren was won by Alistair Buckland

Principals award donated by myself was won by South McCormack

S.T.E.M award donated by South Gippsland Radiology was won by Carmine Burslem

Sports award donated by Fish Creek Football/netball club was won by Casey Johnson

Anne Bright Art award donated by Rick Bright was won by Archie Henning

Leadership award donated by Lions club was won by Mabel Richardson

School values award donated by the lions club was won by Fyn Hamlett

Lance Moon award for most improved donated by the Moon family was won by Makayla Bennett

Next week we are open to students but traditional classes wont be happening, students will be helping in the preparation for next year and will assist in tidying and setting up. Our final official day is **Tuesday the 20th of December and we will be finishing at 1:30 on this day** this means that buses will be running 1 hour and 50 minutes earlier than scheduled.

A big thank you to Holly Dubois who has been our trainee all year. Holly has done a fantastic job at the school and we wish her all the best in her new job in Educational Support at Barringa in Moe. I know she will do a great job there.

Cheers

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IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 2022

Tues 20th Last Day of Term 4
(1:30pm Dismissal)

JANUARY 2023

Mon 30th First Day of Term 1
(Students)

February 2023

Tue 14th School Council

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2022 Grade 6 Award Winners



Grade 6 Graduation Evening

Our Grade 6 Students celebrated their end of Primary School last night with a Graduation Dinner followed by a Presentation and Supper with their Families. From the many accounts today the evening was a success. Good luck in High School.





Christmas lunch

Everyone was in good spirits at our annual Christmas Lunch. It's a great way to thank all of the volunteers who have contributed to our school this year and to celebrate the end of another year together. A massive shout out to the incredible PNF who put on a delicious spread and filled our bellies and the big guy in red for his surprise visit! Special mention to Miss Ellingworth and the Grade 5s who decorated the rooms and organised activities.



Primary Welfare

There is a buzz in the air as our kids find out their new classes and teachers for 2023. I have spent the morning floating around the classrooms and am filled with the deepest gratitude for our school staff, who are deep into week 11 and who have all found and given sparkle and excitement in meeting their grade for 2023.

We found a window of opportunity in the weather, and our new preps ate sausages and played with their grade 6 buddies under the oak tree, dodging the rain.

It has been a fabulous morning – but bittersweet, as we got to feel what it will be like without our robust, colourful and vibrant class of 2022.

It is sad to think about our days without them. So, grade 6, as you navigate the next bit of life – remember where you have come from; a place where individuality is celebrated, and inclusivity is expected. A place where you can play in the trees at recess and then go back to class to nut out the most obscure open-ended questions. A place where you write what you think and have that challenged so that you can grow.

You are leaving with the tools you need for high school and more. Use these tools and this grounding for your time at high school and put your hand up for every opportunity that comes your way.

You will be missed, and we can't wait to hear of your next adventures.

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Bakers Delight Vouchers

Congratulations to our highest bidding Winners- Mel Meade, Carol Sheehan, Wendy Watkins and Charlotte Mortimer. Please contact the School Office to arrange payment and collection of your vouchers. Thank you to all those who bid.



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
 Contact Susan 0429936325

TOORA CHRISTMAS PARTY 2022
 SUNDAY 18th December 12noon to 3pm
AT TOORA HEATED POOL *Gold coin entry per person

- ★ Great fun and entertainment for the whole family
- ★ Spinning Wheel with great prizes and RAFFLES
- ★ FREE Jumping Castle AND GIANT INFLATABLE
- ★ Sausage Sizzle provide FREE by Toora Lions Club
- ★ A visit from Santa
- ★ ANNOUNCEMENT AND AWARD OF PRIZES FOR LIGHT UP TOORA COMPETITION

Brought to you by Friends of Toora and District Pool Committee, TCAT and lots of wonderful local sponsors

Toora Pool Fun Day

Today Our Students and Teachers headed over to Toora Outdoor Pool for our End of Year Whole School Funday. There were some very excited students at recess busily getting themselves changed and ready to board the buses. The school was very ghost-town like in their absence.



Apologies for this weeks newsletter being in Black and White. Please contact the office if you would like a colour copy sent home next week.

*Yanakie
 Community
 Christmas Party*

A party for all to enjoy the Christmas Cheer and mingle with the local community.

Barbecue dinner bring along a salad or a sweet to share and your own drinks. Tea, coffee and cordial provided.
 Christmas raffle drawn on the night tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5

16th December 2022
 Yanakie Hall

7PM

There will be a guest appearance from 🎅
 PLEASE LEAVE WRAPPED, LABELLED GIFTS AT THE YANAKIE GENERAL STORE FROM 12:16 DECEMBER