

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

Naplan

Information regarding Naplan testing for 2023 was distributed to our Grade 3 and 5 families via Signmee. This year Naplan is commencing on March 15th, in previous years it has been held around the start of May.

This year we are once again completing our NAPLAN online, all test except the grade 3 writing will be completed this way.

The result of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student success. I feel it is very important to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of testing taking on one particular day and should be viewed as a guideline and not as a definitive measure as to where each individual child sits.

Prep Students

Just a quick reminder that our Prep students will be commencing full weeks at school starting from next week. We look forward to seeing all the prep students for their first Wednesday on the 1st of March.

Swimming

Tomorrow we have 6 students representing our school at the division swimming in Korumburra, good luck to Annie-Jean, Addie, Marlow, Luca, Edie and Daisy, I know you will all represent the school proudly.

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 Tuesday 28th February. If you have any questions, then please feel free to speak to our School Council President , Howard Prosser or to Dale .

Cheers
Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

February 2023

Fri 24th Division Swimming

March 2023

Thu 9th School Photos

Mon 13th Labour Day
(Student Free Day)

Tue 14th School Council

Fri 24th Whole School Bike
Ride

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

Tues 4th Parent Teacher
Interviews

Wed 5th District Athletics

Thu 6th Last Day of Term

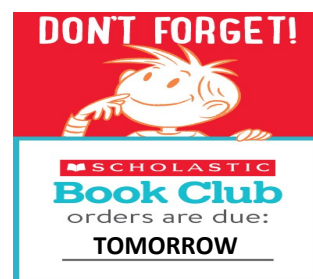
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Grade 5/6 Camp

All grade 5/6 students have been having a wonderful time at camp at Woorabinda. Going down to the camp for the last couple of days I personally really enjoyed working with the students away from the classroom setting. It has been interesting to see all the students that have come out of their shell and embraced the bush adventure camp experience. Camp is about forging friendships, trying new experiences and creating memories that will last a life time. I know this group have all loved their camp experience and they will all be talking about their adventures and challenges they have overcome well into the future.



Primary Welfare

When I was in year 12 I really wanted to leave school. It felt like a slog and I really wanted to get my licence, drive around Australia and follow the sun. The game changer for me was the subject Outdoor Education and the reason I loved Outdoor Ed so much was because I got to go on A LOT of camps. We were not allowed to attend those camps unless we handed in all of our work from other subjects. So, I would get my English task done so I could go on the rafting camp and my maths so I could go on the rock-climbing camp.

School camps tricked me into completing year 12 and shaped my future.

And now there is nothing I love more than being invited to go on school camps, this week I was lucky enough to join the grade 5-6 kids, Ms Ellis, Miss Ellingworth, Lucas and Mr Banks on the Woorabinda Camp.

Your children were out in the world and this is what they did when you were not watching; they treated each other and the people who were teaching them with respect, they walked up hills that they did not think they could walk up, they climbed on ropes they thought were too high, they asked for help when they needed it, they looked after each other with genuine concern and care, they sang the song, they ate the food, they clean up after themselves, they shared rooms with their friends and went to sleep even when they were missing you!

Your children will come home tired but I am pretty sure they will look bigger, more grown up and a little bit wiser because they grew, in front of our eyes!

The staff who attended will come home tired because they gave your children the perfect mix of connection, fun and boundaries, and they did this with joy and selflessness.

We are so very lucky!

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PnF

Yesterday our wonderful PnF team hosted a morning coffee for the new prep families to welcome them to our school community. It was a great initiative to help forge some new connections within our school community.





Tarwin Valley MARC

Preview of Learning - Term 1 2023



In 1974, the MARC/MACC program was introduced to provide small and regional schools, in Victoria, with access to books and educational resources. Mobile Area Resource Centre (MARC) vans provided literacy-based programs, and Mobile Art and Craft Centre (MACC) vans provided art teaching and supplies. In 1979 the MARC van and library were established at, as it was known, the Dumbalk Primary School. The MARC program was welcomed as a vital link between the service and outlying schools and their learning communities. The teachers and students relished the opportunities, weekly visits and variety, such visits provided.

Change over time, is a large part of our lives. The MARC service has witnessed small school closures, a move from Dumbalk to Meeniyan, wonderful students, technology, growth and changes in author's purpose when writing for children and of course, thousands of picture fiction, fiction and non-fiction books. Its mobile nature has imposed the need for focused planning for our students, a high level of organization and of course so many ways in which to interact with students and school communities. One of the greatest privileges has simply been to share books with our students.

