



15TH SEPTEMBER 2023

THE NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

by Scott Moorhouse

School Production

What a great way to end the term with the Jungle Book production that was an exceptional show. Congratulations to all of our students who prepared and persisted to put on a magnificent spectacle. We were all very proud of you. Thanks also to all of those who attended, without your support these great opportunities do not happen. Lastly thank you to our helpers backstage and Mr. Nick Carver who has given up countless hours in the pursuit of Primary School production perfection, he is truly a passionate advocate for the arts.

School Review

The school review took place over 4 days at 3 of which were this week. Panel members involved several members of the DET, staff, our school council president (Mrs. Lucy Allsop) Fish Creek and District PS Numeracy Expert (Mrs. Claire Ellis) and PCCC head (Mrs. Wil Van Pruyn) all sat on our panel. Input was sought from all sections of the school community which made our review thorough and fair. The review report will be presented in early November and will be available for community reading sometime after that. I will ensure that this is published on the school website. Thank you to everyone who participated.

IMPORTANT DATES

September 2023

16th - Farmers Market

October 2023

2nd Term 4 Starts

5th RU OK Celebration -
Students wear Yellow

6th Division Basketball

10th Regional Athletics -
Newborough

13th Colour Fun Run



Sporting Greats

A sincere well done to our 22 athletes who competed at Cranbourne in the district athletics carnival. Congratulations to our 8 students who will go onto represent the District at the Regional Event at Newborough. The best part about our students who represent us in a lot of areas (not just sports) that sets us apart from other schools is their ability to 'hang in', stick to the task and perform at their best. That is all any person can ask of another. Congratulations and well done!

Tutoring to Continue

Last week the State Government announced the continuation of the Tutoring Program for the next 3 years. Mrs. Alison Wogan-Brown has been our tutor for the last 18 months and has done an exceptional job and will continue in this role. Alison takes students who need extra support in both writing and numeracy for intense small group work for short periods of time. These students are identified by the teacher based on results in the classroom. This has built the necessary confidence in many of our students to attack tasks with an increased background knowledge of the concept they are learning. In 2024 this may look slightly different and may take place in the classroom along side the students regular teacher. If you have any queries about the program please contact the school.

Staff

We are ecstatic to announce that Mrs. Narelle Buttegieg has agreed to continue her great work in 3 /4 for the rest of the year. Narelle originally worked in the Catholic system and has some great skill in forming relationship with students. Her background is in PE and Health and as the weather improves I'm sure outdoors will be utilised regularly.

Miss Chantelle Wanklyn is on 3 weeks long service to begin term 3. We wish her a restful time while she is on her break. Mrs. Carmel Quirk will take over her duties while she is on leave.

I will also be on leave for the first 4 weeks – returning after Melbourne Cup week.

Mr Ashton Webster will be taking over during that time.

November 2023

- 1st State Athletics – Albert Park
- 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
- 12th – Statewide Transition Day
- Grade 6 Graduation TBC
- 20th – Student Free Day (last day of ter



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Hello everyone....TAG, YOU'RE IT!

Over the past few weeks, the Earlyact crew along with other students have been sorting plastic bread tags (and tags from other products) into colour groupings.

Some of the newer tags (brown in colour) are not plastic however these can be placed in a recycle bin. If you are not sure, simply bend the tag in half and if they SNAP, they are plastic.

Simply save up those plastic tags over the holidays and then bring them into school and pop them in the containers provided e with slots in the lids and we will do the rest.

Once sorted into colours, we will bag up the tags, package and send them off to SA where they will be recycled into SEED CONTAINERS, which are then sold off with the proceeds then funding WHEELCHAIRS mainly in South Africa.

Earlyact members have projects they have been working on this year and this is a combination of school, local, international you could say. Spread the word in the community. What a simple thing to do for the environment and what a great project to work on. I'm thinking we will get in here before the plastic tags disappear.

Happy and safe holidays

Sue Duggan



BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

Please save your bread tags - they will be recycled to fund wheelchairs, mainly in South Africa.



We collect bread tags Australia-wide, and recycle these in Robe, SA. All funds raised through recycling are used to supply wheelchairs.



