

Fishy News

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Principal's Message

Well we are well and truly back into swing of things at Fish Creek Primary. In our first full week for the year I have been so impressed by the great start that all the students have made. Everyone is eager to learn and it's wonderful to see lots of smiling, happy faces when I visit all of the classrooms. I am particularly impressed by our 10 prep students who are doing a fantastic job getting through the school day.

Swimming Sports

Tomorrow we had 32 students from grades 3-6 heading to Toora to swim against Tarwin Lower and Meeniyah Primary School to see who would compete against Prom Coast at the District sports. Events start from approximately 10am; it would be great to get some parents there to support our students.



School Leaders



On Monday we introduced our school leaders to the school. We are very lucky to have so many students volunteering and wanting to make our school and community a greater place.

Our school leaders for 2025 are:

School captains: Petra S and Bohdi P

Vice captains: Margot G and Darcy L

Environmental leaders: Spencer H and Albert S

Sports leaders: Marlow H, Lucas T and Daisy G

Arts ambassador: Brylie H

STEM: Xavier M

JSC Leaders: Blue and Aiya

New Staff

Welcome to Amy Answerth who has joined our educational support team. Amy has loads of experience working in education and will be a great asset to our school.

Cheers, Dale



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DISTRICT
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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IMPORTANT DATES

February:
7th - Cluster swimming trials
11th - Cricket Victoria visit
14th District swimming
17th- 21st 5/6 Camp
25th School photos
28th Division swimming

PRIMARY WELFARE

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**Events needing to be
actioned on COMPASS:**

Blue Wolf photos

Local Excursions Permission

*Please remember to check
here and COMPASS regularly*

Student of the Week



Camp

Only a couple of weeks until our grade 5/6 students head off to camp Woorabinda camp (Feb 17th-21st). This 5 day adventure camp will be a great experience for all the students in the senior grades. Woorabinda is a state of the art adventure camp where students will be challenged to complete the high and low ropes course, the 128m flying fox course, canoeing, archery and initiative games. All the students are looking forward to the camp and I know they will have an amazing experience.

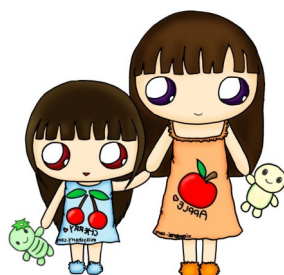
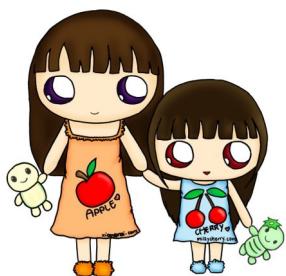
Sibling Photos

School photos will be taken on **Tuesday the 25th of February.**

A notice was sent via Compass asking for your permission to provide Blue Wolf Photography with parent names and email addresses as all photo orders are direct and online with them. *Please make sure this is actioned as soon as possible.*

We also have the option to do **sibling photos**. If you would like this, **please contact** the office so we can make this happen on the day.

SAY CHEESE!



Local Excursions

Please log in to **COMPASS** and consent for your child to go on local excursions. We need your permission so that students can go on excursions around the township of Fish Creek, exercise on the rail trail and/or to participate in the "K" run.

Cricket Clinic

On Tuesday the 11th of February, Cricket Victoria will be running a cricket clinic at our school. Each grade will get a 45 minute session working with skilled coaches. It should be lots of fun.



Parents and Friends

Parents and Friends (PnF) provides valuable assistance to the school in many ways such as fundraising, social events and supporting school programs. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings which are held at the school and advertised in this newsletter each month.

Lunch Orders from Evans

Order forms for ordering lunches from Evans Petrol Station are included in this newsletter. *We do ask that you limit your child's options to those provided on the menu.*

Cardboard boxes

Ms Hamlett has asked if anyone has empty large cereal boxes could they please bring them in to school and leave them at the office.



Welfare Report

I spent the tail end of last year growling at my kids about 'getting their jobs done'. This was always coupled with a good rant about all the things that I do. These rants were met with eye rolls and frustration. I was even cringing at the sound of my nag and my voice. At night I would have a moral battle in my mind – 'stop ranting at your family Donna, just pick up the slack and get stuff done yourself, they are only kids for such a short time' vs 'Donna you are not a doormat and your kids need to learn to pull their weight, they also need to learn to work as a team so that when they have their own families no one treats them like a door mat'.

