

Fishy News

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Principal's Message

I would like to wish students, parents, staff and all involved in our Fish Creek community a safe and happy Christmas. It has been a very busy but wonderful year at Fish Creek.

To our departing Grade 6 students, I wish you the best of luck next year in secondary college. It was special that we were able to celebrate your achievements at your graduation night, on Monday night. You have been a fantastic group and I am sure that a bright future awaits all of you. I loved hearing all of your speeches and I especially enjoyed Miss Ellis and Miss Ellingworth's special "movie themed" take on our graduating grade. Our Grade 6 students also received a parting gift to help them with their future studies and a tree donated from Bunnings in Wonthaggi to symbolise their transition into secondary college. A big thank you to all our Grade 6 parents and to the teachers for the decorating of our gym on Sunday; it looked absolutely amazing.



Christmas Lunch

Today we had our traditional whole school Christmas Lunch. A big thank you to the Fish Creek Hotel for catering for our dinner at the last minute. The food was simply amazing, I know all the students who I had sitting on my table loved every bit of it. If things couldn't get better after having a great meal and fabulous dessert, we were treated to a visit from Santa. A massive thank you to our Parents and Friends for subsidising part of the cost of the dinner. Our PnF have done a tremendous job all year raising much needed money to make the school a better place for our students. A big thank you to Tracey and her team for all of their work this year.

End of Year Awards

At the conclusion of our Christmas Lunch we held our awards ceremony. It was an extremely difficult challenge selecting our award winners as all our grade 6 students have done a fantastic job this year. All awards winners were very deserving and I would also like to thank all the people and community groups that donated the awards.

The award winners are:

Rotary Award for excellence donated by Foster Rotary was won by **Edie Edgelow**

Kindness Award donated by Pam Seuren was won by **Emma Hannigan**

Principals Award donated by myself was won by **Jack Sammonds**

S.T.E.M award donated by South Gippsland Radiology was won by **Jakarn Roberts**

Sports Award donated by Fish Creek Football/Netball club was won by **Annie-Jean Gilliam Rodda**

Anne Bright Memorial Art Award donated by Rick Bright was won by **Isla Manne**

Leadership Award donated by Foster Connections was won by **Kooper Foote**

Lance Moon Award for most improved donated by the Moon family was won by **Jack Francis**

This year we had **3 awards donated by the CWA** for our middle school students that have shown improvement to their school work, they were received by: **Maddy Lyon, Rory Pulham and Harlow Cassidy**

We also have a **Foster Connection Award** for our junior school and this was awarded to **Zoe Francis**

Congratulations to all of you.

Cheers and Merry Christmas everyone,
Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

December:

15th - Grade 6 Day Out

19th - Student-free Day

20th - Last Day of Term

Early finish 1:30pm

January: 2024

30th - Start of Term 1

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Student of the Week



School reports

School reports will be going out tomorrow. 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.

Lucas is (sadly) Moving On

A big thank you to Lucas Vanderzalm who has been our trainee all year. Lucas has done a fantastic job at the school and I know he will be missed by all the students. Lucas is going on to study education in Queensland next year. We wish him all the best.

Collingwood comes to Fishy

Some Collingwood players are visiting Fish Creek on Tuesday the 19th of December to show their support to our Football/Netball Club. Between 4:30 and 5:30 next Tuesday there will be an opportunity to meet the players and partake in a sausage sizzle at the football grounds. All welcome.



School leaders

Last week Miss Ellis and I had the pleasure of interviewing our grade 5 students for leadership positions for 2024.

It was great to see so many applicants for all of these positions and knowing that we have so many students who are keen to see our school be the best it can be. The standard of the applications was simply amazing and all of the students should be extremely proud of their achievements. Students at our school often show leadership and have the chance to be leaders. Being a leader is not just about wearing a badge, it is about being a good friend, helping others and showing respect and manners to each other and always trying your best in any situation. I feel that we have 116 leaders in our school with all of our students demonstrating these traits.



School captains: Mya G and Ruby A

Vice captains: Mieka J and Addie M

Environmental leaders: Elsa S and Lorenzo V

Sports leaders: Marlee P and Roxy H

Arts ambassador: Lily P

STEM: Darcy H

JSC Leaders: Ava D,
Lawson H

Summer School holidays with Foster Library

Join us for lots of fun this summer with a library Search and Find and craft in the branch, and great activities in and out of the library. Scan the QR code or visit myli.au/JAN24 to see events happening at all Myli branches.



Welfare Report

My first teaching job was in the Fishy Primary School gym. I was teaching drama and music and I was doing this by the seat of my pants. The room was loud, the lights bright and it echoed, according to all my reading on 'setting up a classroom and teaching a subject you did not know much about' things were going to be tough. We had fun but I have happily avoided using the gym since then.

Until Sunday afternoon. On Sunday afternoon those who could, met together to transform the echoey, bright lighted, shoe scented gym into a magical place for our current Grade 6 kids to graduate in. And we did it, it was transformed, with soft lights, balloons, flowers and a conversation between parents which started way back when.

Monday night we got to share this with the class of 2023 and their wonderful teachers. Everyone looked fantastic, the lighting was perfect and the flowers smelled great. Yet, it was the story of this bunch of kids which is what captivated everyone. The story was woven through the kids scrapbooks, their teachers' speeches, their introductions of each other and finally the speeches they made for themselves. Creating a tapestry of their journey through life together so far.

Us parents, we sat in those soft lights, we listened to the story and we wiped tears of laughter, pride and nostalgia from our cheeks.

So, class of 2023, you are fledging and you are doing so with strong wings, strong minds and the deepest connection to each other and your community - draw on this when the flight is bumpy and remember there is always a soft-landing pad back here, in the blue gums where your stories lay.

Goodluck Grade 6 kids – you will be missed!

Donna Giliam

Toora Pool Day



MARC Library Book Returns

We would greatly appreciate your help in finding and returning any MARC van books your child/ren may have borrowed.

Look for our labels on the front or back cover or a green dot on the spine of the book.

Wishing you a happy and safe Christmas break,
Sophie and Jeanette





Well done to all our students who performed so well for our production of Shrek, it was an absolutely amazing show. I was so proud of all our students from our Preps all the way through to our Grade 6 students. A big thank you to all our volunteers that helped on the night and before the production. Thanks must once again go to our production directors Miss Murray and Mr Farrell who worked tirelessly to make this production happen.

