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# THE NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School*



## NEWS FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

by Ashton Webber

Another couple of weeks have flown by and again we have managed to fit so much into that time.

As I am writing this, I am contemplating how I have only another week after this and will be returning back again to Yarram Secondary College. This has been my third time working at Foster Primary School and each time I get to know everyone that little bit more and it gets harder and harder to say goodbye.

However, I can take comfort in knowing that my kids will be going here in a couple years and so I will still continue to have strong ties with school and hopefully remain in contact with all the great staff, students and families into the future.

Thank you once again for making me feel welcome at your great school.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October 2023

31st - 2024 Preps Morning Visit

### November 2023

1st - Junior Water Safety Program  
at Toora Pool

1st - State Athletics - Albert Park

1st to 3rd- Grade 5/6 Camp  
Coolamatong

6th - Student Free Day

7th - Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

8th - Junior Water Safety Program  
at Toora Pool



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## Colour Fun Run

Wow what a day! It was so great to see the smiling faces of all our students as they ran around the obstacles getting sprayed with coloured powder. It was also great to see so many of our families turn up for the day and cheer on the kids as I know they really appreciated it. To add to this, we raised \$13,652 towards replacing our junior playground so a massive thank you to the generosity of our community and also to Troy, Shannon and all the parent and staff helpers on the day. As for the slime with extra ingredients, Troy assures me that baked beans, tuna and who knows what else, that it didn't smell that bad when he first made it and must have fermented in the 24 hours that it was sealed in its container. This was probably one the more grossest experiences I've had but I'm glad it brought so much joy to everyone else.

## Congratulations Emma!

I would like to say a huge congratulations to our Prep/1 teacher Emma Charlton for completing her Victorian Institute of Teaching certificate as she is no longer a graduate and is now a fully registered teacher. I was lucky enough to be involved in the presentation of her enquiry project on Sounds Write which showed not only what an incredibly dedicated teacher she is, but also how effective the program can be for improving reading, spelling and writing. This presentation was an accumulation of 2 years work that Emma had put in with the support of her mentor teacher Mrs Bell. Congrats Emma, we are so lucky to have you in our community.



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## November 2023 .....

- 9th - 2024 Preps Morning Visit
- 13th - Dental Van visits this week
- 14th - 2024 Preps Morning Visit
- 15th - Junior Water Safety Program at Toora Pool
- 16th - Grade 2 Sleepover
- 18th - SAKG Farmers Market Stall
- 21st - 2024 Preps Morning Visit
- 22nd - Junior Water Safety Program at Toora Pool
- 22nd - School Council
- 28th - 2024 Preps Morning Visit
- 29th - Junior Water Safety Program at Toora Pool

## December 2023

- 1st - Student Free Day
- 5th - 2024 Preps Morning Visit
- 6th - School Council
- 12th - Statewide Transition Day
- 18th - Grade 6 Graduation
- 19th - Grade 3-6 Pool Party
- 19th - Last day students attend school in Term 4
- 20th - Student Free Day (last day of term)

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### Post School Review

I have been through a number of reviews with different schools over the years and found that it's a fantastic process to reflect and celebrate all the great things the school has achieved. It's also a great opportunity to reflect on what we can do better, and this guides the process when establishing the school goals that maps out the Strategic Plan for the next four years. What I also love about the process is that it's not just the staff that are part of the review and so on behalf of Foster Primary School, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to providing feedback including students, families and community members. In the following weeks Robert Juratowich (Senior Education Improvement Leader for Inner Gippsland) will be supporting staff to build the Strategic Plan that guides our school for success for the next four years. I believe I can speak for all our staff that they are all keen to work on setting goals put this plan into action as this team approach is the key to drive improvement. The staff will begin the process of forward planning in Teaching and Learning, Student Engagement and Wellbeing on the student free day on November 6th.



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# Junior School News

## Welcome to Week 4!

Lots of great learning has been happening over in the Junior area. Amongst the excitement of the Colour Fun Run, You Be the Coach sessions and upcoming school swimming, we have also completed some great learning.

Miss Charlton has also completed some important learning. Last week, Miss Charlton completed her Inquiry to become a Fully Registered teacher with the Victorian Institute of Teaching. This is something that all graduate teachers complete within the first two years of their career. She presented on the Sounds-Write literacy programme and showed samples of student learning goals and the progress that they made after the 6-week Inquiry. The panel consisted of Miss Charlton's mentor (Mrs Bell), Ashton Webster and Sue Duggan.

