



18TH AUGUST 2023

THE NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

by Scott Moorhouse

This message will be unusually short, as I have managed to contract COVID (yes its still a thing!).

There has been some marvellous work done by our students, teachers and parents over the last fortnight and I would like to highlight just a few of them.

Firstly thank you to the parents led by Tania Staley, Kim White and Katrina Need who made the Variety Bash Catering a great success and a significant fundraiser for the school. You would not have seen more pork and chicken in one place as well as numerous slow cookers and salads all over the place. When it all finished we fed 250 Variety Bash members which is an incredible effort. The students also got to see the cars yesterday which was something a little different and got some takeaways to go with it. Thank you also to those parents who volunteered to walk with our students which makes walking, particularly with youngers students, safer.

You may have also noticed lately that Sue Duggan and myself have been out in classes teaching. We are aiming to this once per week and are continuing the learning where the teacher was and, in some cases, teaching a stand alone unit. Sue and I love teaching and are really enjoying this, it gives us a great insight as to what is going on in classrooms are also gives us the enjoyment of teaching again.

Our whole staff met last Wednesday to discuss the issue of racism in our school. There had been many instances of both overt racism and unconscious racism. At Foster Primary School we have a zero tolerance for this. Our staff, students (and parents – I'm asking you now) to call out racism where it exists.

We need to stomp on this attitude a segregation practice to ensure that every person in every society is treated fairly and equally regardless of background.

I implore you to please help us with this – our staff agree that is a battle we cannot lose!

Regards,

Scott Moorhouse
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

August 2023

- 19th - Farmers market
- 21st - Dress Up Day - Book Week
- 21st - 25th Book Week
- 22nd - School Incursion
- 26th - Music Night Fundraiser
Nick Carver, Neen & Hursty

September 2023

- 1st - Fathers Day Stall
- 5th - Grade 6 Transition
- 8th - Footy lunch order day
- 12th - 13th Jungle Book
Performances
- 14th - Division Athletics
- 15th - Term 3 ends
- 16th - Farmers Market



Junior School News

The Junior school has been enjoying some busy preparations for Book Week! We have made our own Llamas in Pyjamas headbands and some of us may choose to wear our pyjamas on Monday with our DIY headbands! This year the theme is "Read, Grow, Inspire". We will be sure to post many updates on our Facebook page throughout the celebrations.

Interview of a Grade One: Ruby:

We have had so much fun learning about money! Miss Charlton took us "shopping" on the TV where we organised our coins to "buy" different grocery items. I bought rice!

In Reading we have been looking at the character, setting, problem and solution. We also finished our information books.

We are excited to show our parents/carers next week at interviews.

Interview of a Prep: Hazel:

We wore funky socks for National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence! We are excited about the Colour Fun Run.

October 2023

2nd Term 4 Starts
10th Regional Athletics
13th Colour Fun Run

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 - Student Free Day (last
day of term)



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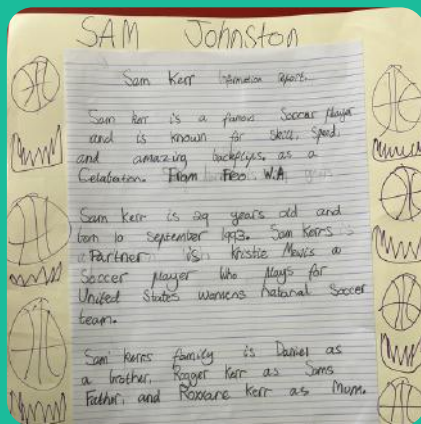
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Middle School News

All grade 3/4 students and staff would like to give a massive, massive thank you to our parents and Miss Higgins. You are all truly amazing.

Thank you for volunteering and putting in over 100% percent in contributing to making our camp a very memorable experience. The students will have these memories for years.

You certainly helped to make our job easier and for always being there to help with anything and everything. We truly do appreciate it.



Cinquain Poetry by Oscar Wallace

PENGUIN
wobble, cute
sliding, waddling, swimming
lives in the Artic
harpercollins
MONKEY
cheeky, silly
biting, snatching, fighting
don't mess with them
mammal



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More Middle School News.....

In Art and Music, students are busy preparing themselves for the upcoming school production of *The Jungle Book* under the expert guidance of Mr. Carver. Teachers have enjoyed the nostalgic feeling of hearing classic hits like the *Bare Necessities* and *Colonel Hathi's March* coming out of our students' mouths around the yard.

Those students taking individual music lessons with Ben Yarram are showing great enthusiasm and progress in their musical studies. It has been awesome to have Ben integrate into the school community so quickly and smoothly and have these music students increase the musical culture of the school.

