



10TH MAY 2024

# THE NEWSLETTER

*The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School*



## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*by Scott Moorhouse*

We've had some stellar performances over the past fortnight by our students and people within our school community. I would like to highlight a few. At the Athletics last Wednesday we were very proud of our age champions Holly Wiggins and Mason Caldwell and Eli Rose. An outstanding effort competing against 5 other schools against some great opposition. Congratulations also to our young people who also competed for the first time at this big event. It can be daunting sometimes and fear of the unknown can always be tough. We were excited to see these students put in their best efforts and represent our school with pride.

Last Monday our staff gave up an evening to attend disclosure training together with the Secondary College. This trains our staff with what to do when a child discloses concerns about a range of issues.

The Development session also explained their responsibilities should this occur and where to seek assistance to help our students. I thank all of our staff who attended outside of their usual work schedules to improve the support for our young people.



### 2024 Term Dates

29th January - 28th March

15th April - 28th June

15th July - 20th September

7th October - 20th December

## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

The schools leadership continues to work Mr. Terry Harrington on developing our skills and school culture. The school leadership team is made up Ms. Chantel Wanklyn, Ms. Jenny Young, Ms. Jane Power, Ms. Andrea Bell and Mr Scott Moorhouse.

Terry supports us in individual coaching and team coaching usually on a Tuesday and Thursday.

We are proud to say that this had led to some early improvement in leadership, teaching delivery and this will lead to better student outcomes.

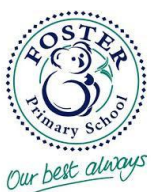
Our staff development has concentrated on developing Maths as previously stated in this publication. Recently we have chosen to adopt a way to assist our planning and provide students with a lower curriculum variance meaning they will have access to everything they should have access to. This also means that our staff can concentrate of differentiating and modifying the curriculum for those who need it and fine tune their teaching and learning process and delivery.

We are very excited to see what this brings down the track.

The mental health of our students still remains one of the highest priorities. Jo Maloney, Andrea Bell and Jenny Young are our champions in this area. 3 weeks ago Jenny and myself attended the Safe Minds professional development which had some fabulous tools to recognise and help young people through tough times.

The prevailing acronym is NIP which stands for Notice, Inquire and Plan. Last week I shared with you a graphic to assist parents to 'Notice' what might be going on if a parent notices changes in a young person. This week I am sharing how to approach that conversation with them should you have concerns.

If you ever feel uncomfortable about any of these things we are only too happy to help, just pop in or give us a call.



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### May

- 15th - 24th - Book Fair
- 15th - Cross Country @ Foster Golf Club
- 17th - IDAHOBIT Day - Casual Dress Day - Gold Coin Donation
- 17th - District Winter Sports @ Korumburra
- 17th - Assembly 2.30pm in BER
- 18th - Farmers Market Stall  
**Volunteers needed - Please call the office**
- 23rd - Division Cross Country @ Stony Creek
- 23rd - Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser
- 24th - District Winter Sport @ Foster
- 24th - Assembly 2.30pm in BER
- 26th - National Sorry Day
- 27th - 31st - Reconciliation Week
- 31st - District Winter Sport @ Inverloch
- 31st - Assembly 2.30pm in BER

### June

- 10th - Kings Birthday Holiday
- 15th - Farmers Market Stall  
**Volunteers needed - Please call the office**
- 27th - Whole School Movie Night
- 28th - Last day of Term 2

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# Classroom News...

This week in the Junior space, we have explored lots of new learning. The Be A Learner, is to be curious. This is what we are curious about in P/1C:

Mahalia: "How are bags made?"

Antonia: "How are clocks made and why?"

Ashton: "Why do we have eyeballs?"

Oscar: "Who was the first person in the World?"

Ellie: "What was the first animal on Earth?"

Hadley: "How is glass made?"

Jaxtyn: "Why do we have volcanos?"

Colt: "How are chairs made?"

Audrey: "Why is fire hot?"

