

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

### School Leaders

Late last year Miss Ellis, Miss Giliam and I had the pleasure of interviewing our grade 5 students for leadership positions. It was great to see so many applicants for all these positions and knowing that we have so many students who want to see Fish Creek Primary School be the best it can be. The standard of the applications was simply amazing and all the students should be extremely proud of their achievements. All students at our school show leadership and have the chance to be leaders. Being a leader is not just wearing a badge, it is about being a good friend, helping others and showing respect and manners to each other and always trying your best in any situation. I feel at Fish Creek we have 107 leaders in our school with all our students demonstrating these traits.

#### School Captains:

*Jack S and Edie*

#### Vice Captains:

**Semester 1 - Benni and Isla**

**Semester 2 - Emma and Jakarn**

#### Environmental Captain :

*Jack F and Taliah*

#### Sports Captain:

**Semester 1 -**

*Kooper and Porter*

**Semester 2 -**

*Alannah, Ivy and Annie -Jean*

**Arts Captain: Billie**

**STEM Captain: Rhama**



We are still waiting for our leadership badges to arrive and when they do we will hold a special badge ceremony for our students.

Cheers

Dale

### School Council

We are once again calling for nominations to join our School Council. Councillors have an opportunity to participate in the development and review of school policy, as well as a general oversight into grounds, buildings and the culture of the school. It's a fantastic opportunity to become involved with other parents and staff and have a positive impact on the school community. Council also acts as a great support to Dale. When a community becomes involved in the school we can share our challenges, goals and successes. The role is not that time consuming, but does involve a commitment to participate regularly in meetings (8 per year) and making important decisions about priorities and policies for the school. Previous school councillors have expressed the following opinions on their role in Council : "I love the involvement in the vision of the school to see the future beyond today/this year - but long term." "It's lovely to communicate and commit plans in a connected way." "As your kids move through the year levels you find they become more independent and need you less in the class. Being on School Council has allowed me to keep connected to the school." "This is my tenth year as a parent at Fish Creek Primary School. Serving on School Council has given me a great sense of connection, and its wonderful to know that I can have input in the school's future direction." " I enjoy contributing to our school community and learning about our school, our students and our families." The council provides an opportunity for service to the school, Insight into how it works, and connection with different people within it. If this role is of interest to you then please contact the office and we will send home a form for you to nominate. Nominations close at 4pm on Friday 28th February. If you have any questions, then please feel free to speak to our School Council President , Howard Prosser or to Dale .



## FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Fish Creek VIC 3959  
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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### February 2023

Mon 20th– Fri 24th

Grade 5/6

Woorabinda Camp

Fri 24th

Division Swimming

#### March 2023

Thu 9th

School Photos

Mon 13th

Labour Day  
(Student Free Day)

Mon 27th— Thu 30th

P/1 Swimming

Thu 29th

Bunnings Visit

#### April 2023

Mon 3rd

Responsible Pet Visit  
P-2

Mond 3rd– Thu 6th

P/1 Swimming

Wed 5th

District Athletics

Thu 6th

Last Day of Term

### PRIMARY WELFARE

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**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
 orders are due:  
**Friday 24th February**

# Student of the Week



## Annual Privacy Reminder For Our School Community

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Please take time to read our school's collection notice, found on our website <https://fishyps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Collection-Statement-Enrolments-privacy-information-for-parents-guardians-and-carers-2023.pdf>

We ask parents to also review the [guidance we provide](#) on how we use [\[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education\]](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [\[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education\]](#), please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese.

## Primary Welfare

Yesterday was our district swimming sports, I love our school swimming. I love the Toora Pool before the noise starts, the lawn, the trees and the buzz that the school swimming creates.

I love watching the change in our kids as a day progresses, the morning has them marshalling for their events in silence, nervously lined up with kids they hardly know from Foster, Meeniyana, Welshpool, Toora and Tarwin Lower in silence and by the end of the day we are having to interrupt conversations so the kids can go and swim.

I love the changes we see in the kids each year at these events, the first year always being the scariest – the starter gun, the rules, the stroke judges – but by the second year the fear is swapped out for familiarity and excitement.

I love seeing the parents from all the schools time keeping and holding kickboards to protect heads at the end of the pool in the backstroke.

I loved the cheering for the winners, the cheering for the kids swimming in last and the cheering for those kids who ended up in a heat on their own. Our kids acknowledging and empathising with all levels of competition made me feel proud!