P.E has been leaving students a little red faced lately. Mr. Cooper is doing an amazing job of challenging everyone to complete 1km time trials, pushing students to achieve a personal best. Rumour has it, Mr. Cooper is challenging the Foster Primary students to better the Fish Creek Primary students' times!

In Writing, we are all working towards entering a competition that has everyone participating in the *Fishy Stories Festival*. Students are encouraged to write in any type of style they wish, with the only restrictions being a word limit of 350 words. The students' own choice pieces of writing will then be published in an e-book for audiences worldwide to enjoy. Check out the *2022 Writing Challenge E-Book* here and view some of our students' entries from

last year <https://www.fishystories.org/our-ebook>

Maths has had us all looking for how fractions appear in our day-to-day life. A recent brainstorm with the students demonstrated their increased understanding of where equal parts of a whole can be found in our lives; music (rhythm), kitchen (measuring and recipes), food (pizza, apples, chocolate), sport (football, basketball, netball, soccer), school (terms and semesters), cars (petrol), gaming (co-op, splitting tv screens).



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Senior School News.....

In Grade 5/6 we have been working on personal response writing. We watched an episode of First Weapons, a documentary about the weapons used by First Australians for gathering food.

First Weapons - The Returning Boomerang Inessa Dinsbergs

The returning boomerang is a famous indigenous first weapon commonly used for hunting and there is more to it than just throwing a curved piece of wood!

Into the making of the boomerang, a boomerang has a trailing edge and a leading edge. The leading edge of a boomerang arm is more blunt and the trailing edge is sharper, making turbulence when thrown and allowing it to return. When you throw a boomerang you have to flick your wrist to 45-60 degrees for it to return. The drag of the boomerang slows it down so you can catch it without hurting yourself.

She-Oak wood is especially good for making boomerangs, as the wood is light but hard and if you dig down you can sometimes find a curve in the trunk which is perfect for boomerangs! A lot of the time you can also find an old wooden wardrobe or cupboard in garages or backyards and that is great as well. They then cut down the tree and slowly shave down the wood to the shape of the returning boomerang, or even a different type of boomerang.

There is more than one type of boomerang, like the man on the fifty dollar note who made a propeller-like boomerang by sticking two boomerangs together by the bend. He then put it on a stick and spun the stick strong and fast with both his hands, spinning and launching the boomerang. There is also a boomerang called the seven boomerang, used for fighting and hunting.

Boomerangs are used in many techniques for hunting, but one of them is to hunt ducks. The sound of the boomerang spinning through the air sounds like the flapping of wings of a predator bird, scaring the ducks to fly into a net. Have a nice dinner!

Boomerangs are amazing weapons, used for many different things. So it's not a big surprise that they are famous in indigenous history! I have learnt a lot about boomerangs. And a lot about different indigenous weapons as well.



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Senior School News.....

The First Weapons by Maddie Walsh

I watched the first episode of First Weapons, the first episode was about the returning boomerang. Uncle Moogy taught us this.

I learnt that a boomerang has a specific design that allows it to return. The boomerang has a leading edge and a trailing edge which is what makes it return.

We can actually make boomerangs out of anything made out of wood like wardrobes, draws and many more. She-oaks are also a very good material to use because they are very light but hard and you can find them in the perfect shape of a boomerang.

The flick of your wrist throws the boomerang, and should approximately be 45-60 degrees angle. The drag of a boomerang slows it down so that when you catch it you don't hurt yourself.

The boomerangs are used to kill prey, fight and many more things. There are three types of Boomerangs, used for various things. The sound of a boomerang scares ducks because it sounds like another bird so the ducks fly into nets that people set up.

The man on the fifty dollar note named David Unaipon made a propeller out of two boomerangs and a stick he stacked two boomerangs together then he put the boomerangs on the stick and twisted it with all his might then he put the boomerangs on the stick and twisted the stick the boomerangs flew up in the air just like a helicopter propellers.

Boomerangs are an amazing object that aboriginals have created. There are thousands of more weapons that they have created like spears, shields, clubs and so so many more.

