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Principal's Message

Book week

Children's Book Week is just around the corner, running from Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August, and this year's theme is "A Symphony of Stories!" To get us into the spirit of Book Week, we were thrilled to welcome author Judith Rossell to our school. Judith worked with all of our students, sharing her experiences as an author and inspiring our students to explore the wonderful world of books, stories and imagination.

We will finish our Book Week celebrations next Friday with our Book Week Dress-Up Day. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character and celebrate the stories and characters they love.

Thank you to Sammy and Amy

A big thank you to Sammy Zeller and Amy Wallace for the wonderful job they have done covering our Prep/1 class while Mrs Shelley has been enjoying her long service leave.

Sammy and Amy have both done a fantastic job supporting our students, keeping them engaged in their learning and ensuring the classroom has continued to run smoothly. We really appreciate the time, energy and care they have put into the class over the past few weeks.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Shelley back on Monday and know the students will be very excited to see her again!

Welcome to Laura

We would like to warmly welcome Laura Nardo to Fish Creek and District Primary School. Laura is a student teacher who will be working with Jess and the Grade 1/2 class over the next three weeks.

We are looking forward to having Laura as part of our school community and hope she enjoys her time with us. We know our students will make her feel very welcome and provide her with plenty of opportunities to develop her teaching skills and experience school life.

VPA Confrence

I will be away from school from Wednesday to Friday next week attending the Victorian Principals Association Conference in Geelong.

During my absence, Mrs Ellis will be in charge of the school. I know the school will be in very capable hands while I'm away.

Puppet Wedding

You never have a boring day working at Fish Creek Primary School and I definitely had a "first" for our school yesterday. Students invited me to a attend a much anticipated wedding of puppets. Mrs Pinnochio married her sweetheart on the senior deck at lunch time on the 19th of August. Students had worked hard on a script and flower decorations for the wedding. It was a fun event that not even the rain could dampen with half the school in attendance.

Cheers,
Dale

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Important Dates

August:
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

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 Next Friday - 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. No coin collection for this day.

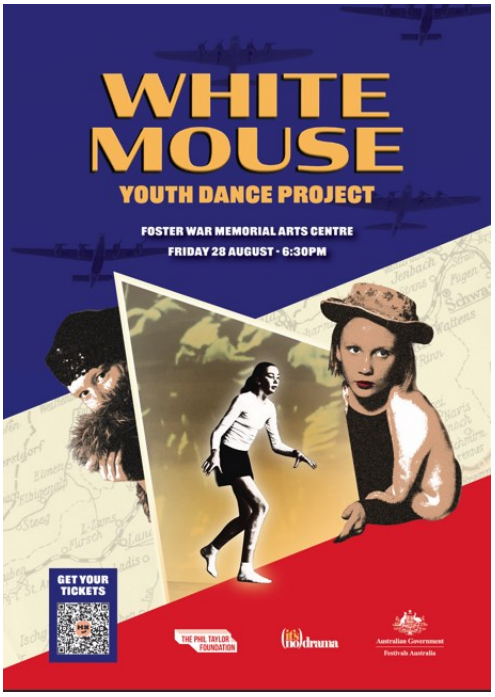
PJ DAY 18th of September

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.

Recognise These Faces????

It is great to see some Fish Creek & District alumni following their dreams. Amongst others, Aiya and Daisy, our very own Caterpilla and Mad Hatter from last year's school production are continuing on their road to fame in this local production of the White Mouse. It would be wonderful to see the school communities get behind the students and come along to support them as they share something they have created together.



White Mouse
Friday 28 August
6:30pm
Foster Arts Centre

Tickets: https://events.humanitix.com/white-mouse-youth-dance-project

You Be the Coach Program

During **Term 2**, our Grade 3, 4 and 5 PE students had the wonderful opportunity to take part in the **'You Be the Coach' program**, with a group of Year 9 students from Foster Secondary College visiting our school to lead a range of fun and engaging sporting activities.

As part of their studies, the Year 9 students stepped into the role of coaches, sharing their sporting knowledge, skills and enthusiasm with our younger students.

The sessions provided our students with an opportunity to develop their sporting abilities as well as a wonderful social experience, allowing our students to work as a team, try new activities, build connections and, most importantly, have fun. Our students particularly enjoyed learning from and playing alongside the 'big kids'!

