

# Fishy News

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## Principal's Message AGM

On Tuesday we had our school council AGM where our school council for 2025 was elected. I would like to announce and congratulate Howard Prosser who will be continuing on as our school council President, with Helen Sammonds continuing in the role of Vice President. The remaining members of our school council are Brent Moran, Katie Hamilton, Andrew Rodda, Harriet Devlin, Charlotte Mortimer, Sarah Parkes, Josh Sheehan and Elle King as the teacher representative. A big thank you to everyone who put their hand up to be part of our school council and a massive thank you to our departing school councillors in Chris Gerretzen and Kerri Smith who have both done a tremendous job on school council over the years.

## NAPLAN

Our grade 3s and 5s commenced their NAPLAN testing yesterday. They did a tremendous job and gave their best effort with their writing and reading tests. They will now get a bit of a rest before completing their final 2 NAPLAN tests next week.

## Athletic Sports

On Friday the 21st of March we will be having our 3-6 cluster athletic sports. Once again, we will be first competing against schools from the Waratah cluster (Fish Creek, Tarwin Lower and Meeniyan Primary School). The top 6 from each event will compete in the district athletics against the top 6 from the Prom Coast cluster (Foster, Toora and Welshpool Primary School). Events start from 9:30 next Friday at the Foster Secondary College, hope to see you there.

## District Swimming

Congratulations to our two superstar swimmers; Daisy and Marlow who competed in the "All Gippsland" swimming finals today at Sale. Both did an amazing job. Marlow came second in backstroke and third in breaststroke and Daisy came fourth in freestyle. Well done girls, we are all super proud of your efforts.



## School Savings Bonus

We still have quite a few families that need to allocate the funds from the School Savings Bonus to the school through the parent portal. It would be appreciated if you could please action the compass news feed that was sent mid February as soon as possible. If you have any problems, please see Irene.

Cheers,  
Dale



## FISH CREEK & DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**March:**  
21st - Cluster Athletics  
26th - PnF meeting 9am

**April:**  
2nd - District Athletics  
4th - Last day of term 1



22nd - Term 2 begins  
25th - ANZAC Day - Student  
Free Day

**May:**  
7th - PnF Mother's Day  
Event

## PRIMARY WELFARE

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Events needing to be  
actioned on COMPASS:

Grade 3-6 Athletics

School Savings Bonus

Please remember to check  
here and COMPASS regularly



**Artwork by the very talented Kolani in Grade 1. This artwork was inspired by Kol's love of the sea and all living creatures.**

### Welfare Report

I spent this long weekend by the pool in Warragul for our favourite event of the year the 'Gippsland Championships'. This event is really fun because once the kids turn 11 they don't do the 50 metre events anymore, instead they plough through 100 and 200 metre swims. These are my favourite events to watch – not so much because of the swimming but because of the pause. Usually the swimmers are in heats that have them swimming at a like pace, this means they thrash and splash and then hit the wall to turn around at the same time.

And that moment is my favourite. The silence, as the swimmers turn and push off the wall. The world above stops for a moment, a breath exhaled. Then they hit the surface again and it is all on. The swimming loud and the cheering starts again too.

It makes me think of moments in life that can be so much noise, so much busy, so much everything and then we find a moment to pause. To still the chaos. It might be a moment at the beach with our kids or the family dinner when no one yells about anyone's chewing noises or laying on the grass and looking at the sky. The night when there are no activities on or when the sun comes through the window while we read.

Then the wheels start to turn again and the noise switches back on, the joy, the fun and the bubble of life and it all seems more sparkly after the still.

May your week be filled with a combination of noise and pause.

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# NAPLAN 2025



Our Year 3 and 5 students have completed the first half of their NAPLAN tests (Writing and Reading), with Language Conventions and Maths to come next week.

## Grade 3 NAPLAN "The Amazing Ride" writing prompt

We were engrossed in our rides that included a bumper car that lost control and exited the fairground, a terrifying fall from a pterodactyl, a crashed rocket, submarine adventures, horse rides, a plane trip around the world, an undersea exploration and a ferris wheel that comes loose and crashes onto a railway line.

