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# Fishy News

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## Principal's Message

### Welcome Back to Term 2

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. I hope that all of you had a safe and relaxing Easter break. Looking ahead, Term 2 is going to be very busy. We have our winter sports program for our grade 5/6 students and our 3/4 camp at Phillip Island in the last week of the term. Another important event for the school and the community is coming up tomorrow as we celebrate Anzac Day. Anzac Day is a day of reflection as we look back at those who made many sacrifices for our country for us to live the life we live today. Tomorrow we will have our school captains, Bodhi and Petra, laying a wreath on behalf of the school at the town ceremony, commencing at 11am.

### School Hats

As we are now in Term 2, it is no longer compulsory for students to wear school hats outside at recess and lunch. However, as principal (and a parent), I would highly recommend that all students continue to wear their hats outside. This April we have already had several warmer than usual days and it doesn't take long to get sun burnt in these conditions. I know on yard duty for terms 2 and 3 I will be continuing to wear my hat and I hope that others are encouraged to do so as well.

### New Sports Equipment

Late last term the school received a donation from The Creekers a pool comp run by the Fish Creek Football Club. With their very generous donation we have purchased new sports equipment. It's great that the students have new quality footballs, basketballs and netballs which will hopefully last us for a long time.

### Student Leaders Day

On Monday 13 of our student leaders are off to Sale with Meeniyan and Tarwin Lower Primary Schools to attend a Leadership Summit. Students will look at many topics including the responsibility of a school leader, leadership through friendship and look at new ideas to help others.

### School Incursion

On Wednesday, we will be hosting an incursion at our school. The students will watch 'The Forgotten Warrior" which is a true story of a First Nation Australian's journey as a soldier in World War 1. Based on the true story of Peter Craigie, a Wangkamahdla man who rode his horse 1700kms to enlist in WWI, this production uses cinema and live theatre to engage students in real-life history that is relevant and moving.

Cheers,
Dale

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## Important Dates

**April:**
**25th - ANZAC Day Public Holiday**
**28th - Student Leadership Summit**
**30th - Incursion - The Forgotten Warrior**

**May:**
**8th - Secret Mother's Day activity 11:30-1pm**
**19th - Bee Excursion**
**22nd - PnF meeting 9 am**
**22nd - Cross-country**

## Primary Welfare

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Compass

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

*Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly*

## PnF News

- Thank you to all of the parents who attended the PnF AGM this morning. Congratulations to Charlotte, who has generously volunteered to continue as President, to Fiona, who is taking on the role of Treasurer and to Helen and Carly who will share the position of Secretary.
- PnF is calling for families who may have succulent 'Pups' that can be easily propagated to send them to school before the 8th of May.

- The next ordinary meeting for PnF will be the 22nd of May at 9am. Please come and support this very important group in their efforts to enhance and provide support to our school community. One item on the agenda is discussing the possibility of a school disco in term 2.
- On the 8th of May between 11:30 and 1pm, PnF is seeking parents and friends to help students in making their Mother/Special Person's Day

## Grade 3 comments about the importance of ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day is where we say 'Thank You' to the people who were fighting in the war. The minute of silence is to say 'Thank You' and to remember them. (Hayley)

The Australian army went to World War One and we celebrate to thank the people who fought for us. We have one minute of silence to remember that they fought for us. (Lucy)

ANZAC Day is a day to thank the men who went to war. Many of them died and only a tiny number of people survived. That's why we have the minute of silence to remember the mean that served us and died. (Charlie A)

## Welfare Report

I had excellent attendance in high school, I would love to say it was because I was some kind of academic but that would be a flat out lie! I loved school because I loved my friends. I loved them like siblings, and I lived way out in Dollar on a farm; school was my ticket to connection and to the humans who filled my teenage soul.

I think of those long days at school with my friends, of laying on the grass on the oval and talking right up until the bell. Of sitting with my best mate on the bus and getting home and racing into the house to call the same friends on the landline until dad told me to 'get off that phone Donna'. Later heading to my room to write letters to the same friends, I would fold my words and secrets into complicated triangles for my friends to read the next day.

I think of how our communication rolled – we were face to face, we were a human voice on the phone, a letter was considered – some of my letters never made it out of my notebook because the words were not right, not kind or the secret not mine.

I feel old when the panic rises in my stomach as I consider the many ways our kids can communicate with each other now. The 'quick smart' 'instant' of this communication, the sharing of words and photos. How those words can so quickly be out there without consideration or time and how we all think – our kids will not be the ones who read or write the cruel words.

As educators, every day, we are hearing stories of group chats and images gone wrong, of words that can't be taken back and the pain these words can cause. I ponder on how those words would not be uttered face to face or even been shared in a letter if there had of been pause between the pen and the delivery.

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