

Fishy News

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Principal's Message

NAPLAN

Next week students in Grade 3 and 5 will commence their NAPLAN testing. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skill in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

Students will be completing their Writing test on Wednesday the 13th, Reading on Thursday the 14th, Language Conventions on Monday the 18th and Numeracy on Tuesday the 19th. 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.

Later in the year, you will receive your child's individual NAPLAN report. All parents of children completing NAPLAN this year should have received a compass notification going into full detail of the testing procedure. If you did not receive this please contact the office.

For further information about the tests please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.gov.au

District Swimming

Last Friday we had 10 swimmers (Summer, Kai, Luca, Jarrah, Spencer, Anda, Charlotte, Marlow, Addie and Daisy) compete at the division swimming carnival at Korumburra. The students were representing the Waratah cluster schools of Fish Creek, Meeniyan and Tarwin Lower and competed against other schools from the South Gippsland region. All students who competed did an amazing job and everyone should be congratulated on their sportsmanship on the day. Congratulations also to Daisy, Marlow, Summer and Addie, who all got through to the Gippsland championships in Sale.

Labour Day

Just a reminder that this Monday (11th of March) is the Labour Day public holiday. I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend and we look forward to seeing all the students on Tuesday the 12th.

Prep/1 Swimming

A reminder that Miss Shelleys Prep/1 grade will begin their swimming program on **Tuesday the 19th of March**. Students need to make sure that they bring their swimming gear and towel. Could you please make sure that all swimming gear is clearly labelled to ensure that it doesn't go missing.



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:

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



Busy Bee

We would love to invite all green fingered or aspiring green fingered parents and carers to join us on Friday the 15th of March for our School Garden Busy Bee.

Some of the jobs that we will be doing are weeding, pruning, moving mulch and if anyone has a trailer for green waste removal it would be appreciated.

The Busy Bee will run over the entire school day so feel free to drop in and help out when it suits you. It will also be a great chance to have a cuppa and meet other members of our school community. Hope to see you there!



Periodic Elements Poster Competition

Congratulations to our "Periodic Elements Poster Competition Finalists". The posters that these students created will now be sent to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation in NSW for the National Competition.



Clean Up Australia Day

This week in Environmental Science, students learned about waste management and the effect of plastics in our Oceans. They also participated.

in Clean Up Australia Day 2024, collecting well over 200 pieces of rubbish from around our town and School Grounds.

Our collection will also be tallied, and the information logged on the Clean Up Australia Website helping future clean-up projects and initiatives. Well done to all our students on their wonderful work.

Welfare Report

From all accounts my great grandfather was a really clever bloke. He was creative with wood work, carving the most beautiful furniture which still sits in the lounge rooms of his great grandchildren. He had an incredible mind for technology and his work with Phillips had him designing important technology for communication during wartime.

For his time, he was important. He carried the thinking of the time which was 'men are more capable and intelligent than women'. My great grandmother was a creative and intelligent woman too, however, when they bought their first car she knew she would never be in the driver's seat as the common thinking of the time was that 'women should not drive, they are not intelligent enough for that'. Which of course is not true but at that time in history it was common thinking. Because of this thinking, my great grandmother would always have to ask my great grandfather if she should need anything that a car would be useful for. This gave him more power as he could make all the decisions around the car.

Thankfully, this is not how people think these days and we are always striving for gender equality. It is so important that challenging gender stereotypes is imbedded in our 'Respectful Relationships' curriculum. This week our students have been learning about International Women's Day – we have been celebrating the women in our lives who we admire and noticing the attributes which make them so admirable.

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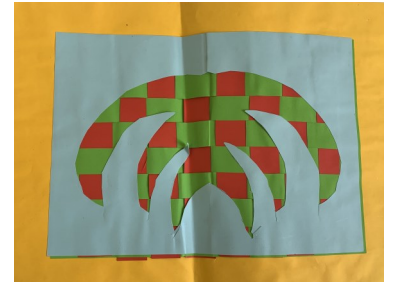
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Foster Show Artwork

Well done to all our students who created artwork that was displayed at the Foster Show.

A special mention to our winners Summer, Carlo and Nathaniel who walked away with a prize for their category.



Hats in Term 1

Just a reminder that as a Sun Smart school 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.

Compass

Please ensure that you are regularly checking your Compass account to keep up to date on school events

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.

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.