Both P/1 and 1/2 classes have been focussing on narratives. We have been spending time on exploring and drafting narrative components. We are excited to use descriptive language to convey character, setting, problem and solution.



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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# Junior School News.....

Brooke Little has returned and is enjoying her time in the junior space. Brooke has completed some wonderful craft projects with the P/1 students and the children look forward to her time on Fridays.

## The Colour Fun Run!

What was the best part of the day?

- I got covered in colour and the paint was still in my hair! - Emma
- Going under the unicorn thing! - Carter
- I am excited for the prizes. - Emelee

What obstacles did you find the most fun?

- The circle obstacle that you had to jump through! - Ruby

- The hay bales! - Gordy
- I loved all of the spraying colours. - Mackynzie

What was the funniest part of the day?

- When I fell over! - Ollie
- Having colourful eyebrows! - Delilah
- When Miss Charlton got slimed. - Emma

A big thank you to the many volunteers that helped to make the day fun and successful. The times from the school community were priceless and the photos turned out fantastic.



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# Middle School News

Wow, what a fabulous couple of weeks we have had. A massive thank you to Troy, Shannon and everyone else who helped and contributed to a fabulous Colour Fun Run. We are all still talking about how great the day was and of course the smiles on the kids' faces said it all.

This morning both classes were lucky to be able to attend a Virtual Classroom Webinar titled 'How to be an eSafe Kid – taking action against bullying online. Topics covered were: - What is cyberbullying? How cyberbullying can impact others and how we can develop help seeking and reporting strategies if they are bullied online. We have also included two links with more information to support your children.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids> The students got to explore the kids site today. There is some great information in it. We encourage you to continue to have these discussions with your children at home.

Mrs. Buttigieg and Ms. Young have been brainstorming ideas with their grades as to what they would like to share in our section of the newsletter. Below are a few reports and articles that the students would like to share.

The colour run is an event where you run around the school and get sprayed with colour. When we were heading back to the start there was a unicorn that was spraying. All the children love it. It was really cooling. We love watching the teachers get slimed. When Mrs Buttigieg got slimed we all loved it and when it was Mr Davies turn, everyone was chanting for him. The same happened when it was Ms. Young's turn. It was so funny when Mr Webster got slimed, he had the most disgusting bucket of baked beans, milk, compost, egg and also some clumpy slime. It was really gross and really funny. Mr Webster was really happy that he stayed for the Colour Fun Run. It was a great day.

By Jesinta & Josie



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# Middle School News

On 23rd of October 2023, the students of 3/4Y went to the Respite Day Centre/Banksia Lodge to see the elderly. Violet and Matilda talked to a lady called Alsia. Stella talked to a lady called Denise. They were very nice.

Alsia taught us about what it was like in the 90's. She told us what school was like, and what working was like. It was very interesting. Hopefully we will go back there soon.

Denise and I talked about our family and pets. She used to have a pet deer like me, her deer's name was Bonnie. We also played a fun game called the 9-letter game.

Thank you to the staff and teachers/volunteers for taking us to Banksia Lodge. We all really enjoyed it.

By Matilda, Stella and Violet.

## Comedy Section

Q: Why was the broom late for work

A: It over swept

Q: What kind of tea is hard to swallow

A: Reality

Q: Why didn't the zebra cross the road?

A: because he saw what happened to his brother

Q: Why do actors break a leg?

A: because every play has A cast

Q: Why did the kids cross the playground?

A: to get to the other slide

By Jase, Sam, Oscar, Bronte, Spencer & Jake



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# Senior School News

In term 4 we've been learning and doing lots of fun activities.

## Colour Fun Run

On the 20th of October, we had the school Colour Fun Run. We had so much fun getting color and water on our white t-shirts.

Some teachers got slimed and Mr Webster (our principal) got the grossest slime with all these rotten foods including tuna. YUCK!!!

There were many obstacles on the track that were fun.



## Kitchen

Last week in the kitchen, we made gnocchi, orange cupcakes, and salad. It was really good. We all had a good time making it. The gnocchi was the fastest one to go in people's stomachs because it was so good. The sauce really gave the gnocchi a boost.

## Writing

For the last two weeks we have been doing an information report. Some people are doing Animals, People, sports on a doc and then a slide show.

## Maths

In math we've been learning about division with fractional and decimal remainders. It's been really tricky but we are getting the hang of it. At the start of the math session we play a game of multo, it's bingo with multiplication.