One night, in the depth of this battle – I remembered Mrs Brannan and her partner Tony. The Brannan house was the house of my mate Danielle and as a teenager I spent Friday to Sunday in their home. The house was filled with kids: Brannan kids, Tony's kids, Foster kids and then us – the friends of the all these kids!

I knew where to find everything in the Brannan house and knew I was allowed to make myself a cheese grilled sandwich whenever I needed to. This home was special and these humans divine. One day, Tony sat us all down in the lounge room and said 'this is a lot, there are a lot of kids coming in and out and it is a huge job to run this household.' He then presented us with a job chart – all the kids who lived there had their name next to an allocated job and so did I -because as Tony said, 'you are part of the furniture Donna.' I felt so honoured to be on the Brannan family job chart and to earn my keep, I worked hard with Danielle to fold the washing which was forever covering the pool table.

When remembering the Brannan's in my late-night battle and how that job chart made me feel. I decided to reframe my thinking and gift my kids with a 'job chart' to honour their home and to contribute to their family. They may not see it that way – but changing my own thinking has calmed the battle ground!

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IMPORTANT

Consent to Photograph, Film & Record forms

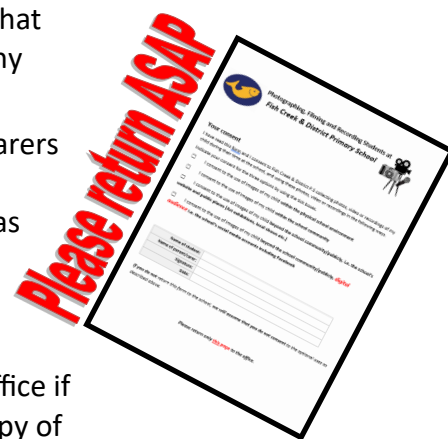
It is important that we receive the "Photographing, Filming & Recording Consent" forms that were sent out with last week's newsletter. We need your permission to publish your child's first name, their photo and/or their work in different publications such as our own newsletter, our web page, the local paper etc.

This new form will be valid for the length of your child's stay at our school and can be altered at later stages at your request. (So it is the last time we'll be hassling you for it!)

Please fill in and return only the *signed last page* as soon as practical so that we can implement any restrictions.

2025 Prep parents/carers have likely already submitted this form as part of their prep student's enrolment package.

Please contact the office if you need another copy of the form.



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances such as another family member has come to the school.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the office for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school.

MARC Library News



Welcome back to 2025!

In Term 1 we welcome our students back to another year of talking about authors, illustrators, books and the wonderful characters and stories that lie within. We hope everyone has returned from their summer break having enjoyed a good book and ready to share and discuss many more together.

In Term 1 our preview of learning looks like this:

Week	Junior	Middle	Senior
2	MARC program expectations. Books about summer 'Over or Under' by Pip Harry	MARC program expectations. Books about summer 'Why I love summer' by Michael Wagner	MARC program expectations. Books about summer 'With a little help from my friends' by Matthew Bate
3-5	Author Focus Books by author Julia Donaldson.	Author Focus Books by author Sandhya Parappukaran	Author Focus Books by author/illustrator Graeme Base
6	World Wildlife Day	World Wildlife Day	World Wildlife Day
7-8	Library Skills focusing on the different parts of fiction/non-fiction books.	Library Skills including revision of non-fiction features and classification in the library.	Library Skills including revision of non-fiction features and classification in the library.
9	Harmony Day Books celebrating diversity	Harmony Day Books celebrating diversity	Harmony Day Books celebrating diversity
10	Wonderful new literature	Wonderful new literature	Wonderful new literature

The MARC service continues to visit the following schools – Tarwin Lower (Mon), Welshpool (Tues), Toora (Wed), Powlett River and Kongwak Primary schools (Thurs) and Fish Creek (Fri). Students can borrow up to two books at a time. We look forward to another year of reading and learning together.



