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Principal's Message

School Grants

Over the last couple of weeks we have been fortunate to receive two grants to further enhance our school grounds. We were very excited to receive a $10,000 grant from South Gippsland Water which will be used to upgrade our drinking fountains around the school. This is a huge amount of money for our school and we are very thankful to South Gippsland Water for their generous donation. Also, this week thanks to our wonderful PnF team, we received a $2000 grant from Browns Stockfeed. This will be used to update some of the outdoor furniture around the school. It is great that we will be able to use both these grants to further enhance our school grounds.

Reconciliation Week

It has been wonderful to see the fantastic lessons going on in the school to celebrate Reconciliation Week. It is important that students learn about our shared histories, cultures, and the achievements of First Nations People, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for National Reconciliation Week in 2025 is **Bridging now to next**.

Artwork by Prep/1

Cross Country

Good luck to Daisy who is competing next week in the All Gippsland cross country finals. Daisy will travel to Drouin next Thursday to compete against the best runners from all of Gippsland. Good luck Daisy, I am sure you will represent the school proudly.

Bus Safety

Just a quick reminder regarding school bus safety. When parking at the school during drop off and pick up times please make an effort to park in designated parking bays? At the moment I am seeing people dropping off and picking up children in the incorrect spots and this can make it very difficult for our big school buses to get safely in and out of the school. This is also the case at bus stops along the many bus routes.

Student Free Day

We will be having a student free day on **Friday the 6th of June**, staff will be using this as a report writing day.

Cheers,
Dale

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Important Dates

June:
6th - Student Free Day
9th - King's Birthday Publc Holiday
13th - District Winter Sports
19th - Division Winter Sports
26th - School Disco

July:
2nd-4th: Grades 3 + 4 Camp
4th - Last day of Term 2

Primary Welfare

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Compass

Events needing to be actioned on COMPASS:

Phillip Is Camp Grades 3 & 4

Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly

Paper Copy to be returned:
Medical info form Camps and Excursions Grades 3 & 4

Student of the Week

Welfare Report

I am writing this with tears wet on my cheeks as I listen to Foster Secondary College students sing Archie Roaches 'They took the Children away'. The school singing group belt out the song and there is pause where students read stories of survivors of the stolen generations – this truth and story making my heart ache.

Monday the 23rd of May was National Sorry Day – a day to pause and remember the families who were devastated by the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their families 'The Stolen Generations' – this trauma has impacted generations of First Nation Peoples and the scars are deep, people still whisper the names of their stolen children, siblings and the stolen grieve the loss of their mothers.

Today is also the opening of Reconciliation Week the theme this year 'Bridging now to Next' which feels fitting with our 'Little Long Walk' as we walked around our school acknowledging the lands and the traditional custodians, the elder's past, present and those future elders walking right along side us.

Today I pause and weep because the words in the song are so true and so sad and the children singing those words give me hope for a world that I want my kids to grow up in.

I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of these lands and I pay my deepest respects to elders past present and future.

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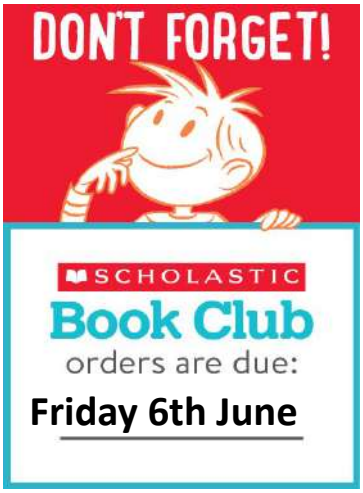


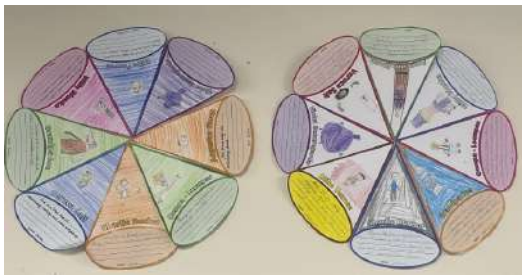
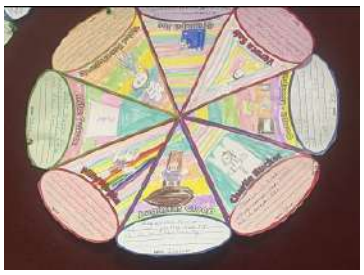
Annual Report for 2024

