

Fishy News

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Principal's Message

Here's a pic of the lucky students as they set off to Somers Camp. While we are missing them, we hope they are all having a fantastic time and look forward to hearing about their adventures.



Thank you

A special thanks to the Fish Creek Creekers, associated with the Fish Creek Football Netball Club, who donated \$800 to the school this week. These were the proceeds from the very successful pool competition that they run and their support is greatly appreciated.

COMPASS updates

Parents are now able to provide consent and/or pay online for excursions, camps & events. We thank our school community for their patience as we sorted through some "teething issues". Hopefully everyone is getting used to the program and is beginning to feel confident using it. We do ask that you please log in and consent to events as quickly as you can after you have been notified that they are waiting for approval. If you are having any issues logging in please contact the office.

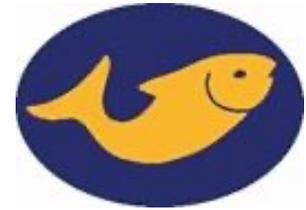
Parents and Friends

Our PnF group will be meeting straight after assembly this coming Monday morning (22nd April). Included on the agenda is Mother's Day and the Tea Cosy Festival. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Community Science and Art Project

We are excited to announce that starting this term all students will be working with Lucy Parkinson (Artist in Residence) and Mr Farrell on a Community Science and Art Project in conjunction with Creative Arts Victoria and the Department of Education. This program will run over two terms, culminating with the students project being used as part of the Fish Creek Children's Literature Festival. We are very excited to be working with Lucy again and grateful to Creative Arts Victoria for their support. Stay tuned for lots more over the coming weeks!!!

Cheers,
Dale



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Victorian 2024 school terms

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

April:

16th- 24th 1/2 Swimming

16th-24th Somers Camp

22nd - PnF meeting

25th - Anzac Day

9th -District Athletics

May:

15th - Incurion: Animals of Oz

23rd - Cross country

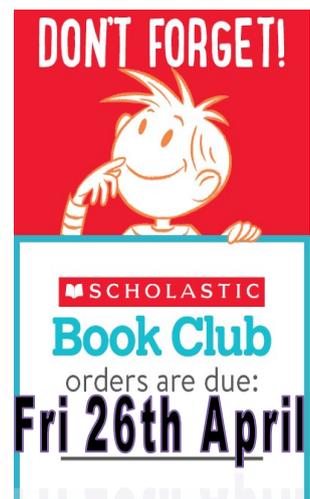
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Smile Squad

The Smile Squad has provided each student with a toothbrush, a tube of toothpaste and a flyer to encourage good habits and healthy, strong teeth. These bags are being sent home today.



COVID-19 Antigen Test Kits

Each family is being given a new box of COVID –19 test kits. These will be given out today.



Those kits previously given out by the school are now out of date; please dispose.

Book Club

We are also sending the latest issue of Book Club out with this newsletter. If you would like to order books you can either go online or bring the order form with payment to the office. Please return by **Friday the 26th of April.**

Headlice

There have been more reports of head lice at school. Please check your children regularly for lice and eggs. The easiest and most effective way to *find head lice* is to use the conditioner and comb treatment weekly. This includes:

- Step 1. Comb hair conditioner onto dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around.
- Step 2. Thoroughly comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth head lice comb.
- Step 3. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 4. Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.
- Step 6. If lice or eggs are found, the person should be treated.

If present, treat appropriately: The 2 preferred treatment options available for initially treating head lice are the 'conditioner and comb' method, and the use of an insecticide. Re-treat in a week and keep treating until no lice/eggs are present.

Students can return to school as soon as treatment has begun. For up-to-date and accurate information please go to:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/ConditionsAndTreatments/head-lice-nits>

School Photos

School photos have arrived and will be sent home with students tomorrow. Please let us know if you would rather come and pick them up from the office yourselves.

Music in Schools

We are thrilled to announce the commencement of the Music in Schools (MiS) program here at Fish Creek Primary School.



The program aims to help deliver a quality music education to primary aged students and enhance our capacity to implement the Victorian Arts

Curriculum.

We are delighted to welcome aboard the exceptionally talented Jenny Taylor, a maestro in her own right, who will be collaborating with Mr. Farrell and Mrs. Shelley throughout



terms 2 and 3. With her expertise and passion for music, Jenny will undoubtedly orchestrate a transformative experience for our students, enriching their musical journey. As part of the program our school will also receive a generous budget for new instruments! These new resources will provide our budding musicians with the tools they need to flourish and express themselves creatively. Stay tuned for more updates.

Voluntary Contributions

A reminder that any contribution that you can make is greatly appreciated. School Council set 2024 Voluntary Contributions as \$170 per student and a \$20 grounds levy per family. These funds are used to help cover the cost of items such as all stationery supplies, access to computer subscriptions and incursions. For further information please speak to Irene.

1/2 Swimming

Bathers will be sent home with students tomorrow for washing and drying. Please make sure they come back to school on Monday as the swimming program continues until Wednesday.

