

# Fishy News

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## Principal's Message

We are well and truly back into the swing of things at our school. In our first full week for the year I have been truly impressed by the great start that students have made. Students are eager to learn and it's wonderful to see lots of smiling, happy faces when I visit the classrooms. I am particularly impressed by our 11 prep students who are doing a fantastic job getting through the school day and making great connections with their learning.

## New uniform

Our grade 6 students were very happy during the week as their special grade 6 uniform arrived.

The design was of their own making during grade 5 last year. The shirts and hoodies look great and even on those hot days last week students were proudly sporting their new hoodies!



## Hats

As a Sun Smart School, I would just like to remind everyone that wide brimmed school hats are compulsory to wear during term 1 and term 4 of the school year. If you need a new hat please contact us at the office and we will be happy to arrange it.



## Campdraft

A big thank you to Yanakie Campdraft who donated \$500 to our school. Yanakie Campdraft raises money for many local organisations. It was wonderful to go to the ceremony on Monday to see the great things they do for our local area and we are very thankful for their continued support.



## Compass

All families should now be connected to Compass. If you are having any trouble logging on please get in touch with Irene at the office as soon as possible.

Cheers, Dale



## 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:**  
 15th - Busy Bee  
 25-27th - 3/4 Camp

## PRIMARY WELFARE

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**DON'T FORGET!**



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**

orders are due:

**16th of Feb**

# Student of the Week



## Grade 5-6 Somers Camp

Hopefully you have received notification about Somers camp via Compass or a letter going home today. If your child is in grade 5 or 6 and is interested in attending the Somers camp we need to hear of your child's interest by tomorrow, Friday the 9th of Feb.

## Green Waste

We have quite a bit of green waste at the back of our veggie garden that needs removal. I am hoping that we have some volunteer parents that might be able to help us out. If you can help with the removal please contact the front office on 5683 2271

## Swimming Sports

On Monday we will have 32 students from grades 3-6 swimming against Tarwin Lower and Meeniyan primary schools.



Those who are triumphant will compete against Prom Coast at the district sports. It's great that we have so many students keen to have a go given it's not that easy swimming 50 metres! The swimming event will be kicking off from 10am at the Toora swimming pool. **Those wishing to attend need to return the permission form they should have received by tomorrow Friday the 9th of Feb.**

## Authority to Publish Forms

We have not yet received all of the blue forms titled "Publicly published & displayed material". Please fill in and return the form as soon as possible so that we can implement any restrictions.

## Jars with Lids

Mr Farrell is still in need of glass jars with lids for his classroom activities. If you have some spare please bring them to the office.



## "K" Run No.2

There were over twice as many runners this week, with 28 enthusiastic students and 2 staff heading off down the Rail Trail towards Foster. Congratulations to Daisy who was the first student back and also beat the 4 minute mark for the first time (3:59). Thanks Ms. Ellingworth for the perfect pacing. Young prep Ernie once again ran a PB (5:24) & has jumped to the top of the points table with 20 pts.

If you are interested in a run this Saturday, there is the 5km Parkrun at Koonwarra or Inverloch. I look forward to seeing how many turn up for next week's run. Cheers Mr Couper.

## Welfare Report

When my eldest daughter was in grade 4 I was called into one of many meetings with her teacher and principal. In that meeting I was told that she was an attention seeker and 'needed to be more resilient' and then I was sent on my merry way to figure it out.

I went into that meeting desperate for support and ideas, I walked out feeling confused and isolated. My daughter had lived experience of complex trauma from years prior and around the time of the meeting her first ever sister had just been born. Her whole world had changed and then there were some grown-ups throwing around words like 'resilient' and she did not even know what these words meant.

That was over a decade ago, in another state and another time and fortunately schools do not operate like that anymore. We know that to build resilient kids we need to give them the skills and language to be so. At Fishy we have changed the way the school is delivering the Respectful Relationships curriculum. Moving from having this as a classroom subject to a weekly specialist subject facilitated by Elle King (prep-2) and myself (3-6).

Over the year the classes will be learning about emotional literacy, personal strengths, positive coping, problem solving, stress management, help seeking, gender and identity and positive gender relations. This learning will not be limited to the walls of the classroom as this stuff is lifelong learning for all of us!

For the first two weeks the kids have been learning about how to keep each other emotionally safe and where to go for help if we have a problem.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions  
Donna Giliam

Primary Welfare



## Book Club

The first issue of Book Club is going out with this newsletter. You are welcome to either order online following the guide on the catalogue, or please fill in and return the order form to the office by Friday the 16th of February.



## School Photos

Our school photos are scheduled for Wednesday the 28th of February with Blue Wolf Photography. Please register using the following link

<https://forms.gle/gofrhb468SBuy7YN7> or this QR link



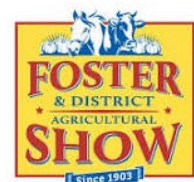
**Show Date:**  
**24th February**  
**2024**

**Location:** Showgrounds,  
Station Road, Foster

**Website:** [www.fostershow.com](http://www.fostershow.com)

**Phone:** 0428 220 040

**Email:** [fostershow@gmail.com](mailto:fostershow@gmail.com)



"Slinky" a beautiful pet blue-tongue lizard and guinea pigs "Blacky" and "George" got lots of love during recent visits to our school.





# Theircare

## Before and After School Care

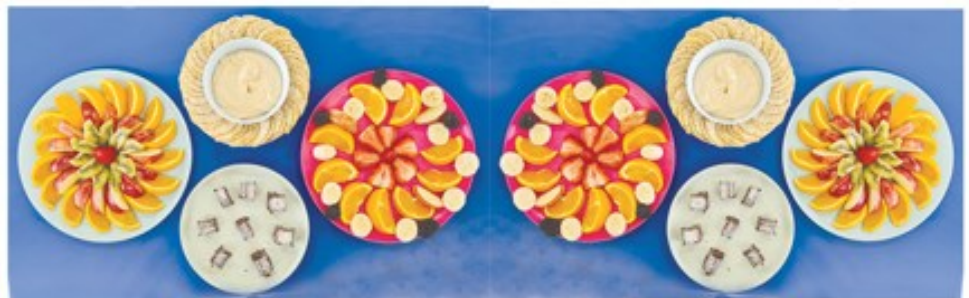


### Hello Fish Creek School Community, News from Theircare!!!

Given the sad political situations unfolding across the globe, we have decided to dedicate this semester to exploring the ancient spice routes that underpin much of today's geopolitics. In addition to trade and exploitation, the spice route, or maritime silk road, represents a place of encounter, cultural cross fertilization and cooperation.

It is our hope that through exploring the mythology and folklore associated with the spices as well as the adventures and misadventures of producers, traders and invaders along the spice route, children will start to understand the role trade routes have had in establishing our current geopolitical climate and the wealth it has afforded us.

This theme will scaffold this terms hands on program, which includes activities such as exploring spice in cooking, learning hand-building based on ceramic-ware from ancient trade routes, painting and illustration inspired by spice mythology and folklore, card games, ship building and star navigation and stories.



**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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