

Fishy News

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Principal's Message Athletics Sports

Congratulations to all of our students who competed in the district athletics on Tuesday. In all, we had 40 students from grades 3-6 represent our school on the day. I was extremely impressed with the attitude and effort of all students; not just the ones from our school. It was great to see the schools come together to put on this event. There were too many individual highlights to mention in this newsletter, but congratulations must go to Mya and Marlow for their fantastic efforts in becoming age champion for 12/13 girls and 11 year old girls respectively. We apologise for any inconvenience the late postponement on Monday morning may have caused. It was certainly a good call in that the sun was brighter and the grounds were much safer on Tuesday.



AEDC

Building a national picture of child health

On May 6th, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census for **Prep Students** (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au.

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

MAY

9th - Mothers/Special Persons Day Stall

10th - Winter Sports - Fish Creek

15th - Incursion: Animals of Oz

17th - Winter Sports - Meeniyah

22nd - Little Long Walk Day

23rd - Cross country

26th - Tea Cosy Festival

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Student of the Week



Welfare Report

When I was a little girl my mum built us kids the best tree house ever. She spent weeks on it and one day we came home from school and mum came down from the tree and unveiled the home of many of my childhood memories.

This was before a time when people called reusing stuff 'upcycling' back then it was assumed that everything had more than one life. There was nothing 'pintrest' about our treehouse. It was offcuts of corrugated iron and wood, with nail holes from previous uses. And while there was a sturdy ladder – we created all sorts of more adventurous ways to come up and down the tree. Mum often marvelled at the way our imaginations could make something out of nothing.

These memories all came flooding back today as on arrival to school I saw the makeshift 'flying fox' on our playground. Sure, it was made from brand new school jumper and there were conversations about 'looking after our things' however, it was also show of our kids being adaptable and creative – making something out of nothing and making their own fun.

It was a good reminder to me not to get caught up in shiny and new and to remember that the offcuts and the old chook food bags can often make the most fun.

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Compass - Winter Sports Grades 5-6

Please logon to Compass to give your consent if you wish your child to participate in the winter sports.

Mothers/Special Persons Day



Our PnF group will be running a Mothers/Special Persons Day stall **next Thursday the 9th** of May. It will cost each child **\$5.00 to purchase a present.**



Somers Camp

A big well done to our 11 students who participated in Somers School Camp over the last couple of weeks. The students who went had a great time and loved their experiences. This camp is not for the faint hearted as students challenge themselves with different activities such as rock climbing, archery, giant swing and obstacles courses to name a few.

Footy Colours Day

Footy colours dress up day on Wednesday 22nd of May. Gold coin donation.

This is on the week before the dream time match at the G. We will be having a little "Long Walk" on the day. More information in future newsletters.

Junior School Council Leader - Lawson



Grade 6

All parents/carers of grade 6 students should have received a "Year 6 to 7 Placement Information Pack". If you haven't received one please contact the office. We ask that you fill in and return the application form (the last 2 pages of the pack) before next Friday.