



26TH AUGUST 2022

THE NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

by Scott Moorhouse

Kinder Update

The New Kinder building will be lifted on to site on Tuesday 30th August. This will cause significant disruption to the school. 1/2D and Prep/1C will be relocated to the BER for the day. A large exclusion zone will be cordoned off on Monday with no one (including all adults and teachers) to be within it. This also means there will be a barrier internally in the junior building, nobody should be inside this either. Staff may take students to have a look in a safe area. If you think your child may not cope with this please contact your teacher or our Wellbeing Team.

This will also mean further disruptions to an already crowded car parking arrangement (particularly in the morning). We are still encouraging all families to pick up their children from the Station Road side of the school.

Footy Umpires

I was very proud to take 6 current and former students to Marvel Stadium a fortnight ago to umpire the little league/Auskick at half time. Thank you to those families who were able to commit to this a relatively short notice. The students did a great job and were praised quite heavily by the organizers of the event. Stay tuned in 2023 as we maybe able to get this as regular opportunity from the AFL. The only shame on the day was that the Bombers got rolled!

IMPORTANT DATES

August 2022

26th Gr 5/6 Excursion to the MCG
29th Student Free Day
29th Lion King Tickets go on sale
30th Fathers Day Stall
30th Grade 6 Transition Day
31st Grade 5/6 Fathers Day Stall
31st - 1st Sept Waratah Beach Camp
Gr 3/4

September 2022

2nd Melbourne Writer's Festival
6th Community & Volunteers
Breakfast
8th Footy Colours Day with Hot
Lunch orders
9th Division Athletics
9th State Netball Finals
9th Gippsland PJ Day
14th & 15th Lion King Production
16th Last Day Term 3 - school finishes
2pm.

Iluka Writing Camp

Last week I was invited to join in the fun at Iluka Camp with the grade 5/6's. It was very impressive to see such a talented and dedicated group of individuals who produced some amazing and creative work. Our teachers experimented with their own teaching delivery and discovered some really engaging methods of assisting the students to produce their best. Thank you to our teachers and parent helper who took the time out of their busy lives to make this happen. Our students have certainly benefitted according to their feedback. Lastly, this camp was offered for free by the State Government as Part of the Positive Start program with only a minimal cost for transport.

Community Pancake Day

Tuesday the 6th of September will be a community pancake breakfast starting at 8:15am. The school has invited many community groups from across the town to join us. Student surveys have shown that many of our students are choosing to not participate in after or before school activities. We would like to see a many parents come down as possible. Classes will officially start at 9:20 on that day. The pancakes are free and the coffee van will be here with a gold coin charge. A great way to start the day!

October 2022

3rd First Day Term 4
11th Regional Aths Newborough
14th Junior Athletics Carnival
31st Student Free Day

November 2022

1st Melbourne Cup Day
2nd - 4th Coonawarra Camp
Grade 5/6
13th November Prep Learning
Together Program starts
17th Gr 2 sleepover

December 2022

2nd, 5th, 6th Gr P-2 Water Safety
@ Toora Pool
13th Statewide Transition Day
TBC Grade 6 Graduation
TBC Gr 3-6 Pool Party
TBC Gr P-2 Party
20th Last Day Term 4 - Student
Free Day

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Parents & Friends Group

We had a really successful market stall last weekend – raising over \$700 for our kitchen garden program! Woohoo!

Our next market stall is on 17th September – we still need one more family to volunteer for this market (7.30am – approx 12.30pm) – if you can help **please get in touch with Kim – 0400 315 211** :) It is lots of fun!

If you are not free on Saturdays, there are other ways to contribute to this cause! You can donate sausages or cakes for us to sell on the day. We are also looking for a brownie-baker for next year – could this be you?? All ingredients for our very special sought-after brownie are donated by Foodworks Foster and all it takes is a whizz in the kitchen to create two trays of our beautiful brownie each month. Thank you to Mary who has been doing this for us this year and last!

LION KING!

Lion king performances approaching fast:

14th September: 6:30pm

15th of September 12:30pm & 6:30pm

YOUR CHILD IS PERFORMING! Even if your child is not in the main cast, they have been working hard in their grades to produce a famous song from the iconic show! We have lions, hyenas, bugs and many famous animals of the Savanna for you to enjoy watching and listening to.

On the 14th and 15th of September, all students will be required at Foster War Memorial Art Centre by 6pm. They will report to their grade teachers, and sit at the front of the audience with their grades and watch the show. They will appear on stage for their classes song, and then sit back down to watch the rest of the show. As this version of the lion king is specifically tailored for kids, it only runs for 45-60mins. There will be no interval.

For the 12:30 performance on the 15th of September, students should come to school as normal on the day. We will then walk from school to FWMAC at 11:30am.