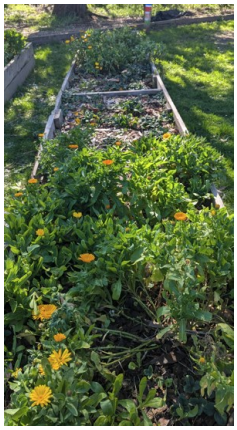
It was wonderful to see the Year 9 students encouraging and supporting our younger students, creating a positive and inclusive environment where everyone felt involved and valued. Their enthusiasm and encouragement made the sessions both memorable and rewarding.

A big thank you to Foster Secondary College and their Year 9 students for being such fantastic coaches and role models. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and loved the opportunity to 'rub shoulders with the big kids'!

We look forward to continuing this wonderful partnership and providing more opportunities for our students to learn, play and connect with older students in the future.

Student Goings-On

With some Spring days coming early a few of our students have been inspired to get into the garden – weeding our strawberry patch and preparing the chicken coop in hope that we may soon have new chickens.



The Grade 5/6's recently shared their integrated projects with the 3/4/5's. We were all enthralled by their presentations and feel ready for any natural disaster that may strike in the future.

Welfare Report

There is a decade between my eldest daughter and her younger sisters. That also means there is an older head on my shoulders raising my youngest daughters to my eldest.

My eldest was born when I was 24 years old and our feet hardly touched the ground – we flitted around the country – we would sleep on my deck in Cairns until the evening downfall drew us inside, we would plough our 60 series Land Cruiser through Kimberly water crossings – yahooing when we made it and laughing as the pindan-stained water splashed in the windows and we would lay in the desert sand watching the sky change from sunset to a billion stars. Our sport was adventure and I guess our team was 'us' – Lola, myself and Gus the wonder dog. We would swim in the afternoons, buy fruit from markets and seek out live music whenever we could.

Now with this older head on the shoulders, I almost feel like a different person raising my two younger girls. Our days have more routine, structure – from the beginning there were bedtimes, mealtimes and the team have grown – we now have Andrew, Annie-jean, Daisy, Gus the wonder dog replaced by an energetic dalmatian Tango, tabby cats Mulga and Arnold – and the team complete with OG Lola and me! Our car rides are now sound tracked with hype music and car eating as we drive to various sporting events – netball, football, basketball and swim meets. This is a newish world to me – as my engagement with community sport stopped at 15 years old and I so desperately don't want this to happen for my girls.

So, we talk in the car – we appreciate our umpires and coaches and celebrate sports person-ship. We talk about the fun bits, the friendships and the hard bits of the game. They talk about their dreams, and they have taught me this is a time for listening – not getting on the rollercoaster with them – so my job is to drive, to feed, to remind them to win with humility and lose with grace – shake the hand, nod to a good play and always thank the coach and umpire.

And when possible, to wash off a game with a team jetty jump, hot chips and the leftover oranges!

My car smells like a combination of sweaty shoes, fart and hot chips, our fuel bill is through the roof and we never have a spare weekend – however, I am so grateful for the new adventure my kids have taken me on as sports parent.

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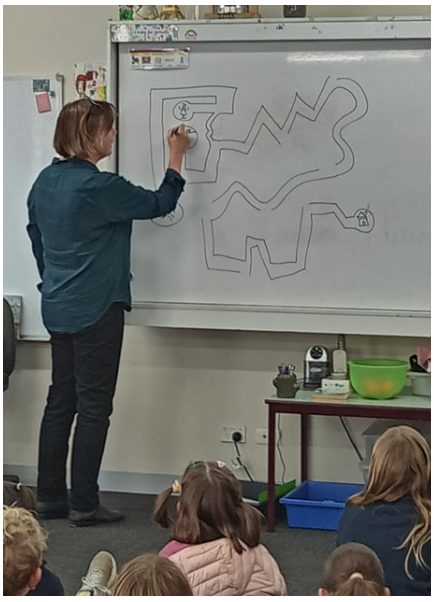
Student Voices on the Judith Rossell Visit

- She did really cool drawings—Clancy
- She was able to express emotion in drawing faces—Pippa
- She turned the letters spelling the word "dog" into a drawing of a dog—Hazel
- She drew a maze and filled it with scary creatures like a dinosaur with a cannon—Max
- I loved her drawing techniques and illustrations– Emma
- She really liked my drawing and told me I should keep it up– Madie
- She showed us how much effort and how many people (not just the writer and the illustrator) are involved in making books—Arthur