

# Fishy News

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back to everyone for the start of a new school year. It was great to see all 113 students present and happy and ready to start the school year. I enjoyed visiting classrooms and speaking to students about their holiday break. I would like to give a special welcome to our 11 new prep students who have just started their schooling adventure. It was reassuring to see how comfortable they were at the school; for some, it looked like they've been here for years. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new parents. Donna and I had a nice catch up and coffee with a few of you at Gibson's on Tuesday Morning. We hope that you enjoy being part of our wonderful school community. Just a quick reminder that for the remaining Wednesdays (7th, 14th and 21st) in February the prep students will be doing their initial testing. Prep students are only required to come in for their allocated time on these days. If you have yet to arrange a time please see Shelley or contact the office.

## New staff

A big welcome to Bhavani Harry who has joined our school this year as a trainee. Bhavani is currently studying educational support. She has already proven a good fit for the school and I am sure she will do a great job for us.



## Works at the front

Over the holiday period we had extensive works done at our school. Our old outdoor sandpit had unfortunately seen better days. This area has been transformed into a decking area which can be used for outdoor lessons, performing and seating. A big thank you to Jeremy Cicero for all his work in creating this great new space. We have also had the doors replaced in the gym and science area thanks to Gaz and Chris with all their work on this project.

I'd also like to give Kerri Smith a huge thank-you. Kerri went above and beyond over the holidays sprucing up the school in her own time, so that we would all feel welcome and proud to come to Fish Creek and District Primary School.



## FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**February:**  
 Mon 12th - Swimming Trials  
 Tues 13th - School Council  
 Fri 23rd - District Swimming  
 Tues 27th - Qwestacon  
 Incursion  
 Wed 28th - School Photos

**March:**  
 25-27th - 3/4 Camp

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## Compass Parent Portal

Yesterday we sent out an email asking parents to create an account and log onto COMPASS – our parent portal.

**Using our Parent Portal you will be able to:**

1. Access your child's Semester Reports
2. Book your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences
3. View up-to-date class and school attendance information
4. Approve or enter upcoming or past absences for your son/daughter
5. Download, print and approve upcoming excursions
6. Pay voluntary contributions and extra curricular activities i.e camps, excursions & sporting events
7. Update your registered email and mobile number (used for SMS alerts) details
8. Access information regarding upcoming events and news.

*Can you please act on the email so we can start using the system for permissions and attendance.*

If your child is away, you can still just contact the school rather than putting the absence in via compass.

If you have any queries, please contact the office.



**Ms Shelley's Prep /1 Class hard at work.**

## Swimming Trials

On Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February selected grade 3-6 students have our district swimming trials at Toora Swimming Pool. On this day our swimmers compete against Meeniyah and Tarwin Lower Primary Schools to see who will represent the Waratah District at the District Swimming sports. This is not a compulsory event, it is only for students that wish to try out, and those that feel they can confidently swim 50 metres in either freestyle, backstroke, breast-stroke or butterfly.



## New Prep bags

This week our Prep students received their new Prep bags from the Department of Education. Inside the bags are many fantastic books that will help foster a love of reading and learning, we hope they enjoy their new books.



## Parents and Friends

Parents and Friends (PnF) provide valuable assistance to the school in many ways such as fundraising, social events and supporting school programs. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings which are held at the school and advertised in this newsletter each month.

## Authority to Publish forms

Also going out today with this Newsletter is our "Publicly Published & Displayed Material" form. We need your permission to publish your child's first name, their photo and/or their work in different publications such as our own newsletter, our web page, the local paper etc.

We also need to know if we have your permission to take your child/ren on local excursions around Fish Creek.

Please fill in and return the form as soon as practical so that we can implement any restrictions. 2024 Prep parents/carers have likely already submitted this form as part of their prep student's enrolment package.

## Jars with lids

Mr Farrell is in need of glass jars with lids for his classroom activities. If you have some spare. Please bring for o the office.





## Welfare Report

Today I sent my middle daughter off to high school, this is my second time around and I was feeling pretty relaxed and calm about it all. I was surprised that I did not get teary as we did our annual 'stand on the front deck with your school hair, uniform and school shoes on' photo and I looked at my girls with sparkles of anticipation in their eyes and thought – they will be fine.

I held it together as she got on the bus and headed off into the world, her school bag heavy and shoes shiny. All was good until I got to work here and I watched our new preps line up for assembly and the tears came to my eyes. Primary school is a whisper of time, one day they are waving goodbye in grade prep and it feels like the next they have a school bag loaded with folders heading off to high school.

So, kids – right now you are in the middle of something ace, you won't know until you look back on it but try to pause and cherish this. Enjoy the cubbies, enjoy knowing everyone, have a crack at everything because this is a precious time in your life and you will remember it forever!

Parents – you are doing a beautiful job thank you for sharing your children with us for another year! Some days are easier than others – please don't ever hesitate to reach out for a chat if you need to and please never think any problem is too small. I am on site Tuesdays and Wednesdays but will respond to calls and emails whenever.

Donna Giliam

Primary Welfare

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## Late Arrivals/ Early departures

Just a reminder, students arriving late to school need to be walked in by an adult who needs to register the late arrival on the iPad at the office. If you are collecting your child early from school, please head to the office and record their early departure on the iPad.



## School Photos

Our school photos are scheduled for Wednesday the 28th of February . We will keep you posted regarding orders.



## Bus Travellers

A reminder to parents/carers of bus travellers to please let the office know of any changes, permanent or temporary, to bus travel arrangements.



Permanent/regular changes must be submitted in writing to the office.

If you are at all concerned about your child's experience on the buses, please let our office staff know.

## Lunch Orders from Evans



Evans petrol station in Fish Creek are providing lunch orders for our students. Parents/

Carers can order (and pay) directly with Evans but can also fill out an order form and send it in to school with payment .



We have included lunch order forms with this newsletter and have more available at the office if needed. *We do ask that you limit your child's options to those provided on the menu.*

## "K" Run no.1 for 2024

13 runners for our first event for the year. A very close race for the first 3 finishers with Hamish just holding out Daisy and Ned. A good time of 4.06. PB's for new students Spencer and Ernie and also Emma M. They are the clubhouse leaders on 10 points. As it was a warm day they enjoyed a refreshing icy pole afterwards. Hope to see a few more runners next Tuesday.





HOT FOOD

- HOT DOG - NO CHEESE \$4.50
- HOT DOG - WITH CHEESE \$5.00
- FOUR N TWENTY CLASSIC PIE \$5.00
- KING SIE SAUSAGE ROLL \$5.00
- CLASSIC TRAVELER PIE \$5.00
- CHEESE/BACON TRAVELER PIE \$5.00

ROLLS

- CHI CKEN/SALAD ROLL \$9.00
- HAM/SALAD ROLL \$9.00
- CHEESE/SALAD ROLL \$7.00
- SWEET CHILL CHI CKEN WRAP \$9.50

SANDWICHES

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