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## School Council President Report 14 Feb 2023

Welcome back to a new year, everyone. It's great to see the school filled with our students, staff, and community members. The year's off and running with lots of learning and activities - from new students to swimming and school camps. The school council is pleased to see the completion of the work to the school's entrance. I want to thank the councillors from last year and those currently sitting for their efforts. We'll continue to assist with other aspects of running the school to support our kids to learn, play, and wonder. And offer special thanks to all our staff and parents/carers in the work they've done in getting 2023 in motion.

Howard Prosser

### Bunnings Garden Visit

"Grades 1 to 4 were delighted to welcome back Sally from Bunnings on Wednesday, for another very productive (although very HOT!!) day in our School Garden. Everyone worked hard weeding and prepping two of our main garden beds. And we learned lots about seedlings and the importance of mulching and watering. A very informative day was had by all".



### Lost and Found

The item pictured was found in the school yard this week and we would like to return it to its owner. Please contact the office for collection.



### Permission to Publish Forms

A reminder that the 2023 Permission to Publish Forms (blue Form) are now due back. Please return them to the office by Friday 17th February.

## Shoe Boxes

Grade 3/4 are embarking on an exciting animal unit this term and we would love any donations of shoe boxes so we can have one for each student to make amazing dioramas for our integrated focus.

Thanks for your support,  
Grade 3/4 Team



## District Swimming

Yesterday 15 Fish Creek students proudly represented the Waratah cluster in the District Swimming sports at Toora. All students should be congratulated on their efforts: it was amazing watching them all perform at their best but more importantly showing great sportsmanship through encouraging other swimmers and congratulating other competitors. We will post results in next week's newsletter but students who won their individual events and teams that won relays will go on to compete next Friday against all the best swimmers from South Gippsland at Division swimming. Congratulations also to Annie-Jean and Addie, both receiving individual Age Champions medals and to Annie-Jean and Daisy for breaking individual records on the day. Super efforts!



## Grade 5/6 camp

On Monday our grade 5/6 students head off to Woorabinda camp for the week. Woorabinda is a great camp with nonstop fun and adventure. This camp gives all children to challenge themselves and have a go at activities that are potentially out of their comfort zone. I personally love all camps and can't wait to see how all the kids go when I arrive at the camp on Wednesday. A **reminder that only a Snack for the trip to Woorabinda is all that our students will be required to bring. (Fruit and water is recommended).**



COMMUNITY NEWS

**WEST GIPPSLAND ARTS CENTRE**  
**FREE FAMILY**  
**OPEN DAY**

**SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY**  
**11:00AM - 5:00PM**

Historical displays Backstage tours  
 Giant bubbles Workshops Stilt Walker  
 Theatre Sports Live Rehearsal  
 Craft Live Music and so much more!

**FUN EVENT FUN FOR 5+ YRS**

HEY FAMILIES!  
 SHARPEN YOUR PENCILS AND  
 BRING YOUR AWESOME  
 CREATIVE ATTITUDE

**Learn to DRAW CARTOONS**  
 with Brett Cardwell from Cardyoons  
 @ the 'WOOF' EXHIBITION

Please bring a small cushion to sit on.

**\$10 Per Child**  
**DRAW CARTOONS OF YOUR DOG**

**Saturday 11th March 2023**  
**10am-11:30am & 1pm-2:30pm**

**WOOF EXHIBITION**  
 @ Stockyard Gallery  
 12 McDonald St, Foster

**BOOK HERE**

PROM COAST FESTIVAL South Gippsland Shire Council  
 Community Bank Toora & District and Foster Bendigo Bank

Made possible by The South Gippsland Shire Small Grants Sponsorship.

**FOOTY TRAINING STARTS**

**WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2023**

**@ TOORA**  
**4.30PM - 5.30PM**

**STINGRAYS** **COVIEL**  
 Since 1972

**U10'S, U12'S, U14.5'S**  
**BOYS AND GIRLS COMPETITION**

**SHERRIN AFL**

If you have any questions, please email us at [stingraysfc@gmail.com](mailto:stingraysfc@gmail.com)

**115th Foster & District AGRICULTURAL Show**  
 4th Saturday in February  
[www.fostershow.com](http://www.fostershow.com)

Woodchop  
 Dog High Jump  
 Yellow Brick Road  
 Young Farmers Challenge  
 On Farm Competitions  
 Giant Pumpkins  
 Sheaf Tossing  
 Photography  
 ...and all your usual favourite events

**1st**

**Show**  
**Saturday 25th Feb 2023**  
 Foster Showgrounds Station Rd FOSTER

**COME & TRY FOOTY 4 FUN**

**AFL play.afl**

Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

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:**  
 Foster Primary School

**WHEN:**  
 Saturday 11th March  
 9:30am - 11:00am

**REGISTER HERE!**