FISHY NEWS NUMBER 19 RESPECT FAIRNESS COMMITMENT 19TH JUNE 2025

Fishy News

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Principal's Message

Drinking Taps

Thanks to a very generous grant from South Gippsland Water, we have had two new drink stations installed at our school. The drink stations have been decorated with art from renowned indigenous artist Luke Penrith. The two pieces of art on our drink stations are titled 'Connections' and 'Saltwater and the Coastline'.

'Connections' is a story that captures where freshwater rivers meet the salty sea. This symbolises the interconnectedness of life and the vital role water plays in our communities.

'Saltwater and the Coastline' tells the story about Salt Water people. These are people living along the coastline and their waterways. For centuries upon centuries, First Nations peoples have camped and sung along the coastline. They gather near food, fish, turtles, birds, and plants. This painting tells the story of their journeys up and down the coast.

Camp

On the 2nd of July our 3 and 4 classes head to camp on Phillip Island. Students are looking forward to this wonderful camp. It's itinerary is packed with plenty of fun activities for the students. We are looking forward to hearing of their adventures.

Grade 6 Transition Visit

Yesterday our grade 6 students had a taste of Secondary College with their first transition visit (orientation day). Students received a tour of the school, met students from other schools and had a variety of lessons. Judging from the pictures (included in this newsletter) and their smiles as they got off the bus; students enjoyed the day and feel a little bit more prepared for next year.

Crazy Hair Disco

The PnF's ***free dress*** *and* ***crazy hair disco*** will be held next **Thursday the 26th of June.** Entry will be a gold coin donation.

Cheers.

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Important Dates

June:
26th - 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

21st - 1st day of TERM 3

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

Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly

Student of the Week

Winter Sports

Last Friday, in perfect conditions 28 of our grade 5/6 students travelled to Foster to compete in the District Winter Sports. We had students compete in basketball, soccer, netball and football. All students from both sides displayed great sportsmanship and represented their schools proudly. We had 2 of our teams make it through to the Wonthaggi Division Sports. Our 'mixed' soccer team and our 'all girls' football team will play on the 26th of June. Well done to everyone who participated on the day.

Call Out for 1.5 Litre Plastic bottles

Mr Farrell is collecting empty 1.5 litre plastic bottles for a Science lesson. Should anyone have some clogging up their recycling bins at home, he would be happy to take them off your hands. Please bring any you can spare in to the office.

Acknowledgement of Country Sign

It was great to see our acknowledgement of country sign has been installed on the entry to our Admin building. Our acknowledgement of country was co written by our students in consultation with our local Koorie Education Support Officer (KESO). It speaks about the importance of conserving and protecting the land we are so fortunate to live, work and play on today. Thanks to Donna for organising the sign and to Andrew for installing it.

COUPS 'K' RUN UPDATE

I have enjoyed updating the class & school rankings and some fantastic stats came to light. 40% of the school have run 5 mins or faster for the 1km and 75% have run 6 mins or faster and 98% 7 mins or faster. If Mr Banks was to run his time from last year he would place 20th with 6 juniors in front of him.

Killick 7th 4:11, Kol 8th 4:13, Jimmy 10th 4:18, Archer 12th 4:22, Jive 13th 4:23 & Elena 16th 4:28. Kai 3:52 & Daisy 3:53 are the only sub 4 min runners with Darcy 4:01, Marlow 4:04, Spencer 4:04 & Albert 4:07 not too far off. Looking at participation the Prep/ones have a 94% score, the 1/2's 75%, gd.3 – 79%, gd.4 –18%, 5 / 6 JVR – 53% & 5 / 6 TE – 29%. It would be great to get all classes over 50%.

Cheers Craig Couper

Welfare Report

I spend a lot of my life silently (or vocally) complaining about the endless domestic chores that I must do, the complaining either in my head or vocally does not make these jobs go away, nor does the complaining make me happier or those around me. It is a drone of noise – irritating for me and those around me.

This week, due to the clothesline being pulled down by my dog, I had to work out how to get through the enormity of the washing my family produces. I decided I would deal with this at the laundromat on Saturday, with 2 kid's games of netball to watch, 2 games to umpire and one game to play. I nearly let the hum of my inner voice get the better of me, allowing myself to complain – I had been doing that a bit during the week. Complaining.

Until a line in the book I was reading made me ponder; a line made me switch my thinking. The book was about a family and the story wove between their childhood trauma and their adult lives. Coming closer to the end of the book the author stated that his brother John loved nothing more than Sundays – 'first he would mow his lawn and trim his hedges, then he would rake up his yard. Later in the day his brother John would put a roast beef in the oven and prepare all the vegetables ready to feed his family. The absolute highlight was washing his Mitsubishi Pajero out in the front yard'.

This was the sort of thing I complained about, the mundane and domestic chores of family life but what if I change my thinking and check my own privilege, I have 3 wonderful strong kids, a patch of dirt and a wonky little house, a friend and partner to navigate this with -even if we are occasionally reading different maps! What a privilege it is to put food on my table and to have actual clothes, sheets, blankets and towels to wash.

So, I rushed between games to the laundromat and had 45 minute wait for my last load and in that 45 minutes magic happened, a gorgeous friend of mine walked in to wait for her washing also. We sat, we talked, we laughed, and we even had some tears together. All because my washing line was broken.

How lucky am I!

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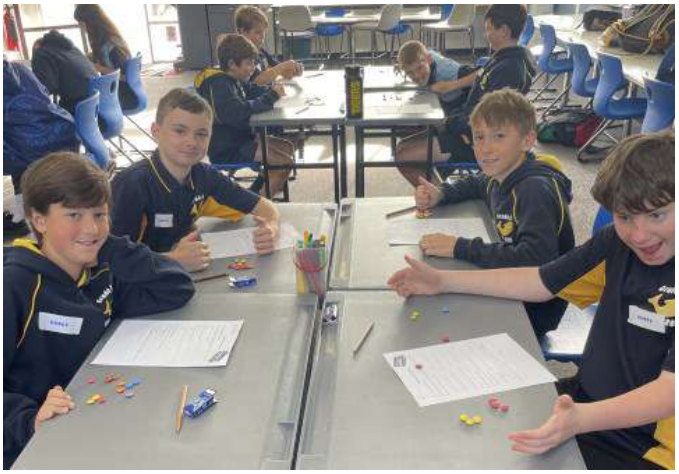
Transition Day at Foster Secondary College.