

# Fishy News

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## Principal's Message

### Winter sports

Congratulations to all the 5/6 students that we have representing us at the winter sports final in Foster tomorrow. We have students representing our cluster (Waratah) in football, soccer, netball and basketball. It would be great if we can get a few families there to support our teams. For those who can make it, a timeline is listed below;

11:30-12:30 basketball – boys at Foster primary school, girls at Foster stadium

12:30-1:00 Lunch/walking to sports grounds

1:00-2:00 lightning prem games football (Foster Football ground), Soccer (Foster Secondary College), netball (Foster Football ground)

There is a forecast of rain tomorrow, this event generally goes ahead regardless of the weather (except lightning). It is important that players bring a change of clothes, a towel and a bag for wet clothes just in case.

### Reconciliation Week

It has been wonderful to see all the fantastic lessons going on in the school focusing on reconciliation. It is important that all of our students learn about the shared histories, cultures, and 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**.

### PnF Stall

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Devonshire tea stall at the Tea Cosy Festival on Sunday. Once again, a big thank you to our PnF and everyone who donated their time, ingredients and made scones. We raised over \$800 for the school which was a fantastic achievement.

Thanks too, to the organisers of the festival for allowing us the opportunity to run the fundraiser.

Tracey would also like to pass on her thanks (on behalf of the PnF) to the impressive number of volunteers who turned up and helped make the day run so smoothly.



### Student Free Day

Just a reminder that next Friday (June 7<sup>th</sup>) is a student free day. Staff will be using this as a report writing day. In addition, Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> of June is a public holiday due to the Kings birthday. Enjoy your extra long weekend.

### History Excursion (Prep, 1s and 2s)

The cost of the excursion on Friday 21st of June is **\$10**. Our apologies for any confusion on Compass. Please pay for this event either at the office or direct deposit into our bank account and NOT on Compass.

Bank details: BSB:063 093 Acct:10001282

Cheers,  
Dale



## FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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

28th - 5th June Somers Camp

31st - Winter Sports

#### JUNE

6th– Regional Cross Country Drouin

7th- Student Free Day

10th- Monarch's Official Birthday

13th - Winter Sports Wonthaggi

21st - Foster Excursion P/1/2

### PRIMARY WELFARE

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# Student of the Week



## Visit From the Mayor



On Monday the grade 5/6 students were fortunate to be visited by local mayor Clare Williams. Our classes are currently creating submissions for the Parliament Prize, a competition for students to create their own MP statements about current issues impacting our communities, state or world. Clare's visit was an

insightful discussion into the role of local government, the daily tasks of a mayor and long-term planning. Students asked lots of great questions about how she became a mayor, her qualifications, the board of councillors that she works with and the youth council program for students aged 12 to 25.



## Somers Camp

Students excited posed for photos as they embarked on their 9 day camp Tuesday morning.



## Compass

Please ensure that you are regularly checking your Compass account to keep up to date on school events.

## 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 also.

## Signing In

If you are visiting the school to attend events during school hours, please make sure that you come to the office and sign in and out.

## Lost property.

While I can't include pictures of all of the lost property found in the last 3 days... These un-named non-uniform items surely have someone who misses them? Please collect from the office. Plenty of un-named uniform jumpers and coats have also been found.



### Welfare Report

Our first language is often referred to as our mother language. The language our mother uses with us from birth, that language is the music which fills our soul, connects our story to our ancestors, it is the language which helps us make sense of the world.

When I was 20 I did my teaching rounds in a little community called Ukaka out on the Ernest Giles Track in Central Australia. I can still remember walking into the community and hearing the music of 'Luritja' the language that the kids spoke out there on the Ernest Giles Track. Only 1300 people speak Luritja – however, often those people also speak Arrernte, Pitjantjatjara and Warlpiri as all of these language groups surround Luritja country.

Later I spent time in Jarlmadangah where the first languages are Kimberly Kriol, Nyinka and Mungala, and then out at Mutitjulu for years where the first language is Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara.

What does not make sense, for all of these beautiful languages is that the first books these kids are often introduced to are in English. This means that they are LEARNING to read and write in a foreign language. Not the language from their mothers, the language they have used every day of their lives prior to attending school. Pause a moment to imagine how difficult that would be and also, consider what message that sends about the value of the first languages in Australia.

The JSC potato sales last week raised over \$200 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation – a national foundation which puts culturally relevant books and books in first languages into schools.

'Now more than ever' we need to be celebrating, acknowledging and understanding the importance of the first languages of this country – because language carries the stories and the stories are how we learn.

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