

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

Division Swimming

Last Friday we had 6 swimmers (Edie, Luca, Annie-Jean, Marlow, Addie and Daisy) compete at the division swimming carnival at Korumburra. The students who were representing the Waratah cluster of Fish Creek, Tarwin Valley and Tarwin Lower primary schools competed against other schools from the South Gippsland region. All students who competed did an amazing job and everyone should be congratulated on their sportsmanship on the day. It was an especially great effort from our dedicated 5/6 swimmers who came to the trials directly from their Woorabinda Camp. In the end we had Daisy and Marlow both win through to the all-Gippsland championships in Sale. Well done to all who competed.



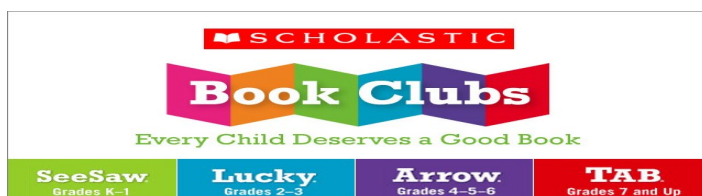
Grade 5/6 camp

Our 5/6 students survived their 5 day Woorabinda camp. They got to challenge themselves in so many different ways and it was fantastic to see them all grow as a group. For these camps to be possible it also takes a lot of time and effort from the teachers. I would like to thank Miss Ellis, Miss Ellingworth, Mrs Giliam and Lucas for all their work on camp and for once again going above and beyond to make this a great experience for all students.

NAPLAN

Last week we received our NAPLAN 2022 average ranking compared to other schools in the state. I was extremely pleased to see that we were the 44th ranked primary school overall in country Victoria (this includes catholic, private and independent schools) and I also believe we were the highest ranked Primary school in Gippsland. While these results are very good, NAPLAN is just a test, our goal at Fish Creek is to provide a happy, safe and fun learning environment for all our students.

Cheers
Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

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
Wed 29th	Bunnings Visit
Thu 30th	Garden Busy Bee
Fri 31st	Cluster Athletics Day
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

PRIMARY WELFARE

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Student of the Week



Junior School Council

We are happy to announce our new Junior Council Representatives -

1/2 -Zoe

3/4 -J Bodhi

3/4 - KH Margot

5/6 -T Addie

5/6 -E Ruby/ Damo

We will be selling icy poles on a Friday so make sure you bring a dollar!

We will be raising money for wellbeing activities throughout the year.

Garden Busy Bee

We would love to invite all green-fingered or aspiring green-fingered parents and carers to join us on Thursday the 30th of March for our School Garden Busy Bee.

The Busy Bee will run over the entire school day so feel free to drop in and help out when it suits you. It will also be a great chance to have a cuppa and meet other members of our school community.



Icy Pole Fridays

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



Primary Welfare

Last night one of my daughters asked me 'mum if there was one thing you could say to your 11-year-old self, what would it be?'

There are so many things I would say to 11-year-old Donna. First, I would have to sit her down, without distractions and get her full attention – because according to her primary school reports she struggled to concentrate, she was easily distracted and talked too much. 11-year-old Donna did everything at the last minute and also, her heart broke if she saw someone in distress, she just had to see if they were alright, which often meant coming in to class late with a sad or injured friend.

11-year-old Donna did not think much about how she looked and had a curious sense of style, which included homemade haircuts, long op-shop skirts and basketball boots, some would call that style – scruffy. 11-year-old Donna did not seem to care much about what others thought of her, because she was loved and safe in her world.

So, what I would say to her is this 'you are capable of so much more than you think you are, do all the stuff - take the risks and don't be scared – no one is looking and who cares if they are?' I would also tell her that 'all the stuff' is a privilege and what she does with that privilege can make a difference to others.

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Indonesian

We have had a great start to the year with students learning Greetings, Numbers, Colours and Feelings through songs, games and interactive activities. For the remainder of the term, we are focusing on the topic of Keluarga (Family).

It would be great if families could get together and have a chat about what makes your family, because we all know families come in all different shapes and sizes and no families are the same but all are equally special. I consider my anjing (dogs) and kucing (cat) to be a part of my family, along with my parents even though I no longer live with them. My kids live in two separate houses so their idea of family is a little more complicated but still special and normal to them.

Thankyou for having this little chat with your kids, hopefully it will make for a nice discussion in class and will help students create their family trees during Indonesian.

Peta Hamlett

Environmental Science

This week in Environmental Science, students learned about waste management and decomposition time frames. They also participated in Clean Up Australia Day 2023, collecting well over 200 pieces of rubbish from around our town and school grounds.

Our collection will also be tallied and the information logged on the Clean Up Australia Website, helping future clean-up projects and initiatives. Well done to all students on their marvellous work.



Lost Property

A friendly reminder to parents to ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on their uniforms to assist us returning them to their owners.



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.



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

School Photos

Our School Photos are scheduled for next Thursday 9th March. A reminder to parents to please return your child's envelopes to the office by no later than Tuesday 7th March. If you would like sibling shots, please ask at the Office.



Foster Show Student Artwork

Our school was lucky enough to be able to enter pieces of artwork in the recent Foster Show. Congratulations Brylie (1st place) Zoe (2nd place) and Alannah and Elijah both receiving Highly Commended mentions.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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 mouteccles@gmail.com, visit our clubs Facebook page 'Mount Eccles Netball Club' or call Barb Challis (President) on 0403 047 902.

FUN EVENT FUN FOR 5+ YRS

Learn to DRAW CARTOONS

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

with Brett Cardwell from Cardytoons

@ 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

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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

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

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.

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

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!

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](#)
 Saturday 27th May [Soultanas](#)

