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Fishy News

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Principal's Message

Australian Mathematics Competition

This week, 16 of our Grade 3–6 students put their mathematical thinking to the test by competing in the Australian Mathematics Competition. The competition challenged students with a range of problem-solving and reasoning questions, encouraging them to think critically and apply their maths skills in new ways.

We are incredibly proud of the students who took on this challenge and represented our school so well.

A special thank you goes to a generous parent who made a kind donation to the school, allowing us to cover the cost of entry for our students.

Bug Blitz

On Tuesday, 11th August, our Grade 3–6 students will be taking part in a Bug Blitz session with Landcare. Students will learn all about insects and the important role they play in our environment. This engaging Science activity will give students the opportunity to discover more about the amazing variety of bugs found in nature and why they are so important to healthy ecosystems. We're looking forward to another great learning experience at Fish Creek Primary School.

Little Angler Kits for Grade 5 Students

As part of a government initiative our Grade 5 students today received their **Little Angler Kits**. The kits are designed to introduce young people to recreational fishing in a safe and responsible way while encouraging them to spend time outdoors and enjoy our local waterways.

Each kit contains a range of fishing equipment and information to help students get started, along with tips on fishing safely and caring for the environment. We hope the students enjoy putting their new skills into practice with family and friends and developing a lifelong appreciation for the great outdoors.

Noodles

We have noticed an increase in the number of students bringing noodle cups and packets that requires heating up at the office. While we are always happy to support students where we can, the number of requests is making it difficult for staff to manage during their lunch break.

We ask that students please avoid bringing noodle cups to school where possible. Noodles can be a fun and convenient food option, but they are best enjoyed as a sometimes food rather than an everyday lunch choice. We encourage families to pack a variety of healthy lunch options that will help students stay energised and ready for learning throughout the day.

Cheers,
Dale Banks

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Important Dates

August:

- 11th – Bug Blitz Landcare Incursion
- 20th - Judith Rossell (Author/ Illustrator) Visit
- 25th - Bunnings visit
- 28th - Book Week Dress-up Day

September:

- 4th - Special Person/Father's Day Morninig Tea
- 10th– Grade 2 Sleepover
- 18th - Last Day of Term PJ Day!!! Yay!!!

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Compass

Events needing to be actioned on COMPASS:

Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly

Student of the Week

VicSpell Competition

Spelling can be really tough; particularly spelling out loud without being able to write the word down to see if it looks right. However, there are some people who can do this and stay calm, cool and collected in front of an audience. Elijah Dankhart is one of those people.

On Monday the 3rd of August Elijah represented Fishy Primary School at the regional spelling competition.

Well done Elijah! We are extremely proud of you.

Author and Illustrator Visit

On the 20th of August we have Judith Rossell visiting the school for Book Week. Judith has written nearly twenty books and illustrated more than 80. Her books have been published in the UK, the USA and have been translated into 20 languages. We are looking forward to the insights and the inspiring tales she may share with our budding readers, writers and illustrators.

Downball Club

A big thank you to Max for running a 'Downball Club' for lunchtime activity this week. It was a great success and the perfect way to follow up our PE lessons on Downball with Mr Reid!

Welfare Report

For the first 12 years of my life, my family consisted of Mum, Dad, Me, my sister Cathy and my little brother Joh. We lived on the farm where my dad still lives, and my Uncle Marty was just down the road. Mum coached me at netball on a Thursday night at the Dumbalk Primary School and on Saturdays I played netball and ate questionable oranges from Murray Goulburn at half time.
My best mates were 2 of my cousins who were born in 1978 just like me, my friend Sue from down the road and Natalie Rose who sang like an angel.
The world was solid and everything was predictable and made sense.
Until it didn't.
One day mum and dad sat us three kids on the couch, and they told us they were separating and that we would live one week with mum at our other farm and one week with dad at the farm where we had always been and I felt the earth move from under my feet and nothing made sense anymore.
I got to school and did not tell a soul. I pretended that my world had not fallen apart and that everything was ok. I was unaware that my parents had let the school know and that my wonderful grade 6 teacher was keeping a close eye on me – she saw me pretending to my friends, not mentioning that I moved house every Sunday and that I was always missing someone. She also saw a change in my behaviour. Where I had previously always been known to be a kind, bubbly chatterbox - I was now snapping at my friends.
During music one day, my teacher collected me and she did something extraordinary for the time. She said, 'let's walk and talk'. We walked and talked lap after lap of the oval as I shared with her what was going on at home and how my heart was broken.
When we finished walking, I felt lighter, like I had let a big breath out and that I could start to work with the new world I was living in. I felt so grateful to my teacher, who let me talk and just listened to me.
My heart did not stay broken forever, I got used to my new life and our family found a new, wonderful and different normal – with two homes filled with more siblings, love, noise and fun but I have never forgotten that teacher, who took that moment for me.
These days, at our schools I get to brush shoulders with humans like this every day; Teachers, principals and education support, taking moments for our kids. And today, I tip my hat to these magic humans for the life changing moments they give every day.
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Special Person/Father's Day Morning Tea

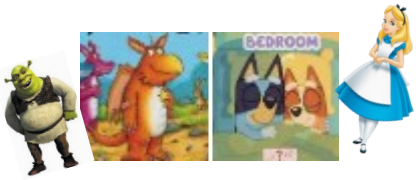
Fathers/Special Persons are asked keep the morning of the **4th of September** free so that they can join the Prep/1/2s as they present a morning tea at 10am.

Junior School Council News

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP 28th of August

Everyone's favourite dress up day! Dress as a character from a book and spend the day lost in the world of stories and books.

Friday the 28th of August 2026.



PJ DAY 18th of September

Let us roll into the holidays in the best holiday wares - our PJS. Gold coin donation - proceeds go to 'A Better Life For Foster Kids' to raise money for items to go in emergency suitcases.

Any questions please see Holly or Georgie our trusty JSC leaders.