

Fishy News

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Principal's Message

We are coming up to the end of the year and it is a very busy time for Fish Creek Primary School. Over the next couple of weeks we have our production 'Shrek', the Grade 6 graduation ceremony, Orientation day, Toora Pool Day and our Christmas dinner.

Production TOMORROW



SHREK
The
MUSICAL

Students are very excited about tomorrow's production. Today they had their first full dress rehearsal and I was amazed at the level of professionalism in the production. Our shows tomorrow start at **1pm and 7pm**. A big thank you once again to Mrs Murray and Mr Farrell for all their work putting the production. It is sure to be a great event.



Orientation Day

On Tuesday the 12th we have our whole school Orientation Day, when students will go into their class for next year and meet their new teacher and classmates. Our 2024 prep students will be here from 9am until 1pm, giving them a taste of school life in their classroom with their teacher.

Christmas Lunch

Next Thursday we will be holding our traditional whole school Christmas lunch. Normally this event is held at the Fish Creek football/netball rooms and is catered for by our wonderful PnF team. This year we have had to improvise due to the senseless arson attack on the rooms. I believe it was the Monday after the fire that I was already receiving offers of help and support to keep the event running this year. One of those was from the Fish Creek Pub, and they will be hosting our dinner this



year. It's not easy catering for 130 people, so a big thank you to the pub and also to our PnF who have subsidised some of the cost of the meals. After lunch (approx. 1:30 and still at the pub) we will be presenting the grade 6 awards. If any grade 6

parents wish to attend for the presentation they are more than welcome to.

School reports

School reports will be going out on Friday the 15th of December. If you have any questions or queries about the reports please don't hesitate to contact the school.

End of year

Just a reminder that **Tuesday the 19th of December is a student free day**. Teachers will be busy planning for 2024 on this day.

Our last day of school is **Wednesday the 20th of December, school will finish at 1:30** on this day.

Cheers,
Dale



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DISTRICT
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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IMPORTANT DATES

December:
8th- Production Shrek
11th - Grade 6 Graduation
12th - Transition Day
- School Council Meeting
13th - Pool Fun Day 11-2
14th - Xmas Dinner
12:30pm
15th - Grade 6 Day Out
19th - Student-free Day
20th - Last Day of Term
Early finish 1:30pm

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Student of the Week



Staffing for 2024

Next year we will have quite a bit of change. Miss Ellis will be reducing her time to one day a week to spend more time at home with little Freddie. She will continue to work as part of our leadership team, helping to support our teachers.

Our classroom teachers for the grades for next year are:

P/1 – Shelley Sriraksa

1/2 – Jess Murray 4 days per week, Anda Banikos 1 day per week

3/4 - Elle King 2 days per week, Peta Hamlett 3 days per week

3/4 - Kerri Smith 4 days per week, Mrs Banikos 1 day per week

5/6 – Jaclyn Van Rooy

5/6 - Tiarnie Ellingworth

Tutoring – Nick Mollison

Art/ Music and Drama/Environmental Science – Barry Farrell

Welfare – Donna Giliam

PE – Craig Couper

Marc Van – Sophie Calcott, Jeanette Johnson

Indonesian - Peta Hamlett

Educational Support

Nat Latham

Jacqui Hillier

Jackie Deering

Business manager

Irene Gale

Grade 6 graduation

Our grade 6 students will be celebrating their graduation next Monday. The night will begin with the students and teachers enjoying a dinner together. This will be followed by a celebration with the grade 6 students and families held in the gym.

Whole School Pool Day

We are very much looking forward to our **whole school** fun day at the Toora pool on Wednesday between 11am and 2pm. The long range forecast looks great for swimming with the temperature expected to be 28 degrees. It would be great to see all the students and their families there enjoying a fun day together as a school community. On the day students will need to be either wearing a T-shirt or a rashie to enter the water and must have their wide brimmed school hat. Sunscreen will also be available for students to use. A big thank you to our Parents and Friends



group who have once again subsidised the cost of our fun day for families.

Welfare Report

Note from Editor, Donna wrote this entry for last week's issue of Fishy News just after the great success of the Colour Run. I forgot to put it in (sorry Donna and her many fans) and while she thought it not up to her usual standard I think it is definitely worth including.

When I remember back to COVID lockdowns I recall the hole in our school with no parents coming in the gates. The gardens looked tired, the chooks worried, that feeling of disconnect and the parents outside the gates.

This week's message is a message of gratitude, to all of our wonderful parents who come and hang out in our school. The breakfast club helpers, the Indonesian Lunch cookers, the school council, the Cake stall cookers, the colour run setter-up-ers, the reading parents, the busy bee parents, the PnF, the time keepers, the sports day helpers, the Christmas lunch helpers and the rest.

We are so lucky to live in a community where the 'village' raises the child and I am so grateful for all the parents in my village!

Thank you!

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Grade 5 Business Day

Tuesday and Wednesday of this week had the Grade 5s 'opening shop' and selling their products/experiences to fellow students and staff. The students had put a lot of thought and effort into designing and marketing their products over the last term. The stalls were many and varied. We had lots of fun spending our tokens on things such as delicious caramel slices, face painting, summer fruit platters, painting plaster dinosaurs, flavoured pop corn, hot chips, and ball tossing competitions. It was a fantastic effort Grade 5s. Thanks for the treats.

Accounts

With the end of the year fast approaching, we would appreciate it if all accounts could be finalised as soon as possible. Please speak to Irene if you need to set up any payment plans.

Green Waste

We have a huge pile of green waste to get rid of. Please contact the office if you can use it.

TheirCare January Program.

TheirCare is offering a holiday program at Foster Primary School. It runs between the 2nd—25th of January 2024. Times 8.00am –6.00pm. Please call 0499 833 301 or visit the TheirCare website for details.

'Deck the Hall' Community Christmas Carols

Bring your friends and family and join us on Sunday December 17th from 6:30pm for a magical evening of festive joy at our community Christmas carols event!

Gippsland choirmaster Jenny Taylor, MC Jess Rigby, John Rees, and a handful of local performers will play classic and modern carols for everyone to enjoy.

What: Deck the Hall Community Christmas Carols

Where: Fish Creek Memorial Hall

When: **Sunday December 17, 6:30pm**

FREE (supper by donation)



Hola Fish Creek School Community, News from Theircare!!!

Summer is here and the sunny days invite us to spend more time outside enjoying.

This week we cooked some delicious homemade gnocchi.

We also play tennis and we have to announce that Phoenix reached another level in chess.



Our operating hours are:

Before School: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM

After School: 3:20 PM - 6:00 PM

Holidays: NA

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3/4 FUN IN THE SUN 

In glorious weather conditions our grade 3/4s and their teachers headed down to Walkerville to build the 3D sand designs that they had planned at school. This was part of a unit of study on indigenous art that students had been studying and as you can see, their creations were superb and they all had a wonderful morning in the sun.

Students checked out the rock pools, some climbed trees and just played in the sand.

Mr Banks arrived to judge the designs and choose between the octopus, a snowman, some general castles. He decided that Luca, Margot and Abby's version of Hogwarts was the best because it had lots of details.

Albert, Xavier and Jed's toilet design got the cooperation award with their 'Loo with a View' design.

Students had a great time and, in Mckenzie's words "It was so fun!"

