



16TH JUNE 2023

# THE NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School*



## NEWS FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

*by Ashton Webster*

### School Council

This week I had the pleasure of attending the school council meeting for this month. Lead by Lucy Allsop, it was great to see an incredibly dedicated team doing everything they can to support the school and provide even more opportunities for all our students. The big stand out for me was the work around raising money and obtaining grants for things like building a new junior playground, buying a BBQ trailer and funding the costumes for the upcoming Jungle Book concert, just to name a few. The team also plays an important role in providing a voice for families and the community when making decisions around the school which is extremely valuable. So while I have only been here for a short time, I want to say a big thanks for every they do through a lot of hard work and for also making me feel welcome at this great school.

### Kylie Mitchell

When I first came to this school in this role I was met with a big smile by the most friendly, kind, hard-working, passionate and extremely intelligent woman who instantly made me feel welcome. After spending some time here I soon understood that everyone that walked through the front door was met with a smile and genuine care and this amongst many other

## IMPORTANT DATES

### June 2023

- 1st Regional Cross Country
- 2nd Gr 5/6 Winter Sports
- 7th School incursion & Yr 7 Transition Day
- 12th Kings Birthday Public Holiday
- 13th Student Free Day
- 13th State Cross Country
- 14th Biggest Morning tea at school
- 15th Division winter sports
- 19th NAIDOC Celebrations
- 22nd Movie Night
- 23rd Last day Term 2 school finishes 2.30pm

things is why Kylie has been so loved here for over a decade. Unfortunately we are all just temporary custodians of this great school and Kylie's time here will come to an end at the end of this term. Kylie has been incredibly supportive for me and my role here and on behalf of the whole community, I wish her on the best on her new adventure. We will miss you.

### Harassment Policy

The staff at Foster Primary School are committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment, free from harassment and bullying. Part of this commitment has been the development of the new Student Behaviour Management Anti-Harassment Policy. The development of this policy has included the input and feedback of staff, the student leadership team and has been ratified by School Council. The purpose of the policy is to provide the staff with clear steps and processes when handling issues of harassment. This includes levels of support, education and a consistent continuum of consequences.

All members of the Foster Primary School community have the right to feel safe and we believe that that this document will contribute greatly to continually and consistently achieve this. Can you please view the policy via [this link](#) and if you have any questions or concerns then email or give the school a call. All the school policies are available on the school webpage.



### School Uniform Reminder:

Students should be wearing appropriate Foster Primary School Uniform to school unless they hold a note to explain why they're out of uniform.

- This is a Foster PS hoodie or polar fleece zip up with the school logo on it. The softshell jackets with school logo.
- Navy pants, shorts, skorts or leggings.
- Foster Primary School beanies only.

To see our school policy on uniform, visit the school webpage <https://fosterps.vic.edu.au/school-policies/>

**Assembly Wednesdays from  
2.30pm in the BER Building.  
All welcome.**



### July 2023

2nd World Autism Awareness Day  
2nd NAIDOC Week  
4th National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day  
24th Gr 3/4 Camp Meeting for Volunteers 4pm  
10th Term 3 starts  
19th Regional Winter sports

### August 2023

9th - 11th Gr 3/4 Phillip Island Camp  
22nd School Incursion

### September 2023

12th & 13th Jungle Book Production  
14th Division Athletics  
15th Term 3 ends

### October 2023

2nd Term 4 Starts  
10th Regional Athletics  
13th Colour Fun Run  
30th - 1st Nov Gr 5/6 Camp Coolamatong

### November 2023

1st - 3rd Camp Coolamatong Gr 5/6  
6th Student Free Day  
7th Melb Cup Day  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Junior Water Safety Program @ Toora Pool

### December 2023

1st Student Free Day  
Grade 6 Graduation TBC  
20th last day of term, Student Free Day



# Junior School News

What a wonderful start to my time in this wonderful classroom. We have had 3 fabulous days full of fun, engaging learning. As a class, we have spoken about how being Proud of ourselves is just as important as being proud of others. We brainstormed proud words and completed Proud Peacocks which we have displayed in class.

During reading, we have been focusing on prefixes and suffixes. Be sure to ask us all about what we have learnt about adding these to words to change the meaning of that word.

We have had fun learning about Place Value in Math time. We all know the value of a number whether it be a 2, 3 or even a 4 digit number.

