



4TH AUGUST 2023

# THE NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School*



## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*by Scott Moorhouse*

It was wonderful to be at Philip Island Camp for the last few days. I have never seen a group of children so organized, polite and willing to try new things. They have truly represented our school extraordinarily well. A massive thank you to Mrs. Jenny Young who took on the role of organization (a large job as you would expect). Mr. Murray whose musical prowess has been much appreciated by the students. Mrs. Wanklyn who has been the camp 'nurse' and Carolyn and Georgia who have supported the team.

A huge thank you to our parents who attended, without you we cannot run camps. Tiff, Brett, Brad, Jess and Dean our school community cannot thank you enough!

### Prep Enrolments 2024

Enrolments are still for Preps 2024. The Department of Education have introduced timelines (similar to the timelines for Year 7 enrolments). All siblings are required to complete an enrolment form, please do not assume that we know who all our younger brothers and sisters are. Offers will be sent out by 11th August. .

In regard to our grade 6 students, they will find out their Year 7 placements soon.

### Volunteers – Parent helpers

A big 'thank you' to all our parents who have completed our requirements to comply with the Child Safe Standards to be a volunteer at our school. I suggest if you have not done it and you can see in the future that you might help out in the classroom, on an excursion or would like to be considered for a camp helper, that you complete the process now – to avoid missing out or frustrations if the process takes longer than expected.

Last year, we received new Child Safe Standards. As part of the new standards, we need to induct our volunteers that are working at our school with information regarding the code of conduct and their duty when working with our students at Foster Primary School.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### August 2023

- 16th – Variety Victoria Bash
- 19th – Farmers market
- 21st – Dress Up Day – Book Week
- 21st – 25th Book Week
- 22nd – School Inursion
- 26th – Music Night Fundraiser

### 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

Your induction will last for one year and we will ask you to complete it each year. Thank you for your support and completing the induction. It is important that everyone working with our students are ensuring that they are creating a safe environment for all our students.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)  
Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disabilities.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>)

#### Leave

Mrs. Jane Power is taking some well earned Long Service Leave and will return on Friday 11th August – She is being replaced by Mrs. Narelle Buttigieg for the entire time.

Over the next few weeks we will have several events where replacement teachers will replace regular teachers. These included Maths Training with Professor Di Seimon (Senior Maths Lecturer at Deakin University), Review Planning, Maths Training with Trish Bohler (Maths expert from England) and Time in Lieu for staff who attended camp. This will mainly effect the 3/4's and 5/6's.

#### OHSC

Currently our after-school care service is not particularly well patroned each week. We are hoping for an increase in numbers in order to keep the service open. In order to promote the service we are running 'the best lunch ever' which will have games and activities that 'Their Care' run during their supervision. This will occur on the 10th of August. In order to increase patronage we are considering the addition of before school care. If you are interested in this service please email the school at [foster.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:foster.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or phone the office on 56316000 to let us know (we use this information to apply for funding). Further information about times will be available shortly.

Have a great fortnight

Scott Moorhouse  
Principal



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### 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)



# Junior School News

## In Our Classrooms

Over the past few weeks in the Junior school, our students have enjoyed learning and playing together.

### Literacy

The Prep, One and Twos are practising their reading strategies and developing their reading skills to gain information from non fiction texts. We have been learning about facts and opinions, non fiction text structures, researching and writing information reports. The students have enjoyed finding out interesting facts about different animals including their habitats, diets and appearances.

Did you know that the echidna and the platypus are both monotremes?

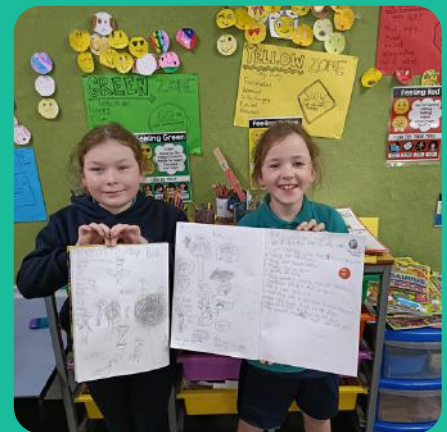
That means they are mammals that lay eggs.

### Numeracy

In Maths our students have been continuing their work on repeated addition and equal 'groups of'. We have been practising our skip counting and number facts. This helps us to prepare for multiplication! In the 1/2 classrooms we have been practising skip counting by 2, 3, 5 and 10.

### Concept Based Learning

1/2 A and 1/2 D have enthusiastically started their new Mappen unit: 'Through Generations' where we are learning about families, community and the past. Students are very excited about our upcoming 'Class Museum' exhibition in a few weeks where they will share something special from the past.



