

Fishy News

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Principal's Message School badges

At the upcoming Monday morning assembly we will be presenting our school leaders for 2024 with their badges. It was wonderful to see so many applicants and to know that so many students want to see Fish Creek Primary School be the best it can be. Being a leader is not just 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 every situation. I feel at Fish Creek we have 115 leaders in our school all demonstrating these traits.

Badge recipients are:

School captains: Ruby A, Mya G

Vice captains: Addie M, Mieka J

Environmental leaders: Elsa S, Lorenzo V

Sports leaders: Marlee P, Roxy H

Arts ambassador: Lily P

STEM: Darcy H

JSC leaders: Ava D, Lawson H

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Swimming

Well done to all 31 of our students who participated in the swimming trials last Friday. Our students did a fantastic job and we now have 19 swimmers who will be representing the Waratah Cluster (Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower and Tarwin Valley Primary School) on Friday the 23rd of Feb. Good luck to all students involved.



Another Proud Moment

Last week visitors to our school made a point of coming to the office to let us know that they were impressed by the friendly and polite greeting they received by two different students in two totally different instances. It was a proud moment for myself and the staff in the office and one I wanted to share with the rest of the school community.

Hats

The weather definitely increased in temperature this week and 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.



Cheers, Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

February:

Fri 23rd - District Swimming

Tues 27th - Questacon
Incursion

Wed 28th - School Photos

March:

15th - Busy Bee

25-27th - 3-4 Camp

PRIMARY WELFARE

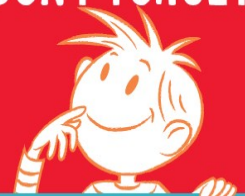
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DON'T FORGET!



SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

Tomorrow

Student of the Week



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances such as another family member has come to the school.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the office for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school.

Farewell to Birgit

We would like to send out a big thank you to Birgit who has been alternating with Scotty at the school crossing and who has sadly resigned from her position. Birgit not only saw to it that we were kept safe as we crossed the road but always greeted students, staff and parents/carers alike, with a big smile and a chat. We will miss you Birgit, your smiles and your kind words and we will miss your stories about your miniature goats. Thank you for your hard work (often in horrible weather conditions). If you see Birgit around town please make sure you say "Hi" and give her a big smile and wave.



If you haven't already signed in to Compass please do so as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on important notifications from school. If having trouble signing in, please don't hesitate to ask for help at the office.

Welfare Report

There was a time when my family would sit at the table nearly every weeknight for dinner together. I would *like* to report that these dinners were civilized and the conversation was always polite – but I would be *lying*! There were windows of civilized dinners but bigger windows of ‘he chews too loud’ ‘eat all your vegetables’ ‘sit properly’ ‘I don’t like this dinner’. Some nights I wondered if it was worth it; this sitting down just to argue with each other. These days, due to possibly an overscheduled life- we are lucky to have one or two dinners together a week.

These one or two dinners a week together feels special. We chat and eat and I choose not to notice the ‘elbows on the table’ so much because I know the time is precious and I want to relish in it.

One of the things we will do on these dinners together is talk about the ‘peaks and troughs’ of our day. These conversations are not just to celebrate the triumphs but also acknowledge the mistakes and challenges throughout the day, and how we overcame them.

This week the year 3-6 students have been learning about gratitude – about noticing what we have, rather than focusing on what we don’t have and how living a grateful life is great for our mental health.

There are heaps of prompts for this which you can use at the dinner table or in the car on the way home from after school activities. Research shows that when we practice gratitude we are setting ourselves up for better mental health and building resilience for when things are not going so well.

Here are a few prompts for this week:

What went well for you today?

What were the peaks and troughs of your day?

Who was kind to you today? Who were you kind to?

Who is someone you appreciate and why?

What is great about your home?

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Authority to Publish Forms

We have not yet received all of the blue forms titled “Publicly Published & Displayed Material”. Today we are sending home forms to those families we are still missing. Please fill in and return the form as soon as possible so that we can implement any restrictions.

Green waste

We have a quite a bit of green waste at the back of our veggie garden that needs removal. We are 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 56832271

Book Club

If wanting to order books from the Book Club please return your order form to the office by tomorrow, 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



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 also.

Show Date:
24th February
2024

Location: Showgrounds,
Station Road, Foster

Website:

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