FISHY NEWS NUMBER 12 RESPECT FAIRNESS COMMITMENT 1ST MAY 2025

Fishy News

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Principal's Message

Grip

On Monday the 28th of April, 13 of our grade 6 leaders travelled up to Sale with Tarwin Lower and Meeniyan Primary schools to participate in the GRIP (generosity, responsibility, integrity, people) student leadership day. This day looked at the different roles and responsibilities of a school leader and how we can bring new ideas to a school to help others, not just ourselves. Our students got a lot out of the conference. It was great to see them engaged and passionate about making Fish Creek Primary School a great place to learn and grow.

We hope that the grade 6's of next year will get the chance to attend and enjoy.

"It was a really good experience and we learnt lots of new stuff"- Marlow, Sports Captain.

"The presenters and activities were extremely engaging"- Daisy, Sports Captain.

Sam McLennan

On Wednesday we will be visited by Sam McLennan. Sam has hand-built a raft entirely from rubbish and waste found on Tasmania's coastline and waterways. It was built on a property near Port Arthur in Southern Tasmania and Sam is now on an epic voyage to travel from Hobart to Sydney. Sam is currently docked at Walkerville and we can't wait to hear about his inspirational story.

New student teachers

This week we welcomed two new student teachers who will be at our school for the next 3 weeks. We have Cara who is working in the 1/2 classroom with Mrs Murray and Angela who is working with Mrs Van Rooy in the 5/6 classroom.

Cara

Angela

Farewell

On Tuesday we farewell Jaime Chila. Jaime has been working in the Prep/1 room with Miss Shelley. She has done a fantastic job during her teaching rounds and I know she will make a great teacher in the future.

Cheers,
Dale

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Important Dates

May:
8th - Secret Mother's Day activity 11:30-1pm
9th - Prep-2 Mother's Day morning Tea
19th - Bee Excursion
22nd - PnF meeting 9 am
22nd - Cross-country
June:
6th - Student Free Day
9th - King's Birthday Public Holiday
13th - District Winter Sports

Primary Welfare

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Compass

Events needing to be actioned on COMPASS:

Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly

Student of the Week

Welfare Report

Each week the grade 5/6 students gather in a yarning circle for our Respectful Relationships lesson. This circle holds equal and shared power, this means that power can be held, given or in some cases stolen. The yarning circle holds space for our group to discuss the 8 topics in the Respectful Relationships curriculum.

I look forward to sitting in a circle with these kids each week because when I hear these kids speak and ponder, I know the future is in good hands.

This week our topic was 'hurtful, harmful and healing language'.

As always, I asked those in the yarning circle who would like to acknowledge country – several students offered, and a student was selected to acknowledge country. The kids are good at this now. They know that it is a moment of pause to consider the lands they are on and the people who cared and continue to care for this land. They know their words can stumble because being genuine is more important than being perfect.

The response to this acknowledgment each week is applause. I am not sure why the kids have started to do this but this week it moved me and was the perfect segway into our lesson on harmful language.

Firstly, the kids did a think pair share about the difference between harmful and hurtful language and decided that some words can cause harm forever. As always, my mind was blown with the wisdom and empathy the Fishy kids show.

We followed the think pair share and had a conversation about Mark Brown and the harmful response to his welcome to Country at the dawn ceremony in Melbourne on ANZAC day and considered the ripple effect of this harmful language, the impact on Mark, the impact on First Nations people in the audience, the impact later in the day on Joy Murphy and her opportunity to welcome to country at the Melbourne Storm game. We considered the impact on future welcome to Countries.

My heart broke when I watched the clip of Mark Brown welcoming thousands of people to his Country and the boos and the ripple of harm that caused to Mark Brown, Joy Murphy and others.

My heart healed a little when I sat in the yarning circle and listened to the wisdom, kindness and understanding your children expressed about the power of language.

Words can cause harm and words can heal. We all have a choice to what we do with them, I have faith that the kids at Fish Creek will use their words to heal.

Mental Health Wellbeing Support

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LIGHTS…….. CAMERA……..ACTION!!!!

We are looking for any offers of help for the upcoming production that will be held in Term 3. If you have any skills that you think might be of use in our production, can you please let the office know. Help is sought for all sorts of roles – from costume design and making to sound and lighting.

PnF Activity

Our PnF is looking for volunteers who may be able to help with secret Mother's/Special Person's day preparation on the 8th of May from 11:30 to 1pm. Please let the office know if you can help out.

Call out for succulent 'Pups'

If you have any succulents at home that can easily be propagated, PnF would really appreciate them being brought into school on or before the 8th of May.

An SOS…from Sandy Point Music Club……

A last minute call to grab a ticket for Saturday night. Our numbers are down and we need your support.
So please hop on line and grab a ticket.
Corey Legge and his band supported by Charlie Bedford; sure to be another great night of music and dancing.

SATURDY MAY 3rd
Doors Open – 7.15 for 8.00pm start
BYO Drinks and nibbles
Tickets $35 Trybooking

Morning Tea Invitation from Prep-Gr2

On Friday the 9th of May, the Prep - Grade 2 students are hosting a special person's morning tea to celebrate Mother's Day. We would love for you to join us at 10am for light refreshments and a performance from our prep, 1 and 2's.

