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Fishy News

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Principal's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend and managed to spend some quality family time together. It is with sadness that I announce in this newsletter that our Before and After School Care program will close at the end of this term. 4 years ago we were fortunate to receive a $300,000 grant to establish a care program for our school. After going through submissions "TheirCare" became the third party provider to our school. A company is only as good as the staff they have working for them and we have been blessed to have two wonderful 'before and after school' staff in Lucy Parkinson and Gonzalo Varela. Lucy and Gonzalo have shown a great deal of care and compassion to every student who has utilised the program. As well as creating a safe place for students to stay in, they have presented some fantastically creative, inspirational and fun activities. Luckily for us, they are both very much entrenched in the Fish Creek School community.

Camp

On the 2nd of July our 3/4 class head on camp to Phillip Island. Students are looking forward to this wonderful camp. The itinerary is packed with plenty of fun activities for the students. For many of our grade 3 students it is their first experience of an overnight camp away from loved ones and for many this can be a daunting experience. I believe that for many, as soon as they get on the bus with their teachers and friends, all of these nerves will be forgotten. There have been 2 forms needing parent input for this camp; one is on COMPASS (many parents still haven't consented here) and the other is a hard copy medical form that was sent home a couple of weeks ago (most parents have filled in and returned this form– thank you). Please make sure that you have submitted both forms.

Grade 6 Transition Visit

On Wednesday the 18th of June our grade 6 students will be having their first taste of Secondary College. Students will spend the day at the college getting to know the location, staff and some of their future classmates. Once again, please make sure that you have submitted consent through COMPASS.

Winter sports

Congratulations to all of the 5/6 students representing us at the Winter Sports tomorrow in Foster. In all, we have 27 students representing our cluster (Waratah) in football, soccer, netball and basketball. This year is exciting as we have our first ever girls football team representing Waratah. It would be great if we can get a few families there to support our teams. For those who can make it, a timeline is listed below;

11:30-12:30 basketball – boys and girls at Foster stadium

12:30-1:00 Lunch/walking to sports grounds

1:00-2:00 lightning prem games football boys and girls (Foster Football ground), Soccer (Foster Secondary College), netball (Foster Football ground)

Cheers,
Dale

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Important Dates

June:
13th - District Winter Sports
18th - Transition Visit
19th - Division Winter Sports
26th - School Disco

July:
1st - Student Reports
2nd-4th: Grades 3 + 4 Camp
4th - Last day of Term 2 finish at 2:30pm

Aug:
5th Prep Information Night

Primary Welfare

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Compass

Events needing to be actioned on COMPASS:

Phillip Is Camp Grades 3 & 4

Winter sports – selected students URGENT

Transition Visit Grade 6

Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly

Welfare Report

As teachers we are in the business of making change and breaking cycles. The thing with breaking a cycle as an educator is that we often don't see the extent of this change because it happens later on - when they are adults.

From 1988-89 there was a drought, I remember seeing it on the news. What I mostly remember was that the summers went for ages and we had an above ground pool which my brother, sister and I swam in on hot nights well after sunset. These years stand out in my mind because they were the last 2 years that my parents lived in the same house.

In 1990 they separated and everything that made sense to me did not anymore, my whole world changed – the compass spinning without really landing anywhere that felt the same. School felt different because I did not want to tell my friends about the changes in our family – maybe because it would make it real or maybe because I was embarrassed – there was not much diversity in families back then.

Mum and Dad ended up living on farms next door to each other, we would live one week at Mums and the following week at Dads. 1pm Sunday was changeover time. I used to dread this time, it meant I had to say goodbye to a parent and in the early days 1pm Sunday there was potential for conflict between my parents.

Time passed and we all started to get used to our new family. Mum and Dad moved on and our family got bigger and blended and became normal for us. However, the residue of 1pm Sunday sat with me for years – even as an adult Sundays felt uneasy for me and I always worried that I would be passing that Sunday anxiety on to my kids. That is until this week.