Finally, we have a special table in our class where we can go to have some time to reconnect with ourselves and remind ourselves how we 'can' do things.

We have loved doing our new raffle ticket system which upholds our school values of being respectful, being safe, being a learner and being caring. Fair to say, Mrs Buttigieg needs some new raffle books before next week, we are all great value holders in this classroom.

I look forward to working with you all over the next few weeks. Have a happy weekend.  
Narelle Buttigieg.



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# Middle School News

3/4M & 3/4Y have both recently read the BFG by Roald Dahl which we all thoroughly enjoyed. As part of our writing, we found out our giant names and designed what our giants would look like, sound like, where they lived, what they ate and what type of personality they had. We then created stories involving these giants. We are pretty proud of our stories and giant drawings.

## Mr Squiggly Beans First Car Crash

SCRRRRR BANG CRASH AHHHHHH! The ambulances came rushing from ALL SORTS OF PLACES TAKING TWENTY PEOPLE TO HOSPITAL AND EIGHT CARS TO THE DUMP!

Let's take you guys back to the start of all this.

Mr Squiggly Bean has just got his P plates now he can drive by himself. He jumped straight into his big and bulky rundown truck and started to drive to his friend's house to pick him up. He jumped into his old blue rusty rundown truck to take him down the street to get some milk and snozzcumpers. He drove down the street with his squeaky truck cruising along... when BANG! another car came flying over to his lane making them crash, then another car and another and another until there were eight cars in the accident.

There were fire trucks, police cars and ambulances coming from left to right. Everybody in the accident had to get rushed to hospital for immediate attention. The sad thing was Mr Squiggly Bean, and his friend couldn't fit in the ambulance because they were massive giants so they had to drive themselves to the hospital.

Stay tuned for Chapter 2

By Elle Stone

## The Dragon In The Dream

One day there was a giant cat. This wasn't any normal giant cat. It could change colours. Of course, this cat had a name. That was, The Muddled Ommpa Loompa. A very strange name. The Muddled Ommpa Loompa, or for short M.O.L, had only one friend, which was her BFF. Her best friend was a puppy. This puppy only changed colours when she was scared. Her name was Catasterous Boggis. Or for short C.B.

One day, M.O.L and C.B were playing tag.

"TAG! You're it!" shouted C.B smacking M.O.L with her paw.

"OWWW" cried M.O.L.

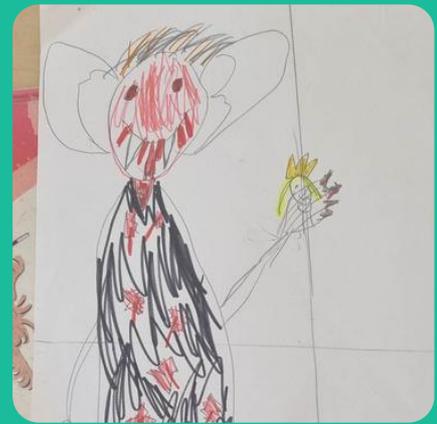
"Sorry" soothingly answered C.B. Suddenly M.O.L stomped off angrily.

C.B started crying. She didn't want M.O.L to be angry.

"I'm going to see her now" she told herself. C.B followed M.O.L's tracks.

The paw prints went into the dark magical forest. After a while

Catasterous Boggis found M.O.L.



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# More Middle School News

"What's so scary?" asked C.B, noticing that M.O.L was shivering. Suddenly, a dragon appeared. His flaming red eyes looked straight into C.B. She shivered, before her fur started changing colours. Pink, red, green, purple, blue, yellow, orange and purple again. Seeing her friend scared, The Muggled Ommpa Loompa was terrified. Suddenly everything went black.

"Yawwwwwwn" yawned M.O.L.

"I had the weirdest dream ever!" she meowed.

"You were in it too! Also, a dragon was there".

"Can you tell me what it's about?" asked C.B.

"But you'll never ever believe me" protested M.O.L.

"I will! I promise that I will!" begged C.B. "Hmmm" thought M.O.L.

"Ok then". Once M.O.L finished explaining, they both burst out laughing.

By Saskia

As part of our Mappen unit, 3/4M & 3/4Y went to the Foster Museum. We all had a great time. It was fabulous to see so many students asking questions and interested in the history of Foster.

