

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

### New Marc library

Our new Library furniture has finally arrived and we have finally completed our new MARC library space next to the Indonesian room. It was a massive job moving an entire library from Meeniyan to Fish Creek. A big thank you to Andrew and Cath for all their work in preparing the room and also to our Marc teachers Sophie and Jeanette for their painstaking work of placing all the books in order. Please feel free to come in and look at the space next time you are in.



### Naplan

Next week students in grade 3 and 5 will commence their NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skill in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

We will be completing our writing test on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>, this will be followed by Reading (Monday the 20<sup>th</sup>), Language conventions (Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>) and Maths (Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>). 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 taken on one particular day and should be viewed as a guideline and not as a definitive measure as to where each individual child sits.

Later in the year, you will receive your child's individual NAPLAN report. All parents of children completing NAPLAN this year should have received a signmee going into full detail of the testing procedure. If you did not receive this please contact the office.

For further information about the tests please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.gov.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.gov.au)

### Student Free Day

Reminder that next Monday 13th March (Labour Day) is a student free day. Enjoy a nice long weekend.

Cheers  
Dale



## FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hoddle Road  
Fish Creek VIC 3959  
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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>March</b>	<b>2023</b>
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
<b>April</b>	<b>2023</b>
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



## Primary Welfare

My little brother is an earthmover over in WA. Over his working life he has worked on the mines, roads and all sorts of other digging and moving of dirt jobs. Before this he worked on cattle stations and also as a tour guide for a few years.

I am not singing you his resume but instead trying to have you create a picture in your head of what sort of person my little brother might be. He works in hard industries, which require hard hats, high vis and long hours. It is dusty, skin becomes weathered and self-care is often at the pub. For many years, my little brother battled with what he thought was the required 'toughness' to work in these industries.

Last night, I got home to find him in my kitchen, it was the best surprise! He was all tall and smiley and full of fun. He looked lighter and happier than I had seen in years and had a smashing hair do.

I complimented his hair and he told me the story of his first visit to his favourite barber in WA.

He walked in feeling really flat, he had been working hard and his emotional bucket was low. The barber took one look at him and ushered him over to a chair - my little brother sadly looked at his weathered and tired face in the mirror.

The barber started with my brothers face, a wet hot towel and then cleansed and cleaned my brothers face. After this, he gave my brother a haircut, sharing stories and conversation the whole time.

At the end of the haircut my brother looked in the mirror, his face lighter and hair all fancy and he choked up with tears.

I asked my brother what moved him when he looked in that mirror and he told me it was the fact that someone had taken the time to give him care – particularly at a time when he was not giving himself the care he needed.

Now, once a month he jumps off the hamster wheel and gives himself a day of self-care and encourages his workmates to do the same thing.

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## Art News

“ This week in Art the Grade 5/6s were learning about artistic masks from different cultures and coming up with their own very imaginative creations”.



## Garden Busy Bee

We would love to invite all green-fingered or aspiring green-fingered parents and carers to join us on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Class Parties

With the relaxing of covid restrictions Our School Council at the last meeting reviewed Our policy around Class Parties and the donation of food for consumption. It was decided that this can once again return to our school. Parents can choose to have their child opt out should they not wish to have them participate. Healthy foods should also be considered i.e. cut up fruit. Please advise the Office /Classroom Teacher.

## Icy Pole Fridays

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



## Late Arrivals/ Early departures

Just a reminder, students arriving late to school need to be walked in by an adult who needs to register the late arrival on the iPad at the office. If you are collecting your child early from school, please head to the office and record their early departure on the iPad also.



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Our operating hours are;

**B 4 S C** – 7.00 am to 8.45 am weekdays

**A S C** - 3.00 pm to 6.00 pm weekdays

Phone number: 0457 555 261

To enrol, please visit TheirCare website [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) and click "Book Now" in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details. If you would like help with this, come and visit Lucy during session times in the kitchen, or call her on 0457 555 261. Upon request, we can send home a notice with Operation Times and Fees with your child.



# JOIN THE FUN!

## Fish Creek Auskick

John Terrill Memorial Park

Thursdays: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

27th April - 13th July

10 Weeks

Contact: Justin Edgelow - 0428 488 718

Scan the QR Code to register!



COMMUNITY NEWS

**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

**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!

**READING 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**

**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**

**BOOK HERE**

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

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

**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.

**The South Gippsland Go Girls Program**

**Women Helping Women**  
Find focus, direction and independence

Do you want to feel empowered?  
Do you want to take control of your future?  
Together, with your new friends, let's discover your dreams

You can be part of a fully funded, women's only program based in Bass Coast/South Gippsland area

All meals and transport are provided  
In a safe environment, explore your future and plan ahead

**Spaces are Limited**

Find out more  
Call Michelle Jobson from Go Girls on 0406 998 612  
OR Rita Bottomley from Go Girls on 0413 810 700  
OR Kylie Duncan from Jobs Victoria on 0427 716 600

All interested women are invited to a one-hour Information Session  
On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of March at 10.00AM  
@ Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House, 6 Murray St, Wonthaggi  
Please advise Michelle, Rita, Kylie or the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre if attending  
[www.gogirls.org.au](http://www.gogirls.org.au)

**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; - 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> April [Matt Joe Gow](#)  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May [Soulтанas](#)

**SANDY POINT MUSIC**