What can I do?
It's easy save your bread tags for a while and then drop them off at one of our collection points. Ask your family, friends, school and local café to help.



Daylight Savings begins on Sunday 1st October - turn your clocks and watches **forward One Hour**



Please note that Hats and Sunscreen (where suitable) will be a requirement for the students in Term 4 and Term 1. School hats and all school uniform available at Inside Out Foster.



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Junior School News

What an exciting last week of Term 3.

Prep and Grade One students published their narratives. We have so many author and illustrators shine through their wonderful storytelling. There were stories about ninja's, mermaid's, dinosaur's, trapped penguins, lost horse's. Some narratives were magical, some were scary and some were such fun. Miss Charlton and Mrs Bell are so proud of all of Prep and Grade one efforts drafting their idea's, to editing and finally publishing. Well done!

Junior Jungle Book Review is in:

Jessie` I loved the jungle theme and I had so much fun.

Hamish` The whole performance was great.

Davy ` I liked the bear necessities song.

Giaan` My favourite character was the Panther.

Leo` The snake was pretty good. Maddi did a tall kick that was cool.

Isabel `I want to be like you, King Louis song was my favourite.

Max `I liked the Jungle book. My favourite character was my buddy because he was a bush.

Emelee 'I liked the Jungle book because we were bees.

Violet `I liked when Baloo sang the bees are buzzing in the trees.

Ollie `I liked walking on the stage as a bee and singing the bear necessities.

Well done on a fantastic Term of academic, social and emotional growth in the Junior grades.



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://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal>

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Middle School News

Term 3 has flown, including a very exciting camp which we all enjoyed, NAIDOC week celebrations where we all enjoyed being a part of the making and creating of a Boomerang, thanks Kane. To top it off, a wonderful Jungle Book Production, some of us were even lucky enough to be a part of the main cast, thanks for all your hard work and dedication Mr Carver.

We have all tried hard to improve our learning throughout the term, such as using larger numbers in Math time, having a go using our Growth Mindset, being more resilient and editing and revising our writing to uplevel it. We will continue to encourage all students to read daily, fill their diary in and bring them to class each day.

On Thursdays, we have enjoyed having the Year 9's from Foster SC come and join us in our learning. They helped us a lot with our Maths, Writing, Reading, Mappen activity of constructing a balloon powered vehicle and using our technology, imaginative and problem solving skills when constructing their cardboard creations.

Its also great that several students have been learning a musical instrument with Ben during the week, having been offer this at school is a great asset to the school community.

Enjoy your holidays, hopefully we get some lovely weather. Be safe and see you all next term.

Ms Young and Mrs Buttigieg



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Senior School News

The last few weeks of term have been very busy in the BER building with rehearsals and preparations for the production of *The Jungle Book*.

The students in all grades have put in an excellent effort to support each other, show patience and resilience and perform a spectacular show!

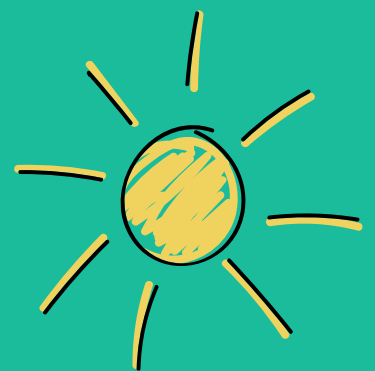
Well done to the senior students who were part of the main cast and backstage crew. They all did an incredible job!! A performance like this doesn't just happen. Thank you to all of the parent helpers who have been instrumental in helping out in a variety of ways, and of course to Mr Carver who has been working hard on this for months.

In Maths, our focus has been on fractions and decimals. Students have been working individually and in small groups to recognise, order and represent fractions and decimals. They have also explored the connection between fractions and decimals.

Well done to the Students who have competed at the Division Athletics this week. They represented our school well and put in their best efforts.

Camp notes were sent home earlier this week. Can these please be returned as soon as possible. We can then progress with our camp planning.

Next term students will need to wear their wide-brimmed school hats. Please make sure you child has one on their return to school.



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Senior School News.....

We have also been investigating the properties of water. Here are some facts from the students.

