

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

### Reports

Reports will be going out next Friday (June 16<sup>th</sup>) this is a week earlier than normal. This is due to having two school camps in the last week of term. School reports are a reflection of your child's achievements over the past 6 months, however a common reaction is to just look at the progression point dots at the front of the report. I would encourage all parents to read the comments first before they look at the dots. Classroom teachers have worked extremely hard on your child's report, and as a principal it has been lovely to read through them and hear about their learning growth, both academically and as a person and seeing where students need to progress in the future.

### 3/4 and 5/6 Camp

On Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, our grade 3/4 students will be embarking on their camp to Phillip Island and our grade 5/6 students will be off on our first ever snow camp. This is a very exciting time for students. On camp they will have many unforgettable experiences as they challenge themselves with different activities. To enhance the camp experience beforehand I would recommend packing the clothes together to help create independence and ensuring students know where all their items are in their bag. The night before the camp, try to get a good night's sleep as they are all going to need their energy for a big camp.

### Grade 6 Transition Day

Tomorrow our grade 6 students will be heading off to Foster Secondary College for their first transition day. On this day students will be immersed in the full secondary school experience, which includes taking the bus to school, swapping from different classes and meeting their teachers for the following year.

### Winter Sports

Next Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, our netballers will be competing in Wonthaggi with Miss Ellingworth for a chance to make it through to the all Gippsland finals. Good luck to our team and whatever the result I am sure you will all represent our school proudly.

### Lunch For Staff

A big thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends group that provided morning tea and lunch to all our staff during our student free day last Friday. The food was absolutely delicious, and we all felt very spoiled. I know the staff really appreciated it after a hard day writing reports.

### Final Newsletter

Next week will be our final newsletter for the term due to the 3/4 and 5/6 camp. Also, just a reminder that on the final day of school for the term (June 23<sup>rd</sup>) it will be an early dismissal, with school concluding at 2:30 on this day.

### Rapid Antigen Tests

Just a reminder if you require any additional Rapid Antigen Tests please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Cheers

Dale



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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>June</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Fri 9th</b>	<b>Grade 6 to Year 7</b> (1st Transition Day)
<b>Mon 12th</b>	<b>Kings Birthday</b> (Student Free Day)
<b>Mon 19 - 21st</b>	<b>Grade 3/4 Camp</b> (Phillip Island)
<b>Mon 19-23rd</b>	<b>Grade 5/6 Camp</b> (Alpine Camp)
<b>Fri 23rd</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 2</b> <b>(2:30pm Dismissal)</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Mon 10th</b>	<b>First Day Term 3</b>

### PRIMARY WELFARE

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# Student of the Week



## Primary Welfare

Last night I went to see my favourite ever band sing at the Meeniyah Hall. I have loved them since they were in their 20s and so was I! Last night played their most popular album from beginning to end and halfway through I noticed my cheeks hurt from smiling.

The music was taking me back to my 20's and I could remember the feeling I had when I listened to them way back then. What I really wanted to do was dance. I wanted to push all the tables with their cheese platters and dips back onto the walls and dance. I wanted to sing along at the top of my lungs. But I didn't, and afterwards I wondered why.

What was stopping me was worrying about what other people might think of me. At 44 years old, in a little country hall – I was stopping myself from doing what I love because I was scared of what others would think of me. I am pretty sure if I had of danced others might have joined me, others might have been feeling the same way as me but we all just sat there smiling and chair dancing.

And now I wish I did, I wish I had of danced. I will take this feeling right now with me to the next time I opt out and I will remember how I felt the next day.

Nobody is watching and if they are they might just join!

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## Kings Birthday Public Holiday

A reminder that next Monday 12th June is a public holiday and a **Student Free Day** for our school.



## Grade 6 to Year 7 2024 Transition Forms

A reminder to those families of students going to Secondary College in 2024, who may not have yet done so, to please return your forms to the office by Tuesday 13th June.



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## Valanga Khoza's Performance

Valanga Khoza, South African storyteller and musician, shared his own story and the culture of his people. He used mischievous humour to explain his life growing up in a remote village and the respect his people have for their environment. They used only what they needed and made instruments from whatever they could find. Their songs and jokes were always there to lighten the load and as we listened, we found ourselves singing along with Valanga in his native African language – a pretty amazing experience!

