

Fishy News

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Principal's Message NAPLAN

Our grade 3s and 5s commenced their NAPLAN testing yesterday. Students did a tremendous job, putting in their best effort with their writing and reading tests. Our students now get a bit of a rest before completing their final 2 NAPLAN tests next week.

School Council AGM

On Tuesday we had our school council AGM where our school council for 2024-25 was elected. I would like to announce and congratulate Howard Prosser, continuing on as our school council President, and Helen Sammonds, taking on the role of Vice President. The remaining members of our school council are Brent Moran, Katie Hamilton, Andrew Rodda, Chris Gerretzen, Charlotte Mortimer, Sarah Parkes, Josh Sheehan and Kerri Smith as the teacher representative. A big thank you to everyone who put their hand up to be part of our school council.

Prep/1 Swimming



A reminder that Miss Shelley's Prep/1 grade begin their swimming



program this **Tuesday the 19th of March**. Students need to make sure that they bring their swimming gear and towel. It is also recommended that you clearly label any swimming gear to ensure that it doesn't go

Busy Bee TOMORROW

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



Some of the jobs we will be doing are weeding, pruning and moving mulch. 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. Even if you can only help for 30 minutes, many hands make light work.

It will also be a great chance to have a cuppa and meet other members of our school community.

Hope to see you there!

If you would like any more information on the day please contact the office or Mr Farrell who will be coordinating the day.



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:

15th - Busy Bee

19th-28th - P/1 Swimming

22nd-District Athletics

25-27th - 3-4 Camp

28th- Last day of term

April:

9th- School Council Meeting

16th- 24th 1/2 Swimming

16th-24th Somers Camp

29th -District Athletics

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District Swimming



Congratulations to our three superstar swimmers Marlow, Daisy and Addie who competed in the All Gippsland swimming finals today. The girls did an amazing job with Daisy coming third in butterfly and breaststroke and Marlow coming third in backstroke and freestyle. As a combined team in the Medley relay Addie, Daisy and Marlow produced a great effort to come in 3rd place. Well done girls we are all super proud of your efforts.

3/4 Camp

Our grade 3/4 students are all looking forward to our camp to Forest Lodge next Monday (25th). For many of our students it's their first experience at a school camp and their first night away from home. It is a perfectly natural feeling for students to be apprehensive or nervous about this, but I know all the students will love the camp. There are lots of great adventure based activities for all to enjoy including zip line, giant swing and camp cooking to name a few.



Easter Hamper

Our PnF group is running an Easter Hamper fundraiser. We are asking that each family **contributes 1 easter egg** to the hamper by Mon the 25th of March.



We are also sending home a raffle ticket booklet (each with 20 tickets) for families to sell. Your help in selling as many tickets as possible would be great.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday the 28th of March.

Welfare Report

I spent this weekend poolside at the Gippsland Championships swim meet in Traralgon. Swimming is one of those sports that is very exciting to watch but it can be over in half a minute and then a parent can wait half a day to watch their kid swim again! Luckily it is also a perfect opportunity for fabulous conversations and observations of grit, resilience, good sportsmanship and fun.

While sitting poolside I was talking to one of our younger swimmers who is a firecracker of a kid. She is usually bubbling around talking, cracking jokes and even adding in a wink or two. But this day it was backstroke day she was flat as a tack and feeling sick in the tummy- she was confused to why she was feeling this way.

Her mum was all over it, giving her an icy pole, a cuddle and encouraged her to go and marshal for her backstroke so she shuffled off for her swim. And what a swim! This little firecracker shot down the pool – sprinting out the last part of her backstroke with the confidence and strength of someone who had been swimming for years.

She came back to the grandstand from her swim and proudly announced that she had solved her problem. She explained that she was really worried about hitting her head on the end of the pool in backstroke and that she just told herself, 'don't hit your head on the end of the pool, don't hit your head on the end of the pool, don't hit your head on the end of the pool!' and she didn't, instead she made the finals!

She could have asked not to swim that event because of her fears. Instead, she got some love and support from her mum and gave herself some positive self-talk and came out a finalist! I think she actually grew in front of my eyes!

This week for respectful relationships we will be talking about positive self-talk, taking risks and getting help when we need it because taking risks and making mistakes is how we grow and learn.

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School Photos

School photos are still being processed and will hopefully be ready next week. When they are ready Blue Wolf Photography will contact families directly and explain how you can view and purchase your child/ren's photos. Please don't worry if you didn't register, if Blue Wolf does not have a contact number/email for you they will make contact with the school.

Compass Forms

Please regularly check in with Compass. We have sent forms regarding:

Prep/1 Water Awareness and Safety

3-4 Camp (permission and medical forms)

3-6 Athletics

We would really appreciate that these forms be signed and returned to the office as soon as possible.

Athletic sports

On Friday the 22nd of March we will be having our 3-6 cluster athletic sports. Once again this year, students will first compete against schools from the Waratah cluster (Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower and Meeniyan Primary School). The top 6 from each event will compete in the district athletics against the top 6 from the Prom Coast cluster (Foster, Toora and Welshpool Primary School). Having the two separate events provides more opportunity for participation in the athletic sports and therefore should make the event a lot more enjoyable for all students. Events start from 9:30 next Friday at the Foster Secondary College, Parents are welcome to join us. Hope to see you there.



Mary MacKillop
Catholic Regional College

MMCRC is having a **Grade 6 Activity Day** for those families of Grade 6 students who are considering enrolling them at Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College.

Date: 6th May 2024

Time: 9:00 to 3:00

An attendance form is necessary and is available at the front office and will need to be returned by Mon 29th of April