- The water we drink today is the same water the dinosaurs drank millions of years ago.
- Only 1% of water on Earth is drinkable.
- Our brains are made of 75% water.
- Water can be a solid, liquid or gas.
- Salt helps water to melt and freeze.
- You can survive 1 week without water.
- Scientists believe that all water on Earth came from Asteroids and comets.
- If you put a half-full bottle of water in the freezer, it will be 3 quarters full when it is frozen into ice.
- Water creates an illusion by making whatever is in it appear bigger.



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Kitchen/Garden News

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been fortunate to have a few of the students from Foster High school help out around the school grounds. The students have been a great help with many tasks but especially clearing the garden between the kindergarten and bus stop.

With the assistance from the grade 3-6 students, we will be developing this area into a fairy/discovery garden for the junior students (to also be enjoyed by kindergarten kids) during term four.

Spring has well and truly sprung, and the kitchen garden is happily blooming. Next term the students will be harvesting truckloads of fruit and vegetables to use in the kitchen. We will have fresh broccoli, silver beet, carrots, potatoes, lettuce, cabbage, rhubarb, choy sum, rocket, zucchini, figs, kumquats, guavas, herbs and plenty more.

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 term four garden project will be for the students to create their own garden design using the knowledge they have gained about permaculture principles, especially concentrating on garden zones.

If anyone would be interested in helping out in the garden, we're looking for volunteers to help out if possible. Even a couple of hours a month would be greatly appreciated.



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Staff Profiles

Katelyn Ardley

Joining the Foster Primary School community this year has been a very special experience for me because this is the school where I started my learning journey. I started in Grade 2 with Miss Richter, in the old junior building and now I get to see Amanda across the playground from our 12A classroom in the kindergarten! I remember singing funny songs with Ms Duggan, Music lessons with Ms Bone & Ms Whittle, riding bikes with Mr Webster, writing poetry with Mrs Pyke, handstands and discos with Mr Sutherland the Indonesian shell game 'conglak' with Bu Paulet. I absolutely loved learning and growing up in this beautiful area and I am so happy to have returned to the place I've always called home.

I grew up on a Dairy Farm in Agnes with my parents, two older sisters, lot's of animals and a MASSIVE 'backyard' to play in. I loved farming, nature & animals and over the years growing up I enjoyed heaps of hobbies including: drawing & art, singing & music, dance, theatre, netball, basketball, swimming, surfing, scouts and horse riding. These days I have many of the same hobbies and interests - especially music and spending time with friends & family and getting to the beach & in the water whenever I can.

Prior to becoming a Primary Teacher I studied community development and worked for many years in a range of jobs including as a Nanny, a Disability Support Worker and a member of Site Crew at Meredith Music Festival. After graduating from my Primary Education degree (specialising in Arts), I taught Grades 5 and 6 at Iramoo Primary in Wyndham Vale (outer west, Melbourne). Last year I spent 6 months living and working in a very remote Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory called Ampilatwatja. This was an experience of a lifetime and further solidified my passion for teaching about First Nations perspectives, history & culture and advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander recognition and rights. I thoroughly enjoyed facilitating our school's NAIDOC week activities & celebration this year.

Teaching and learning with my wonderful class of little legends in 12A this year has been so much fun! It's very special to see each of our students learn and grow, challenging themselves to achieve their learning goals and celebrating their successes. I am regularly impressed with their persistence, resilience, kindness, good humour and 'have a go' attitudes. We have learnt so much together this year and I can't wait to keep learning more!



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Staff Profiles.....

Terese English

Hello, my name is Terese English.

I am a relatively new ES.

I started volunteering at the Foster Primary School last year, I do two half days of volunteering each week.

In 2019 I lost my husband to cancer, and part of me also got lost.

I decided I would like to be involved in a community with the Foster Primary School.

I enjoy my interactions with the junior Prep 1 C class, Miss Charlton and of course Stocky.

I was raised on a sheep and wheat farm in the Wimmera.

I was lucky enough to ride a pony to and from my Primary School each school day.

In year 7 or my day Form 1, I went to an all girl's boarding school in Ballarat.

I did not enjoy my secondary school days at the boarding school because I missed the farm, my parents and all the farm animals.

When I finished school I worked as a Veterinarian Nurse in Blackburn.

