

Fishy News

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Principal's Message

School badges

On Monday we presented our school leaders with their badges (see above). School council president Howard Prosser was on hand to award all of the badges. I know all of the students will represent the school proudly. They all follow our school values of respect, fairness and commitment in everything they do. Well done to all of those students who nominated for positions, you don't need a school badge to be a leader, true leadership is shown by the actions we display everyday.

Swimming

Good luck to our 19 swimmers who will be representing the Waratah cluster (Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower and Tarwin Valley Primary School) tomorrow at Toora Pool. The swimming kicks off from 10:30 it would be great to get some parents there to support our swimmers.

School Council

We are once again calling for nominations to join our School Council. Councillors have an opportunity to participate in the development and review of school policy, as well as a general oversight into grounds, buildings and the culture of the school. It's a fantastic opportunity to become involved with other parents and staff and have a positive impact on the school community. Council also acts as a great support to me. When a community becomes involved in the school we can share our challenges, goals and successes.

The role is not that time consuming but does involve a commitment to participate regularly in meetings (8 per year) and making important decisions about priorities and policies for the school. Previous school councillors have expressed the following opinions on their role in Council: "I love the involvement in the vision of the school to see the future beyond today/this year - but long term." "It's lovely to communicate and commit plans in a connected way." "As your kids move through the year levels you find they become more independent and need you less in the class. Being on School Council has allowed me to keep connected to the school." "This is my tenth year as a parent at Fish Creek Primary School. Serving on School Council has given me a great sense of connection, and it's wonderful to know that I can have input in the school's future direction." "I enjoy contributing to our school community and learning about our school, our students and our families." The council provides an opportunity for service to the school, insight into how it works, and connection with different people within it. If this role is of interest to you then please contact the office and we will send home a form for you to nominate. **Nominations close at 4pm on Friday the 1st of March.** If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to our School Council President, Howard Prosser or to me.

Cheers, Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

February:
Fri 23rd - District Swimming
Tues 27th - Questacon
 Incursion
Wed 28th - School Photos

March:
1st - Division Swimming
14th - Regional Swimming
15th - Busy Bee
19th-28th - P/1 Swimming
22nd - District Athletics
25-27th - 3-4 Camp

PRIMARY WELFARE

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Student of the Week



School Photos

On Wednesday the 28th of March we have our school photos. This kicks off from 9am so it is really important that your child arrives at school on time. I would hate for them to miss their class photo. This year our school photo system is run online, if you need any support with this please contact the school office on 56832271.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Tuesday the 5th of March we will be holding our parent teacher interviews, information regarding bookings has been sent via Compass. Interview times will range from 8:30am to 6:00pm. Please note this **is not a student free day**. Students will be expected to be at school as normal. If you have any questions about the parent teacher interviews or will need to seek an alternative time please contact the office at anytime.

Bunnings Visit

Grades Prep to 4 were delighted to welcome back Jo and Brendan from Bunnings on Thursday, for another very productive (although very HOT!!) day in our school garden.

Everyone worked hard weeding and planting seedlings as well as re-staking our tomato plants. We also learned lots about seedlings and the importance of mulching and watering. A very informative day was had by all.



Head Lice



There have been recent cases of head lice in the school. Please check your child/ren's hair tonight and treat appropriately if head lice are found.

Fun, Fitness and Creativity

Every Wednesday, 2 grade 3/4 students get together to plan and then conduct a 45min sport session. This week we had Frankie and Nicky design an intricate obstacle course which the students loved. We can't wait to see what is in store for us next week.



Welfare Report

My dad grew up in Friesland, in a land so flat it needs canals to drain the water away from the farmland. When he was 12 he moved to Australia and at 14 years old he carted hay on a farm in Dollar, he instantly fell in love with the hills and he said 'one day I want to buy this farm'. When he was 30 he bought it. The farm on the hill in Dollar.

On that hill he built a shearing shed and from the shearing shed you can see for miles. As kids we would go up to the hill and watch the sunset over our region, as it got dark we would map the area with the lights of all the different towns. Standing up there, it felt like we could see our whole world – varying postcodes, all with different stories, just tiny little speckles of light from the top of our hill.

Last week the wind roared through some of those postcodes, tearing out ancient trees, peeling off roofs of houses and relocated sheds and caravans like the Wizard of Oz – leaving many of us without power or internet.

When I look from that hill in Dollar, it seems like all those post codes are so close together, however, the storm only chose some to sweep through and tear apart, while others the wheels could keep turning with 'business as usual'. A reminder of how small we really are and how important we all are to each other 'as the crow flies'.

Our community is beautiful as many have been opening their homes to those impacted by offering showers, washing machines, food and fridge space.

Please if you have been impacted or need a chat about anything – reach out.

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Volunteer Contribution

With the start of the new year, we once again ask you to consider making a financial contribution to your child's education. This is currently set at **\$170 per child**, with an additional **\$20 grounds levy per family**. This voluntary contribution helps us to provide all the stationery your child requires for the year, incursions and access to computer programs, just to name a few. If you would like further information, please speak to Irene. Thanks to those families who have paid this for this year.



School Crossing Supervisor Of The Year Awards

The 2023/2024 School Crossing Supervisor of the Year Awards, hosted by School Crossings Victoria (SCV), are now open for nominations!

