

Fishy News

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Principal's Message Athletic Sports

Well done to the 3-6 students who competed at the Waratah sports last Friday. It was great to see students having a go at new events, encouraging others and making new friendships. The results of that day mean we have 43 students progressing to the next level of sports on Wednesday the 2nd of April at Foster Secondary College (The timetable for the day is attached to the back of the newsletter). This is a great day where students get to compete against students from Foster, Welshpool, Toora, Meeniyah and Tarwin lower Primary Schools. Once again, parents/carers are encouraged to come and support our students. Students who are competing in the sports will **need to be ready to leave the school by 9am** as the first event starts at 9:30. Hopefully we have good weather for the day.

PNF

On the 24th of April at 9am our Parents and Friends (PnF) will be having their Annual General Meeting. Our parents and friends group do a wonderful job raising much needed funds for our school. This year, they have provided funds for new blinds in the junior building and for new whiteboards for some classrooms. Without their support and funding we simply would not be able to purchase these products. We are currently looking for new members to join our PnF. If you would like any more information please contact the school or come along to the AGM on the 24th, it's a great way to further support the school community.

Vale Peter Woods

I want to acknowledge the passing of former Fish Creek Primary School Principal, Peter Woods. Peter was principal of Fish Creek Primary School for over 20 years. He was a kind man who always wanted the best for his students and looked to support them in anyway possible. He was my principal when I moved to this school in 1988 and I will be forever thankful for the support and guidance he gave me as I transitioned into a new school. Peter had a love of sport, playing and coaching football and netball over many years of his life. He will be greatly missed by the Fish Creek community.

Welcome

A big welcome to Jaime Chila who will be at the school for the next 6 weeks. Jamie is in her second year of her teaching degree and will be working in the prep/1 grade with Mrs Shelley.



Last Day of term

Just a reminder that it will be an early finish on **Friday the 4th of April** for the last day of term. Students will be dismissed at **2:30** on this day, This day will be a free dress day and we will also be drawing the Easter raffle. I hope that everyone has a safe and fun Easter break.

Cheers,
Dale



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IMPORTANT DATES

April:

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

Free dress day
Easter Egg Raffle
Drawn
Early finish 2:30pm

School Holidays

22nd - Term 2 begins
25th - ANZAC Day

May:

8th - PnF Mother's Day Event
19th - Bee Excursion
22nd - Cross-country

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Events needing to be
actioned on COMPASS:

District Athletics:
selected gr3-6 students

School Savings Bond

URGENT

Please remember to check
here and COMPASS regularly

Student of the Week



Welfare Report

My dad has a favourite spot to sit in the kitchen. He is attached to that spot – it used to be in arms reach of the landline, back when he had a landline. His chair is mix matched to the others around the table and his back is positioned in the perfect position to gain heat from the slow combustion stove. When I think about it, I often wonder how often he actually slept – as he was usually at his spot in the kitchen when I went to bed and back there when I got up in the morning.

Whenever I talk to my dad on the phone, I always picture him in this spot – even though it is likely that he is somewhere about the farm on his flip-top mobile phone. It is a comfort thinking of Dad in his spot at the table because this is where we had our best conversations when I was a kid.

The conversations were those ones that we have just before bed – those conversations heavy as a whale, the worries I would carry to bed. I would share the problem, Dad listened and then he would say ‘get to bed Donna, you will work it out’. I would get back to the kitchen table in the morning and dad would ask me how I slept, he would ask about the ‘whale’ of a problem which I had carried to bed.

In the morning, with the sunlight shining in the window I would find Dad in the same seat – fresh and ready to start the day. I would notice that the heavy whale feeling from the night before had shrunk all the way down to the size of a sardine. The sleep had helped me process my worries and I was able to problem solve.

I remember these end-of-the-day chats with my dad and reflect on how sometimes I felt a little bit dismissed but in reflection my dad knew what I needed. To say it, then to sleep on it and to see if the problem had changed shape in the morning (mostly it had).

I think of this when I want to help my kids solve all those problems that come up right before they want to go to sleep. I remember how sleep itself can be a cure and that lack of sleep can make the whale bigger.

A whale at night can be a sardine in the morning.

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JSC-Easter Eggivity Day

On Friday the 4th of April (last day of the term) the JSC are holding a day full of easter fun including **an easter bonnet parade**. It will be an **optional free dress** just make sure if you are wearing free dress make sure it is appropriate clothing for running around in. You must be wearing a top that is covering your shoulders and stomach.

Student work



Photo by Carlo Gr 2



Fish by Gr 1 & 2

Grade 5/6 - What Matters



Rory



Hudson

5/6 students have been creating amazing artworks in their 'What Matters Project'. The project focuses on their choice of topic to explore why it matters to them and how the community should act upon it. Rory worked hard on his drawing to represent the difference between renewable and non-renewable energy sources. Hudson has made a statement collage about inflation and the issues it's causing.

Easter Egg Raffle

The PnF group is running an Easter Raffle which will be drawn on the last day of term (Friday the 4th of April). Tickets are \$2 each and we are asking that each family donates an egg to the basket and helps us to sell tickets. Please return tickets and money by next Wednesday the 2nd of April. Please let us know if you need more tickets to sell.





AFL PLAY

FOR THE KICKS

come find your awesome

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

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Waratah District Athletics

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH FOSTER LIBRARY:

THURSDAY APRIL 10
10:30 am
Super Spinners @ Foster Library

EVERY DAY OF THE HOLIDAYS

Search and Find activity and craft table.

MONDAY APRIL 14
10:30 am
Fabulous Foil Art@ Foster Library.
 Make a picture or pattern using our stencils or create your own design.

TUESDAY APRIL 15
3:30 pm
Lego Club!
 @ Foster Library

See all Myli school holiday programs: scan QR code below or go to myli.au/april25

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16
10 am
Air Dry Clay creator session at Toora Hall.
 Make a paperweight, model or ornament to keep.

Wednesday April 2nd

- 9:20** Assemble students
9:25 Opening address
9:30 Events begin (see below)

	9:30	10:00	10:25	10:50	11:15	11:40	12:05	12:40	1:05	1:30	2:00
	800m	1	2	3	4	5	1500m	6	7	8	
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