

Fishy News

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Principal's Message Reconciliation Week

Next week from the 27th May to 3rd June is National Reconciliation Week – This is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and the achievements of our first nations people, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for National Reconciliation Week in 2024 is **Now More Than Ever**. As a lead into Reconciliation week our Junior School Council and our school participated in our version of the Long walk to raise money for Indigenous literacy.

Somers Camp

On Tuesday we have 10 of our grade 5/6 students heading off to Somers camp for 9 days. Somers camp is an absolutely amazing adventure camp where students learn many skills whilst also testing themselves. We have already had 11 students attend the camp earlier in the year and all of them loved the experience.

Tea Cosy PnF stall on Sunday

It was great to be in town last Saturday for the opening of the Tea Cosy Festival. It is an extremely busy time at Fish Creek but this event is one of the reasons why Fish Creek is such a unique and wonderful spot to live. On Sunday our PnF group is running a stall at the Tea Cosy Festival to raise money for the school. If you get the opportunity head over there and support a great cause. Ways to help with this event are listed later in this newsletter.

Cross Country



Well done to all our students who competed in the Division Cross Country today at Stony Creek Racecourse. Our team did an amazing job competing against all the schools from Welshpool, up to Mirboo North and across to Phillip Island. All students should be extremely proud of their efforts, completing an extremely difficult course. Also, a big thank you to our wonderful P.E teacher, Mr Couper, for training and preparing our students for this event.

Student Free Day

We will be having a student free day on *Friday the 7th of June* as staff will be using this as a report-writing day.

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

26th - Tea Cosy Festival
 28th - 5th June Somers Camp
 31st - Winter Sports Basketball

JUNE

6th– Regional Cross Country Drouin
 7th- Student Free Day
 10th- Monarch's Official Birthday
 13th - Winter Sports Wonthaggi

PRIMARY WELFARE

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Student of the Week



Welfare Report

It has taken me a number of attempts to try and find the right words for this weeks newsletter. To choose which part of our 'Little Long Walk' to 'find the story'. The story could be in the leadership our JSC showed setting up the event, the planning through to the heavy work. The story could be around community and how staff and parents gave their time to dish up spuds, stamp lap cards and supervise fire pits because that is what the kids dreamed up! The story could be in all sports colours flashing about promoting tolerance, acceptance and care.

Or the story could delve deeper and consider the patch of Earth where this event occurred. The story could consider what this patch was like 50 years ago, 100 years ago, 250 years ago or even as far back as 60,000 years ago. Making our little day yesterday – a mini little speck in the events of the patch of Earth and those who belong to it. The story could consider how our little mini speck could have any impact at all – could it? Could a heap of kids eating spuds on the grass and walking in circles on this precious patch of Earth actually be like a stone dropping in the creek rippling in to something bigger?

Imagine what all these kids might do with the ripples?

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Imagine the conversations they might start. And imagine the conversations they might challenge.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to this patch of Earth which feeds, warms and grows my children and those who have cared for this patch of Earth for thousands of years – thank you.

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We raised \$238.85 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation - a foundation putting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages into print and into schools.

Thanks to all involved!



Our Little Long Walk



Damper

As part of our Little Long Walk event Mr Farrell looked at the science of fire and cooking damper. Students chatted and laughed as they mixed ingredients, kneaded damper and knelt around the fire. Some even came up with an edible damper!



PnF Tea Cosy Fundraiser



This Sunday, the 26th of May we will be serving Devonshire tea in the Fish Creek Hall for the Tea Cosy Festival. It is usually a great fundraiser for the school but we do need help running it. If you can help with one of the following, it would be appreciated.

- * **Volunteer on the day** - 2 hour shifts
- Or
- * **A batch of scones (Preferably dropped off at the hall on Sunday)**
- Or
- * **Donation of one of the following** 1 x box Nerena loose leaf tea

- 1 x 100 tea bags black tea
 - 1x 50 English breakfast tea bags
 - 2x Woolworths hot chocolate
 - 5 x 600 ml thickened cream (full fat)
 - 5x jars jam (homemade most welcome)
- To assist us in knowing what is necessary for us to buy we ask that these, if possible, be dropped off at school tomorrow).**

If you can help with any of these please let the office know or call Tracey.
0419899337



Lost property

The lost property bucket has been cleaned out and any clothing with names has been returned to students. Unfortunately most of the clothing did not have names. We are washing those jumpers and jackets and putting them in our second hand store. If your child is in need of a jumper or jacket these second hand items can be purchased from the office for \$5.





Theircare

Before and After School Care



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

This week we continued our spice route through Japan and Korea, the children cooked sushi and a delicious ramen, it seemed like it came from an expensive restaurant!

In ceramic we made some Coil Pots.

We also continue practicing and improving our chess level.

But we're not always sitting around doing things... We also do activities in the gym, where we practice soccer and tennis.



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

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