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# 2023 Grade Placement

What is the process for grade placement for 2023?

Teachers spend considerable time making up grades for next year. Every effort is made to create a class which is compatible and equitable based on the professional judgement and knowledge of the staff.

Opportunities for building relationships and the sense of belonging underpin the process of allocating students to classes. This complex process has been developed collaboratively with staff and has been reviewed annually.

The process of class placement begins with this information:

1. The first step is inviting parents to write to the Principal with any educational concerns or needs in regard to their child /dren's class placement for 2024. This information must be in writing, addressed to the Principal and received by FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD
2. In late October/early November each child nominates three to five students when they are asked:
  - Who are the three students you think you can or want to work well with and you would like us to consider being with you in your new class next year?
3. Students write their choices on a proforma and these are photocopied. The original is placed in the student file. Teachers check the file for student nominations and previous parent requests.
4. Then, teachers work individually and in year levels to form classes using the following criteria:
  - Each student has one student listed in his or her proforma and if that can't be done, the parents are contacted and the situation is explained to them
  - There are groups of like-minded students (i.e. students working at the same level academically)
  - Students' social and emotional need are taken into account.
  - Students placed with special needs are placed in a supportive group
  - Students with behavioural needs (i.e. those who require extra support to access the curriculum) are carefully placed.
  - There is a balance of gender
  - There is a mix of students from previous classes.
5. Following this step, the parent letters are given to the team leaders, then each letter is placed in the individual student files.
6. Next, the specialist teachers look at class lists and identify an issues they have encountered with students or groups of students.
7. Finally, teachers review the lists a number of times to ensure all criteria are met before finalising classes. The final class lists, along with the parent information, are passed to leadership for input and to deal with confidential issues.
8. On transition day, students will meet their classes and teachers for 2024.



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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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## Toilets, Taps and Sinks

### Be Respectful

- I respect people's privacy.
- I help to keep our toilets nice and clean.
- I use the toilets properly.
- I stay in my own cubicle.
- I know the correct use for toilet paper.
- I use the drinking taps for their intended purpose.
- I will use the toilets for its only purpose



### Be Safe

- I wash my hands.
- I stand still with my hands to myself whilst at the urinal.
- I keep food and rubbish out of the toilets.
- I walk in and out of the toilets.
- I put hygiene products into the bin.



### Be a Learner

- I return to class promptly after using the toilet.
- I report any damage to a staff member.
- I will ask for help if the toilets are locked and unoccupied.



### Be Caring

- I flush the toilet.
- I save water by turning the taps off when they're not being used.
- I use a quiet voice when inside the toilet.
- I will scrub off mud and sand before using the taps and sinks.



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# Invitation from Foster Secondary College

Hi everyone,

All primary school students in the region are invited to a free music performance by the Foster Secondary College senior music students and staff on Tuesday, November 21, 1.00pm-2.45pm in the FSC Music Centre.

Our large Wind Orchestra and Vocal Group will perform a huge repertoire of fast and fun music, encouraging the audience to dance, clap along and maybe even make some music of their own! We'll demonstrate all the instruments individually as well, giving the students a closer insight into how the music is made.

We also use this time to inspire and inform the up-coming Grades 5 and 6 students of the opportunities available to them if they wish to join the music program and learn one of the fabulous instruments on offer.

All primary students from Prep to 6, and, of course, the gorgeous staff, are welcome.

We have extended the time of the performance from last year's so we don't have to rush students in and out, and can take appropriate time to answer questions and encourage participation. Students traveling from schools outside of Foster will need time to return for school buses, so we will stop the performance at 2.45pm to allow this. However, Foster Primary School are welcome to stay longer if this suits the school better.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you can join us so we can make sure the performance and audience space is big enough to cater for everyone.

So looking forward to sharing a fun-filled afternoon of music!



