

Fishy News

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Principal's Message PnF Meeting

On Monday (04/03/24) our PnF will be having their first meeting for the year starting straight after assembly in the staff room, this will also include their AGM. The PnF do an amazing job for our school raising money for equipment and assisting in excursions for the entire school. All parents/carers are welcome. If you are new to the school it is a great way to get involved in the school community.

NAPLAN Notes to parents

Information regarding NAPLAN testing for 2024 was distributed to our grade 3 and 5 families via compass. This year NAPLAN is commencing on March 13th. In previous years it has been held around the start of May. This year we are once again completing our NAPLAN online, all tests except the grade 3 writing, will be completed this way.

The result of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student success. I feel it is very important to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of testing taken on one particular day and should be viewed as a guideline and not as a definitive measure as to where each individual child sits.

Alecia Kelly

A big thank you to Alecia Kelly who has been a student teacher in the prep/1 grade for the last 4 weeks. Alecia is in her final year of training and I know she will have a great career as a teacher ahead of her. Good luck with all your future endeavours.



Swimming

Good luck to our 10 swimmers who will be competing in the division swimming finals in Korumburra tomorrow. It is a great effort to reach this level. Our swimmers are competing against the best of South Gippsland. Good luck to all involved.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next 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.

Cheers,

Dale



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Victorian 2024 school terms

Term 1: Tues 30 Jan-Thurs 28 Mar

Term 2: Mon 15 April-Fri 28 Jun

Term 3: Mon 15 July-Fri 20 Sept

Term 4: Mon 7 Oct- Fri 20 Dec

IMPORTANT DATES

March:

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

April:

16th- 24th 1/2 Swimming
29th -District Athletics

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Student of the Week



Questacon

At the recent incursion Jacky and Jody from Questacon captivated our students attention with stimulating and entertaining scientific demonstrations relating to creating and destroying energy. Students were encouraged to question, guess and test.



Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy and the Schools' Privacy Collection Notice.

[Schools' privacy policy: information for parents | vic.gov.au \(www.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.vic.gov.au)

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Please feel free to contact the office if you have any concerns.

Welfare Report

At my Granny's celebration of life one of her friends arrived with an umpire's whistle and she blew the whistle, loud and shrill because she and Granny had umpired a lot of netball together. The opening sentence for their conversations was often 'got your whistle?', my grandad was the same, played a lot of football and then coached and umpired.

When my grandparents came to watch us play sport, they would notice less about our skill level and more about how we treated other players and the umpires. A catch phrase 'the umpire is always right' because even if the umpire missed something or called something we did not agree with, arguing with them would not make any difference- in fact it was just disrespectful to the umpire, our team and ourselves. The game would go on and if we bothered to get in a huff about it we would be missing the game we were there to play!

This week for Respectful Relationships we are talking about sports-person-ship – how it looks and why it is important. Primary school is a great place to learn about being a good sport and having these skills serve us well throughout our entire life, not only in sport but also in the workplace.

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Compass & 3/4 Camps Information

Amongst other items, we have sent home information about the **grade 3/4 camp on Compass**. Please make sure that you visit your Compass account on a regular basis to keep up to date with events at school.

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.

Safe Parking

The South Gippsland Council will be focusing on safety around schools and actively patrolling parking during school times. Please observe all signage and ensure that you stop/park legally at all times around schools.

CSEF Information Form

Going home with this newsletter is a form explaining the CSEF. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is available to eligible families so that children don't miss out on these important activities.

School Policies updated.

Please check out our school website (<https://fishyps.vic.edu.au>) for updated versions of our school policies. We have revised and updated the following policies:

- ◆ Anaphylaxis
- ◆ Attendance
- ◆ Bullying Prevention
- ◆ Camps and Excursions
- ◆ Child Safety Policy
- ◆ Child Safety Code of Conduct
- ◆ Child Safety Responding and Reporting Obligations
- ◆ Complaints
- ◆ Duty of Care
- ◆ First Aid (Includes arrangements for ill students)
- ◆ Healthy Care Needs
- ◆ Medication (Administration)
- ◆ Statement of Values and School Philosophy
- ◆ Student Wellbeing and Engagement
- ◆ Visitors
- ◆ Volunteers
- ◆ Yard Duty and Supervision

We would appreciate it if you have any questions or suggestions about these policies that you contact staff at the office.

Book Club

If you did not receive your Book Club order please come to the office as we had one order with no name attached.

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.