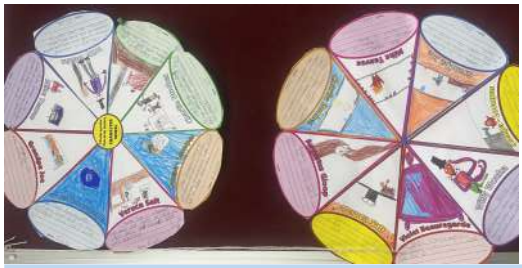
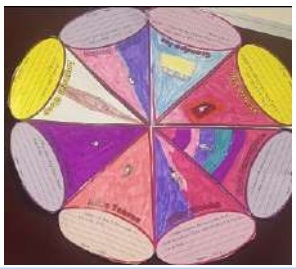
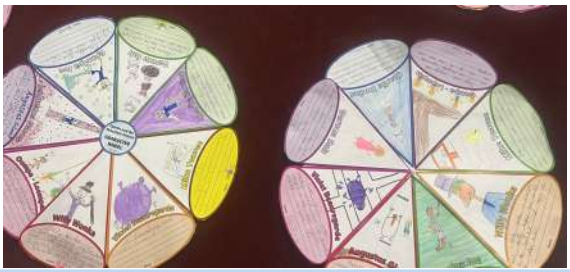
The 2024 Annual Report to the School Community has just been uploaded to our school website. Parents and Carers are invited to read the report which covers our goals, achievements and highlights for the past year as well as NAPLAN results and a financial summary. You will find the report on the policies page at https://fishyps.vic.edu.au Policies – Fish Creek and District Primary School .

Inside the Classroom

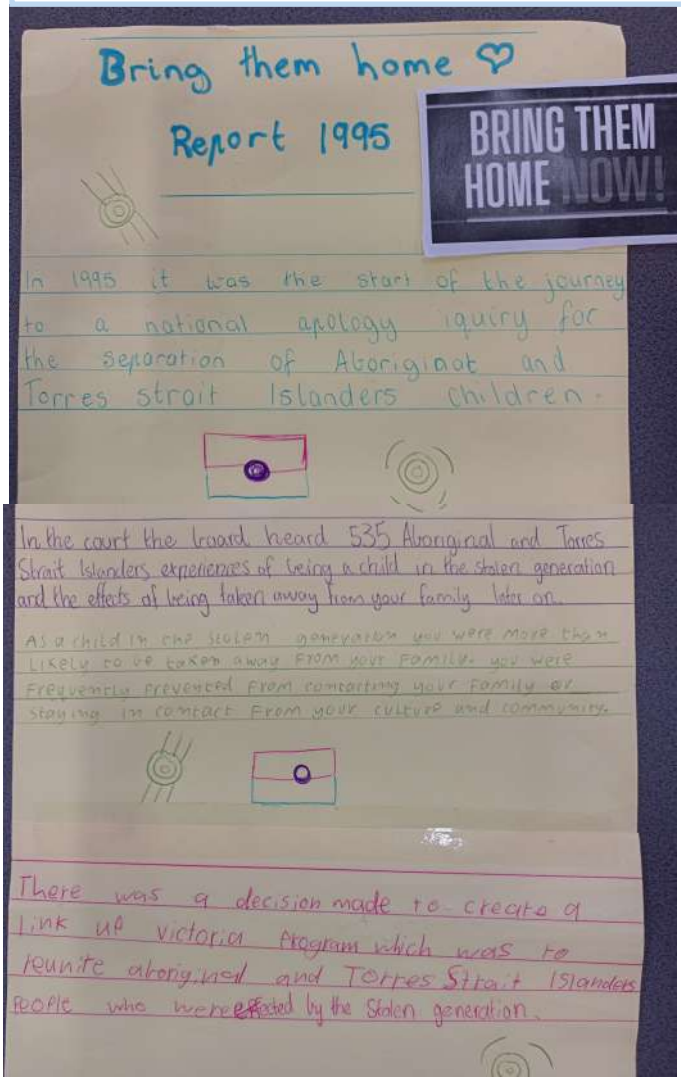
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Grade 4

Grade 4 students have been enjoying reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. They've shown their artistic and comprehension skills through the creations of these Colour Character Wheels which look fabulous.