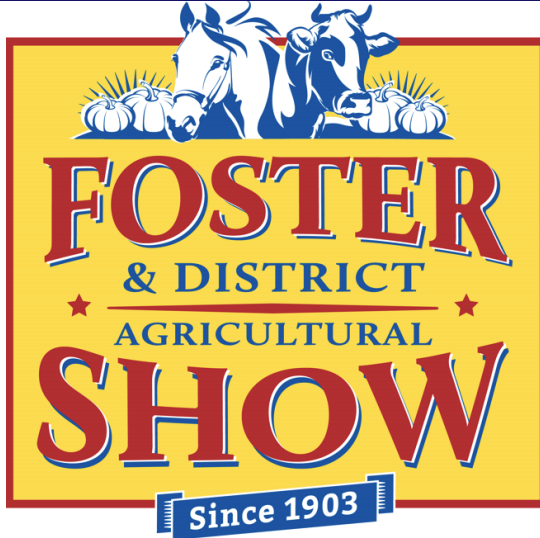
Coup's "K" Run

20 runners on the start line for the first Coups "K" Run of 2025. The regulars were all there and a welcome back to Madz. As expected the first event only produced one PB and that was Myles 6:58. That puts Myles as leader in the points standings on 10 and everyone else on 5. Thanks to Ms Ellingworth and Jackie D. Also Daisy, Marlow and Petra for cone collection and icy poles. Hope to see a few more next week. Also a reminder that the 50th Prom Coast Pack Runs will be held at Sandy Point on Sunday 16th February. 8.30am start on the low tide beach.

Cheers

Craig Couper





With February upon us, it's almost time for the Foster & District Agricultural show, on **Saturday the 22nd of February 2025**.

We have some excellent events running this year that we'd love to encourage you to enter, with great prizes up for grabs.

Schreurs Scarecrow Competition

Get creative to make the most unique garden protector you can think of! We encourage the use of recycled materials, and love to hear the stories behind your scarecrow creation. **Entry is free**, with prizes including sashes to third place, first prize \$75 and a veggie box and second prize \$25 – you've got to be in it to win it! With a class specifically for school groups, and your scarecrow entries displayed on show day with the Giant Pumpkins, it's a great competition to get involved in.

Giant Pumpkin Growing Competition

Didn't grow any big pumpkins this year? No worries! Why not get involved in our *Best decorated pumpkin competition*. Your pumpkin can be of any variety and decorated in any way. Have a favourite singer or band, favourite movie or tv show character? Let your imagination run wild! **Free entry**, sashes to third place, first prize \$100, second prize \$50 – think of all the pumpkins you can buy for next year! Check out the Scarecrow and Pumpkin section of our show schedule for more info.

Creative Art, Photography, Craft and Cooking

We have some fantastic classes for children in our Creative Art and Exhibit Shed sections this year! Into painting, drawing, sculptures/ceramics, or any other medium? We've got you covered! There's classes for kids in photography, craft and cooking as well so be sure to check out the schedule to start planning your show entries at <https://www.fostershow.com/pre-entry-competitions>.

Not into preparation? Our **Show Day Entry Competitions** are for you! The Pet Parade is getting a revamp this year so there'll be extra fun and great prizes and giveaways up for grabs. Fashions on the Field and an all new Mullet Competition have kids classes to ensure the whole family gets a chance to strut their stuff. For more info on Show Day Competitions, check out our website <https://www.fostershow.com/showday-competitions>

It's local support like yours when entering our competitions that makes our show day a success each thank. Thank you, and we can't wait to see you there!

Denia Gilheany
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Secretary - Foster & District A&P Society Inc



Name _____ Grade _____

Hot Dog no cheese \$4.50
 Hot Dog/w cheese \$5.00
 Pie \$5.00
 Sausage Roll \$5.00
 Traveler Pie \$5.00

Salad Rolls

Ham \$9.00
 Chicken \$9.00
 Cheese \$7.00

Sandwiches

Ham cheese tomato \$7.00
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 Ham Cheese Pickle \$7.00
 Chicken Lettuce Cheese Mayo \$7.00
 Egg Lettuce \$6.50
 Beef Chutney \$6.50

Drinks

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 Big M 500ml choc/strawberry \$4.70
 Bluey choc/strawberry \$3.30
 Juicy Apple \$3.00

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