### Grade 1/2 reflections

Yesterday Valanga came to our school for a concert and he played instruments made out of trees, goats, buffalos and skins and he told us lots of stories which I enjoyed. – Nathaniel

I liked it when Valanga told his story about chewing gum and cars. – Nicky

Yesterday we saw someone called Valanga from South Africa. His great grandpa said sorry to everything that he had to kill and chop down. When he was in school there was no technology. – Archer

Valanga came from South Africa and his village had no technology and he told stories with us and since he had no power there were no fridges so they dried their meat. – Evan

Valanga Khoza is an African and he is a bit funny to the kids. The teachers thought he was very funny. I loved his music and his stories. It was the BEST! And he was very funny when he blew his instrument right up close in my face. lol ha. I got to go up at front and did a good dance and he whispered "Uh-oh " to me "Do a crazy dance when I play the instrument!" - Elijah

### Grade 5/6 Reflections

*On Wednesday the 7th of June, Valanga (from South Africa) came to school to show his knowledge and love about music. He showed us his great grandparents' instruments and what and how it was made. His love of music was incredible and the music was calming. His humour and stories were funny and it was astonishing how long he could hold his breath. - Mya Gerretzen 5/6T*

*The storyteller Valanga was awesome. My favourite parts were both when he played the instruments and told stories of when he was young. It was funny, he made me laugh a lot. My favourite story was the one about his first time in the car. - Harry Warrener -Wheeler 5/6C*

To Valanga,

*Hi my name is Alannah . I am writing this to tell you how amazing you were telling us about your life,*

*When you came to Fish Creek Primary School to tell us a bit about your culture and childhood and amazing instruments, I really loved the story about the car, but most of all I loved learning about different instruments you can play that are made of animals and that when you kill the animals you don't waste anything. Showing and telling us about your culture was an amazing experience. Your childhood story was very cool so glad I was able to watch you perform at Fish Creek Primary! - Alannah 5/6C*

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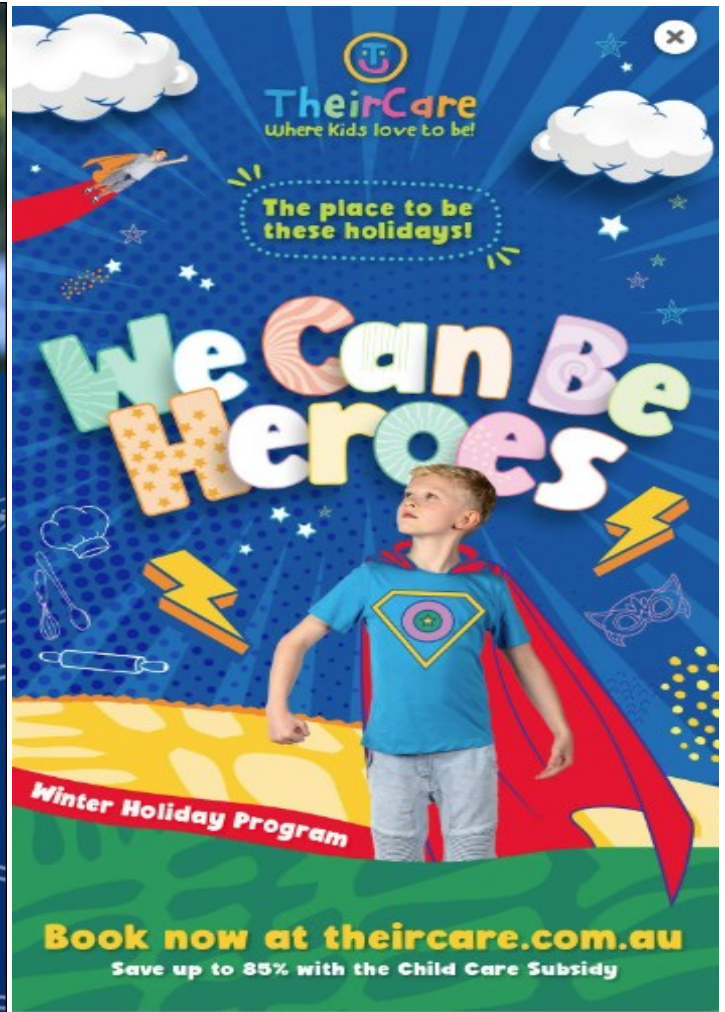
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