The 3/4s went to the Foster Museum at 9:30am and came back at about 10:55am. It was a lot of fun. There was a school with dolls in the school and there was a old prison. We had fun putting kids in there. We also saw how they used to do work in the school. Then we went and had a talk to see if anyone had any questions.

## The Museum Journey

On Thursday 15th we went to the Foster Museum for a school excursion. We walked down to the museum with our books and pencils and sat down to listen to the instructor. She told us about the olden days. After she told us we went to have a wander around the museum. There was an outside bit and inside bit. Josie, Jase and Bronte went to the outside bit first and saw a boat with life jackets in it. Then we went to a little hut, and we saw a duck in a pot and a little kitchen with a pot and mug. We went to an olden day school and saw how they learnt in the olden days. We went to the jail and hoped in the cell. There were lots of fabulous old things to look

We had a great time.

By Bronte & Josie



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# Senior School News

All students in the senior building have been working hard on researching and presenting information about specific events that had a significant impact on the development of colonial Australia. As a component of their presentations students are currently creating dioramas which reflect a moment in time related to their research. When these are put together we will have our own mini museum!

Here are some of the thoughts and facts from students about the topic they have researched.

**The Gold Rush – Dylan and Spencer**

We researched the Australian Gold Rush. Did you know that the Australian Gold Rush was one of the biggest in the world? The Gold Rush was at Ballarat Southern Mines.

**The Rum Rebellion – Luca and James**

We are loving Mappen! Our topics are Australian History. We have learned a lot about history. Our topic is the Rum Rebellion. It is set in 1808. A fact about the Rum Rebellion is that it started because the government gave everyone rum but they tried to ban it, and that caused the rebellion.

**The first Circumnavigation of Australia – Tully and Rica**

Matthew Flinders was trying to prove that Tasmania (Van Dieman's Land) was not joined to New Holland (soon to be Australia). He was trying to prove the government wrong for 15 years!

**The Eureka Stockade – Frankie and Hudson**

We have been learning about Australian History for our poster and diorama. I like researching because it is fun. Our topic is the Eureka Stockade. It lasted for about 20 minutes. It started because the miners didn't get paid enough money. The Eureka Hotel was burned down while this was happening. One of the leaders of the gold miners was Peter Lalor.

**Crossing the Blue Mountains – Holly and Casey**

We have been researching the Blue Mountains Crossing. We have been having lots of fun and we are learning lots of facts, such as: Three people named Wentworth, Lawson and Blaxland crossed the Blue Mountains because they were looking for more farming land.

**Burke and Wills – Willow and Aysha**

Burke and Wills were the first explorers to successfully travel across the middle of Australia. Theirs was also the most tragic of deaths by starvation and poison. Burke and Wills accidentally poisoned themselves by eating a berry called Nardoo. We also learned about the Dig Tree, how and when they travelled and how long it took.



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# More Senior School News

## The Overland Telegraph Line - Ashlee and Madi

Over Term 2 we have learned about Australian History. We have researched one specific topic that we have made posters and dioramas about with one scene from that event. We are working on the Overland Telegraph line. It was started on August 22 1872 and it took them 2 years to build it. Last of all, it stretched from Port Augusta to Darwin.

## Frontier Wars - Molly and Amelia

All of the kids in the BER building have been doing projects in Mappen. Our topic was the Frontier Conflict Wars. It has been fun and we have been doing research on the computers. Did you know that around 2000 - 4000 British settlers were killed over the years? On the internet only some websites would tell us the amount of Aboriginal people that died because people often didn't tell the truth to stay out of trouble. The British settlers ended up having the victory in the Frontier Conflict Wars. The European people and the British settlers fought with the Aboriginal people for over 100 years!!!

## Batman's Treaty - Cody and Kaedan

We have created a diorama and poster about Batman's Treaty. It was signed on the 16th June 1835 and ended on the 26th of August 1835. John Batman traded 40 blankets, 30 axes, 100 knives, 50 scissors, 30 mirrors and 200 handkerchiefs with the Aboriginal inhabitants for a huge area of land around what is now Melbourne.

## The Railway Network - Levi and Patrick

In Mappen we have learnt about events from the 1900s. It was really good to learn about Australian history. We are researching the Railway Network. The first railway line was used in 1854. The oldest train station in Australia is Flinders Street Station.

