

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

### Attitude to school survey

Over the past two weeks students in grades 4-6 have been completing the attitude to school survey. This is a survey that is conducted across the state in all Victorian schools. As I have been facilitating the survey it has been interesting to see the questions raised by the students. In one of the sections of the survey they ask questions around bullying across the school. This brought up the discussion around what is bullying and I was fascinated around the wide and varied understandings of the students perception of what "bullying" actually is.

The Department of education definition is an "Ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships through **repeated** verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that intends to cause physical, social and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power, or perceived power, over one or more persons who feel unable to stop it from happening." I think the important terms that I picked up from that definition are ongoing and repeated. Bullying is not when someone is mean one time or two times, that is an isolated incident and while this is unfortunate and something we don't want to happen, it is not bullying.

### Emma Pritchard

A big thank you to Emma Pritchard who has been completing her 4<sup>th</sup> year teaching rounds at our school this term in our Prep/1 grade. Emma's 4 week placement concludes this Friday. Emma has done a great job at our school and we have been fortunate to have her at our school for the last month. I know she will make an excellent teacher in the future.

### Winter sports

Just a reminder that tomorrow our Grade 5/6 students will be commencing their winter sports program. Students had the choice of participating in football, netball, soccer and basketball as part of the program. Our students will be travelling to Meeniyah where we join up with Tarwin Lower and Meeniyah Primary to learn new skills and gain fitness through four fantastic sports. At the end of the session coaches will select teams from the combined three schools which at a later date will compete in a game against the Prom Coast schools.

### Mothers day

Today we finally got to complete our mothers/special person's day presents. This was a week later than we originally anticipated, but unavoidable with all the COVID cases at our school last week. A big thank you to our wonderful PnF team who volunteered their time to help assist the students with their gifts. The students all had a wonderful time creating their gifts for the special people in their lives.

Cheers  
Dale



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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>May</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Fri 19th</b>	<b>5/6 Winter Sport</b>
<b>Thu 25th</b>	<b>Division Cross Country</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Fri 2nd</b>	<b>Report Writing Day (Student Free Day)</b>
<b>Fri 9th</b>	<b>Winter Sports</b>
<b>Mon 12th</b>	<b>Kings Birthday (Student Free Day)</b>
<b>Mon 19 - 21st</b>	<b>Grade 3/4 Camp (Phillip Island)</b>
<b>Mon 19-23rd</b>	<b>Grade 5/6 Camp (Alpine Camp)</b>

### PRIMARY WELFARE

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# Student of the Week



## Primary Welfare

I run most mornings but this morning I did not run, I slept in and then I walked, now at 10am I am feeling sluggish, and I have not done what clicks me into gear each day. I often want to ignore my alarm and stay in bed because running is hard.

Yesterday, all the grade 3-6 kids tried something hard – the cross country and every student put their feet on that trail and moved. It was set up as a loop on the rail trail, the grade 3-4 kids did 3 laps first and then then grade 5/6 kids did 5.

Each time the children passed the lap point they were flushed and proud, some got a place, some got a PB, some ran the whole way, some walked, some gave boosters and high fives to kids as they ran past. The important part is that EVERYONE came down to the trail with a smile on their face and an ‘I’ll give this a crack attitude’.

Running is hard but sometimes stepping up is harder and when we step up and do something new – we surprise ourselves!

Well done grade 3-6!

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## Student Leaders and Junior School Council

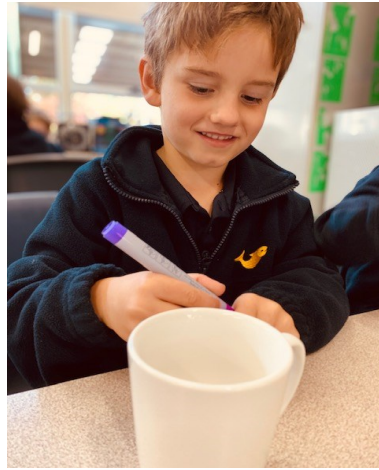
Pictured below are our Student leaders and Junior School Council representatives who were presented with their badges at our last school assembly.



## Cross Country



MOTHERS' SPECIAL PERSONS



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## MARC Van News



## Tarwin Valley MARC

### Preview of Learning - Term 2 2023



We are very pleased with our new MARC Library base at Fish Creek and District Primary School and now feel settled and when we step inside the library we look around with pride. So many wonderful books, focussed user friendly organization and welcome. But what do others see?

Watching children walk in one sees reverence of a new and inviting place, curiosity and a sense of what will I find? They are drawn in, their eyes looking, their bodies turning and then...that is the moment when they see books that they want to look at, browse, hold and read. Although not all the children we teach are able to use the MARC Library at Fish Creek, we also see that same delight when students enter the van when it is at their school. It is an exciting experience. No doubt you as parents 'see', the above described, when you take your children to local libraries in our area. Choosing a new book supports reading and reading supports learning and living.

Below is a preview of our program for Term 2 2023.

Week	TOPIC
1	All students were read ANZAC stories which shared the meaning of ANZAC and the bravery and sacrifices made during wartime.
2-4	Students delved into the genre of adventure. The common features were discussed and noted in a variety of texts. Younger students enjoyed 'Cannonball Simp' by John Burningham and 'Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure' by Alex T Smith.
5	All students will share looked forward to, newly published literature.
6	To coincide with National Reconciliation week, this week we read books written by First Nation authors.
7	Joke books are regularly borrowed and all students should enjoy the opportunity to learn how jokes work, hear jokes and record jokes to 'tell' others.
8	Illustrative techniques enhance the 'telling of a story'. This week techniques used by Herve Tullot will be explored.
9	We will complete our learning for the term with new literature.

Yours in reading and learning.

Sophie Callcott and Jeanette Johnson

## DISTRICT ATHLETICS

As Mr Banks mentioned last week, it was a most successful day for our students. We had 18 students who finished in a top 3 position and the following 9 students have qualified for the Division Championships on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Rory P – shot putt; Sunny E – discus; Mya G – 100m, 80m hurdles, long jump & relay; Elsa S – high jump; Addie M – discus; Chloe LJ – relay; AJ H – relay; Hamish B – triple jump; Marlow H – 80m, long jump & hurdles. These students placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their event – Rory discus; Zac M shot putt; Marlow 800m, 200m; Hamish B 800m, 1500m; Damo shot putt; Mya triple jump, shot put; Chloe 100m; Alannah H shot putt; Taliah A shot put. These students placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in their event – Lucas T discus; Marlow shot put, 1500m; Hamish 100m; Ned F 800m, 1500m; Damo discus; Mya discus; Chloe hurdles; AJ 800m; Jakarn 800m, 1500m, long jump; Edie long jump; Alannah 800m, hurdles; Benni 1500m; Taliah discus.

Mr Couper



## PRIMARY PLAY

Introduce your students to Australian Rules Football in one or two FREE practical sessions!

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- » We bring the equipment, you provide the space!
- » Free and linked to the Australian Curriculum
- » Students develop fundamental AFL skills whilst learning to play the game
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