

# Fishy News

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## Principal's Message

It has been a very rough week for the Fish Creek Community with the senseless burning of the Fish Creek Football and Netball club rooms. Sporting clubs are the heartbeat of small country towns and I know the club will comeback better and stronger than ever before—you don't win 37 senior premierships unless you have a fantastic culture and great people to support it.

As a school we have used the clubrooms for many events over the years. It hosts our annual Christmas dinner and our trivia nights and we have many great memories there. The club has supported our school at every opportunity. Tomorrow, as a small gesture of our support, we will be having an out of uniform day (gold coin donation) to help raise money for the club. Hopefully the school will be a sea of red and white as our students try and wear some of these to help support the club.

## Swimming Program

On Monday our 3-6 students start their swimming program at Splash swimming pool in Leongatha. The swimming in schools programs is a great initiative by the Department of Education as it gives all students the opportunity to learn this vital life skill. During the swimming period at school it can be very tiring on the students so it is best to make sure they get to bed a little bit earlier during this period. Additionally if you can make sure all clothing and swimming gear is appropriately labelled to help ensure that items don't get lost.

## Kinder visit

Next Tuesday we have another kinder visit. This time students will be working with Mrs Hamlett on their Indonesian skills. It once again gives a little bit of a taste as to what they can expect next year at our school. The students are already getting very familiar with the school and we are looking forward to having them here full time from next year.

## Grade 2 Sleepover

Our Gr 2 students had a wonderful time on their sleepover last week. They did lots of fun activities including games, night walks and a movie and the most important thing was they all slept well. Thanks to Mrs Smith and Lucas for all their work organising the sleepover.

Cheers,  
Dale



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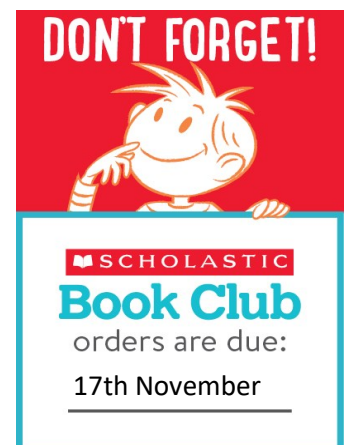
## IMPORTANT DATES

**November:**  
**13-17th - Swimming Gr 3-6**  
**14th- School Council**  
**24th - Jump for Rope & Colour Run**  
**28th- Indo Food Day**

**December:**  
**1st -Student Free Day: Report Writing**  
**8th- Production**  
**11th - Grade 6 Graduation**  
**15th - Grade 6 Day Out**

## PRIMARY WELFARE

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## Mr Farrell's Busy Bees



Yet more work has been happening in our garden. Bunnings staff Brendan and Joanne paid us a visit yesterday bringing with them seedlings and mulch. Both coached our students in planting, pruning and harvesting. The weather was perfect for working outside and our junior students worked hard and achieved lots.

### Primary Welfare

My kids are competitive swimmers, this means we are in the car A LOT. Lucky for me, other kids in Fish Creek are in the same swim club so we car pool and each Wednesday and Friday night I am privileged to great conversations and a questionable playlist. This week one of the kids talked about her last time in the Fishy rooms, how she got a free bag of chips and how everyone was so happy because Fishy had just won another flag. She pondered on this being sad because she did not know that was going to be her last time in the rooms. She got me thinking about the feeling of being in the Fishy Rooms. It could be the excitement of a Trivia Night or the school Christmas Lunch or a space for people to grieve the loss of a friend or family member. The proud faces of parents at the junior presentations or when the carpet becomes a dance floor and everyone lets their hair down. Or my favourite, the warm connected feeling of being in the rooms for a Thursday night 'tea' everyone sharing food and a chat after training. Kids, players and previous players relaxed on the vinyl chairs sharing a gentle moment of their week together. The rooms were more than the eyes over the beautiful grounds and courts, or a holding place for the hard-earned flags, the shields and the trophies of generations. The rooms created space and warmth for all who entered.

Donna Giliam  
Welfare Officer

### JSC News

#### Fundraiser for the Fishy Clubrooms

On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November (Tomorrow) we are going to have a fundraiser for the Fish Creek Football and Netball Club after their clubrooms devastatingly burnt down last weekend.

We are encouraging students to dress in red and white colours and bring a donation to support the club.

From Addie, Year 5/6T JSC Representative

#### Signmees needing attention:

Grade 3 / 4—Walkerville Excursion

#### Swimming & Walkerville Excursion;

Please ensure payment for both the senior swimming program and the Walkerville excursion are paid as soon as possible.

#### Bookclub

The last issue for Bookclub has gone home today. It is a great chance to start your Christmas shopping whilst also supporting the school. Orders need to be in by Nov 17th.

#### Jump Rope for Heart

Come and join in the fun. Ropes are available in the assembly area. Come and get fit, learn some different skipping techniques and have fun.