FIRST WEAPONS THE RETURNING BOOMERANG by Flynn Garrow

We watched a tv show this week called first weapons(it's weapons Aboriginals used back in the day) Aboriginal people used this for hunting, there are multiple ways to make a boomerang what they used is they would've had a stone axe to cut through the wood. There are multiple trees that are very good to make a boomerang but one of the best if not the best is a tree called Sheoak and if the tree isn't perfectly straight you can dig down and find the root will be curved. But if you find someone who has a wardrobe on the footpath or garage, you can make multiple boomerangs out of the back of it. The boomerang has been around for 10,000 years. The edges are incredibly important when making a boomerang because if the edges are not perfect it most likely won't come back. The edges are called the trailing edge and the leading edge. The edges have to be sharp to hunt but a certain shape for it to come back and because of the boomerangs unique shape, it makes unique wind sounds so back when Aboriginals used to hunt a lot but when they would hunt ducks they would put a net on a tree that would detach pretty easily so then they'd throw the boomerang, and it make sounds of the wing wind of a hawk or eagle so then the duck would fly up into the net the net would fall then they would catch the duck When you throw a boomerang you need your elbow at a 65 degree angle. Also throwing a boomerang is similar to shooting a basketball because it comes off a specific finger.



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Senior School News.....

The boomerang produces drag so you can catch it but if it doesn't you're in trouble and also if you miss catching it might kill you if you go for a chest mark it will impale your chest but drag slows it down it's most likely the drag will work. The reason the boomerang comes back is it's a gyroscope. A gyroscope is a device containing a rapidly spinning wheel or circulating beam of light that is used to detect the deviation of an object from its desired orientation so that is why it comes back.

In the Senior building students have been playing with poetry, making in Maths and camping at Cowes. Thanks again to the parent volunteers who enabled our students to fully enjoy their experiences whilst being supported to try new things in a safe and inclusive environment.

Camp

On camp we went to Phillip Island. My favourite thing at camp is the giant swing. The giant swing is scary because it is high. I like camp because it's lots of fun, but the next room was so loud because they were jumping on their bed. – By Rica

We went to Phillip Island. The best thing was Clip and Climb. It took me 17 seconds to get to the top. We had to wear a harness. I like camp because it was fun. - By Dylan

On Wednesday the 2nd of August we set off to Phillip Island until Friday the 4th of August. The activities were the mechanical wall, flying fox, pedal racers, giant swing, Pinnacle, Clip n Climb and the penguin parade.

The activities were fun and good. We think that everyone was tired out but we think everyone had fun. - Levi and James



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Even More Senior School News..

Maths

Maths lessons this week have focused on understanding fractions. Some students made origami flowers and shared strategies for working out what fraction of their original square of paper was the smallest triangle they folded. Conversations, respectful challenges, drawings, measurement, using previous experience and knowledge, working together, justification of ideas and strategies all get the brain exercising, growing stronger and strengthening Maths understanding.



On Friday the 4th of August Marion and Jane attended a wonderful Professional development day in Ballarat with Jo Boaler and Cathy Williams from Stanford University in the US.

Jo Boaler has been named one of the top eight innovators in Education. Jo has a focus on Growth Mindset and brain research.

Along with about 500 other teachers and leaders, we learnt about the importance of brain connectedness for Maths success and how developing number sense through strategies such as "groupitising" (seeing numbers as groups of numbers- 15 as 7 and 8 and 7, or other combinations) is an even greater indicator of further maths success.



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BOOK WEEK – DRESS UP DAY

Dress up Day is
MONDAY 21st AUGUST



read grow inspire

This is the theme for Book Week 21st - 25th
August

Written words that inspire us and
help our minds to grow

Dress up on Monday 21st in a theme
that demonstrates your inspiration

A book, poem, character, idea - anything that
sparks your imagination



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Staff Profiles

Jane Power

I consider myself very lucky to be working at my local school which is also happens to be a school that I love and which has given me so many opportunities. This term it is ten years since I started at Foster Primary School!

I had lots of different jobs before I became a teacher, but I always say "being a teacher is the best job in the world!"

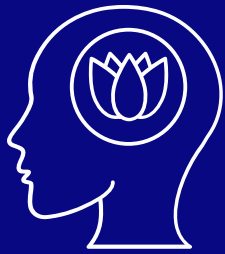
It is a privilege to work with kids, teachers and the school community each and every day. I am the Learning Specialist at our school which provides me with the chance to collaborate and develop skills and knowledge with both adults and kids. I especially love learning with our students who are inspiring and creative and challenge me everyday to be the best I can be. And they make me laugh!

Outside of school I love this wonderful part of the world that we all share. I think that Waratah Bay is truly one of the most beautiful beaches in the world and I try and take every chance I can to be in nature. I live in the hills with wallabies and lyrebirds visiting our garden daily...how good is that!



Grade 5/6P

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WELLBEING NEWS

Sharing is Caring

Recently I had a conversation with two beautiful students, one had been supporting the other through some challenges. I know, and imagine, there are many, many more examples of this occurring in the school as there are many very caring young people here.

