# Fishy News

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## Principal's Message

Once again it has been an extremely busy term at school. It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the year. This term in the senior school, we have had Somers Camp, winter sports and excursions. It has also been wonderful watching the students in the junior grades developing and growing each and every day. The transformation of the prep students over the past 6 month period has been amazing.

As school reports go out today, it gives you a great opportunity to talk through this semester's learning with your child at home and discuss all the wonderful achievements that they have reached both academically and socially.

#### **CWA Donation**

On Monday we were lucky enough to have Bev & Barb from the Fish Creek Country Women's Association (CWA) visit us and make a donation to the school of \$500. We are so lucky to be part of a great community that looks out for, and supports each other. Thank you so much to the members of the Fish Creek CWA for their continued support. We thank them for their donation which we will definitely put to good use.



#### **Prom Hike**

A big thank you to Donna Giliam for organising our whole school NAIDOC day event today in conjunction with Meeniyan Primary School. The weather put on a show for us and it was such a relief to enjoy some amazing June sunshine. It was great for our students to be able to connect with our land and learn about the history of Wilsons Promontory National Park.

## **Front Playground**

We are very excited that we will be getting our existing front playground replaced late in Term 3. We have been working with students looking at and altering designs until we have come up with one that we are all happy with. It will be a great asset to the school and hopefully one our students can use and enjoy for years to come.



#### **Long Service Leave**

Mrs Smith will be away on long service leave for the 1st week of term 3. She will be replaced by Mr Mollison and Mrs Banikos. We hope she enjoys her extended break in sunny Darwin.

#### **Early Dismissal**

Just a reminder that as tomorrow is the last day of term, **school will be dismissed at 2:30 and buses will run 50 mins earlier.** We look forward to seeing everyone back for the start of term 3 on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July.

Cheers, Dale



## FISH CREEK &

#### DISTRICT

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hoddle Road Fish Creek VIC 3959 03 5683 2271

#### 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**

#### JUNE

28th - Last Day of School –Early finish 2:30pm

#### JULY

15th—School resumes -Term 3



Please Event: consent & pay:

Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly

#### PRIMARY WELFARE

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### **Lost Property**

Please check lost property buckets and the office for missing coats and jumpers. FISHY NEWS NUMBER 20 RESPECT FAIRNESS COMMITMENT 27TH JUNE 2024

## Student of the Week



## **Welfare Report**

I am whipping this up and gazing out my window at a clear and beautiful sky anticipating our day at the Prom with Fishy and Meeniyan Primary school. I decide to be thankful for this sky, right now it is clear and there is a breeze.

I close my eyes and think of the landscape at the Prom, how looking down on Tidal River from the overlook track always takes my breath away and how the top of Mt Oberon makes me feel tiny; a reminder that the world is huge and that we are dots in time. I think about all of the kids who I get to work with every day and how lucky I am that they are all in my orbit.

Here we are, 1.5 days left of term 2, 2024 and I feel connected and so grateful for the way the wind has blown.

Have peaceful winter holidays and be like our wild beautiful students today, put a coat on and get out in it!!

Donna Gilliam

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#### **School Beanies**

We will be ordering school beanies (as modelled by Ms Tiarnie and Mr Mollison on the Prom excursion - I'm sure you were all envious!). Let us know if you would like to order one. Cost \$22.00





**Indonesian** 





In Indonesian, students

have been learning all about housing in Indonesia and how it changes dramatically from island to island and they've learnt the vocab for rooms of the house. Here are some impressive 'Rumah' posters students designed and labelled to help them learn their new words. -Ms Hamlett



collection



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

The last couple of weeks we've had some unexpectedly clear nights. The scorpion with its red star Antares has been spread across the sky in all its glory. When we see the scorpion high in the sky, we know it is not possible to see Orion, the hunter he killed, as they were put at opposite ends of the sky to avoid them meeting.

As we've been travelling the spice route this semester, down from China towards the Malacca Straight, visiting Hong Kong, Taiwan & the Formosas, Japan and the Phillipines, we've been paying special attention to the stars which enabled the sailors to navigate.

The Phillipino constellations Balatik (Orion's belt) and Moroporo (The Pleiades) are important not only in navigation, but for knowing when to sow seeds, cultivate, fish and hunt. To us, these stories open us to other ways of doing things.... Balatik, for example, is named after a type of hunting trap that it resembles.

So, we have been cooking the fruits of the stars, creating dishes that are the result of thousands of years of star knowledge that has taught people how to read the land to maximise their harvests and navigate the seas to seek what they lack.

It made us ponder what would life be like if our view of the stars were permanently obscured by clouds? Would the Age of discovery have happened or would we still be cocooned in our known worlds under a blanket of cloud? What foods would we have access to? What gods and stories would we have? How would we make sense of the natural world?

Some of the children responded to this, creating Cloud gods with names like Cumulonimbus and Altostratus.....soggy gods that are so much harder to grasp. Have a wonderful holidays and may part of them be spent in wonder





Our operating hours are: Before School: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM After School: 3:20 PM - 6:00 PM Contact Head Office 1300 072 410 info@theircare.com.au Contact Service 0457 555 261 fishcreek@theircare.com.au