

# Fishy News

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## Principal's Message Camp

Our 5/6 students survived and thrived during their 5 day Woorabinda camp. The students got to challenge themselves in so many different ways (See pics on Pg 3). It was fantastic to see them all grow as a group. For these camps to be possible it also takes a lot of time and effort from the teachers. I would like to thank Miss Ellingworth, Mrs Van Rooy, Mrs Hamlett, Mrs Giliam, Burke and McKenzie for all their work on camp. The staff went above and beyond to make this a great experience for all of the students.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

On Thursday the 6th of March we will be holding our Parent/Teacher interviews. Information regarding bookings has been sent via COMPASS. Interview times will range from 8:30am to 6:00pm. Please note this **is not** a student free day. Students will be expected to be **at school as normal**. If you have any questions about the parent teacher interviews or if you need to seek an alternative time, please contact the office.

## School Badges

At our Monday morning assembly next week we will be presenting our school leaders for 2025 with their badges. It was great to see so many applicants for these positions and knowing that we have so many students who want to see Fish Creek Primary School be the best it can be. Students at our school show leadership and have the chance to be leaders. Being a leader is not just wearing a badge; it is about being a good friend, helping others and showing respect and manners to each other and always trying your best in any situation. I feel at Fish Creek we have 115 leaders in our school with all our students demonstrating these traits.

## Swimming Sports

We have 7 swimmers who will be competing in the division swimming finals in Korumburra tomorrow. It is a great effort to reach this level as our swimmers are competing against the best of South Gippsland. Good luck to all involved.

## NAPLAN

Information regarding NAPLAN testing for 2025 was distributed to our grade 3 and 5 families via COMPASS. This year NAPLAN is commencing on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

We are once again completing our NAPLAN online, with all tests except the grade 3 writing being completed this way.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student success. I feel it is very important to remember that NAPLAN is just one form of testing taken on one particular day and should be viewed as a guideline and not as a definitive measure as to where each individual child sits.

Cheers,  
Dale



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**March:**  
**6th - Parent/Teacher Interviews**  
**10th - Labour Day Public Holiday.**  
**12th - NAPLAN starts 3 & 5**  
**21st - Cluster Athletics**  
**26th - PnF meeting**

**April:**  
**2nd - District Athletics**  
**4th - Last day of term**

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### Events needing to be actioned on COMPASS:

*Book your Parent Teacher Interview **before 6th March.***

**CSEF – Camps, Sports & Excursion funding**

*School Savings Bonus*

*Grades 3 & 5 NAPLAN info*

*Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly*

# Student of the Week



## Preps

Just a quick reminder that from next week our preps start full weeks at school. During February we have had prep students in for individual testing on Wednesdays and it will be great to have them here for 5 days a week.

## School Photos

School photos were taken on Tuesday and we are excited to see the results. Blue Wolf will be contacting parents directly via email (if consent was given through COMPASS). You will be able to look at all the photos taken of your child/children and order those you would like to purchase online.

## Welfare Report

This morning, I ran for longer than I had time for. This always feels good while I am doing it however, it creates a snowball effect for the remainder of my morning. I walked in the door with my mind racing with what needed to be done before heading out the door to work. Usually this involves, getting the kitchen sorted, making lunches and breakfasts, getting everyone going and then having a quick shower and getting out of there.

This morning, when I walked in the door, my gorgeous 13-year-old daughter was at the coffee machine. She quietly made a coffee, popped it on the bench for me, winked and smiled at me and went about her morning.

My eyes quickly welled up and I felt overwhelmed with gratitude because it is not very often that anyone makes me a coffee. It is sort of what we sign up for as parents, to give our time, energy and love to the little humans we are raising, so that they can be out in the world as good humans. In my house, that is the expectation. The parents give and the kids grow. This is lovely but it is also tiring at times.

This morning, my daughter paused her morning to do something kind for me. It made me feel loved, respected and appreciated. It filled my bucket and has made me smile through the remainder of my chaotic morning.

Making that coffee took my daughter under 5 minutes but has made me smile all day and this has rippled onto the people in my orbit today. A nice reminder, that a small act of kindness can create a wave of change for many.

Be kind.