Whilst I acknowledged them for being such good and caring friends, I also encouraged the support person to remind the other one to seek support from their teacher and/or wellbeing when it got too tough. Sometimes, young ears are great listeners and that's all we need, but sometimes it's a lot to bare and someone with more experience is needed to help people through.

This week, our school staff had the opportunity to speak with a counsellor on site provided by the Education Department (thankyou for organising Mr Moorhouse). Not only a great opportunity, but also shows our young people that it is ok to talk to a professional, in fact sometimes, it is necessary.

A problem shared is halved and being able to support someone through a challenge is also a privilege.

In passing, this week also, I reminded another student that Jo and I are always there for them, and not only did they smile at me, they responded that they knew and were really enjoying that at the moment.

Thankfully, due to so messages about it being ok to talk to professionals, our young people are much better at it than many others older than them, but we still have a way to go for this message to reach everyone. We do have access to some professionals; if you would like someone for your child, or yourself, please let us know and we will do our best to support you.

It is ok to talk, in fact, in some cases, its necessary. Please share this message widely x

WELLBEING TEAM:



Megan Vuillerman



Jo Moloney

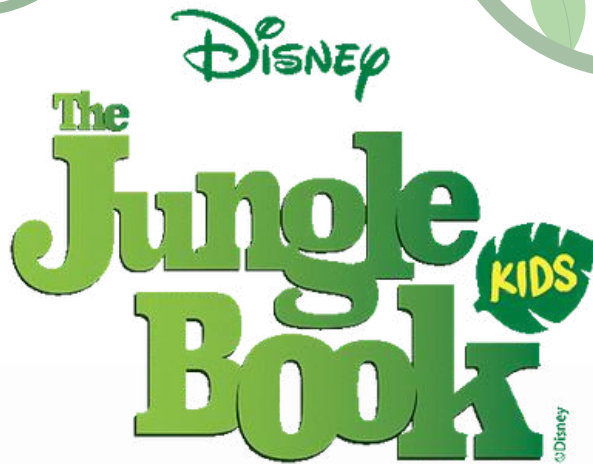
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Foster Primary School
presents:



WHEN:

Tuesday 12th September

Evening - 6.00pm

Wednesday 13th September

Matinee - 1.30pm

Evening - 6.00pm

WHERE:

Foster War Memorial Arts Centre

COST:

Matinee tickets \$6 each

Evening tickets \$12 each

Tickets go on sale Monday 7th August

Book tickets via Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CJXZY>

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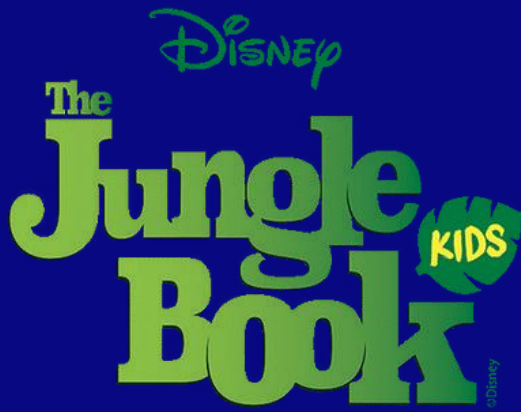
**Foster Tyre and
Service**

**Would you or
your business
like to become a
sponsor for 'The
Jungle Book
kids'?**

**Contact Cassie
on 0422 137 364**

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Parents & Friends Group



FUNDRAISER!

Who's up for a night out???

Check out the awesome lineup of talented musicians. This fundraiser is to raise funds to pay for lighting, sound and costumes for the upcoming "Jungle Book"

It's going to be a fun night out, open to everyone in our community.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CKAOM>

NICK CARVER
W/ HURSTY & NEEN
26/8
FOSTER EXCHANGE HOTEL
7PM
FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL - JUNGLE BOOK - FUNDRAISER
<https://www.trybooking.com/CKAO>

A poster for a performance by Nick Carver with Hursty & Neen. The background shows a person in a denim jacket playing a guitar. The text is in a bold, orange, distressed font.

Parents & Friends Events

August 2023

19th Kitchen Garden Market Stall

September 2023

1st Fathers Day Stall

8th Footy lunch order day

17th Kitchen Garden Market Stall

October 2023

13th Colour Fun Run



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

[Click here to join](#)

or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/503984577353560>

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Parents & Friends Group

Variety Bash Lunch

Thanks to all who contributed to the big effort required to organise lunch for 250 people participating in the Variety 2023 Bash Car Rally on Wednesday 16th August!

We made some yummy pork and chicken sliders, had heaps of salads donated from our school families - THANK YOU! - and had some very happy people for lunch. The very kind and friendly Variety crew paid us a generous amount per head to supply lunch. Taking out the costs, we were left with more than \$3800 for our school!!!