Over Reconciliation Week, the 5/6 students have been learning about significant historical events that occurred during this week over the past 65 years. In groups, students have created posters to summarise the key facts about each event, including the Referendum, Mabo Decision/Native titles, Bring Them Home Report, Corroboree 2000, Long Walk and National Sorry Day.



Grades 5/6

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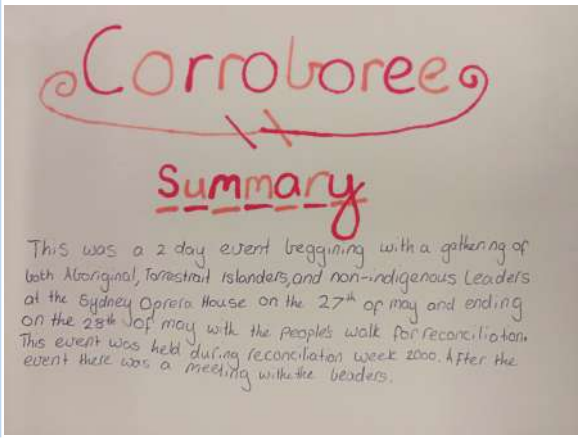
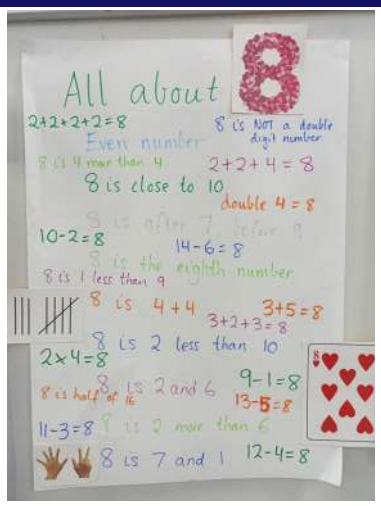
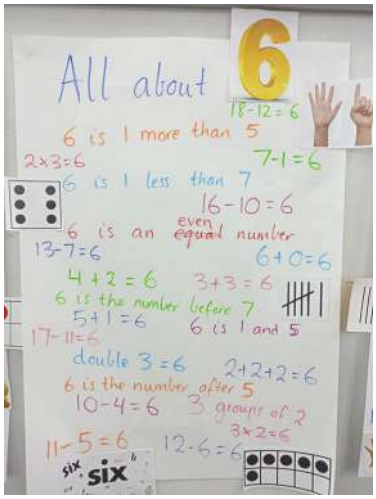




Grade 1-2 is exploring all about numbers and making some great connections.



Crazy hair disco

The PnF group has locked in a *free dress and crazy hair disco* for the 26th of June. Entry will be a gold coin donation.

Disco

Exciting Dance Workshops in Fish Creek!

This June, (it's no) drama is bringing amazing dancer Joe Newton-Keogh to Fish Creek Memorial Hall for a month of dance workshops! Joe will be running classes in contemporary dance, floorwork, and soft acrobatics for all ages and skill levels. Whether you love to dance or just want to give it a go, come along and join the fun! Everyone's welcome! Casual classes are $15 (if cost is a barrier to participation please reach out and we will adjust the fees). For more information contact Samara: 0439 447 743

Monday

- 4:00–5:30pm – All Ages Soft Acrobatics

Wednesday

- 4:00–5:30pm – All Ages Soft Acrobatics

Friday

- 4:00–5:30pm – All Ages Soft Acrobatics