Late 2022 the MARC service was moved to Fish Creek and District Primary School. This is now our base school. Change. Moving the almost, 9000 books, resources, the van and ourselves has been a huge undertaking. We have been surrounded by support and help to achieve this. Thank you to Meeniyan PS and staff, the welcoming Fish Creek PS and staff and Clancy's parents (Andrew and Cath) who willingly painted our new base library room. We have nearly got everything in place, and it is a pleasure to walk into our new library. The books are almost all where they should be, we know where most things are, the room has colour, light and is welcoming.

The MARC service continues to visit the following schools - Fish Creek (Mon), Welshpool (Tues), Tarwin Lower (Wed), Toora (Fri) and welcomes the Powlett River and Kongwak Primary schools (Thurs) into the service.

Like everyone we have had a few weeks back at school. We have a new timetable, students' names to learn, different places to drive to and of course, change. We are beginning to feel settled and look forward to our days of teaching and shared learning within each of our schools. Thank you for your warm welcome, in the schools we know and the schools we are discovering. We look forward to being part of your week, every week.

Yours in reading and learning,

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott (MARC Library teachers)

Indoor Soccer

Mike and Helen Sammonds (Jack and Albert's parents) run an all-ages indoor soccer club at the Meeniyan Basketball Stadium on Monday nights. Kids play from 5pm till about 6.15 and then the adults play till about 7.30.



It's very casual, no commitment needed, just turn up, pay \$5 and play a few games of 5-a-side. Games are mixed and everyone is welcome (we'd particularly like more girls and women to join us!).

If you'd like more information call Helen 0405090926 or Mike 0417871513 or email

mikesammonds@gmail.com

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 .



Lunch Orders from Evans

Evans' Petroleum is doing lunch orders for our students. Parents can still order direct with Evans' but can also fill out an order form and send it in to school with payment or an account name to be booked to.





Mt Eccles Netball Club

2023 NETBALL TRAINING NIGHT STARTS

Thursday 2nd March between **4:00pm to 6:00pm**

at Leongatha and District Netball Courts (LDNA), Leongatha

We welcome players from all over South Gippsland

Age groups: U11 (boys & girls), U13 (boys & girls), U15 (boys & girls), U18 (boys & girls),
and C, B and A Grade.

Junior Training on Thursday Nights. Under 11's and 13's 4pm – 5pm and Under 15's and 18's 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

Season: April to Sept with all games played at same times on Saturdays at the 1 central location.

For queries and registration information contact the Club on munteccles@gmail.com, visit our clubs Facebook page 'Mount Eccles Netball Club' or call Barb Challis (President) on 0403 047 902.

FISHY STORIES WRITING CHALLENGE AND FREE WRITING WORKSHOPS

Fishy Stories
FISH CREEK CHILDREN'S
FESTIVAL OF STORIES

HIDDEN TALENTS
WRITING & ILLUSTRATING WORKSHOP 2023

AS PART OF THE
**PROM COAST
FESTIVAL
2023**

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This is the beginning of your story...

**FISHY STORIES GOES TO
THE PROM COAST FESTIVAL 2023**
FISH CREEK HALL. MARCH 12TH. 11AM-2PM. FREE EVENT.

Craig's Illustration Workshop
DRAWING A STORY
12.30pm to 2pm

Michael's Writing Workshop
HIDDEN STORIES
11am to 12noon

The illustration workshop is about the questions and choices an illustrator faces when composing a drawing, and modeling a way to start working it out. Where to begin? What to keep in mind? What to include? What to conceal? Plus tips for bringing a picture to life with movement and expression, humour and drama.

When we start looking for our story we often wonder how to find it. This workshop will give you ideas on how to find that spark. Then we'll take that spark, and by asking questions about that idea, we'll take you to the beginning of your story. You'll leave the workshop busting to get home and finish it!

**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S
WRITING
CHALLENGE**

READINGS FROM 2022 WRITING CHALLENGE WRITERS
To inspire those who will enter the 2023 Writing Challenge.
12noon to 12.30pm.

11AM - 2PM
SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023

Sandy Point Music Club

Jungle Jim Smith - a one man-electric-boogie-band, playing gritty blues and garage grooves guaranteed to get toes tappin' and heads boppin'

Supported by Phil Beggs,

Venue: - Sandy Point Community Centre

Date; - 18th March

Doors Open: - 7.15pm

Tickets at the door or online from [Trybooking](https://www.trybooking.com)

EFTpos available at the venue

Bring your own drinks and nibbles **BUT please Note:** Wood Fired Pizzas will be available from "Big Ears Pizza"

Future Dates for the Diary

Saturday 15th April [Matt Joe Gow](https://www.facebook.com/mattjoesmusic)

Saturday 27th May [Soultanas](https://www.facebook.com/soultanas)

Email: sandypointmusic@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sandypointmusic/>

