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Principal's Message

Kerri

We are very much looking forward to our celebration for Kerri next Friday; highlighted by the Teddy Bear's Picnic. I touched a little bit last week on the amazing teacher and person Kerri is. I thought this week, it would be good to reflect on one of her many achievements. In 2018 Kerri Smith won the 'Victorian Teacher of the Year' award. This is an amazing achievement for any individual and extremely well deserved. When Kerri won the award she was interviewed by the Victorian Institute of Teaching and there is a couple of quotes from Kerri that I feel some up her teaching legacy perfectly:

- "At the start of the year, my most important job is to get to know my students and find out what makes them tick, so that I can engage them in their own learning journey. I need to know about their lives beyond the school gate, as well as what motivates them to learn in my classroom. I need to know about their families, where they live, what groups they belong to out of school, what their favourite toys are etc."
- "Humour is a constant feature in my classroom; if the students are smiling or laughing, then they are in a pretty good space."

I believe if we all follow this philosophy of building relationships mixed with fun, school will continue to be a great place to be.

Grade 2 Sleepover

Our grade 2s are very excited about their upcoming sleepover next week (10th of September). The sleepover provides many students with an opportunity for to experience their first night away from home but also in a familiar environment. I know it will be a great night for all our grade 2 students and Mrs Murray has lots of great activities planned for the night.

Colouring Competition Winners

Elena and Archer were the winners of the colouring competition that ran throughout Book Week. Both received a prize from Atticus Bookshop in Foster.

District Athletics

Next Friday we have 8 students representing the school at Division athletics at Casey Fields Regional Athletic Centre. Good luck to all the students involved I know you have all been practicing hard and will all represent the school proudly.

Cheers,
Dale

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Important Dates

September:

4th - Special Person/Father's Day Morninig Tea
8th - School Council Meeting
9th - School Nurse Visit
10th– Grade 2 Sleepover
11th - Kerri's Teddy Bear Picnic
15th - Kinder Transition Day
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

PnF

A massive thank you to our wonderful PnF team who once again donated their time today to work with the students on Father/Special Person's Day presents. We have such a wonderful group of volunteer families and all of the work you do is very much appreciated.

Father/Special Person's Day Morning Tea

Tomorrow our Prep-2 students will be hosting a Father/ Special Person's Day Morning Tea. This is a great occasion for students to celebrate someone who is really important to them. I know the prep -2 classes have been working hard to make the day extra special.

Parent Survey Reminder

If you haven't already, we ask that you complete the Parent/ Carer Opinion survey. A COMPASS news feed item was sent out 17 of August please let us know at the office if you are having trouble with the online process.

Thanks Jackie D

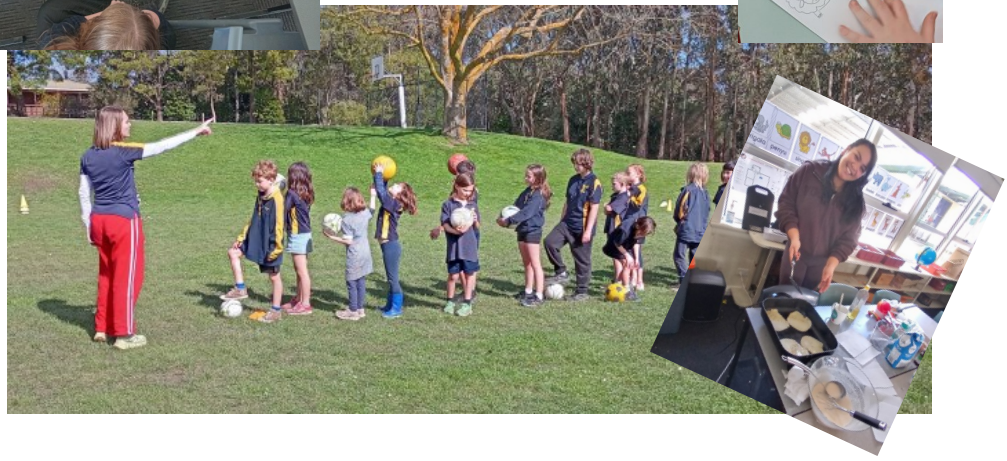
A big thankyou to Jacki Deering for donating these fabulous mannequins for students to practice their hairdressing skills.

Book Week Fancy Dress Day

More Pictures from Book Week

Indonesian Independence Day

On Monday, our school celebrated Indonesian Independence Day. We participated in multi-age group activities, making Indonesian pancakes from rice flour and coconut milk, playing sepak bola (soccer), weaving paper creations, learning traditional Indonesian kids' marble games, and listening to folk tales. Kids thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the Indonesian language and culture and we are so thankful to our fabulous staff for teaching these lessons and allowing their usual program to be interrupted for this special day.



Welfare Report

There are things I know to be true at Fish Creek Primary School. I know that in term 4 the grade 6 children will spend lunchtimes laying in sun at the front of the school. I know that Mr Banks will wear his cricket gear to school at least once in a school year and that his references to the Bombers in the newsletter will fade as the season progresses.

I know that Mrs Hamlett will decorate another teacher's classroom at some stage each year (most likely Ms Ellis) and that Mrs Callcott will get very excited when Katrina Namstead releases a new book.

I know that the soft fall will be replaced annually and that the septic will always be a little bit 'iffy' (But we work around this). I know that Miss Shelley will borrow the seat covers for the graduation and the mother's/ father's day morning teas will be next level, and I know that Miss Murray and Mr Farrell will transform our town hall every second year for the school production.

I know that Mrs King will always know where the book, the resource or the link that we need is, and will always remember to pass it on - despite holding 100 balls in the air at all times and I know that Mrs Banikos will say the right words, just when I need to hear them. I know that in the staffroom there will always be two blue chairs, randomly amongst the 10 'school room maroon' chairs bothering those who like patterns and order and cant see how to make this work.

I know that Irene and Jacqui will bring the little details to my attention and that with them, the ship remains steady. I know that Jackie will do yoga with the kids on a sunny spring day and that I will have to avoid eye contact with Mckenzie as she delights in the yarning circle stories and distracts me from the task at hand. And I know that Amy and Liela have the energy to play and run with our energetic junior students.

I know without fail, the footy season will end and the following Monday there will not be a footballer on the oval, instead the cricket pitch will host our future Australian Cricket team and that we will always end up with some sort of animal that belongs somewhere else arriving uninvited at school for a moment.

And I know that Fishy students will be solving Maths problems on the tables with whiteboard markers - long after the 'matriarch of the white board marker on table' has retired and that those who have had the privilege of being in her classroom will take curiosity and grit with them throughout their entire schooling.

This is some of the stuff I know about what is true at Fish Creek and District Primary School and that is why we all love walking in those gates every day.

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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 before10am.*