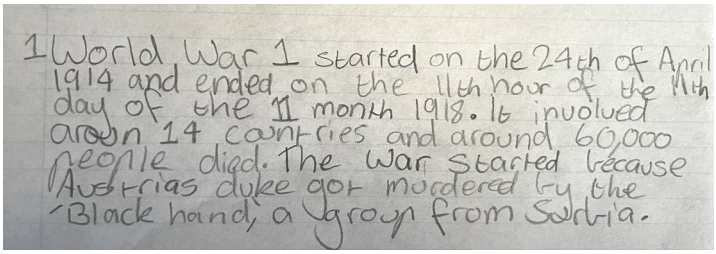
Lost Property

Yellow bowl from Xmas.
Drink bottles.
Hair clips.
TShirt.
Please collect from the office if any of these items are yours.

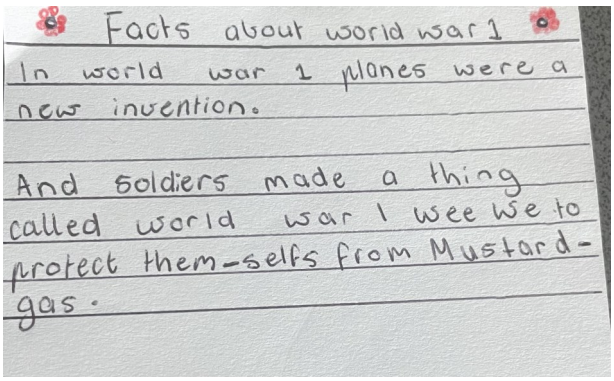
Head Lice!!!!

Sadly, head lice are back on the move!
Please check regularly and treat any infestations.

Student Writing:WW1



1World War 1 started on the 24th of April 1914 and ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11 month 1918. It involved aroun 14 countries and around 60,000 people died. The War started because Austrias duke got murdered by the Black hand, a group from Serbia.



Facts about world war 1

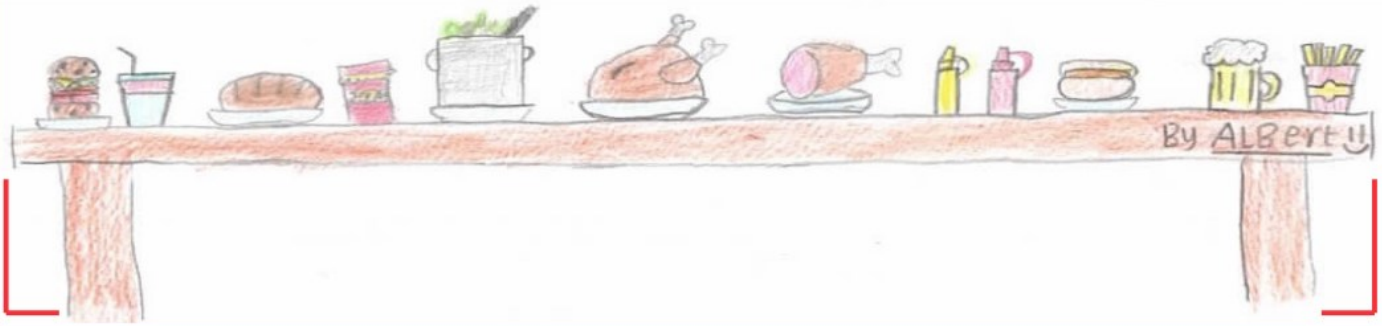
In world war 1 planes were a new invention.

And soldiers made a thing called world war 1 wee we to protect them-selfs from Mustard-gas.

Fish Creek Community Pot Luck Dinner

in the Memorial Hall
Friday 9th May, 6-8pm

Bring a plate, for yourself or to share
Tea, coffee and punch for gold coin donation



Grade 6 Activity Days 2025

Wednesday 07 May
Grade 6 Students from *St John's Koo Wee Rup and Government Schools*
Information and booking details are available on the College website

Monday 12 May
Grade 6 Students from *St Joseph's Wonthaggi and St Joseph's Korumburra*
Information will be provided directly to schools

Wednesday 14 May
Grade 6 Students from *Star of the Sea Cowes and St Laurence Leongatha*
Information will be provided directly to schools

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College

For further information or to register please visit our website or contact the College:
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MARC Library News

Hopefully everyone has returned from holidays feeling well rested and relaxed. It sounds as though many books were read and enjoyed by during the break and students are returning to school eager for another new title. The holidays provided a great opportunity to get out and purchase lots of new fiction, non-fiction and picture books for the MARC van and these have been covered and catalogued ready for a new term of reading.

Students can borrow a book for two weeks and then return and borrow another two. We currently have many students with overdue books and reminders will be coming home with students in the next few weeks. If your child has overdue books, could you please help them to locate and return them. The books are labelled and have a distinctive green dot on the spine. Thank you.

In Term 2 our preview of learning looks like this:

Week	Topic
1	Students were read ANZAC stories which shared the meaning of ANZAC and the bravery and sacrifices made during wartime.
2	All students will share and look forward to, newly published literature.
3-4	This week we will delve into the genres of humour and fantasy. The common features will be discussed and noted in a variety of texts.
5-7	To coincide with National Reconciliation Week, students will be reading books written by First Nations authors.
8	World Ocean Day is on the 8th June. Students will read and enjoy books that celebrate our oceans and sea creatures.
9-11	Topic Study. For three weeks students will be immersed in books on a particular topic including pets (juniors), nature storybooks (middle years) and biographies (seniors).

New books available to borrow in the MARC van now!