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Fishy News

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Principal's Message

Dividing Creek Excursion

This Monday students are looking forward to our whole school excursion to Dividing Creek Honey Farm. Students will learn the process of collecting honey and the importance of bees in the pollination process.

Little Long Walk

On Wednesday the 21st of May we are holding the school's second Little Long Walk. This event is in preparation for National Reconciliation Week which is happening from the 27th of May. The Long Walk raises awareness to improve and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, and life opportunities. The Long Walk originated on the 21st of November when Michael Long embarked on an historic trek, walking from his home in the suburbs of Melbourne all the way to Parliament House in Canberra – more than 650 kilometres away.

After returning home from yet another Aboriginal funeral, Michael decided that something needed to be done about the plight of his people. He took it upon himself to get Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues back on the national agenda and resolved to meet with Prime Minister John Howard to discuss his concerns, even if he had to walk all the way to Canberra to do it.

This year we are excited to welcome the Fish Creek Kindergarten to our Little Long Walk and family members are more than welcome to be a part of our walk.

Mother's/Special Person's Day Morning Tea

Thank you to all our mothers and special people who attended our very special morning tea last Friday prepared by our prep to 2 students. It was a wonderful event which was enjoyed by all and it was great to see so many families together enjoying this occasion. A big thank you to Mrs Shelley and Mrs Murray for organising the event. Pictures on page 3.

ATOSS

This week students in grade 4-6 began their Attitude To School Survey (A.T.O.S.S). The ATOSS survey is a voluntary student survey offered by the Department of Education every year to help schools and the Department understand students' experiences of school.

Winter Sports

Tomorrow our grade 5/6 students will be commencing their winter sports program. Students had the choice of participating in football, netball, soccer or mixed sports as part of their program. Winter sports training runs for 2 consecutive Fridays (10/5 at Fish Creek and 17/5 at Meeniyan) where we join up with Meeniyan and Tarwin Lower Primary to learn new skills and gain fitness through these fantastic sports. At the end of the Winter sports, selected teams from the 3 schools will compete in a game against the Prom Coast schools. Students are required to bring a change of clothes on these days and a packed lunch (NO lunch orders please).

Work Experience

It has been great to welcome back two former students to our school for work experience. Oakleigh and Kelly have been a great help all week assisting in the classrooms and helping support the students.

Cross Country

Well done to our students in grade 3-6 who competed in the cross country trials last week with Mr Reid. We now have 16 students who will be representing our school at the Division Cross Country on the 22nd of May at Stony Creek racecourse, Good luck to all involved.

Cheers,
Dale

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Important Dates

May:
16th - Winter Sports - Fish Creek
19th - Bee Excursion
21st - Little Long Walk
22nd - PnF Meeting 9 am
22nd - Cross-country
23rd - Winter Sports - Meeniyan
June:
6th - Student Free Day
9th - King's Birthday Publc Holiday
13th - District Winter Sports

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Compass

Events needing to be actioned on COMPASS:

Winter sp… URGENT …rades 5/6

Honey farm - … URGENT …cursion

Cross Country—Selected students

Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly

Student of the Week

Welfare Report

As educators we often use and hear the term ‘student voice’. On a surface level, this could seem like it is about our young people being able to express their opinions and feelings freely. Student voice runs deeper, it is not just about opinions but more so about kids having ownership of their education and skilled educators to support this. The result of this is that our kids will grow into confident adults who know how to collaborate and make change. Fishy has always done this really well.

A few weeks ago, some of our grade 6 students went to a leadership conference in Sale. There were several profound messages that day and one that stood out to me was ‘conversation over instruction’ when the presenters delved into this with the kids, I had the big ‘aha’ moment – this is it ‘conversation over instruction’ this is what we do at Fishy really well.

I see this every week in our yarning circles, the way our kids listen to each other, the way they understand different perspectives and how they are encouraged to have respectful conversations. This week the grade 5/6 students talked about ‘how people communicate online’ and discussed the different reasons that people use more harmful language online. We followed this conversation with the healing power of apologies and forgiveness. In these conversations we considered ‘what makes an apology genuine’ and how the apology and forgiveness makes space for resolution and growth.