[School Crossing Supervisor Of The Year Awards | School Crossings Victoria](#)

The purpose of the awards is to acknowledge the contribution made, and dedication shown, by our School Crossings Supervisors across South Gippsland. SCV are looking for Supervisors who model enthusiasm, friendliness and professionalism. The awards are open to all supervisors, regardless of whether they are casual or permanent part time, and nominations may come from anyone across the community (schools, families, or any community member).

If you believe your School Crossing Supervisor/s deserve to be nominated, please complete the form in the attached link.

School Photos – Registration

Our school photos are scheduled for **this coming Wednesday 28th** of Feb. Register using the following link. Please note: You will be able to order photo packages once photos have been taken.

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





MARC Preview of Learning – Term 1 2024

As the year of 2024 begins, we have been pleased to welcome students that we already know and new students to our weekly MARC Library sessions of learning.

The MARC van continues to visit (with either Mrs. J or Mrs. Callcott at the helm)... Tarwin Lower PS... Mondays, Welshpool and District PS... Tuesdays, Toora PS ... Wednesdays, Powlett River PS... Thursdays, Kongwak PS... Thursdays and Fish Creek and District PS... Fridays.

Students are able to borrow books for two weeks. Students can reborrow current borrowed books if they wish to or delve into the wonderful range of books that we 'carry' in the van, making a new choice.

You may not know this, but the acronym MARC stands for Mobile Area Resource Centre. The MARC van is currently based at Fish Creek and District PS. The MARC van has had several bases since it was begun in this area in 1979.

The following is a preview of our focused learning sessions in Term 1, 2024.

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
1	MARC program expectations. 'The Children who Loved Books' by Peter Carnavas	MARC program expectations. 'The Great Book Swapping Machine' by Emma Allen.	MARC program expectations. Introduction to 'visual note taking' (sketchnoting). The Library Lion by Michelle Knudsen
2	Share texts which celebrate traditions associated with Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year.	Share texts which celebrate traditions associated with Chinese New Year or Lunar New Year.	Introduction to novel study of 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell. During reading students will practise visual note taking.
3-5	Learning about authors. Enjoying and sharing books written by Stehen Michael King, e.g. 'Henry and Amy – Right way round and Upside down.'	Learning about authors. Enjoying and sharing books written by Andy Griffiths, e.g. 'The Treehouse' series.	Continue weekly serial reading of text 'Impossible Creatures' by Katherine Rundell. Students to work on learning tasks from an activity grid providing many choices.
6	The fun and delights of Dr Seuss.	The fun and delights of Dr Seuss.	As above.
7	Wonderful new literature	Wonderful new literature	As above.
8	Our life force, water, is explored using fiction and non - fiction texts.	Our life force, water, is explored using fiction and non - fiction texts.	As above.
9	Easter traditions	Easter traditions	As above.

Yours in reading and learning.

Jeanette Johnson and Sophie Callcott

FREE Questacon Pop-Up Science Centre

Event Details: Saturday the 2nd of March between 10am to 4pm

South Gippsland Leisure Centre (SPLASH), 52A Roughead St, Leongatha VIC 3953

Description: Join the *Questacon Science Circus* for a FREE pop-up science centre experience like no other! Come along to spin yourself dizzy, test your reflexes, explore your fingertips under the microscope, and watch some of our spectacular science shows. 😊 🧪

With over 30 hands-on exhibits, the *Science Circus* pop-up is a fantastic STEM day out for the whole family. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to ignite your curiosity! ✨

This is a FREE event, but bookings are essential.

Most people spend 1 – 2 hours at our pop-up.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



Hurry, book your FREE ticket now! ▶ bit.ly/QSCVIC24-Tickets



Theircare

Before and After School Care



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

This week at Their Care we started our Spice Route Journey in the Moluccas, a small group of volcanic Islands in North-East Indonesia. Although not so well known now, these Islands initiated the Age of Discovery as Portuguese, Dutch and English sailed the world searching for Nutmeg and Cloves, spices that used to grow exclusively in these Islands.

Previously, the Moluccas had traded with Arabic and Chinese merchants who would make up outlandish stories about the provenance of their spices to scare off the competition and send them off the trail.

Sadly the Moluccans suffered immeasurably from the European Invaders nutmeg fever (covered in an amazing book by Amitav Ghosh, "The Nutmeg's Curse"). In those days nutmeg was more valuable than gold, a handful of it could buy you a house. In fact, the Dutch so wanted the monopoly on nutmeg, that they swapped the Island of Rhun (which was being held by the English), for "New Holland", now known as New York!

The children at Their care cooked Sago Porridge, Ground a Curry Paste called "Bumbu", made Bandanese Pumpkin Soup, drank Turmeric and tamarind Jamu and Cinnamon Tea and tasted tropical fruits such as Fresh coconut, Mango and Papaya.

Children also drew Pokemon Cards inspired by the spices and spirits associated with the volcanos whilst listening to Bandanese radio on "Radio Garden". We also learnt to play an Indonesian Card Game called "Truf".

Next week we'll be continuing our spice journey west, through Indonesia and Malaysia.



Our operating hours are:

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

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

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