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THE NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

by Scott Moorhouse

Harmony Day

What a fantastic day we had yesterday celebrating the diversity of our school community. We have families in our community from Ethiopia, Kenya, Seychelles, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, India, Argentina, United Kingdom, Romania, Germany, Russia among many others.

We celebrate this diversity as well as our 11 Aboriginal family members and a number of people who have chosen to call South Gippsland and Foster home.

The fact that this picnic and song event was patronised by so many really shows the community spirit that we have in uniting people of different cultures. Thank you to everyone who participated.

NAPLAN

We are just so proud of our students who participated in this assessment. We asked our students to give their 'best always' and this is exactly what they did. NAPLAN started last Monday and continued throughout the week with the conclusive 'Numeracy Test' this Monday past.

I am extremely proud to report that as of today 100% of our students sat 100% of the test putting us in the top 1% of schools nationally. Whatever the results come back I know our students, staff and parents have assisted to make our results the best they can be – thank you.



2024 Term Dates

29th January - 28th March

15th April - 28th June

15th July - 20th September

7th October - 20th December

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School Council

School Council will meet on Wednesday night for its last meeting of the term. I wish to congratulate new councillors Mrs. Jess Johnson and Mrs. Tania Duvoisin for their election to council in 2024.

There is some ongoing and fantastic work going into our school priorities of Mathematics and School Routines and behaviours.

School council are responsible for checking on this progress and we look forward to showing off what has been done.

Attendance

As stated in previous editions of the newsletter, school attendance is a statewide improvement initiative. If a child has 20 days off in a year that equates to one day per fortnight and contributes to a massive decrease in learning retention and ability.

Research also shows it effects their interaction with their peers and classmates. Currently our school is sitting on 92.46% attendance rate with our target being 95%. This probably has much to do with the last COVID outbreak so we should see a rise in this percentage as it is significantly higher than this time last year. Keep up the great work.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to the families that have donated easter eggs and gift for our Easter raffle.

We were also given loads of chocolate easter eggs from Gerald, the owner of Foodworks in Foster and Bohnnys Cafe.

The raffle was drawn today and the winners are:

Giaan Davy won the Big First Prize, and the other seven prizes were won by Kerrie Collins, Gen Davies, Cindy Knee, Willow Hastie, Kane Horvath, Karen Rathjen and Maxine Bradshaw.

The students who sold full books of raffle tickets went into the class draw to win a prize and the winners were:

- 0/1 B - Peyton Bohn
- 0/1 C - Ellie Chiu
- 2/3 D - Hamish Bell
- 2/3 M - Mason Shanks
- 3/4 Y - Lexi Knee
- 4/5 P - Harriet White
- 5/6 J - Ziggy Matthews
- 5/6 P - Mylah Angwin



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IMPORTANT DATES

March 2024

26th Junior Athletics at Foster Primary School - P & F Group will organise a special lunch order

27th Prom Coast Division Sport @ Foster Secondary College

28th Hot Cross Bun Day -P & F Group will organise a special food order

28th Last day of term - 2.30pm finish. Buses will run at this time.

