

Fishy News

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A message from the Principal

Naplan

Students from grade 3 and 5 completed their NAPLAN testing yesterday. All the students who participated in the testing should be very proud of their efforts. I just wanted to reiterate that NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test, it just there to give an indication of where the students sits compared with students of a similar age. It is also used as an educational guide for schools who use the results to identify potential strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and use this data to look forward to set future learning goals in literacy and numeracy.

Leave

In term 2 we will be having some teachers taking some well-deserved leave. Clare Ellis will be away on maternity/long service leave for all of Term 2. She will be replaced by Jess Murray (3 days a week) and Donna Giliam (2 days a week). We also have Barry Farrell taking long service leave for all of term 2; he will be replaced by Anda Banikos. We hope Clare and Barry have a great time on their leave and we look forward to their return in Term 3.

Athletic Sports

On Friday the 31stth of March we will be having our 3-6 cluster athletic sports. This year once again students will be first competing against schools from the Waratah cluster (Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower and Meeniyah Primary School). The top 6 from each event will compete in the district athletics against the top 6 from the Prom Coast cluster (Foster, Toora and Welshpool Primary School). Having the two separate events provides more opportunity for participation in the athletic sports and therefore should make the event a lot more enjoyable for all students. Events start from 9:30 next Friday at the Foster Secondary College, hope to see you there.

Prep/1 Swimming

A reminder that Miss Shelley's prep/1 grade will begin their swimming program on **Monday**. Students need to make sure that they bring their swimming gear and towel. It is also recommended that you clearly label any swimming gear to ensure it doesn't go missing.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Tuesday the 3rd of April, we will be holding our parent teacher interviews. Information regarding bookings has been sent via Signmee. Interview times will range from 8:30am to 6:00pm. Please note this **is not a student free day**. Students will be expected to be at school as normal. If you have any questions about the parent teacher interviews or need to seek an alternative time please contact the office at anytime.

Whole School Bike Ride

Tomorrow (24th of March) we will be having our whole school bike ride. This year it will be run different to other years, with the event starting early in the afternoon. The event will start at 1:50 with students and families going for a ride/walk on the rail trail. They will return to school for a BBQ at approximately 2:45. It would be great to see lots of students and families at the event.

Cheers
Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

March	2023
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



Primary Welfare

When I first moved back to Victoria, we were pretty tight with cash, Andrew was working week on week off and I was just coming back into casual teaching after being on family leave. We were renting a little house in Sandy Point and some days it felt like the walls were crowding in on us – with a teenager and 2 little ones under 3.

We prioritised the things the kids needed – because that is what parents do, meaning Andrew and I would stretch out the time between dentist visits or shoes or clothes. We ate cheap cuts of meat and grew as much food as we could.

We counted our blessings and made fun with what we had.

One thing that was far down the radar of need, was shoes for mum (me!). Each time I thought I had enough cash for some leather boots, another bill would come in and the leather shoes would go on the back burner.

On my 37th birthday my little sister arrived with my gift. It was a beautiful red pair of zip up Doc Marten boots, I wept with gratitude that my sister could be so thoughtful and aware of shoe situation which I thought I was hiding well.

The first day I wore those boots, I stepped onto the wet grass on the Toora Primary School oval and my feet stayed dry, and I felt loved.

I wore those boots nearly every day for years.

These days I usually have a pair of boots but when I step out onto the oval and my feet stay dry, I still remember the feeling of the first day I wore my zip up red Doc Martens – I remember the relief of having dry feet and the kindness of my little sister.

One small act of kindness can ripple for ages.

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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.



Soccer Clinic

Our school was lucky enough to have a visit this week from the Leongatha Knights Soccer Club. They ran a clinic for the Prep to Grade 4 Classes. The students were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the fun activities presented to them.



Icy Pole Fridays

Reminder that for the last time this term, our JSC will be selling Quelch icy-poles tomorrow at lunchtime for \$1.00.



Easter Hamper Raffle

Our PnF is holding an Easter Hamper Raffle and seeking a donation of 1 Easter egg per family to go into the hamper. Please have your donations to the School Office by Thursday 6th April. Raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter.