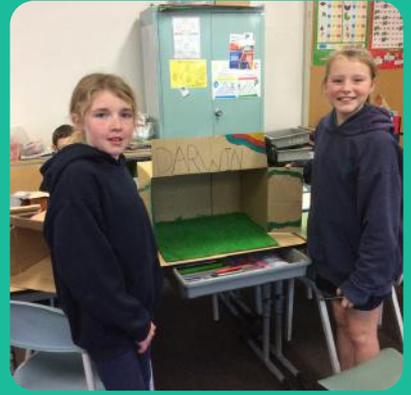
## Port Arthur - Ella and Harriet

We are researching Port Arthur. Port Arthur is an olden time jail in Tasmania that is now a sight seeing attraction. We've learnt a lot about what it was like back then. We have loved learning about Port Arthur.

## Kitchen

In Kitchen last Friday we made lots of yummy food! The pumpkin and cauliflower soup was very popular and it went nicely with the garlic bread. The carrot cupcakes were also popular and were a lovely way to finish off our meal! Everybody is getting better at having the confidence to try new foods, even if they think it is something they won't like. This is the goal in our Kitchen Classes.

Have a safe and happy holiday everyone!



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# Staff Profiles

## Mrs Kylie Mitchell

I'm Kylie Mitchell and I've worked in the office at Foster Primary for 12 years. I grew up in Warburton in the Upper Yarra Valley and after completing Year 12, my first job was a supermarket attendant and I attended a part time TAFE course to complete my office administration certificate. Then I changed careers to office administration at various places, including real estate, educational research and online sales.

We moved to Foster in 2016 for a sea change and a five year plan, which turned into us falling in love with the community and staying to raise our family. My biggest achievement has been raising two amazing young adults, our sons Brady and Toby who have both moved to Melbourne now to study. That leaves my husband Brett and I at home as empty nesters. It's a little strange, however we look forward to being able to travel and see some of this amazing country.

I've always loved sports and particularly interested in injury rehabilitation. So last year I decided to study Bowen Therapy part time and have set up a room at home for my practice. This also supports my role as Sports Trainer at the Toora Football Netball club.

The time has come for me to advance my career and so I'll be leaving Foster Primary School next week to take up a position as Business Manager at Meeniyan Primary school in term three. I've loved coming to work here every day to see all the student's smiling faces and the staff are wonderful, passionate professionals, who genuinely care for our students and each other. I've made some life long friendships here at Foster Primary, I will miss you all terribly and thank you for making my time here so memorable.

## Ms Jo Moloney

Hi, I grew up on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula with my parents and 4 sisters. I moved to South Gippsland approximately 30 years ago after meeting my now partner, Peter.

We are lucky enough to live on a few acres just out of Foster township, we have cows, chooks and my very favourite.... dogs. Was a great place to bring up our 2 active boys, Jackson and Tim.

I started working as an ES staff member 11 years ago and more recently as part of the well-being team. I absolutely adore my job, the mix of working in the classrooms and well-being allows me to get to know the students on different levels. The students and staff I see everyday make it a pleasure to come to work.

For my own well-being I like to walk on the rail trail, lift a few weights and spend time with my ever-growing family (grandchild number 2 on the way) I also dabble in playing the piano and singing.



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# Student & school wellbeing news

What is well-being? The dictionary definition: the state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy.

I thought I'd ask a few staff and students what they like to do for their well-being?

Ms Buttigieg-gardening and exercising

Astrid-riding horses

Amity-making and playing with playdough

Carolyn-gardening and bush walking

Maya-horse riding

Frankie, Hudson, Kaedan, Spencer and Dylan all love to draw

Aysha, Ashlee and Maddie like to climb trees with friends

Ms Ardley- go to the beach

Kaylee and Minny- ride motorbikes

Charlotte-ride horses

Miss Wogan-Browne-anything outdoors

Jessie-dancing or playing with my dog

Megan-gardening, catching up with friends and laughing

Kylie-yoga

Jenny-walk on the beach

Mason-ride motorbikes

As you can see, it can be the same or different for us. The main thing is we try and do something every day to make us feel happy.



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# Parents & Friends Group

Movie night is on next Thursday the 22nd June and we are looking for parent helpers to help out in the canteen from 5pm. Popping corn, selling drinks etc. Someone to cook the bbq, and help set up from 5. If you can help please contact Tiff Wightman on 0400083059.