I didn't have any children of my own, but I do own a small doggie and he is my surrogate child.!!!

I spend many hours walking the rail trail and beaches with my little doggie, every day.

Many happy hours walking Sth Gippsland.

I often drive to Meeniyan and then the two of us walk the trail together.

Three years ago I joined the Toora Fire Brigade, and the last two years I have held the position of Secretary.

I love South Gippsland and wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

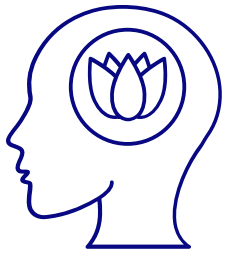
Sth Gippsland has everything, beauty, clean beaches and lush green pastures.



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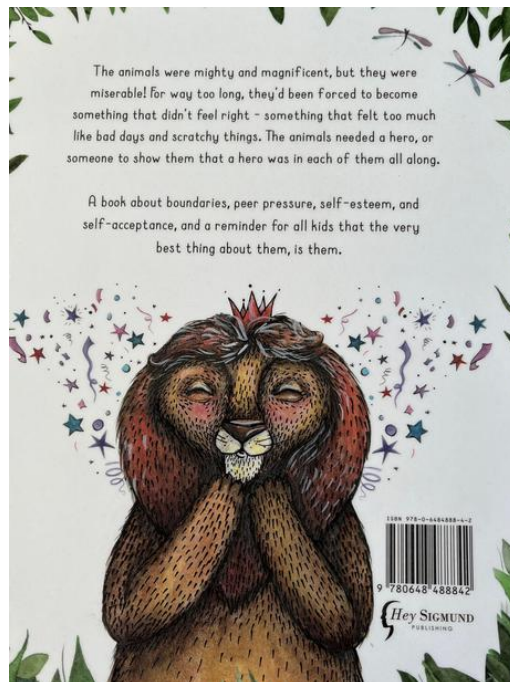
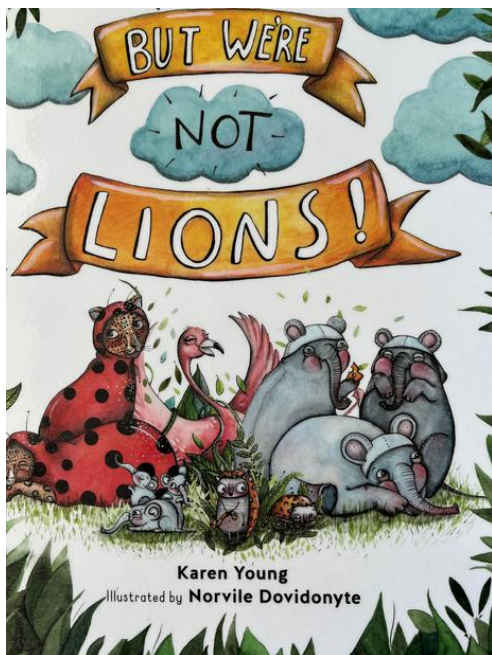


WELLBEING NEWS

Another book we'd like to share by the same author as *The Brain*.

Megan and I wish you all happy, healthy, fun holidays.

We look forward to seeing you all again in 2 weeks.



Megan Vuillerman



Jo Moloney

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RESILIENCE RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Throughout the last couple of weeks Miss Jones and a couple of students from 5/6J have been busy updating our SWPBS Whole School Behaviour Matrixes for the different areas in our school. I must say they are looking fantastic. Well done to the students who went and took some great photos.

We are looking forward to seeing and using these around the school as reminders and teaching of our whole school expectations.



At Foster Primary School, we aim to create and maintain a Respectful, Safe and Caring Learning environment for all

Whole School Positive Behaviour Expectations

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All Outdoor Spaces (playgrounds, ovals, pavilion, sand pit etc)

Be Respectful

- I encourage fair play.
- I respect the school's equipment, structures and property.
- I am only in the vegetable garden and hothouse area during Garden class.
- I only collect food from the garden and fruit trees with permission.
- I follow instructions given by any staff member.



Be Safe

- I keep my hands and feet to myself.
- I walk when I am inside and in undercover areas.
- I think about the safety of myself and others before I act.
- I make safe choices online.
- I ask permission or let an adult know before I leave my learning area.
- I return to my classroom and line up
- I listen and follow an adult's instructions.