Raffle drawn 6th April.



Grade 6 News

Grade 6s have been writing their autobiographies this term. They had a special book launch last Friday to celebrate their writing.



Arborists Visit to Fish Creek Primary School

Last week our school had a visit from a crew of Arborists, here to clean up and remove any dangerous branches in our playground. On their departure our school was highly praised for its co operation of our students adhering to the safety barriers, allowing them to do their job. Below is an account of events from Mrs Smith's Grade 1/2.

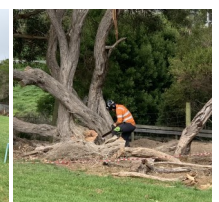
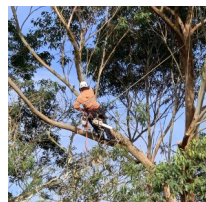
‘CRASH! BANG!’

We couldn't concentrate on our reading on Tuesday because some people were cutting down trees outside our building. We took our chairs and some paper and went out to see what they were doing. This is our report.

The arborists came to the school to chop the dead tree branches so they won't hit anyone's head, and to keep us safe. This is good for the trees because they can grow their branches back. They put tags on the trees to show the choppers which trees to cut. They had lots of safety equipment, like harnesses and earmuffs and helmets and they were professionally trained. The cutters used a chainsaw and a pole saw to cut the branches.

They talked a lot and were making great teamwork. They threw lots of ropes up into the trees to pull some of the branches down. One of the tree cutters climbed up a tree with a harness and rope to get high branches. (Heidi wanted to tell him that he was not allowed to climb up taller than Mr Banks!) The lady had to climb up to get the broken rope and it looked like she was just climbing on air. She was so fast!

Everyone was so shocked and it was very, very loud! When they started the chainsaw, it made a "BRRRMMMMMM....ZZZZZ..." sound. A man was picking up the branches off the fence so they didn't fall in someone's yard. They put red and white tape out so people don't go in that area. The man asked us to tell the other grades not to touch the tags on the trees.



COMMUNITY NEWS



20th Sandy Point Easter Art Show

Sandy Point Community Centre
 10am-4pm Saturday 8th – Sunday 9th
 10am -3.30pm Monday 10th April 2023

Inviting all junior artists
All art works must be framed & ready for hanging

For information and entry forms:

- www.sandypointcc.org.au/art-show
- Di on 0418 336 690

Key Dates:

- Entries close Friday 31st March 2023
- Deliver entries 10am – 12 noon Tuesday 4th April

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Runner Up
MICK HARRINGTON
 INFLUENCED BY AUSTRALIAN SONGWRITING FROM AN EARLY AGE.
 GREW UP IN THE VAST FORESTS OF REMOTE EAST GIPPSLAND, VICTORIA.

THE BACKTRACKS TOUR

THE AUSTRALIAN Songbook

THIS SHOW DELIVERS AN INTIMATE TAKE ON MANY OF YOUR FAVOURITE AUSTRALIAN SONGS FROM ARTISTS SUCH AS:

REDGUM JOHN WILLIAMSON PAUL KELLY CROWDED HOUSE
GOANNA MEN AT WORK MAX MERRETT RICHARD CLAPTON

29th April 2023 Yanakie Community Hall

THE POWERFUL AND GRIPPING VOCALS OF THE "MOWER MAN" MICK HARRINGTON DELIVER YOU A POWERFUL SHOW YOU WILL NOT FORGET.

Doors open 7pm

Tickets adults \$35 - 16 and under \$5 -
<https://www.trybooking.com/CGNAP>
 BYO drinks and nibbles

*If you would like to reserve a table please email yanakiehall@gmail.com with the number of guests



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!



Gippsland Hills Group 68th

Exhibition

Handicrafts, Art & Home Industries

Meeniyah Mechanics Hall

97 Whitelaw St, Meeniyah

Members exhibits, demonstrations, workshops

Open to the public: Saturday 10am – 4.30pm

Sunday 10am – 3.30pm

Admission: Adults \$5, children and school students free

Light lunches, morning and afternoon tea available.