FPS Parents and Friend's Group present

## Family Movie Night

Thursday the 22nd of June  
Foster Primary School

**BBQ from 5pm**  
**Movies start at 6pm**

**The Jungle Book 2016 (PG)**  
**The Jungle Book 1967 (G)**

TIX \$5 Each  
Refreshments \$2 each  
CASH ONLY

All children must be accompanied by an adult

## Parents & Friends Events

### June 2023

17th Kitchen Garden Market Stall  
22nd Movie Night

### July 2023

15th Kitchen Garden Market Stall

### August 2023

16th Variety Victoria Bash  
(catering)  
19th Kitchen Garden Market Stall

### September 2023

1st Fathers Day Stall  
17th Kitchen Garden Market Stall  
TBC Footy lunch order day



**Join the FPS  
Parents&Friends  
Facebook Group  
to get involved  
and see what we  
are up to this  
year!**

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**Awesome new  
school jackets**

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# Biggest Morning Tea

Foster Primary School held a Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 14th of June in the staff room.

The Foster Secondary College brought down their Coffee Van and sold 33 cups of coffee for the staff and parents and hot chocolate for the children. The school donated \$50 to the cause. Thank you to Richard Johnson and Lily, Mia, Polly and Olivia of FSC who made the coffees and hot chocolates, students at FPS really appreciated a warm drink on a cold day.

Raffle tickets were sent home to families to be in the draw on the day for a Jane McGrath rose, donated by Carolyn. The Marriot family were the lucky winners.

Thank you to all who purchased tickets.

All the children of the families who sent tickets back went into a draw to win a book of their choice from a mixed selection.

Jodhvir G, Patrick B, Flyn G, Hazel D and James M, were the lucky winners there.

A big thank you to the staff for bringing along morning tea to share and buying tickets. Thank you also to the parents who joined us on the day. Thanks to the Admin staff for organising tickets and money.

The school raised \$204 for the Cancer Council.

We all know that cancer in one way or another affects us all and its great to come together and support the Cancer Council to help find cures for all types of cancer.

Thank you Carolyn for organising the event.



Thank you Community Bank Toora & Foster for supporting our school by granting us \$10,000 for a BBQ trailer, which we can use for our school events & fundraising in the years to come.

Thank you to Tiff Wightman and Foster Rotary for facilitating the grant process. Pictured here are the Early Act crew. Mr Webster, Tiff Wightman, Jan Bull from the Board of Community Bank and Liz Hall of Rotary.

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# Working Bee

Thank you to everyone who helped out at the recent School Working Bee, it is greatly appreciated!

Mr Webster and I made an ambitious plan and not only were we able to complete our initial goals but due to the fantastic efforts of our volunteers we were able to accomplish much more.

It's extremely advantageous to have a school principal who has his own excavator.



As you may have noticed the school has recently had a new bus shelter constructed near the bike rack. We have now built a pathway leading from the BER building to the bus shelter and then to the proposed new bus stop.

The garden near the staff car park exit has been cleaned-up and the invasive ivy removed. This was a huge endeavour. By doing this we have now improved the safety of our students as cars exiting have a greater line of sight.

The plan now this has been done is to incorporate the lizard garden, car park garden and bus shelter into the one environment. This will be completed over the coming school holidays.

I wish to reiterate my gratitude to everyone who assisted on the day.

The school grounds are looking far more loved than ever before. A testament to our community. Thank you. Troy



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# FPS Upcoming Events



2023 . JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY	2 WINTER SPORTS GR 5/6	3
4	5	6	7 INCURSION YR 7 TRANSITION DAY ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	8	9	10
11	12 KINGS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13 STUDENT FREE DAY	14 11AM BIGGEST MORNING TEA ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	15 DIVISION WINTER SPORTS @ WONTHAGGI	16	17
18	19 NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS	20	21 ASSEMBLY 2.30PM SCHOOL COUNCIL	22 MOVIE NIGHT	23 LAST DAY TERM 2 SCHOOL FINISHES 2.30PM	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

2023 . JULY

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2 WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY NAIDOC WEEK	3	4 NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TOREES STRAIT ISLANDER CHILDRENS DAY	5	6	7	8
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