My eldest daughter is back home for a while, living in the caravan saving money to go to Europe. She came into our house one morning and she said 'Mum, the house smells and feels amazing, so relaxed and cosy – it feels like Sunday'. I had a little tear of relief – Sunday meant something totally different to my daughter, a cycle broken.

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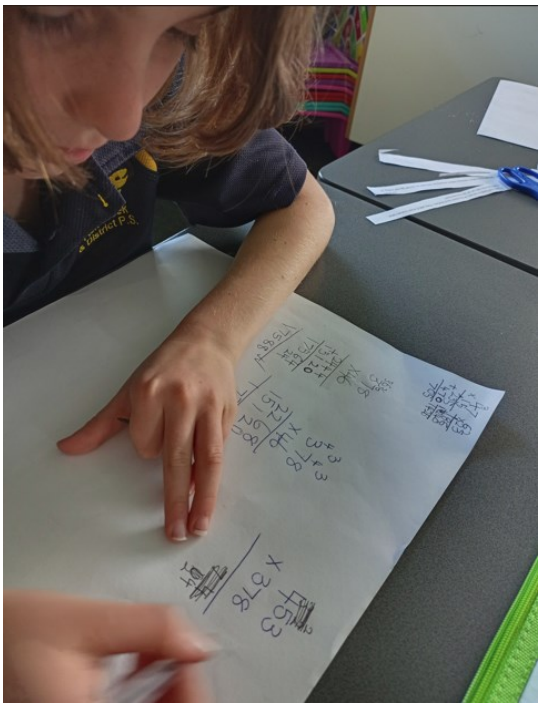
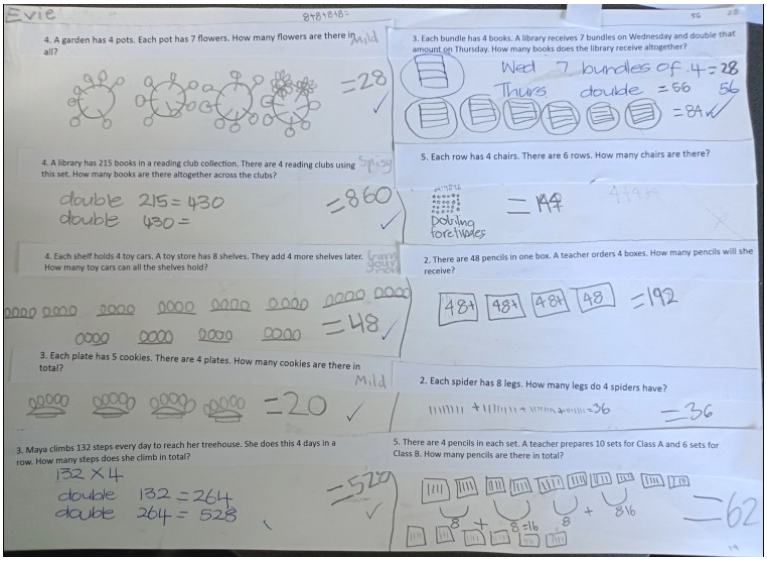


Jive working on 3 digit multiplication – well above Grade 3 expectations.

Koupes K-Run

There has been 12 PB's and one equal PB over the last 3 "K" Runs. Congratulations to Killick 4:11, Kol 4:13, Ellie 9:03, Delilah 4:57, Elena 4:28, Georgina 5:00, Jive 4:23, Henry K 5:27, Charlie M 5:41, Spencer 4:04, Arthur 5:25, Albert 4:07 and Darcy 4:01. Lots of juniors attending and reaping the rewards. It would be nice to see a few more seniors being role models for the younger ones. Thanks to Daisy and Marlow for stats and icy poles distribution.