Donna Giliam

Mental Health Wellbeing Support

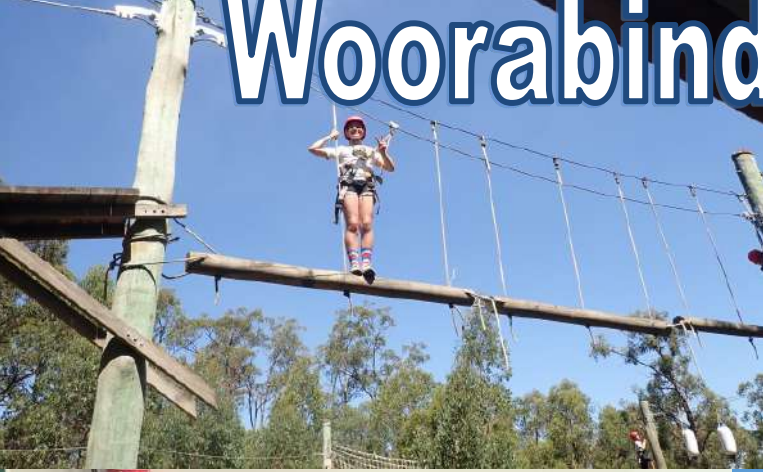
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# Woorabinda Camp





## Annual privacy reminder for our school community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#) and the [Schools' Privacy Collection Notice](#).

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy [[Photographing-filming-recording-of-students-Consent-Form.pdf](#)], describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [[Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#)] safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

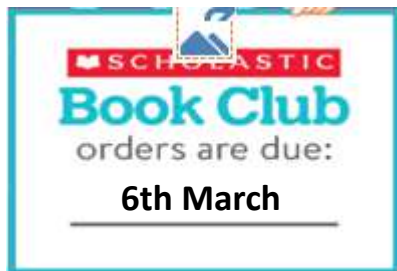
For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' privacy policy: information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages:

Amharic, Arabic, Chinese, Dari, Gujarati, Mandarin Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese

### Book Club

The first Book Club catalogue for the year is being sent home with this newsletter.

Please return your order with the correct money to the office by next Thursday the 6th of March.



# Healthy Lunchbox



## Head Lice!!!!

There have been recent cases of head lice in the school, so **please** check your child/ren's hair tonight and treat appropriately if head lice are found.

Students can return to school after being treated.

For more information on headlice and appropriate treatment please visit the Victorian Government's Better Health Channel

[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

### Bunnings Visit

Grades Prep to 4 were delighted to welcome back Jo and new team member Haylee from Bunnings on Thursday, for another very productive day in our School Garden.

Everyone worked hard weeding and planting seedlings as well as cleaning out the chicken coop. We also learned lots about seedlings and the importance of mulching and watering. A very informative day was had by all. Once again, we would like to thank Bunnings for their kind garden donations.



### Reminder: Free Dental

Please register online at <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> or use this QR code if you would like your child to benefit from free dental.

Register before March 7th





This week our Spice Route Journey disembarked in India to the scent of black pepper, Cardamom, Turmeric, Cloves, Nutmeg and Cinnamon. India was particularly important in trade networks as the Indian Ocean trade network united the Arabian Peninsula, East Africa and Southeast Asia. It also served as an axis for traders from the Silk Road thus making it fatally attractive to European colonisers.

This week at Theircare, we indulged in this melting pot of flavors, making Paneer cheese, "Palak Paneer", an Indian Spinach Curry and Samosas with Tamarind Dipping Sauce.

Many of the technologies we use today originated in India and were dispersed through the trade routes: Hindu Arabic numerals (numbers), the idea of zero, our decimal system & even the idea of our heliocentric solar system.

One of these ideas was Chess. The original Indian version of chess dates back to the 6<sup>th</sup> Century and was known as Chaturanga. Like chess, it is based on military divisions of a monarchy: there are pawns (foot soldiers), a King (Raj), Queen (Mantri – the kings' counsel), and Knights (Ashva – Horse). Instead of Bishops, there are Gaja – (war elephants) and the Ratha, an Indo/ Iranian spoked wheel chariot which had a formidable reputation for traversing the battlefield rapidly. Like many early versions of chess, Chaturanga is played by four players and can include alliances, reflecting the complex battles and alliances which were fought by a world that was divided into much smaller and contested dominions.

Next week we will continue to Immerse ourselves in Indian Culture, with Art Projects based on the Panchatantra, an ancient Indian collection of animal fables that inspired Aesop's fables, an exploratory cooking program and learning to play Chaturanga and a closely related Indian Game, Pachisi.




 **TIMES**

Before school: 7 – 9 AM

After school: 3:20 – 6 PM


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