Be a Learner

- I can learn to play new games.
- I listen carefully to others.
- I am willing to make new friends and include others in my group.
- I use the 'FIVE FINGER PLAN' or the 'NO, GO, TELL, ACTION' when I have a problem.



Be Caring

- I am aware of others and their personal space.
- I welcome others to play with me.
- I am careful not to damage plants when I am around the garden so that the plants can grow.
- I respect all of the animals that may find their way into our school.



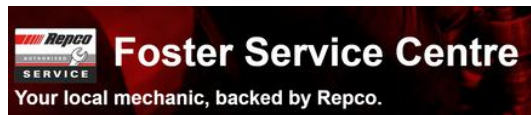
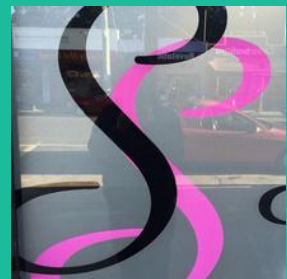
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Parents & Friends Group



A SPECIAL THANKS
TO THE BUSINESSES
THAT SUPPORTED
OUR SCHOOL
PRODUCTION:



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Parents & Friends Group

The Hot Dog lunch order day was a huge success. Thank you to Cindy, Lisa, Sharon, Ashlee & Bridgette for your help. Without the help from our amazing school community these days wouldn't happen.



Parents and Friends will be getting together in term 4 to discuss new fundraising ideas for 2024. Watch this space for dates.



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Parents & Friends Events

September 2023

8th Footy lunch order day
17th Kitchen Garden Market Stall

October 2023

13th Colour Fun Run

If you would like to help with any upcoming events please contact Cassie on 0422 137 364 or join our Parents & Friends Facebook page.



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

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School Fun Run Competition



COLOUR FUN RUN COMPETITION

The COLOUR FUN RUN is on Friday, October 13th and approaching quickly! To keep up the fundraising momentum over the holidays we are running a competition!! The two classes that raise the most money in online donations between Monday 11th September & the last day of the school holidays will win an icy pole for each class member at lunchtime on the first day of Term 4!

It doesn't matter how much your class has raised before 11/09, but how much you can raise in the three weeks, including the holidays.

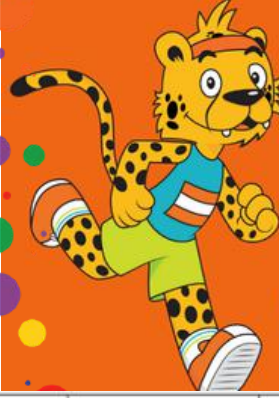
Remember, it's not too late to create a profile if you haven't already, just go to schoolfunrun.com, and then share the link from your page to support our school – SIMPLES! 😊😊😊



Happy holiday fundraising!!



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**SCHOOL
FUN
RUN**

**LET'S
MAKE
THIS A
RUNAWAY
SUCCESS**

2023 . OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	2 TERM 4 STARTS WEAR HATS AND SUNSCREEN	3	4 ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	5 RU OK DAY CELEBRATIONS - STUDENTS WEAR YELLOW	6 DIVISION BASKETBALL WONTHAGGI	7
8	9	10 REGIONAL ATHLETICS AT NEWBOROUGH	11 ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	12	13 COLOUR FUN RUN Newsletter Day	14
15	16	17	18 ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	19	20	21 FARMERS MARKET
22	23	24	25 ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	26	27 Newsletter Day	28
29	30	31				

2023 . NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1GR 5/6 CAMP COOLAMATONG JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM STATE ATHLETICS ALBERT PARK	2 GR 5/6 CAMP COOLAMATONG REGIONAL BASKETBALL	3 GR 5/6 CAMP COOLAMATONG	4
5	6 STUDENT FREE DAY	7 MELBOURNE CUP DAY	8 JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM ASSEMBLY 2.30PM SCHOOL COUNCIL	9	10 Newsletter Day	11
12	13	14	15 JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	16	17	18 FARMERS MARKET
19	20	21	22 JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	23	24 Newsletter Day	25
26	27	28	29 JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	30		

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