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Fishy News

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Principal's Message

Teddy Bear's Picnic

We are all very excited for our Teddy Bear's Picnic tomorrow as a tribute to our beloved, retiring teacher, Kerri Smith. I spoke with Kerri last week and she ordered me to stop writing about her in the newsletter (which I have totally ignored). It is going to be a great day tomorrow with lots of special events planned. A timeline of the events is listed below which includes a special presentation at 1:20 for Kerri, which you won't want to miss.
Families and friends are invited to join us for the BBQ and the fun activities planned.

A timetable for the day is as follows:

12.30 Families & friends arrive for lunch - sausages will be on the BBQ
1pm: Prep/1s lemonade stand & old fashioned races on the oval.
1.20pm - Presentation
1.30 -3:20pm Teddy Bear Picnic Games

Grade 2 Sleepover

Mrs Murray and our grade 2's are very excited for their upcoming sleepover tonight, the sleepover provides students with an opportunity for many to experience their first night away from home but also in a familiar environment. Although it probably won't be the best night's sleep that I have ever had, I know it will be a great night for all our grade 2 students and I know Mrs Murray has lots of great activities planned for the night.

Fairy Garden

A massive thank you to Corinna, Frankie and the whole Stefani family who worked tirelessly over the weekend to revitalise our fairy garden. The area looks amazing and is already getting utilised by all the students once again.

Kinder Visit

On Tuesday we have our second kinder transition day for the year. It will be great to see all our 2027 preps ready to go and enjoying school life. The students will spend time playing different games in Miss Shelley's room before they go on a tour and exploration around the school.

Final day of term

Just a quick reminder that Friday the 18th of September will be the last day of school for the term and school will be finishing at 2:30pm on that day.
Cheers,
Dale

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Important Dates

September:
11th - Kerri's Teddy Bear Picnic
11th - Division Athletics
15th - Kinder Transition Day
18th - Last Day of Term
Black & White dress up day!!!
Early finish 2:30

October:
5th - Start of Term 4
13th - Bunnings Visit P-4
14th - Regional Athletics
16th - Trivia Night

November:
2nd - SFD
3rd - Melb Cup Public Holiday
4th-12th Somers Camp

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Compass

Events needing to be actioned on COMPASS:

Parent/Carer opinion survey – All families URGENT

Please remember to check here and COMPASS regularly

Student of the Week

District Athletics

Tomorrow, we have 7 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. We will print their results in the next newsletter.

Congratulations to Mackenzie

Last week, Education Support Person, Mackenzie Power, was presented with a beautiful bunch of native flowers from Sammy one of our CRTs to congratulate her on her recent engagement. We would also like to congratulate Mackenzie and we wish her every happiness for the future.

Parents of Grade 6 Students off to Foster S.C Next Year.

Parents of Grade 6 students going to Foster Secondary College next year are being asked to get your enrolment forms back to the secondary college. If you need assistance Cal or Nicky in the office at Foster SC are only too happy to help.

Good luck

Good luck to Fish Creek Football and Netball Club this week as they play the grand final in seniors and in B grade netball. The club has had to endure a lot of the last few years with the arson attack destroying their club rooms, but they seem to always come back stronger than ever before.

Father/Special Person's Day Funds

Thank you to those families who sent $5 along with their students for a gift from their parents. Students had lots of fun putting together their special present. If you didn't and are able to contribute $5 we would still appreciate your contribution.

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.

KAPLA BLOCKS

Recently the school purchased 2 crates of Kapla Blocks with money raised by the PnF. One will live in the Junior Building and the other in the Senior Building. They will be available for creative play and for "Wet Weather" timetables. They were delivered on Thursday last week and by Friday afternoon they were in use and a resounding success.

A BIG thank you to our PnF for all of the hard work they do in raising funds for projects such as these.

Some of the Grade 1/2 Fathers and Special People who were lavished with presents and a morning tea last Friday.

Welfare Report

I dislike the word busy, I try hard not to answer people with the word 'busy' when they ask how I am. Busy -ness is not an emotion and for me, busy is at state of mind - doing things that bring joy or learning or fun or co-ordination to a family or day, is not busy - it is the things we do because we are human and we need them to function / stay alive / be part of our community.

However, sometimes this noise and movement around the world can become overwhelming and there needs to be a moment of peace and of pause. To find the moment we often need to find a place that brings that calm and regulation.

One of the places I find this both in our school and in the community is the library. There is something about the calm that comes over me when I walk into our little MARC library or our local community libraries. It is not quiet as much as peaceful, there is no financial stress when I go in there because I am allowed to borrow those books for free. The place is full of words and pictures and creativity and chairs which just invite a moment.

With our libraries come librarians, and here at Fishy we are so lucky to have our MARC librarians who show incredible respect for all of the words, the pictures and the needs of our community. Librarians hold libraries and school libraries together, bringing curiosity, joy and calm to our communities.

The limits of our language are the limits of our world - thank you Mrs Callcott and Mrs Banikos for the words, the peace and magic you bring to our lives and school!

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