



25TH JUNE 2021

# THE NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School*



## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL *by Scott Moorhouse*

Lockdown 4.0 has obviously dominated recent proceedings. Once again our school community stepped -up and made this a palatable experience for the students of Foster PS. Our staff who are well versed on these matters now slipped into gear quickly and efficiently as did our families. We are just so proud of the way this community handles these tough times.

Looking forward there are a lot of great opportunities emerging for our students. Recently for education week we employed the services of poet Jai Thoolen to work with each grade on the finer points of poetry and refine their techniques. We have also made space in calendar to send 5 students to the Melbourne Writer's festival to extend their knowledge on the writing craft. We can't wait to see what they learn and what they bring back to our school. Our School captains are also off to the statewide SRC conference at Parliament House. This should prove to be a great day where lots of learning and new ideas and friendships will form.

Our students in the upper school are having a rough run with Winter sports with 3 rounds being cancelled due to inclement weather or COVID. The resilience of the students at this school is amazing and they continue to positive spin on a disappointing situation. We are endeavouring to reschedule these rounds.

Mel Crynes and Kylie Mitchell have started up Art club at a lunch time on Friday. About 15 students are attending regularly. Students who love art and in particular painting and drawing can join them for a structured lunch time experience. I have also started an ICT club on a Thursday where kids who like learning about computers and like to engage with educational software can come. This had 20 students in the first session.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Check Compass for Calendar Dates also.

### July 2021

12th Term 3 starts  
16th Incursion Steve Schulz

### August 2021

3rd-6th Melbourne Camp Gr 5/6

### September 2021

10th Division Athletics at Casey  
17th end Term 3

### October 2021

14th Musica Viva Incursion  
15th Junior Athletics Carnival  
18th - 20th Waratah Beach Camp  
Gr 3/4

### November 2021

2nd Melbourne Cup Day

The Student Attitude to School Survey has been administered this week. This is a key piece of data for the school and the DET. This is where the students tell us where they feel the school is going well and where they think it can improve. This is conducted over about a 40 minute period by each grade and administered by myself. This is one of 4 major data sets that we use. The others being the Staff opinion Survey, Parent Opinion Survey and NAPLAN.

Unfortunately our scheduled Curriculum Day on the 31st of May had been cancelled because of the lockdown. This was to support our AIP goals of School Wide Positive Behaviour and the implementation of Instruction Model. This will be postponed until term 3 as our guest presenters will need to be re-booked.

Two employment opportunities are currently available. The PE teaching class has been advertised and Mr. Craig Couper has been re-appointed. We also have an ES position advertised where Mrs. Stephanie Boudoutsis has been employed. Lastly I would like to acknowledge the long and prosperous career of Mrs Elizabeth Kindellan who will officially retire at the end of this term. Liz has been with the school for 34 years and has had a long relationship with the school that she attended herself. We honoured Liz at a dinner on June 22nd but we know that she won't be a stranger to our teaching ranks!

Lastly I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support. It has been a really tough term on so many fronts. As a community this town is so resilient and the community pitch in and assist each other without a thought. It has been most evident during the recent power outage where many of our families were without electricity for a significant amount of time and some families lost more than just power. Your generosity does not go unnoticed and I commend you for your community spirit. Lastly, thank you to our parents club for a wonderful movie night which raised significant funds to go towards the musical later in the year. The feedback from students and families was that it was really positive and we thank you for your support.

Enjoy the school holidays, rest up and we will see all your smiling faces back for Term 3 on Monday 12th July.

Mr Moorhouse  
Principal

## December 2021

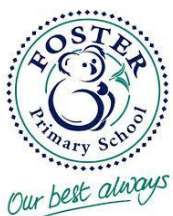
9th School Concert at Foster Hall  
17th Last Day Term 4

## 2021 School Term Dates

Term 1 Thur 28th Jan – Thur 1st Apr  
Term 2 Mon 19th Apr – Fri 25th Jun  
Term 3 Mon 12th Jul – Fri 17th Sep  
Term 4 Mon 4th Oct – 17th Dec



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## Parents & Friends Group Events

### July

17th Kitchen  
Garden Market  
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### August

Music gig  
21st Kitchen  
Garden Market  
stall

### September

3rd Father's day  
stall  
15th Lunch order  
day  
18th Kitchen  
Garden Market  
stall

### October

Golf Tournament  
date TBC  
17th Kitchen  
Garden Market  
Stall

### November

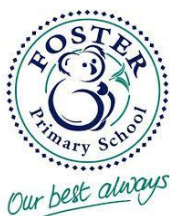
Colour Fun Run  
date TBC  
20th Kitchen  
Garden Farmers  
Market

### December

Lunch order day  
18th Kitchen  
Garden Farmers  
Market



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