

Fishy News

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Principal's Message

A big thank you to Miss Giliam and our Junior School Council for organising our Careers Day yesterday. It was a fantastic day with the students dressing up as what they want to be when they grow up. I really enjoyed seeing the vast and varied costumes, there were sports stars, palaeontologists, rangers and vets just to name a few. I personally dressed up as a professional cricketer (I still hold out ambitions of wearing the Baggy Green for Australia when I grow up). The aim of the day was to show the different and varied possibilities there are in the world and importantly, to show the pathway to get there. During my schooling, I often found it really difficult to answer the question "What do I want to do when I get older?" The honest answer was I never knew. We all follow different progressions and pathways on our journey and its not always linear. I was well into my 20's before I knew that education was the direction that I wanted to pursue, but I am very glad I did finally work it out!

A massive thank you to all of our volunteer parents and professionals who donated their time to come and talk to our students. I know our students all really appreciated it and got a lot out of it. Thank you also to Taya and her coffee van for hot chocolates and coffee, they were fantastic.

Cheers,
Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

August :
24th— PNF Movie
25th— Book week Dress Up
September :
8th—PJ Day
12th—School Council 7pm
14th Division Athletics
Casey Fields
15th Jump Rope for Heart
End of Term
2:30 dismissal

PRIMARY WELFARE

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 SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

they help build our
classroom resources



Student of the Week



Prep Information Evening

Just a reminder that our Prep Information Night is on Tuesday the 22nd of August from 7pm in the Prep room. A great part of this information session is that we have many students from our senior grade speak to future parents about what they enjoy about their schooling at Fish Creek Primary. If you are a prospective new prep parent or if you know of any future prep parents, please pass this information on to them as we would love to see lots of new families and faces there.

Can you help?

With a change in Department policy, we can no longer invoice you for any contribution for your child's education. Therefore, we ask that you consider if you are in the position to help support the school with a voluntary financial contribution. This year we set that at \$170 per child with a \$20 per family grounds levy. We use this money to help cover some of the costs of providing the curriculum to your child, including supplying all stationery and resources your child needs for the year.

If you can help in this way, please deposit the funds into the school bank account at your earliest convenience. If you would like to know more, please speak to Irene. Thank you to those families who have already supported us in this way.

Changes to Lunch Orders

Evans have asked that all lunch orders be made either in person at the shop or via the school, with money included. They WILL NO LONGER accept phone calls. They have also altered their menu. Can you please ensure that you choose items ONLY from the menu.

Parent Opinion Survey

On Monday all families would have received a Signmee in regard to the Parent Opinion Survey. This survey is sent out by all government schools in Victoria and it is used to gather feedback and opinions about different things that are happening within the school. If you could find the time to complete the survey, it would be much appreciated. If you are having any issues with the survey please get in contact with Dale who will be happy to help you out.

New School Policy

At the last School Council meeting, School Council ratified a policy entitled "Statement of Values and School Philosophy" - the purpose of which is to outline the values of our school community and explain the vision, mission and objectives of our school. If you would like a copy of this policy please contact the office.

Rapid Antigen Tests

If you require any additional Rapid Antigen Tests please don't hesitate to contact the office.

Primary Welfare

Back in my 20s I worked as a tour guide out of Alice Springs. It was a fun job where I got to drive a bus and take people camping out in the desert for 3 days, come home, unpack and head back out to do it all again. It was great fun but one of the downfalls was that in Summer it was incredibly HOT. One day I was running side by side with my mate Mark. Every time we stopped our buses we would end up chatting and every time we chatted, I told him how hot it was, as if he was not standing in the same heat feeling it too. In the end he said 'Donna, do you think telling me it's hot every time you talk to me does anything to change the temperature? All it is doing is bringing your attention to the heat and making it worse, and it is a little bit boring listening to how hot it is all the time.'

I had a similar conversation with a friend the other day. This time not about the heat but instead about being busy. We talked about the fine balance between being busy and taking time out but also talked about perspective. We can look at the things we do in our lives as 'busy, a rush or a hassle' or we can look at them as 'exciting and interesting'. I think about this as I take my kids to all of their sport commitments and juggle my studies and work. I can choose to feel 'the busy' and be overwhelmed but I can also choose to buckle up, hold on and enjoy the ride! Because the ride is fleeting, and moments are precious!

Donna Giliam

Primary Welfare

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"K" RUN CLUB – event no.2 Tuesday 8th August

The numbers doubled from last week and thankfully Miss Ellingworth came across to help. There were 26 PBs & 2 Equal PBs out of the 38 runners. Hamish ran 15secs quicker than last week, holding out Ned & Miss Ellingworth to claim 1st spot.

56T – Hamish 3.47 pb, Ned 3.54 pb, Kooper 5.14, Mya 4.11 pb, Emma 5.22 pb, Darcy H 5.09 pb, AJ 4.28 eqpb, Roxy 4.23pb, Billee 4.21 pb, Coby 5.52 pb, Addie 6.28 (5 bonus points for running with a preppy)

56C – Damo 5.17 pb, Alannah 4.20 pb, Marlee 5.59 pb, Jakarn 4.28 pb, Jack S 4.08 pb, Rhama 4.50
34K – Laynie 4.54 pb, Kai 4.06 pb, Albert 4.22 pb, Petra 4.39 pb

34J – Daisy 4.12 pb, Marlow 4.33 eqpb, Darcy L 4.17 pb, Summer 4.23 pb, Anda 5.03 pb

1/2 – Rocky 6.17 pb, Evie D 6.01 pb, Heidi 6.01, Skye 5.25, Pippa 5.22 pb

P/1 – Lane 6.01, Elena 6.01 pb

Bank Account Details

We are currently in the process of changing bank accounts. Can you please ensure all future payments are paid into the following account:

BSB 063 093

Account 1000 1282

Fish Creek & District Primary School

Whilst the Bendigo account is currently still opening it will be closed soon so please, if you have our details saved in your banking program please alter them as soon as possible.

A word from Howard, our School Council President

Term 3 is moving steadily ahead. We're grateful to Clare Ellis for guiding the school as the term commenced. Among other things, students have celebrated NAIDOC week and 100 days of prep. As a council we're pleased to have expressed concern with our local state MP about the condition of our roads, especially given the press attention to a bus incident during autumn. And we're also happy that there's been some uptake of the new school beanie and raincoat in time for the end of winter and the cool spring days.

I also have one final piece of good news to add about our Principal's position at the school. It's a little formal as it comes from the Department of Education.

As School Council President, I was contacted a few months back by the school's Area Executive Director and provided feedback on Dale Banks contribution as principal to the implementation of the school's strategic plan.

The Regional Director of South-Eastern Victoria Region has now confirmed that following advice from the regional team, the School Council President and reviewing other relevant factors, that Dale Banks' contract is to be renewed for a further 5 years.

I congratulate Dale, thank him for all of his hard work in making our school a place people want to work and learn in, and wish him well for the years of leadership ahead.

PnF Sock Drive

PnF have some crazy socks to sell at the minute, all ordered through Jolly Soles. Jump on their website to see a sample of what we have . Socks are \$7.50 a pair and students are able to bring in their money and choose a pair. If you would like to sell some for us, just drop in and ask at the office. Sizes include both adult and children.