

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

Welcome back to everyone for the start of a new school year. It was great this week to see all 107 students here and happy and ready to start the school year. It was wonderful to visit all the classrooms and speak to all the students about their holiday break. I would like to give a special welcome to our 11 new prep students who have just started their schooling adventure. It was great to see how comfortable all the students were at the school, for some of them it looked like they had been at school for years. For the new parents at the school I would like to welcome you to our wonderful school community. Just a quick reminder that for the remaining Wednesdays (8th, 15th and 22nd) in February the prep students will be doing their initial testing. Prep students are only required to come in at their allocated time on these days, if you have yet to arrange a time please see Shelley or contact the office.

New staff

A big welcome also goes out to our new staff members who are starting this year. We have Jess Murray who is our new graduate teacher; Jess will be very familiar to the school community through her dance work and we are very excited to have her with us this year. This year we are also the coordinating school for the MARC Van, with that we are very fortunate to welcome two new staff members to our team in Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Calcott. We also have Lucas Vanderzalm who has joined our school as a trainee. Lucas is currently studying Education Support and has already started fitting in extremely well to the school.

Camp

In week 4 (Feb 20th-24th) our grade 5/6 students head off to Woorabinda for this year's camp. This 5 day adventure camp will be a great experience for all the students in the senior grade. I personally still have great memories of when I camped their way way back in 1987. Woorabinda is a state of the art adventure camp where students will be challenged to complete the high and low ropes course, the 128m flying fox course, canoeing, archery and initiative games. All the students are looking forward to the camp and I know they will all have an amazing experience.

Works at the front

Over the holiday period we had extensive works done at our school, the front of the school has had a total transformation with asphaltting, fencing and new retaining walls put in. It has really made a difference to the front of the school. We still have more work going on with the establishment of the new Marc Library which we hope to have completed in the upcoming weeks. Thank you to Andrew for all the time that he has put in over this period.

Swimming Trials

On Wednesday the 8th of February from 12 pm selected grade 3-6 students have our District swimming trials at Toora Swimming Pool. On this day our swimmers compete against Meeniyan and Tarwin Lower Primary School to see who will represent the Waratah District at the District Swimming sports. This is not a compulsory event, it is only for students who wish to try out, and those who feel they can confidently swim 50 metres in either freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly.

Cheers



FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 2023

Wed 8th	Swimming Trials
Tue 14th	School Council
Wed 15th	District Swimming
Mon 20th– Fri 24th	Grade 5/6 Woorabinda Camp

March 2023

Thu 9th	School Photos
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PRIMARY WELFARE

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PNF 2023

Our Parents and Friends will be having their first meeting for 2023, Thursday 9th February at 9am. All Welcome.

Bus Travellers

A reminder to parents of bus travellers to please 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.



Late Arrivals/ Early departures

Just a reminder, students arriving late to school need to be walked in by an adult who will need to complete the sign in / out book at the office. If you are collecting your child early from school, please head to the office and record their early departure in the book .



Grade 5/6 News

Our 5/6 students loved creating worlds made out of lentils for their upcoming narrative writing!



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Where Kids love to be!

Only a few sleeps left until school starts!

Make a booking for Week 1 and go into the draw to

Win
2 x Holiday Program days
OR
3 x Before or After School Care sessions

Primary Welfare

When I was 12 my parents separated and from then on after I lived one week with my mum on her farm and one week with my dad on his farm. At times this was a real juggle, there were times I really missed one of my parents and there were MANY occasions where I had a shoe or some other important item at the wrong place but as time passed we learned more about being organised and also celebrated our new way of being a family.

My mum chose to have NO T.V. – to start with no one could believe it, including me. I argued that ‘everyone else has one, why can’t we?’ ‘How am I supposed to talk to the kids at school about Degrassi Junior High if I don’t have a T.V?’ ‘How will I fit in?’

When we realised that Mum was not going to change her mind about a T.V we learned to live with this. My siblings and I were always playing games, either cards, board games or big messy outdoor games, like mudslides and dam villages. We learned instruments and read books, often the same ones over and over. We argued, resolved the arguments and argued again. We got tired and would curl up with a book or draw or argue! Our house was always filled with kids and no one seemed to care if we did not know what was happening on Degrassi.

At the time I thought that mum was limiting my life by limiting my screen time but in reflection I can that she was giving me more life, more adventure, more opportunity for creativity and community.

And this is why as an adult, I have never had a T.V, my kids have grown up without T.V and very limited screen time. They are re-hashing the arguments I made for more screen time in the 90’s and while I understand how they feel, I know if they have more screen time that the trade off is not worth it.

Navigating screen time is one of the toughest parts of parenting for our generation but balance is essential. Less time on screens gives our kids more time for adventure, creativity, connection and community.

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Playground art by Lily and Elsa

COMMUNITY NOTICES



COME & TRY

FOOTY 4 FUN





Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria as the Box Hill Hawks VFL & VFLW players will be delivering a one-hour clinic plus a meet and great as well as a signing session

Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 7-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

WHERE:
Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve

WHEN:
Saturday, 4th of February
1:30pm - 3:00pm



REGISTER HERE!



Corner Inlet Swimming Club

Dolphins

The Corner Inlet Swimming Club (CISC) welcomes existing and new families to start of our 2023 training season commencing Term 1, Monday 23rd January

When:	Mondays	Senior Squad 5.30pm – 7pm Junior Squad 5.30pm – 6.30pm
	Fridays	Senior Squad 4pm – 5.30pm Junior Squad 4pm – 5pm

Where: Toora Swimming Pool

Why: Fun, Fitness, Technique, Endurance, Competition

Who: 7yo to 100+yo who can competently swim 2 laps of the pool in 3 strokes

What to Bring: Goggles, Flippers, Water Bottle, Towel

Contact: Paul 0413 550 078 or Jill 0417 582 180 or dolphiniscisc@gmail.com
Facebook: Dolphins – Corner Inlet Swimming Club

Come and try

First session FREE

(Pool entry fees still apply)

CISC is a family friendly swimming club offering accessible training where members can improve swimming fitness, technique and challenge themselves to achieve personal best times.

“Ribbons are a bonus, not a focus!”

Expressions of Interest

Meeniyan Junior Basketball AUTUMN COMP

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN UNTIL
WEDNESDAY 1ST FEB ONLY!**

Aussie Hoops (5-7year olds)

WEDNESDAYS 15th February (week 3 of school) -
Wednesday 17th May
11 sessions

No sessions held during school holidays

Participants MUST have turned 5

Minis (7- 9 years old) skills and drill.

FRIDAY 10th February (week 2 of school) - 19th May

11 sessions for Minis

NO SESSIONS HELD ON

Friday 10th March long weekend

7th April Good Friday

14th and 21st April school holidays

Minis must have turned 7 to participate

Minors, Intermediate and Youth

Commencing FRIDAY 10th February (week 2 of school) - Grandfinal 26th May

Youth age group - must be born 2005 and prior.

10 rounds plus 2 weeks of finals for Minors, Int & youth

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Please complete the form via the link below

<https://forms.gle/oymwwe9RNM1Qveg6>

**Expression of interest form will close on
Wednesday 1st February**

**Unfortunately no late expressions of
interest will be considered.**

Please note this is not a registration link, this will be sent to you once your child has been allocated to a team / session.

For Further Information contact
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Or

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