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# Grade 3/4 Phillip Island Camp



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# Senior School News

We have been making the most of the nice weather this week and have enjoyed taking our learning out of the classroom and into our outdoor spaces!

In Maths, we have been reviewing and building on our understanding of multiplication and division and the connection between the two. We have been doing some investigative/ problem solving work in maths, which students have enjoyed.

In Mappen, we have been looking at different scientific discoveries over time and the people who discovered them.

We have also been having some interesting and powerful conversations around the effects and impacts of discrimination and racism and what we can do to make a stand against it.

This week in the BER building we have been looking at different forms of poetry. Students have been experimenting with different poetry forms and writing their own poems. Below are some of the students' poems.

## Free Verse:

As the blossoms bloom  
The skies become new  
As dolphins dive and  
Birds soar  
It is clear  
That spring's here

By Zoe

## Cinquain:

Don't stop  
Can't give up now  
You are getting faster  
Don't stop now have faith in yourself

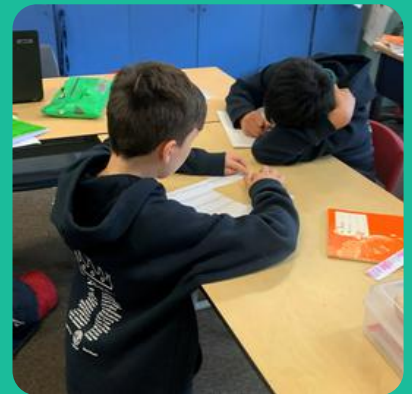
Winner

By Millie

## Rhyming Poem:

Just imagine,  
A pig wearing a big purple wig,  
A car shaped like a star,  
A bear wearing pink underwear,  
A fox wearing red fluffy socks,  
A shoe that always looked new,  
Just imagine

By Zaira



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# Staff Profiles

## Mrs. Andrea Bell

I grew up in the Victorian High Country before moving to Melbourne to study my Tourism Degree whilst working as part of the Warner Bros. team. Once I completed my Degree, I moved to South Gippsland where I joined the dynamic leadership team in opening up and then running the Nobbies Centre, as part of the Phillip Island Nature Parks. I enjoyed the many years sharing in the excitement and wonderment of the Penguins before returning to University to study Primary school Teaching.

I started my teaching career at Foster Primary School, in which I have been teaching at for 6 years. I enjoy the challenges of learning with a passion for Inclusion and education. I returned to University and studied a Masters Degree of Specialist Inclusive education.

Fun facts: I enjoy being out on the ocean, cooking, music, reading, a good laugh, going on adventures with my family and friends and sharing in your child/ren's learning journey at Foster Primary School.



My class:  
Prep/1 B

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## Mr. Andrew Murray

Howdy all. I grew up in St. Leonards on the Bellarine Peninsula and went to primary school in Queenscliff and high school in Geelong. I am one of 6 children (5 boys and 1 girl... all of us two years apart and my sister, unfortunately for her, was the youngest!). Growing up, we had a very musical household that probably helped my parents keep all of us entertained. After high school I went on to do a lot of musical studies. I completed a Diploma in Music Jazz/Popular at the Gordon TAFE in Geelong, a Bachelor of Music Jazz/Composition at WAAPA in Perth, a Masters of Music Composition in Graz, Austria and a Diploma in Hip-Hop Music at the Box Hill Tafe. During this time of study, I also freelanced as a muso, composing music and playing trombone in many different scenarios and situations. I created my own 17-piece big band called ATM15 so that I could compose my own large ensemble music and have it performed. ATM15 have performed in Melbourne and around Victoria for over ten years and have released 5 albums. In addition to freelancing as a musician I also had the opportunity to teach music to some amazing individuals at some incredible schools and universities during this time.

Just before COVID hit, my growing family moved to South Gippsland while I undertook a Masters of Teaching, assuming I would end up teaching high school music. After completing placements in primary classrooms, I became very fascinated by primary teaching and had to give it a go to see what it was all about and learn some new skills. Boy was I in for a shock haha!!

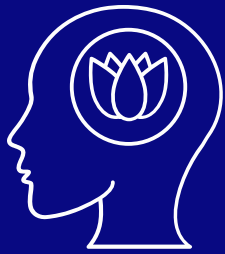
I started teaching at FPS this year and I teach the legends of 3/4M. I previously taught at Wonthaggi Primary School, teaching Grades 1 and 2. I currently live in Meeniyan after having spent the last four years on a beautiful farm property in Fish Creek, which could not have been a more fortunate situation to be in during a pandemic. My three young children attend Fish Creek Primary School and the Fishy Kinder. My partner Jess has also just started teaching at Fish Creek Primary after a long 10 years of part-time study while raising three beautiful children. Jess is a go-getter who also runs her own nurturing dance school in Meeniyan called Naturally Dance. As a graduate teacher myself, I receive a lot of support at FPS from my colleagues to allow me to do my job to the highest level. Thank you in particular to Jenny Young, Daniel Scott, Jo Maloney, Megan Vuillermin, Troy Maniatakis and Larissa Perkin for your support in helping me drive the ship that is a classroom full of energetic young people.

