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Principal's Message

Kerri

It is probably pretty well known in the community already, but at the end of this term Kerri Smith will be retiring. Kerri is quite simply, the greatest teacher I have ever seen. She is dedicated, hard working and always gives her time to others. She has helped support me so much as principal but she has also supported the educational journey of every teacher that has ever worked at our school. When thinking about Kerri in the classroom, one word that quickly comes to mind is fun - she has made learning enjoyable for all our students and always put a creative spin on everything she did.
As a staff we have been planning some special events to farewell Kerri into her well deserved retirement, updates will be posted on compass in the coming days.

Book Week

This week we've been celebrating Book Week with a range of exciting activities that have helped bring stories to life and encourage a love of reading across all year levels. The theme this year has been "A Symphony of Stories" which is a reminder that every story is an opportunity to explore new places, meet fascinating characters, and open our minds to endless possibilities. Book Week activities continue tomorrow with our much-anticipated Dress Up Day, where students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We can't wait to see some of the great costumes the kids are dressed up in tomorrow.

Bunnings Visit

A massive thank you to the staff at Bunnings Wonthaggi who once again donated their time and equipment to work on our veggie garden on Tuesday. They have always been fantastic with their time and we appreciate all their donations to our garden area.

Father/Special Person's Day Morning Tea

We're looking forward to welcoming our Prep–2 dads, carers and special guests next Friday (4th) for a Father's Day and Special Person's morning tea. Students have been working hard to prepare some lovely surprises, and it will be a great chance to celebrate the important role you play in their lives. The event starts at 10am in the Junior Building.
Cheers,
Dale

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Important Dates

August:
28th - Book Week Dress-up Day

September:
4th - Special Person/Father's Day Morninig Tea
10th– Grade 2 Sleepover
11th - Kerri's Teddy Bear Picnic
18th - Last Day of Term PJ Day!!! Yay!!!

October:
16th - Trivia Night

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Compass

Events needing to be actioned on COMPASS:

Grade 2 Sleepover

Division Athletics — Selected students.

Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly

Student of the Week

Father/Special Person's Day PnF Gift Making Thursday 3rd of September

The PnF are asking for a contribution of $5 to help cover the costs of providing materials for the students to make a gift for their father/special person. The gift making day will be Thursday the 3rd of Sept.

!!!!!!BOOK WEEK DRESS UP TOMORROW !!!!!

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.**

Lunch orders from Pain Perdu

Lunch orders can now be ordered from Pain Perdu on a Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please either text your order directly to Pain Perdu on ***0402 509 534 ,*** *or send money and a written order in with your child to the office.*

River, Charlie, Archer, Killick and Henry proudly showing off their staircase they've cut in to the hill near the Ghost gums

Book Week 24th-28th August

Book Week has been so much fun with the best bit around the corner, our big dress up day tomorrow!!! Kids have been busily working on their colouring competition for our 'Symphony of Stories' theme. Entries close this Friday where teachers will judge and announce the winners who will receive a special gift donated by Atticus Bookshop in Foster.

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Environmental Science

It was very busy in our School Garden this week during Environmental Science.
We had Jo visit from Bunnings, so grades Prep to 4 were busy planting Spring Veggies, while the Senior students got to work renovating our Insect Hotels and started building some of our new smaller boutique Bee hotels.

Welfare Report

I spent much of my 20s and early 30s in the Kimberly and the Pitjantjatjara Lands. Places where the hot wind carries seeds which hibernate deep in the red sands waiting for the rain. The rain comes and the desert plains transform overnight, with grasses and wildflowers.

These plants grasp at the Earth, not minding where they landed so long as they are able to burst into life, thrive and grow fast. Making the most of the opportunity of rain, the sun and the creatures in their moment.

This week the world lost a beautiful soul, Dolly Parton, she sang her stories in a voice straight from Tennessee - stories of coats, of mountain homes, of hard work, of butterflies and of love. She soundtracked my childhood and this morning she also soundtracked my run as I listened to her song 'Wildflowers' my face was wet with tears as it made me think of every 'wildflower' I have ever known. Those hardy humans who get picked up by the wind and who grow wherever they land, many in my orbit everyday.

So today I have a moment of gratitude for Dolly because she found the words for all the 'wildflowers' and those words remind us all what is good in the world.

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Fish Creek Tennis Club

Fish creek tennis club are excited to share that our courts have been newly resurfaced and painted and an upcoming tennis clinic for children of all ages will be held on Monday 21st September 12.30-3.30, ran by South Gippsland Tennis Academy.

Details below.

Special offer - first 20 registrations will receive a $20.00 discount per child.

More information about the program can be found here https://www.vbslsc.org.au/nippers and https://www.vbslsc.org.au/membership