It is such a privilege to have these conversations with your kids, they all come from different viewpoints and are able to consider the different perspectives. Wonderful tools for the future.

Mental Health Wellbeing Support

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Junior School Council

Next Friday is the opening of the Indigenous round at the football - in the city people will participating in Micheal Long's Long Walk from Fed square to the MCG - at Fishy on Wednesday the 21st of May during lunchtime we are going to have our own Little Long Walk to open conversations about reconciliation with our school.

Students and teachers are encouraged to wear their team colours of any sport.

We will be joined by the kindergarten and will have baked potatoes with a choice of fillings for lunch for $3 each, with profits going towards upcoming NAIDOC celebrations.

Families are welcome to attend for a spud and a stroll.

From the JSC.

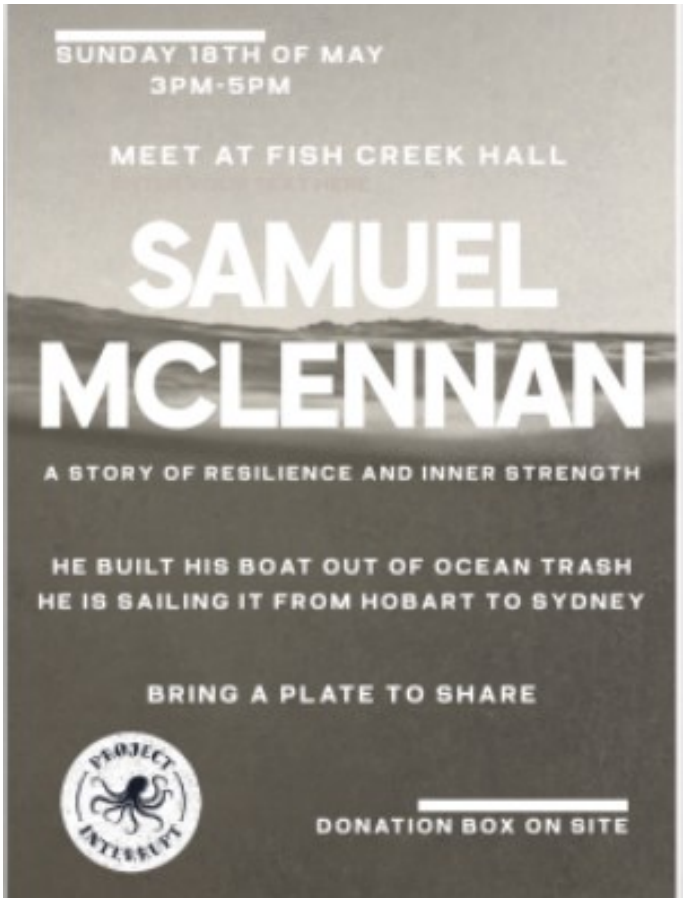
Mother's Day Morning Tea

New lunch time activity!

Students William & Max have started a new project, **Fishy Work out Partner Program**, that anybody can come to. As long as you don't have an injury, you can come. Remember to be safe, kind and productive. Remember to push yourself & others. It starts Monday lunch at half time see you there. In the cycles, we will be doing all the exercises on the sheet. The ? means an exercise of your choice. You will do it with a partner of your choice.

GRADE 3 PUPPETRY

During this term, the grade 3s have been working on writing puppet scripts to perform with their sock puppets that we have finished making out of fabric. Check out some of our characters here.



TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

News from Fish Creek before and after School care

Activities at TheirCare!

Dear families,
We're excited to offer a range of activities at TheirCare to keep students engaged, active, and learning after school.

LEGO Club
Kids can explore their creativity by building with LEGO, working on fun challenges or creating their own designs.

Tennis
A great way to stay active! Students will learn the basics of tennis in a fun and supportive environment.

Drawing
For young artists who enjoy being creative. They'll learn basic drawing techniques and get to express themselves through art.

Chess
Perfect for all levels, from beginners to more experienced players. Chess helps build focus and problem-solving skills.

These activities are included as part of our regular aftercare program.
Thank you for being part of our TheirCare community!