All students not in the main cast will be required to wear black pants and a black top to the performances. Tights are fine, tracksuit pants are fine, jeans are fine. So long as they are black. Please supply them with a **PLAIN BLACK TSHIRT. NO DESIGN ON TSHIRT PLEASE.** The students will have **BARE FEET** for the performance. They may wish to leave their shoes with their parents, especially if it is a cold night.

For any enquiries, or if your child cannot attend any of the performances, please email Mr Carver on nicholas.carver@education.vic.gov.au

It's going to be a great event! All of our students have been working hard on singing, dancing and costumes making! From Prep to Grade 6! **Please come along and support the performing arts at Foster Primary School!**



Parents & Friends Group Events

August

30th Fathers day stall P-4

31st Fathers day stall Gr 5/6

September

6th Community Breakfast

8th Footy Colours Day & Hot Lunch Day

17th KG Farmers Market Stall

October

15th KG Farmers Market Stall

28th Halloween Disco

November

19th KG Farmers Market Stall

December

17th KG Farmers Market Stall

Lunch order day – date TBC



Tickets go on sale Monday 29th August



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Senior School News

The senior students have had a busy few weeks! Here is an overview of what's been happening in the BER building.

Camp

Grades 5 and 6 students were lucky to be offered a free camp this year so we thought we would try something a bit different. A huge thank you to Arjen, Kate, Chris, Carli and Brenda for volunteering to attend.

As well as adventure activities, we planned time for some curriculum as well. Our whole school focus this year is writing. Throughout the year students have participated in Free Write Friday, writing alone or with a partner on writing of their choice. This is the idea we took to camp. Students have volunteered to share some of their writing:

Iluka

Iluka Camp was a learning camp but surprisingly it was quite fun. During the camp we experienced many things including canoeing, tree climbing, crate stack and many more. In my opinion the writing sessions and workshops were really helpful. It was just really peaceful and easy to think. I'm hoping to see more camps like these ahead.

PS. Teachers, I recommend making 2 camps every year from now on because it was a blast! By Lily

Tree Climbing

Walking over to the tree climbing was exciting because who doesn't want to climb trees? The tree was huge! The line got slowly shorter. Most people found the start hard. Everyone was going to where they could reach.

Crate climbing was a bit different. Instead of just climbing you had to build the tower. I helped pass up the crates. If you were falling or getting down you yelled "Timber!" and everyone would run out of the way. By Jaimee

Magnificent Iluka

My group's small cabin

Many hours of writing

Extraordinary

Amusing activities

Camp Iluka, Amazing.

By Archer

Autumn

Cold wind often blows

Orange leaves fall happily

Crackled bark falls down

By Sharni

Rotations

Our Speaking and Listening, Art and Indonesian rotations are held each week. In Art students are working on creating Tunnel Poetry which involves displaying a Haiku poem in a 3 dimensional form.

In Indonesian the focus is Family and the vocabulary which is used. Here are some words to practise at home: Mum-ibu; Dad- bapak; older brother- kakak laki laki; older sister- kakak perempuan; younger brother- adik laki laki; younger sister adik perempuan; grandmother- nenek; grandfather- kakek.

During Speaking and Listening students have been participating in drama games, and writing their own short skits to practise and perform.

Maths Measurement

We are learning about measurement- using metres, centimetres and kilometres to work together as a team, to succeed. It was worth it. By Cassie "Can we measure the light which is reflected in lumens?" Dylan asked.

How many ways can you measure an orange? This was the challenge for students this week.

Adrenaline By Perry

Running across the mound

Not getting pummelled to the ground

Like needing an ultrasound

The adrenaline all around

Snagging a goal

And being crowned

The Best On Ground



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Empathy

Each class in our building is focusing on understanding what empathy is and how our actions and words can affect others.

Learning Zones

We are having a whole school focus on developing student's confidence in themselves as learners, which was greatly enhanced from our professional development day with George Telford. Teachers are working with students to understand how knowing ourselves as learners helps place us in the best possible position in the classroom. The Learning Zones is a great example. This tool allows students to reflect on how they are feeling about their lesson. For example: sometimes when we are faced with challenging learning we can feel anxious. Students and teachers are working on strategies to move themselves into the learning zone in order to be ready to learn.



Thank you to Fiona Moldrich for the image.