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

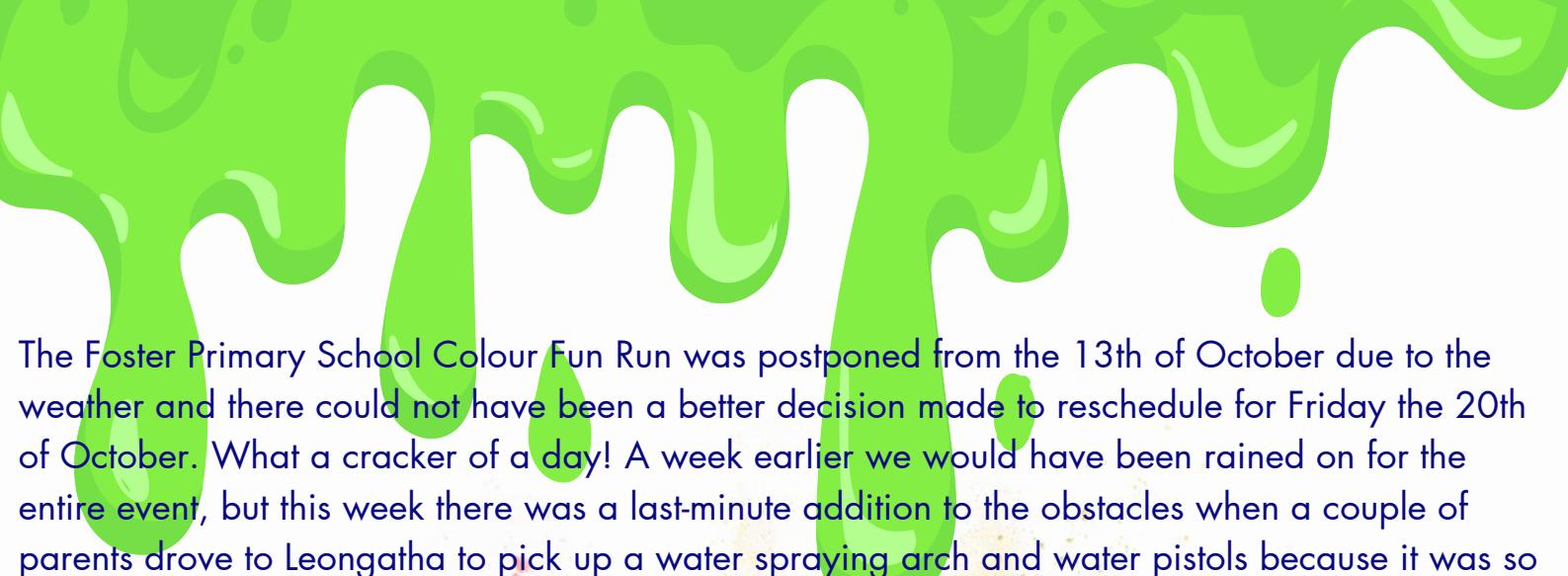
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The Foster Primary School Colour Fun Run was postponed from the 13th of October due to the weather and there could not have been a better decision made to reschedule for Friday the 20th of October. What a cracker of a day! A week earlier we would have been rained on for the entire event, but this week there was a last-minute addition to the obstacles when a couple of parents drove to Leongatha to pick up a water spraying arch and water pistols because it was so warm. The BBQ/Food Team kept bellies full, and the kids were having so much fun that they just kept running and running, stopping only to enjoy the sliming of the teachers in the "Teacher Torture Zone" at the end of the day. There was a mini challenge in the last couple of days before the event and as the whole school community was so excited to see Acting Principal, Mr Webster, covered with the "gross bucket" contents as well as slimed, we hit the target! The whole day was enjoyed by everyone involved. The organisers would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the teachers, support staff, parent helpers, volunteers, spectators, and students who made the day such a great success. It was terrific to see everyone coming together and getting involved in a fun fundraising event for our school community. Thank you to everyone who raised sponsorship money for our school. The funds will go towards updating our playgrounds and outdoor areas.

(Photos by Em Green)











# FPS Upcoming Events

2023 . OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 BOOK FAIR	30 BOOK FAIR	31 BOOK FAIR  2024 PREP VISIT				

2023 . NOVEMBER

			1 GR 5/6 CAMP COOLAMATONG  JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM  STATE ATHLETICS ALBERT PARK  LAST DAY OF THE BOOK FAIR	2 GR 5/6 CAMP COOLAMATONG	3 GR 5/6 CAMP COOLAMATONG	4
5	6 STUDENT FREE DAY	7 MELBOURNE CUP DAY	8 JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	9 2024 PREP VISIT	10 Newsletter Day	11
12	13 DENTAL VAN VISITS THIS WEEK	14 2024 PREP VISIT	15 JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	16 GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER	17	18 FARMERS MARKET
19	20	21	22 JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM ASSEMBLY 2.30PM  SCHOOL COUNCIL	23	24 Newsletter Day	25
26	27	28 2024 PREP VISIT	29 JUNIOR WATER SAFETY PROGRAM ASSEMBLY 2.30PM	30		



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