Cheers Craig Couper



Evie D's work– showing a good grasp of multiplication

TheirCare
for your kids, for you

At the end of this term, After School Care will be concluding. Starting next week, we'll be revisiting and reflecting on some of the special moments we have shared together.

One of my favorite programs we've run has been our "Spice Trail", tracing the ancient spice trade routes. Through cooking, we explored how knowledge and flavors traveled along these historic pathways. We also looked to the stars that guided not only the travelers but the agricultural cycles that produced the harvests we enjoy cooking with today.

It seems especially fitting that our spice journey has now reached the Levant. The initial inspiration for this program was to explore the deep history and context behind current geopolitical tensions—particularly focusing on the movement of resources and access to food.

Bethlehem, or Beit Leḥem (בֵּית לֶחֶם), literally means "House of Bread." This name suggests a connection to grain production, processing, or trade, or perhaps serves as a place of nourishment in a spiritual sense. In this region, Christians, Jews, and Muslims share common roots as Abrahamic religions, linked by sacred geographies, seasonal cycles, and shared skies.

One constellation that holds particular significance for the seasonal timing of the barley and wheat harvests here is Praesepe, whose name means "the manger" or grain trough. Praesepe is part of the Beehive Cluster in the constellation Cancer and is visible in the night sky during the barley harvest (late March–April), fading as the wheat harvest begins. This aligns with the first-fruits offerings of barley at Passover and wheat at Shavuot (Pentecost).

In early Christian imagination, the rising of the "Manger" (Praesepe) in spring, coinciding with the grain harvest, may have deepened the symbolic link between Bethlehem as the "House of Bread" and Jesus as the "Bread of Life." Some early Christian and medieval thinkers even viewed the stars themselves as echoing the cycle of incarnation.

It is interesting to note that flanking Praesepe are the stars Asellus Borealis ("Northern Donkey") and Asellus Australis ("Southern Donkey"). Furthermore, in traditional Arab and Bedouin astronomy, the stars of Cancer—including Praesepe—were sometimes associated with al-'Adhārā (the Virgin).

Food is a shared experience, born from shared knowledge and cooperation. It is a living embodiment of our intertwined histories, not a weapon.

There is an Arabic proverb: "Al-khubz wal-mā' yajma'ān al-qulūb" — "Bread and water bring hearts together."

And a Talmudic teaching: "One who offers bread to his friend is considered to have made peace with him" (Hebrew: "המתן לחבירו לחם כאילו הסכים עמו על שלום").

So, let us break bread together, hope for peace, and remember—if you look closely, everything eventually connects.

Lost Property

A ring, a little money pouch and a necklace have been handed into the office. Please let us know if your child is missing any of these items.
We encourage students not to bring their treasures to school as we can not be responsible for their safe keeping.

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

Sandy Point Music

Last chance to book that ticket. Van Walker and his band are playing at Sandy Point this coming Saturday 14th June. Love to see you there.
Check out Van's music Van Walker

SATURDAY June 14th
Where: Sandy Point Community Centre
When: Doors Open – 7.15 for 8.00pm start
BYO Drinks and nibbles
Tickets: $35 from Trybooking
Kind Regards
The Team at SPM

Thank you JSC.

Thank you to all of the members of the Junior School Council. The beautiful hot chocolates they made yesterday warmed lots of students bellies and raised nearly $300 towards footy safety helmets. Thanks too, to all of the students who supported the fundraiser by buying a hot chocolate and marshmellows.

Interested in indoor 5-a-side soccer?

Love the Beautiful Game?

We play social Futsal on Monday nights during school term time in Meeniyan.

No commitment, just $5 on the door. Play when you like.
All ages, all genders, all welcome.....
Beginners and little kids (~ Grade 1 to 4): 445pm to 530pm
Bigger kids (~ Grade 5 to Year 8) 530pm to 630pm
Adults (~ Year 8 to age 100) 630pm-8pm

Meeniyan Basketball Stadium,10 McKittrich Street.