Junior School News

Reading

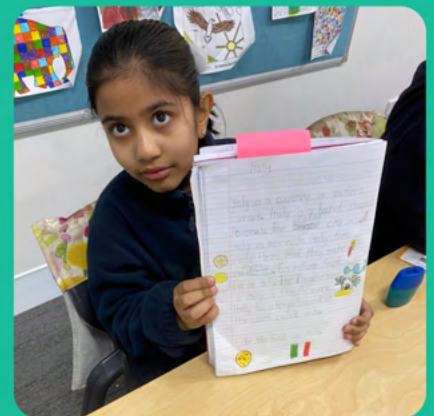
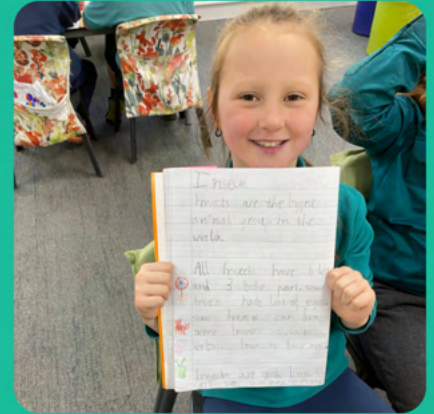
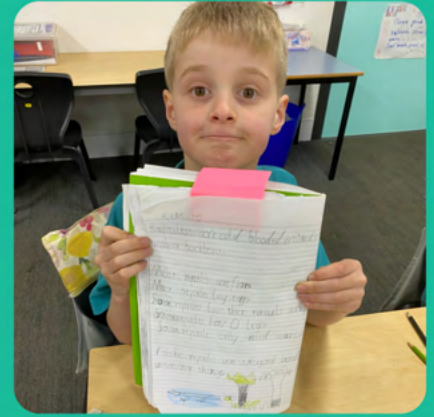
This week in week have been finishing off our unit on information reports. We have been reading about countries like Italy and India. It has been fun learning interesting facts about the culture of different places in the world.

Writing

We have been writing our own information reports and practising including all three parts (classification, description and conclusion). One way to help is remember all three parts is to use three paragraphs.

Maths

In Maths we have been learning about addition and practicing our number facts. We learned that the numbers you add together are called addends and the answer to an addition problem is called the sum.



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Student & school wellbeing news

Why fit in, when you were born to stand out' Dr Suess, one of my very favourites for awesome quotes and ways to live your life.

Whether a child is in primary school or secondary school, it doesn't matter. You can have rock solid friendships (sure, this helps), or you may still be working out where you fit. The bottom line is, lots of kids worry that they don't fit in.

I'm not sure where you may sit on the fitting in or standing out scale, but it got me thinking about sharing my thoughts on this, regardless of what age you are. I believe the best feeling is the one where you feel you belong somewhere.

Fitting in feels less authentic to me. It feels like you are trying hard to be somewhere you either want to be or feel you need to be. Maybe you have been with a group of friends who you really want to hang out with but there is something that just does not feel right for you. Then one day, you are with another group and you know that you do not have to try to be anything or do anything to at all to fit in. They want you to be there because they love you just the way you are. It is different. It is belonging.

Some kids 'fit in' with their families, they conform. It is startling to hear that many kids do not even feel they 'belong' in their families. They are expected to be a certain way, perform a task, be better, try harder. They are not accepted for exactly who they are.

I want to encourage those kids that do not feel like they belong anywhere, to start looking for that one person who will sit with them. It may be a teacher, a counsellor, a mentor, or that other kid that sits on their own. Somebody else is feeling like you are. Somebody else is worrying about how it is at school. What if today could be a fresh start for you? An opportunity to find a new friend, belong somewhere else?

To all, be kind. If you have felt like this, reach out to someone you think may be nervous or feeling like they don't belong anywhere. I read last week that there should be no sitting in circles, but hang out in horse shoes...let people join in. Adults too, reach out, to kids and to other adults. We aren't immune to feelings of not belonging just because we have more life experience.

One day I shared with someone who came to see me, 'you will know when the time is right to leave the person, place or group that no longer feels right, when you feel brave enough. It may not be today or tomorrow, but you will know'. And this day came, and she has gone from fitting in, to not fitting in, to belonging. If she wanted to, she could stand out. To me, she already does.



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A word from School Council President - Matt Wallis

On the evening of Wednesday the 24th your hard working school council had another successful meeting. I am continually impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm from all our council members. We should all feel very lucky that we have such a dynamic and positive group of individuals overseeing the governance of the Foster Primary School. During this meeting we reviewed and updated our volunteer, visitor, code of conduct and complaints policies. Scott Moorhouse presented his Principal's report and discussed recently received NAPLAN results from May this year and how the school can use the data to affect our 4 yearly educational plan due for review and implementation early next year. Jane Power presented the educational update and delivered a review and feedback on the recent Grade 5/6 literacy based camp. It was encouraging to know that the teachers are getting feedback directly from the students as to how successful they felt the camp was and what they did and did not enjoy. This was only a small fraction of what was covered in our meeting. If you have or know someone that has an interest in how the school is run or think you could assist us with ideas please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can best contact me at Matt.Wallis@education.vic.gov.au



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