Variety also donated a bunch of toys and lego for us to use for fundraising...we do feel a pretty awesome raffle coming on!!



P&F meeting

Thanks to those parents who made it to the recent P&F Group meeting last week. We got the lunch order day organised, had a nice cuppa and catch up.

If you'd like to be involved in some of our upcoming events or have a new idea for fundraising please call Cassie on 0422 137 364.

We have a few more exciting events ahead to finish off 2023 with the Father's Day stall, Footy Day Lunch order & the Colour Fun Run.

Fathers Day stall will be held on the 1st September.

Footy Day lunch order will be on the 8th September with orders to be returned to school by the 25th August.



The Colour Fun run will be on the 13th October. A note with all the details was sent home through the week.



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School Fun Run Competition

We're holding the School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day as a major fundraising event this year on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th and we are raising funds to go towards updating our playgrounds and outdoor areas for both the junior and senior sides of the school.

Keep your eyes peeled for the sponsorship forms which have been sent home with your child/ren. Once you have the form, you should sign up for a Student Profile Page at schoolfunrun.com.au. You'll be able to access online fundraising and can win a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Package! The class with the highest percentage of online profiles registered by Tuesday, August 22nd will also win a class party! To help your child's class win, simply create your profile ASAP!

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help our school!

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community, so we'd love everyone to come down to support the kids.

If you have any questions about the Crazy Colour Day, please contact Troy on 0400 989 922 or Shannan on 0414 637 911.

Thanks for supporting our school and we hope to see you at the event!



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School Wide Positive Behaviours

Today is the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. "Too often, we are silent when we see bullying take place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when we hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'".

To raise awareness and take a stand against bullying and violence, we encouraged all students and staff to wear silly, crazy or odd socks. The aim of this is to celebrate individual differences and uniqueness and take a stand against bullying.

Please check out the links below for some great resources for students and families.

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/bullying>

<https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/support-and-advice/for-families>



This week in our staff meeting we were focusing on the RRRR (Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships Program, looking at where we are in our whole school approach. We looked at what is working well and areas in which we can improve.

For the remainder of this term, we will be focusing on the topic of Gender and Identity. Learning activities within this topic assist students to challenge stereotypes and critique the influence of gender norms in our environments. Students will learn about key issues relating to human rights and gender identity in an age-appropriate manner. We will also focus on the importance of respect within all types of relationships and be involved in activities that promote respect for diversity and difference.

Keep an eye out on our social media page for some great learning from our grades.

This is a great video if you have not seen it. Certainly makes you think. 😊

Changing our Story

All of our policies are available to view on our school website
<https://fosterps.vic.edu.au/school-policies/>

All DET policies are available at
<https://www2education.vic.gov.au/pl>



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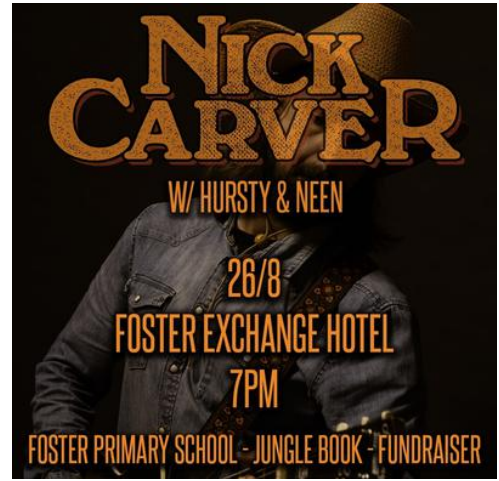
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FPS Upcoming Events

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the music
night!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
13	14	15	16 ASSEMBLY 2.30PM SCHOOL COUNCIL	17	18	19 FARMERS MARKET
20	21 BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY	22 BOOK WEEK INCURSION P/T/S CONFERENCES	23 BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY 2.30PM P/T/S T/S CONFERENCES SCHOOL COUNCIL	24 BOOK WEEK P/T/S CONFERENCES	25 BOOK WEEK	26 MUSIC NIGHT FUNDRAISER AT FOSTER PUB
27	28	29	30 ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	31		

2023 . SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 FATHERS DAY STALL	2
3	4	5 GRADE 6 TRANSITION	6 ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	7	8 FOOTY COLOURS DAY	9
10	11	12 JUNGLE BOOK PERFORMANCES	13 JUNGLE BOOK PERFORMANCES ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	14 RU OKI? DAY DIVISION ATHLETICS	15 END TERM 3	16 FARMERS MARKET
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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