"I really liked my story. It was a good one." **Jude**

"I liked writing my story about a rocket crashing into my ship because I really like writing stories."

**Henry**

"I love writing stories; this was easy." **Evie**

"I liked that we only had a few seconds to write our story!" **Rocky**

"It was good having a picture to write about." **Lucy**

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5

### The amazing ride

Write a narrative (story) about characters who go on an amazing ride and something unexpected happens along the way.

Maybe your characters end up on an unusual ride. Maybe they need to ride something to rescue someone. Perhaps the amazing ride happens in a different world.

You can use an idea on this page or your own idea about an amazing ride.

Think about:

- the characters and where they are
- the complication or problem to be solved
- how the story will end.

Remember to:

- plan your story before you start
- choose your words carefully
- write in sentences
- pay attention to your spelling, punctuation and paragraphs
- check and edit your writing.

## Grade 5 NAPLAN Reflections:

"I felt like the writing one was a bit easier – even though there was less time, you could just focus on the writing rather than answering all these questions. It's actually been pretty fun. I thought it would be difficult and there were some hard parts, but overall it was pretty good." **Summer**

"Awesome sauce! It's fun writing in peace and quiet and I can just make up my own characters. There was A LOT of reading in the reading test – just when I thought I might be nearly done then the next question was a HUGE text!" **Harlow**

"In reading, my brain was going bonkers because of the time limit and I prefer to read slowly. In writing, I wasn't very confident with my punctuation but I think my story was okay." **Holly**

"NAPLAN is good but stressful because of the time limits. It's hard when you have like 10 questions left and only 5 minutes to go. I like that you get to do one thing for the whole time." **Frankie**

"I've felt good about both tests. They weren't too hard or easy. I think the writing test has a lot of pressure because you have to get your whole story finished. The reading test is easier because they give you the text and the question and you don't have to come up with all the ideas." **Henry**



# Head Lice!!!!

Please keep vigilant.

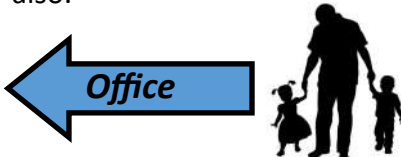


## Lost Property



## 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.



**FOR the KICKS**

**come find your awesome**

**FISH CREEK AUSKICK CENTRE**  
John Terrill Memorial Park  
Thursday 4pm  
Starting May 1st

**nab AFL Auskick** [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

Travis Manne 0432453774 is the contact details if anyone requires further info.

**CORNER INLET STINGRAYS**

**2025 PRE-SEASON TRAINING**

@ FOSTER - WEDNESDAYS - 4.30PM - 5.30PM  
FOSTER SHOWGROUNDS OVAL - Station Road, Foster

NEW TRAINING TEES ORDER WHEN YOU REGISTER OUT OFF DATE 16/3/2025

REGISTER TODAY

<https://www.playhn.com/all/register/e4a8151>

<b>U16</b> BORN 1/1/2009 - 31/12/2010	<b>U14</b> BORN 1/1/2011 - 31/12/2012
<b>U12</b> BORN 1/1/2013 - 31/12/2014	<b>U10</b> BORN 1/1/2015 - 30/04/2017

Family Friendly Club New Players Always Welcome Mixed Competition

✉ [stingraystc@gmail.com](mailto:stingraystc@gmail.com) MORE INFO Richard Johnston 0402 054 517 Lisa Lees 0409 179 235

Corner Inlet Stingrays Junior Football Club

\* Priority given to 2015/2016 **GAMES ARE PLAYED ON SUNDAYS IN THE C&JFL**

**CORNER INLET STINGRAYS**

**TRAINING FOR U10'S, U12'S, U14'S & U16'S STARTS**

**WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH 4.30PM - 5.30PM @ FOSTER**

**SEASON STARTS SUNDAY 27TH APRIL 2025**

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE**