

# Fishy News

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## Principal's Message NAPLAN

Students from grade 3 and 5 completed their NAPLAN testing on Tuesday. All the students who participated in the testing should be very proud of their efforts. I just wanted to reiterate that NAPLAN is not a pass or fail test, it is just there to give an indication of where the students sit compared with students of a similar age. It is also used as an educational guide for schools who use the results to identify potential strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and utilise the data to set future learning goals in literacy and numeracy.

### Athletic sports

Tomorrow we will be having our 3-6 cluster athletic sports. Students have been busy practicing their athletic skills with Mr Couper. It is a fun day with students learning about and having a go at a new range of activities. 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). Parents are more than welcome to come and enjoy the day. Events start from 9:25am tomorrow at the Foster Secondary College, hope to see you there. We are including a program for the day with this newsletter.

### Camp

Our grade 3/4 students are looking forward to our camp at Forest Lodge this coming Monday (25<sup>th</sup>). 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 of the students will love the camp. Some of the great adventure based activities for all to enjoy include a zip line, a giant swing and camp cooking to name a few.

### Garden day

A big thank you to those that helped out at our garden day last Friday. Under the guidance of Mr Farrell there were lots of jobs completed including weeding and pruning of our vegie garden and surrounds. A big thank you to Phil who is collecting and removing our green waste from the school.

### Last day of term

Just a reminder that it will be an early finish on **Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March** for the last day of term. Students will be dismissed at **2:30** on this day, I hope that everyone has a safe and fun Easter break.

### Prep/1 swimming

A reminder that Miss Shelley's Prep/1 grade will be continuing their swimming program tomorrow and next week at Bec's pool. The grade 1/2 swimming program will begin early in term 2 (April 16<sup>th</sup>).

Cheers,  
Dale



## FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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:

19th-28th - P/1 Swimming

22nd-District Athletics

25-27th - 3-4 Camp

28th- Last day of term early finish 2:30

### April:

16th- 24th 1/2 Swimming

16th-24th Somers Camp

29th -District Athletics

## PRIMARY WELFARE

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# Student of the Week



## School Photos

Everyone should now have access to viewing and ordering school photos. Families have 10 days to place an order in order to take advantage of free postage.

If you have not heard from Blue Wolf Photography please contact them at [info@bluewolfphotography.com.au](mailto:info@bluewolfphotography.com.au)

## Headlice

There continues to be reports of Headlice at school. Please regularly check your child/ren's hair and if present please treat as appropriate.



## School Payments

Please remember to only **pay cash** or a **direct deposit to our school account:**

Commonwealth Bank  
 Fish Creek & District Primary School  
 BSB:063 093  
 Account NO:10001282

***We cannot accept credit card payments as indicated on Compass forms***

## 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.

## Lost Property

A friendly reminder to parents to ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on their uniforms to assist us returning them to their owners. Currently we do have quite a few items in our lost property, please come and look through for any missing items.

## Welfare Report

Andrew is away this week learning to fall trees. He calls us each afternoon and I can hear excitement and happiness in his voice. To start with I thought – maybe he is enjoying being up in Erica and eating chicken parmas for dinner (which I am sure he is – nothing like a high country sunset and a parma) but I actually think it is something more than that.

Andrew is away learning a new skill and while he is there he is taking on the risk to fail. He will not get all parts of his new learning correct and with this he is going to make mistakes. This is because ‘mistakes are an essential part of learning’ and if we dig even deeper, mistakes help to keep our brains excited and curious.

This week for Respectful Relationships we have been talking about what happens in our brain when we make a mistake and how we can be excited by this – because this is when the magic happens and our brains grow.

Einstein said ‘anyone who as never made a mistake – has never tried anything new’.

Get out there – try something new, get it wrong, try again and grow. Our brains get bored doing stuff we are good at all the time.

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## 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.

## Child safety and wellbeing at Fish Creek and District Primary School: information for families and the school community

Changes to the [Child Safe Standards](#) commenced on 1 July 2022 to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Fish Creek and District Primary School has child safety policies and procedures to ensure it we meet the requirements of the standards. These are available to view on the school [website](#).

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Dale on 5683 2271





**come find your awesome**

**FISH CREEK AUSKICK CENTRE**

Fish Creek Rec Reserve  
Thursday's from 18th April @ 4:30pm



[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)





# Theircare

## Before and After School Care



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

Have you wandered through a supermarket and wondered how all those delicacies arrived there? Labels denote origin, providing a doorway to find out about the routes traversed by such delicacies. They hide stories of the women that roll cinnamon bark into quills, winding them tighter every day, families who wake at dawn to pick violet flowers from the desert floor and pluck their saffron stamens before the day parches their flavour, farmers who seal a deal for their ginger by touching fingers with the merchants under the privacy of a handcloth, or farmers who personally pollinate diasporic Vanilla Orchids in the absence of their native pollinator, the Mexican Milipona bee.

Where trade routes converge, there are bottlenecks. Goods are loaded and unloaded from boats, cultures intermingle, co-operate, adopt, adapt and evolve to create cosmopolitanism hubs. Maritime gateways are also fraught with strategic political tensions. The name for the Red Sea Maritime area currently caught up in the Israel/ Palestine conflict, is called "Bab el Mendad" – the gate of lamentations.

This week at Theircare, we have been exploring one such chokepoint, the straight of Malacca, an area the Greeks termed the "Golden Peninsula" for its confluence of riches...a straight that flows between Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore and enables spices and goods to transit between the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean via the South China Sea.

We have made and drunk Jamu for eternal youth like the Javanese princesses, patiently evaporated mushroom rendang, blasted our senses with Chilli Sambal and made a number of rice dishes which have benefitted from the bounty of spices that met in the straight of Malacca: Chinese Star Anise, Sichuan Pepper, South Indian Cardamom and Sri Lankan Cinnamon. We discovered Eye of Newt (Brown Mustard seed) is not just for witches brews, and Crisp Coriander is aromatic and delicious, despite the Ancient Greek etymology Koriannon suggesting it was once regarded as smelling more akin to stink bug, Koris, mixed with Fragrant Anise, annon.

Stories, Art and Card Games also converge and evolve along these routes and have been explored by the children through Ceramics and Painting. Last week we drew the story of Buddhist Prince Sutasoma, featured in the Kakawin Sutasoma, a poem that was written on palm leaves in the 14th century. Despite recounting tales of human eating demon kings, giants with elephant heads, tigresses that eat their cubs and Gods that turn into serpents, the poem embraces the subtext of religious tolerance. It was in fact the inspiration for the motto of Indonesia "Bhinneka Tunggal Ika", literally meaning "(Although) in pieces, yet One", translating to: "Unity in Diversity".



Our operating hours are:  
Before School: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
After School: 3:20 PM - 6:00 PM

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