April 2024

7th Daylight Savings Ends
Turn your clocks back
One hour

15th - Term 2 begins

16th-18th STP Conferences
Book via Compass

19th - State Swimming @ MSAC

22nd -24th STP Conferences
Book via Compass

24th 9am Parents & Friends Meeting at Bohnnys Cafe-Foster.
ALL WELCOME

25th - ANZAC Day

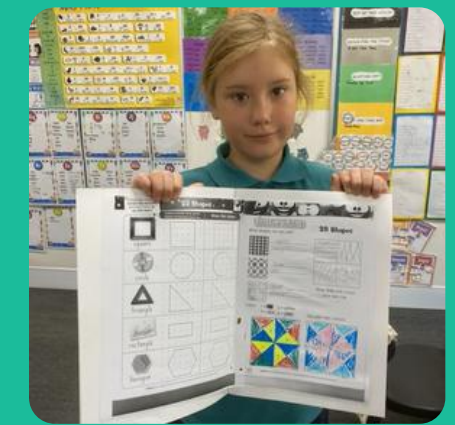
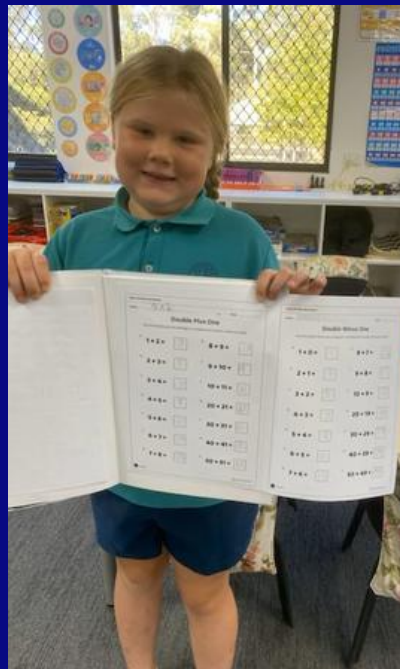
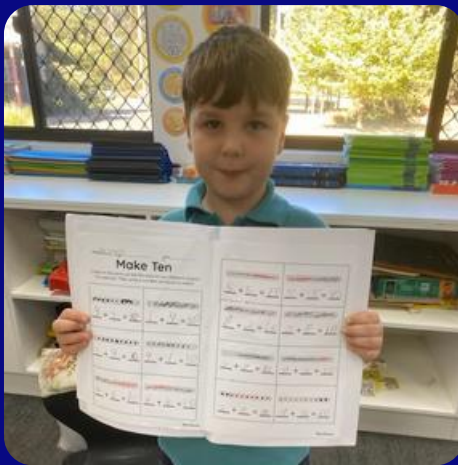
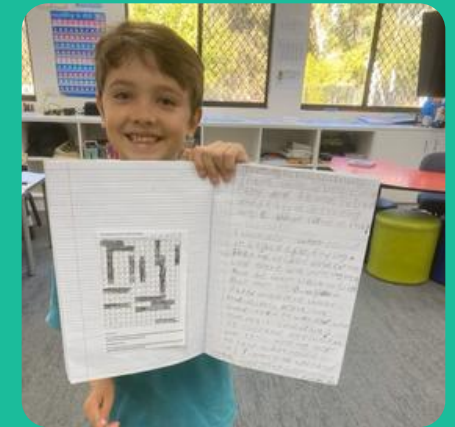
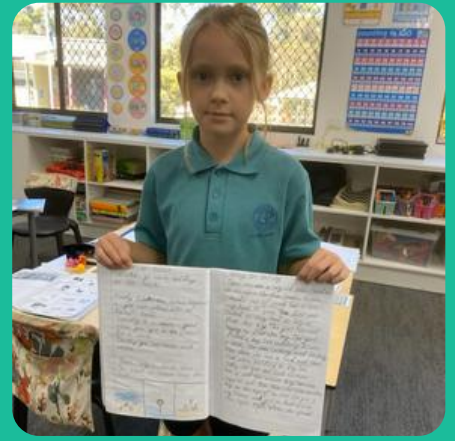
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Classroom News...

In 2/3D we have been learning about narratives in literacy and answering literal questions. We have learned that the answers to literal questions are found right in the text.

For writing, we have had a go at writing a story that starts with an action to hook the reader and tightening the tension in our stories so the reader can't wait to see what will happen next.

In numeracy we have been learning addition strategies such as friends of ten, doubles, doubles plus one and doubles minus one.



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In Mappen, we have been learning about Australian democracy and how the three levels of government work.

5/6J have also enjoyed getting to know their buddies in Prep/1B over the last few weeks

We had a lovely day celebrating Harmony Day this week. It was great to see so many family members joining us for lunch and learning in our classrooms.

We hope everyone has a lovely school holidays!



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It was an absolute pleasure to be working with the Grade 3's during the Naplan assessments. Their positive attitude, incredible efforts and resilience were truly amazing. They should be very proud of themselves.

We also want to congratulate our Grade 2 and 4 students who worked very well together whilst the Grade 3's were completing their Naplan. A tremendous effort by all.

A massive thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Harmony Day with us. It was great to see you all joining in with us for our games and activities. We love having you visit us. The students thoroughly enjoyed having their visitors come into our classrooms as well.

We have had a lot of fun learning finding out a little bit about our heritage.

I really liked having some of my family here for our picnic lunch. By Lexi

It was great to play with friends and family who are not at school yet. By Josie

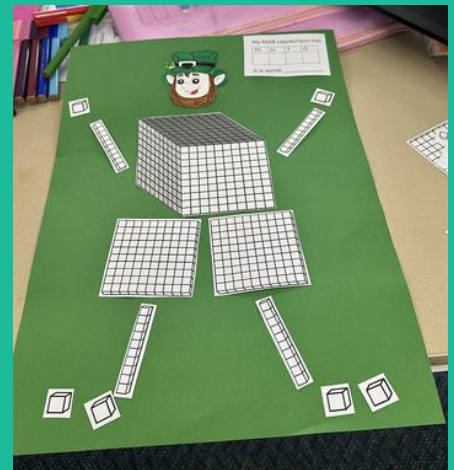
I really loved the games at lunch time. By Leo

I think celebrating all the different cultures is fantastic. By Jessie

I like it when the parents and friends come because they get join and be with us. By Jobe

My favourite was that Mum came with Macey and I had Nan & Pop here too. By Charlie

I love playing with my friends. By Jed



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Classroom News...