After teaching fulltime and having three young kids, a dog, five chickens and two guinea pigs, there is not a lot of time for much else, but... my main passion is music and to keep myself healthy I enjoy resistance/weight training, yoga and walking (it was running but old knees do no longer allow). Thanks for reading and welcoming me into the FPS school community. GO BLUES!



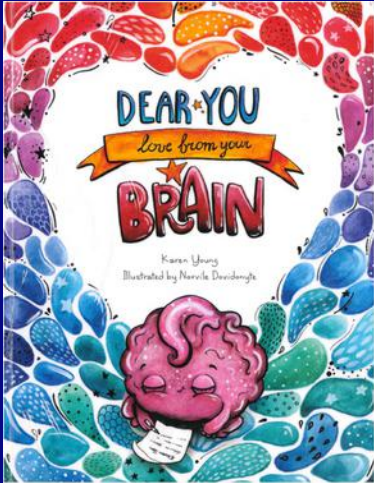
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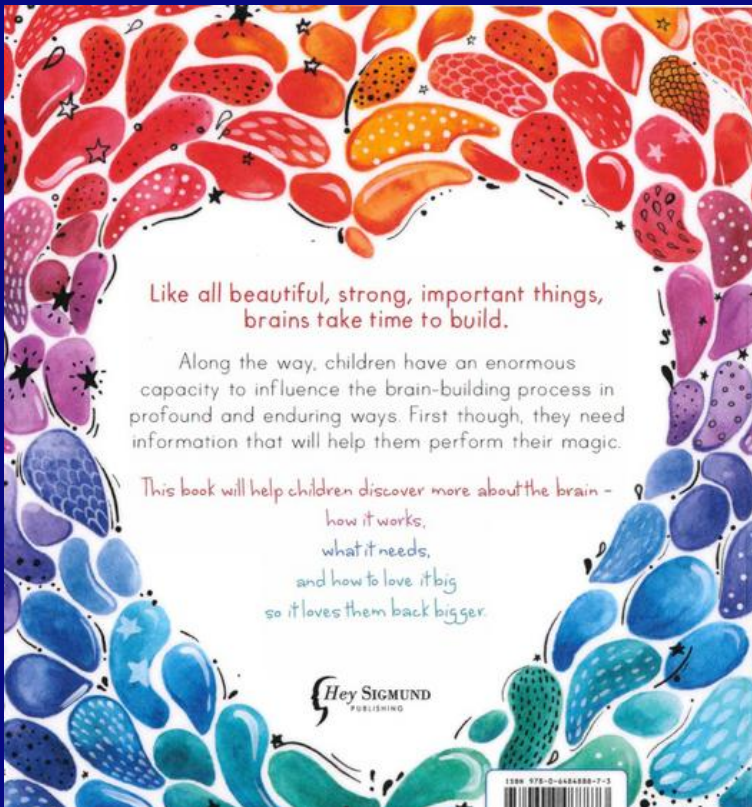
# WELLBEING NEWS

A book recommendation we would like to share:



**Title: Dear You, Love from your brain.**  
**Author: Karen Young**

Read the blurb  
here:



**We purchased a copy from Booktopia.**  
**Also available on Amazon and Ebay**

## WELLBEING TEAM:



Megan Vuillerman



Jo Moloney

Wellbeing ph number:  
0492 098 367

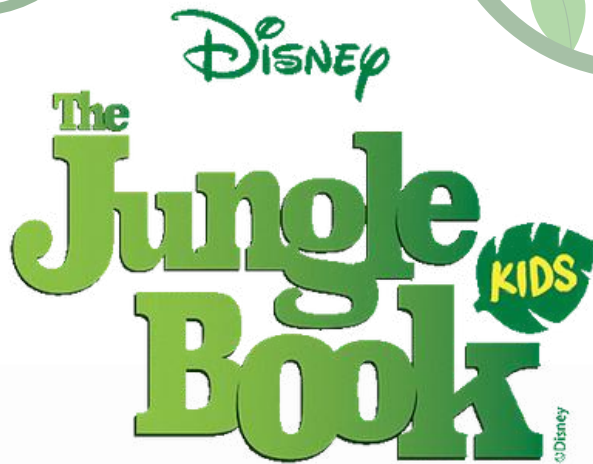


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**Foster Primary School**  
**presents:**



