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THE NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL *by Scott Moorhouse*

How wonderful it is to have students back full time! Now is the time to start talking about next year and wrapping up the year that was 2021.

From a school improvement perspective all of our targets were met. This is something that you can rarely say in schools and even more remarkable in a year affected by the pandemic. The school reached its writing AIP and SSP goals and achieved its reading goals in the SSP, numeracy targets are holding at the level identified and should be fully reached in 2022.

The leadership team (Sue Duggan, Chantelle Wanklyn, Jenny Young, Jane Power and myself) took a day out to meet and discuss where to next? We broke the day down into three parts which is mainly dictated by Department requirements.

- 1. Academic Goals** - Writing this will be spearheaded by Jane Power in conjunction with Sue Duggan and DET Rep. Ruth Drew. We have elected to continue our writing improvement for a few reasons. The first is that we actually have no data on our current grade 4's due to the time they had off school. NAPLAN was not run in 2020 and classroom data is fairly sparse we feel we owe it to them and our younger students to continue this journey with them involved. The second is that there is still a lot for us to learn about the children writing progress. There are aims to get common marking schemes and create time to moderate and cross mark. The Third is that it is pretty evident we can do a better job at providing for those students who achieve at high levels. Our data indicates that we do a great job with those who do struggle in this area however we need to push those who excel. A large part of our learning will be how to teach this and right tasks to provide. Our target in 2022 will be to increase those students in the top 2 bands at grade 5 from 24% to 33%

IMPORTANT DATES

Check Compass for Calendar Dates also.

November 2021

29th - 1st Dec Gr 5/6 Camp
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30th Health Education Parent Information Session

December 2021

7th Statewide Transition Day
10th, 13th, 14th Junior Water Safety Program at Foster Outdoor Pool
13th Shire visit to school to meet with parents and students
15th Grade 6 Graduation
15th Foster Secondary College Music Concert, whole school to attend
16th Gr 3-6 Pool Party
16th Junior Christmas Party
17th Last Day Term 4
17th 12.45pm Whole School Assembly - farewell to Grade 6s, 1.30pm School Dismissal

2. Learning Goal – The school instructional model will be a key in providing consistency and predictability for our students at Foster PS. This will be spearheaded by our new Assistant Principal Sue Duggan. This forms part of the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum that schools strive to provide as part of our Quality Assurance for accreditation. Our instructional model which is a gradual release model (I do, We do, You do) is according to research provides students with the tools to become independent and resourceful learners. Our staff have been working on this all year and in specific – the ‘I do’ part of the model and delivering explicit teaching that is more accessible for our students. Staff have been setting their own goals each fortnight. Next year we will be undertaking learning walks to look at how we do great teaching across our school. Each staff member will undertake an observation of a peer and also be observed with the cornerstone being the feedback from the observations. This will form part of the Performance Plan for each staff member. Our target in 2022 will be that each staff member is observed twice and each staff member observes twice.

3. Wellbeing Goal – The wellbeing of our students is paramount, without happy, secure students learning and teaching is very difficult. Jenny Young and Chantelle Wanklyn will be leading a reset year promoting and developing ‘Self Confidence’. Our data in the last surveys indicates that our students are very Socially and Emotionally aware. We are attempting to promote sensible risk taking, drive resilience, extend perseverance, self-regulate and improve goal setting ability. The upside to this work is that the school some years ago already engaged some sound pedagogy in this area through the work of Guy Claxton. This will form the basis of our work along with George Telford (Former Principal of Yinnar PS) will work with our students and staff on promoting ‘Self-Confidence’ by using ‘Challenging Learning’ as a basis. Megan Vulliermann (Wellbeing Support) will also continue her program of ‘Developing Self-Worth’ for those students who are in need of this learning. The DET are also funding several programs throughout the year to assist us with this development. Our target for 2022 will be to move our ‘Self Confidence’ measure on the Student Attitude to School Survey from 17% below the state average to at or above the state average.

I take this opportunity to thank our leadership team for a great day of thinking and debate and feel that we have landed on some targets that will have a real impact on the students of Foster PS.

I would like to welcome our new staff members for 2022. Mrs Fiona Moldrich joins us from Wonthaggi Primary School where she has been a learning specialist. Fiona has a strong love of music and drama and plays frequently outside of school. Fiona brings a strong sense of community, a love of maths and science and a healthy amount of quality teaching experience. She will join our 5/6 team in 2022

Emma Charlton joins our team from the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne and has an exceptional record as a Pre Service Teacher, Student and Tutor in a Primary School. Emma has a background in teaching EAL students and is an avid researcher. We look forward to Emma sharing some of these skills with our group. Emma will be in for the transition day and is looking to get in sooner as well to meet our staff. These ladies will make two very welcome additions to our team.

January 2022

28th Teachers Back to school
31st Term 1 begins for all students

February 2022

3, 4, 7, 8, 9 Senior Water Safety Program
11th House Swimming Carnival



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Staff will be teaching the following grades in 2022.

P/1 Andrea Bell
P/1 Emma Charlton
1/2 Katie Jones
1/2 Tim Davis

3/4 Kristie Moore
3/4 Jenny Young
3/4 Chantelle Wanklyn

5/6 Marion Paulet
5/6 Jane Power
5/6 Fiona Moldrich

Nic Carver Music/Art
Craig Couper PE

Sue Duggan - Assistant Principal
Scott Moorhouse - Principal

2022 School Term Dates

Term 1 Mon 31st Jan - Fri 8th April
Term 2 Tue 26th April - Fri 24th June
Term 3 Mon 11th July - Fri 16th Sept
Term 4 Mon 3 Oct - Tue 20th Dec



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December

Lunch order day
18th Kitchen
Garden Farmers
Market



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