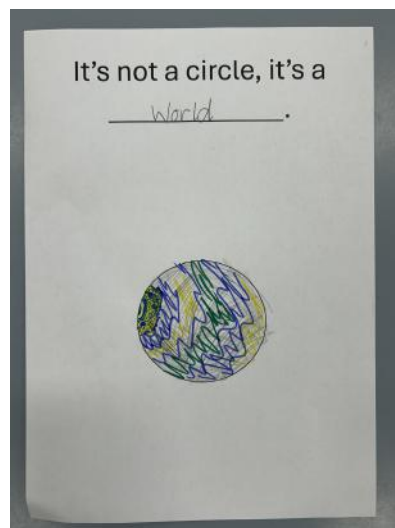
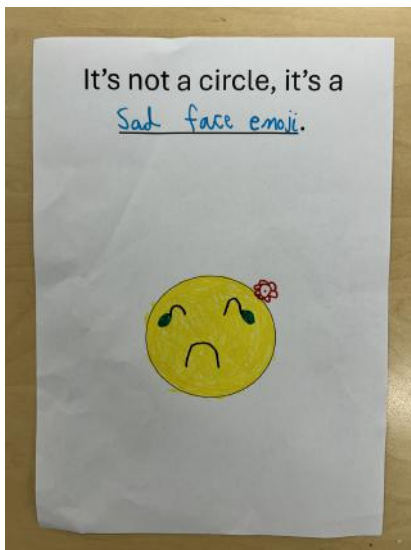
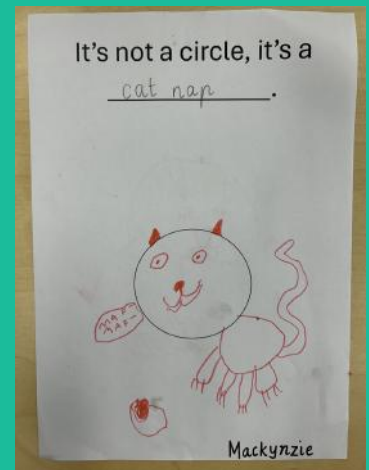
Gordy: "How was the Earth made?"

Anthony: "What is metal made of?"

Hazel: "Why do we use bricks? How are they made?"

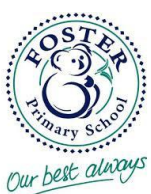
Mackynzie: "Dinosaurs?"

Aysha: "Why do we have dogs?"



**Curiosity is the most powerful thing you own.**

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2/3M and 3/4Y have been starting to investigate living vs non living things in our Unit of Mappen. We took advantage of the winter sun and went exploring in our schoolyard to record and categorise a range of things into:

Non-living - A pen

Living - A caterpillar

Once living - A fallen leaf

Product of a living thing - Honey

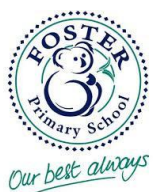
This week we are investigating life cycles of living things.

Students have worked collaboratively in groups and it's fantastic to see both grades mixing well together.

2/3M have been learning about fractions and time in Maths. Last week we all created our own individual plates for a picnic, selecting equal pieces from a range of whole foods and then identifying the fraction on our plate! Check out our range of delicious plates!

3/4Y have also been investigating fractions and have been looking at ordering fractions and finding out about equivalent fractions.

As well as commemorating ANZAC Day, we learned about the meaning and history behind this special national occasion. The Grade 3's and 4's were also fortunate enough to have the opportunity to walk up to the Foster RSL and hear from some of our local RSL members.



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Senior students have been busy this term learning more about fractions and measurement, competing in the next level of Athletics, learning about sustainability, natural disasters and the weather. Our writing focus has been on recounting real, imaginary and personal events.

## Fish Creek ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day, 25th May 2024

All the Scouts meet outside the RSL in Fish Creek. We all lined up in a three by six grid with one person at the front and the four older Scouts were holding flags at the front of the parade. We walked past the pub, turned at the petrol station and then walked to the roundabout at the park and stayed there for the ceremony.

I felt nervous on the walk to the ceremony but then I felt fine.

Sam W.

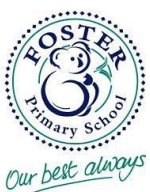
## RSL VISIT

It was 10:00 AM when arrived at the RSL rooms in Foster. As we sat down in comfy chairs, or others preferred on the floor, we heard a voice starting to talk about so many interesting things, filling are brains more by the second. Then when the men finished talking they said we could have a look at all of the interesting things. After we did that we went back to school and enjoyed the rest of our day.

Colt, Mia & Daisy



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# Classroom News...

## Winter Sports

By Elle Stone, Lilah Riggall and Holly Wiggins

The options for winter sports are, Soccer, Football, Basketball, Netball and T-Ball.

Our first game is on Friday the 10th of May. It is a home game.

Basketball is at the Foster stadium, Netball is at the Foster Netball courts, Football is at the Foster Footy oval, Soccer is at the Foster Secondary College and last but definitely not least T-Ball is at the Foster Primary School.

