

Fishy News

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Principal's Message Grade 2 Sleepover

Mrs Smith and our grade 2s are very excited about their upcoming sleepover tonight. The sleepover provides students with an opportunity for many to experience their first night away from home in a familiar environment. Although it probably won't be the best night's sleep that I have ever had, I know it will be a great night for all of our grade 2s and I know Mrs Smith has lots of great activities planned for the night.

Compass

From next year we will be swapping over to the COMPASS platform to share information with parents. COMPASS will replace our current Signmee system. COMPASS is considered to be more user friendly and it has the ability to do many more functions than Signmee. Some of these functions include student reports, school calendars, payment of school fees and excursions, schedule parent teacher interviews and many more. It is also the platform used by Foster Secondary College, which will assist families in the transition to high school. We will provide you with more information in the coming weeks on how to access the platform.

Student free days

Just a reminder that Monday the 6th of November (Curriculum Day) and Tuesday the 7th of November (Melbourne Cup holiday) are student free days. We look forward to seeing the students ready to return to learn on Wednesday the 8th.

Art cubes

We are excited that our students' art work is currently being displayed in town in the Art cubes. The art cubes are an initiative by the South Gippsland Shire to promote art in the local regions. We are fortunate that the cubes are now in Fish Creek for our school to utilise. A big thank you to Sarah and Helen for their tireless work in putting up the display.

Cheers,
Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

November:
6th- Curriculum Day (Student Free)
7th- Melbourne Cup (Student Free)
13-17th - Swimming Gr 3-6
14th- School Council
24th - Jump for Rope & 24th - Colour Run
28th- Indo Food Day

December:
8th- Production
11th - Grade 6 Graduation
15th - Grade 6 Day Out

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Student of the Week



Primary Welfare

I can't think about my daughter's 17th birthday without getting really emotional. It was her hardest ever year of school, she was in year 11 and was undiagnosed with ADHD. In year 11 the assessments get really tough, and it became more difficult for her to slip under radars or charm people with her good humour. This was also the year her solid friendship group changed over night and she found herself incredibly lonely.

My gorgeous girl started to spend less time with us and more time in her bedroom and I missed all the fun and sparkle she would bring to our lounge room, kitchen and sunny backyard!

On her 17th birthday – she did not want to risk inviting anyone over, in case they did not come.

The thing is, there is always someone.

Lola had 3 friends who had always been there, maybe in the background but always there. So, I called them and asked them to our family dinner on her 17th birthday and they all showed up. They dragged her out of the cocoon she had created in her room and laid in the sun giggling on the trampoline while I cooked dinner and wiped some tears of relief off my cheeks.

My daughter is home from Hobart this week so last night we had an early 21st birthday dinner for her and at the last minute she invited the same girls (now women) to our family dinner and they fell into their lifelong conversation, with lots of laughter and love.

There is ALWAYS someone.

Donna Giliam

Margot Golf

Well done to Margot who got through to the next level in the South Gippsland primary schools golf competition. Margot will now go on to compete at Warragul golf club in the all Gippsland tournament. Good luck, Margot.



School Disco

Thank you to our PnF and to all of the parents and students who made cakes, slices and biscuits to sell at the disco last Friday. The students and staff were treated to some delicious cakes.



Jump Rope For Heart

Fish Creek and District Primary School is participating in Jump Rope – a fantastic fundraising and physical activity program by the Heart Foundation which will culminate in a “Jump Off” on the 24th of November.

Register and create your own secure webpage at jumprope.org.au/parents . When you register your child online you’ll get access to additional skipping resources to help give your child a great reason to get away from the screens and get outdoors.

By signing up online, you and your child can:

- ◆ Easily raise funds online
- ◆ Track skipping skills progress and earn virtual badges along the way
- ◆ Post updates to your page so family and friends can follow their progress
- ◆ Access additional skipping resources

Visit jumprope.org.au/parents for all the information that you need.

Thank you for getting involved in Jump Rope for Heart!

Yours sincerely,

Donna Giliam and the JSC.



Colour Run



On the same day as the Jump Rope for Heart Jump-Off (the 24th of November)

is the school’s Colour Run. Participating students will need to have a white T.Shirt on hand that can be transformed during the day to a colourful work of art.



“K” RUN Club Update

A strong head-wind back home made it hard to run a PB this week. Staff member Jackie was the only PB with 5:38 and Ms Ellingworth was first back in 3:52. Back from holidays in 2nd place was Hamish in 4:03 & Daisy 3rd in 4:13. Last week all classes ran the 1km Handicap and there were 40 PB’s & 3 equal PB’s. That is approx. 40% of the school, a great achievement and looking good for next year’s athletics & cross-country events. AJ is still leading the Points Award with 85. Then follows Daisy on 80, Petra 75, Marlow 73, Billee 63, Albert & Pippa on 60, Hamish, Anda & Coby on 55, Kai & Hazel on 50. There is still 5 more weeks to go & rumour has it that Mr Banks will make an appearance in the final event. It could be very crowded on the rail trail that day as the students strive for bragging rights over Mr Banks.

“K” Run Handicap

Here are the winners of the "K" Run handicap races for each grade. Porter, Meika, Zac, Xavier, Nicky and Evie. Congratulations to everyone who ran with many running PBs.



Busy bee

A fantastic amount of work was achieved in the garden today. As one Mum said “Many hands make light work - especially when it comes to weeding”. Thank you to the enthusiastic group of parents who helped Mr Farrell bring some order to our garden today.

The school’s garden does take a lot of time and effort to maintain so we are very grateful to those parents who helped out. The garden day is also a great opportunity for members of our school community to get together and socialise; as the laughter in the garden today proves. Mr Farrell runs a garden day once a term, if you can help out, even for an hour, it does make a difference.

As a result of the Busy Bee we have a substantial pile of green waste that we need removed. If anyone has a use for it or the time and a trailer to remove it please contact the office.



Fish Creek MARC



Preview of Learning - Term 4 2023

The first months of 2023 saw us settle into Fish Creek MARC Library. There were challenges but excitement as we experienced the many 'firsts' that accompany change. There were new schools to visit, new students, timetables to familiarise ourselves with, different places to park, different roads to travel on, gates to open and close etc. We were always welcomed by teachers and students. A lovely 'add on' to our days.

Many things remained as constants: our commitment to providing planned teaching sessions; beautiful books old and new to share; opportunities to discuss ideas and thinking; focussed learning and wonderings.

What will 2024 bring? We hope lots of the above. We look forward to the unknown and what it may bring. Change is part of growth.

For the remainder of Term 4 we will be teaching the following:

TERM 4 TOPICS – MARC LIBRARY			
Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
6.	Author Study – Heath McKenzie	Author Study – Mac Barnett	Author Study – Martine Murray
7.	World Kindness Day	World Kindness Day	New Literature
8.	Pollinator Week	Pollinator Week	Pollinator Week
9.	New Literature	New Literature	New Literature
10.	Christmas	Christmas	Christmas

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Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott



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SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - 10.30AM

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Fishy Stories in the Art Cubes

The winning entries for the Fishy Stories Writing Challenge will be performed in the Art Cubes during the Fishy Stories Festival 18th & 19th November and all the stories entered will be on display there.

<https://www.fishystories.org/writing-challenge-performances->



Sandy Point Music Club—Final Call

Why not head to Sandy and make a live music night part of your long weekend?

When: Saturday 4th November

Where: Sandy Point Community Centre

Time: Doors open at 7.15pm for an 8.00pm show

BYO: Drinks and Nibbles

Featuring: MEKL and

Supported by: Alex Hamilton

Go to Trybooking to reserve your tickets (\$40).