**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:**

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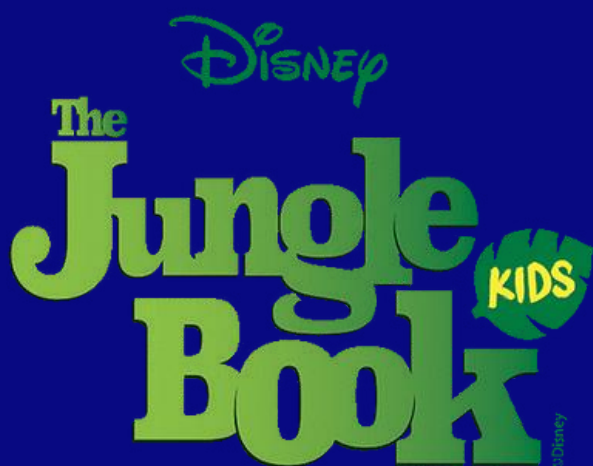
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**Would you or  
your business  
like to become a  
sponsor for 'The  
Jungle Book  
kids'?**

**Contact Cassie  
on 0422 137 364**

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# Parents & Friends Group



## FUNDRAISER!

Don't forget to book tickets for this years Music night - all proceeds go towards the costs of putting on The Jungle Book performance.

A worthy cause, fantastic local talent and it will be a great night out!

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

## Parents & Friends Events

### August 2023

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

### September 2023

1st Fathers Day Stall  
8th Footy lunch order day  
17th Kitchen Garden Market Stall



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# Parents & Friends Group

## **Variety VIC Bash (Car Rally):**

This amazing fundraising group (250 people!) are coming through Foster on August 16th and FPS have been asked to cater for lunch.

This is also a fundraising job for us and **we will need some helpers both before and on the day**. Please contact Tania Staley on 0407 689 049 if you can help out.

The Variety crew will be parking at the Foster Footy ground - their cars are a sight to behold so get down there if you can - Foster PS students will be heading over to check them out on the day.

## **Father's Day Stall:**

A note will go home next week with all the info you'll need.

## **Picture Plates:**

These looked amazing and went home this week - hope you got yours!! Please check schoolbags :)



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and see what we  
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# Garden News

We have been concentrating on preparing the garden for Spring. Over the last few years the garden has been overrun with invasive plants ie; Ivy, Dockweed, Blackberry etc....

Removal of these pest plants has been, and still is an arduous task. Due to the hard work and diligence of the students we have been able to create 8 active garden beds. We have planted broccoli, cauliflower, broad beans, celery and assorted salad leaves.

We have stripped a portion of the garden and have started to plant a fruit orchard. Currently we have a couple of orange trees, makrut lime, apricots and mandarin. We are planning to plant plums, peaches and apple varieties.

The students have also been learning about the basic principles of permaculture. Permaculture is a framework for thinking about and designing environmentally sustainable farms, gardens, buildings and communities. Permaculture aims to create systems that will sustain not only for the present but for future generations.

*The three tenants of permaculture – Earth Care, People Care and Fair Share*

With Spring just around the corner, we could really do with some volunteers to help out if possible. Even a couple of hours a month would be greatly appreciated.



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# Kitchen News

We have had a fantastic start back to term 3 with our grade 4/5 class making damper on the camp fire for NAIDOC week.

In the class room the kids have been making lots of yummy things from cupcakes to fried rice!

A BIG thank you to Chi from the Foster Pharmacy for his generous donations each month that go towards food for our classes!

THANK  
YOU



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<https://fosterps.vic.edu.au/school-policies/>

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



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# FPS Upcoming Events

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| SUN | MON                          | TUE                       | WED                                     | THU          | FRI          | SAT   |
|-----|------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|---|
| 6   | 7                            | 8                         | 16<br>ASSEMBLY 2.30PM                   | 10           | 11           | 12  |
| 13  | 14                           | 15                        | 16<br>ASSEMBLY 2.30PM<br>SCHOOL COUNCIL | 17           | 18           | 19 FARMERS<br>MARKET                          |
| 20  | 21 BOOK WEEK<br>DRESS UP DAY | 22 BOOK WEEK<br>INCURSION | 23 BOOK WEEK<br>ASSEMBLY 2.30PM         | 24 BOOK WEEK | 25 BOOK WEEK | 26 MUSIC NIGHT<br>FUNDRAISER AT<br>FOSTER PUB |
| 27  | 28                           | 29                        | 30<br>ASSEMBLY 2.30PM                   | 31           |              |   |

2023 . SEPTEMBER

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



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