I like playing Gaga ball with my friends and family. By Ollie

I enjoyed sharing my Mum with my friends whilst we played games. By Aashritha

When we all got to have shared school lunch together. By Ruby

On Sunday 17th March it was St Patrick's day so 2/3M learned about how this day was celebrated and why. We looked at some of the common St Patrick's day traditions and have been brainstorming in class about how to catch a leprechaun! Students have worked in groups to plan and draft a way to lure a leprechaun and then capture it with some kind of trap! We will have a go at making these and putting them into action. There are lots of great ideas so stay tuned to see if we are successful!

We also made some MAB leprechaun creations to keep with the St Patricks Day theme. We used MAB thousands, hundreds, tens and ones to make our leprechauns and then added up our total! Have a look at some of the muscles on some of them! Can you guess which one is the biggest and smallest?

Both grades have been focusing on organisation this term. It has been great to see most of our students reading regularly, recording their reading and bringing their diaries to school each day. Congratulations to all the students who have made it to 25 nights. We even have a couple who have made it to 50 nights. A fabulous effort!

All students are currently completing our Mental Health and Wellbeing survey. This is a great opportunity for all students to have their say about how school and how they are feeling.

Harmony Day Photos



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Happenings.....

Congratulations to the students who represented Foster Primary School at the Regional Swimming Hamish, Holly, Aysha, Harriet, Zoe and Mylah.

Thank you to the Parents and Friends for organising the Easter Raffle and all of their hard work, selling tickets.



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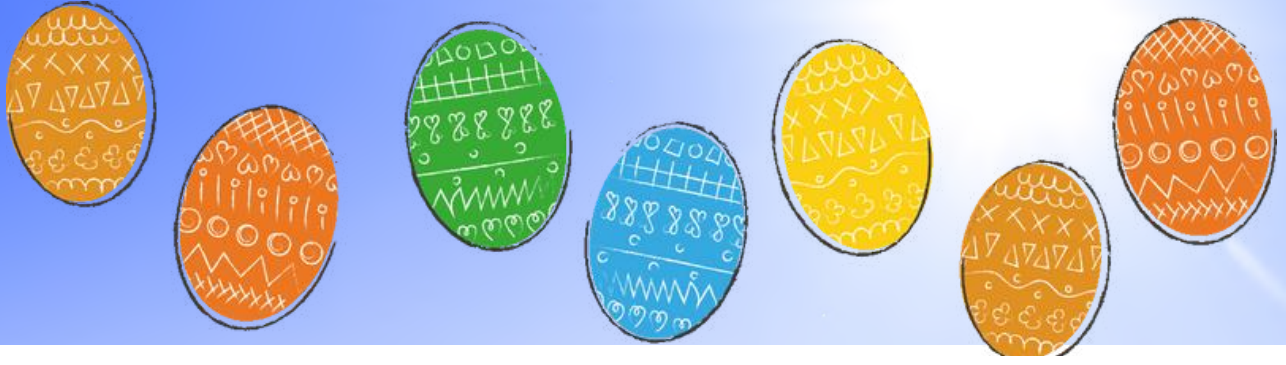


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Upcoming Events...



2024 March

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
25 NAPLAN	26 JUNIOR ATHLETICS PREP-2 @ SCHOOL SPECIAL LUNCH FOR PREP-2 STUDENTS	27 "PROM COAST" ATHLETICS @ FOSTER SECONDARY COLLEGE GRADE 3-6	28 <u>HOT CROSS BUN DAY</u> LAST DAY OF TERM 1 BRIEF ASSEMBLY AT 2.15 PM FINISH TIME-2.30 PM	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30	31 EASTER SUNDAY 

2024 April

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 EASTER MONDAY 	2	3	4	5	6	7 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS 
8	9	11	11	12	13	14
15 TERM 2 STARTS	16 STP CONFERENCES 3.30-4.30	17 STP CONFERENCES 3.30 - 4.30	18 STP CONFERENCES 3.30 - 4.30	19 STATE SWIMMING @MSAC 2.30-ASSEMBLY	20 	21
22 STP CONFERENCES 3.30 - 4.30	23 STP CONFERENCES 3.30 - 4.30	24 9AM - P & F MEETING AT BOHNNEYS CAFE - ALL WELCOME STP CONFERENCES 3.30 - 4.30	25  ANZAC DAY <i>Public Holiday</i>	26 NEWSLETTER DAY  2.30-ASSEMBLY	27	28
29 DISTRICT ATHLETICS	30					

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