There are two different Schools playing with Foster. Those schools are Toora School and Welshpool School.

Round one on the 10th of May is Foster vs Mirboo North, as a home game.

Round two on the 17th of May is Foster vs Korumburra, as an away game.

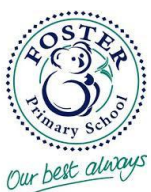
Round three on the 24th of May is Foster vs Leongatha, as a home game.

Round four, the last game, is on the 31st of May is Foster vs Inverloch/Kongwak as an away game.

Grade 5/6 and some 4s are really excited to play against and with students from other schools, and are really looking forward to having fun playing sports with different people.



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## District Athletics 2024

It was athletics day 2024 when the bell went as we lined up to go to district athletics at the Foster High School. When we got there we sat down under the gazebo and saw other schools like Tarwin Lower, Meenyan, Fish Creek, Toora and Welshpool. We recognized a couple kids from Toora and Fish Creek.

We arrived at around 9:30 at the high school and we all were so excited to win and participate in our sports and watch our friends. When we weren't in an event we could sit down under our gazebo and have a snack, go to the toilet or have a chat with a friend.

To advance to division you had to win a first place ribbon and if you had more than three first place ribbons you had to choose one you don't want to go to division in, as you are only allowed to compete in 3 events.

If you have more than three and you drop one, whoever came second will go to division in it and if that person had three the person who came third will go to division and compete.

It was so much fun to do sport and to play with your friends.

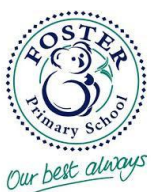
When we got back to school we told all our friends that didn't go about how we did.

Thank-you for reading.

By Oliver B



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# Classroom News...

MOTHERS' DAY IS COMING UP  
YOU'RE IN LUCK, HERE ARE SOME TIPS.

Mother's Day is coming up so try these tips and it will make a better day for your mum!

1. Make food for your mum.  
.Make breakfast in bed for your mum. Pancakes, tea, toast with their favourite spread and/or whatever they like.
2. Best presents of their life.  
Mugs, cards with meaning, their favourite chocolate, lollies, drawings, soap, love, hugs and kisses.
3. Do jobs without being asked.  
Make your beds, wash the dishes, vacuum, fold clothes, do the laundry, unload the dishwasher and don't fight with your siblings!

I hope your mum has the best day, all because of you and these tips!

By Anneke, Emilia and Harriet

## ANZAC DAY

It was the 25th of April 2024, ANZAC Day, and we went to the Foster 11:00 AM ANZAC service.

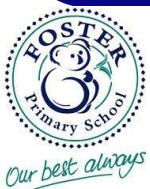
We got there a few minutes early, but virtually straight away the soldiers, horses and tanks started to arrive.

When we got there, there was someone talking about the ANZAC soldiers and other people who have served in different wars. After they were finished talking someone started playing the bugle. People from our school and other groups started laying wreaths. The soldiers, horses and tanks were marching on the road near IGA.

Sam G, Saanvi & Jaycee



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# Some more from Somers Camp...

Oscar and Harriet

We were lucky enough to be selected to go to Somers Camp. There were 160 campers from West and South Gippsland schools. Somers School Camp is located on Western Port Bay. The camp went for 9 days and the campers were split into 8 groups of 20. Oscar was in Group 2 and Harriet was in Group 3. Patrick, Jake, Sam J, Spencer, Sam W, Madi, Zoe and Molly also went with us.

One of the great activities was the 18.5m high giant swing. A rope was attached to the swing and 1 camper, in a harness, hung from the giant swing. The other campers pulled a rope to pull the camper in the harness up the giant swing. When the camper was either at the top, or where they felt comfortable, they pulled a string and they swung. It was really fun.

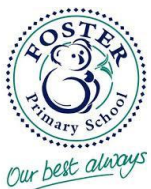
Night time at Somers was fun because of all of the activities. One night there was a concert, where each group got a turn of putting on a skit. Oscar's part in his skit was to give divorce papers to the other actors. Harriet's part in her skit was to be a waiter for the three little pigs. There was also a disco, bush dancing, a campfire and going to the nocturnal house.

If you really want some fun you should test your limits on the HRC (High Ropes Course). As you go along it gets more and more challenging but fun. It started on a raised platform where some staff attached your harness to the HRC. We walked across cables, logs and ropes, high above the ground. You could choose your path. One path was harder than the others. At the end of the HRC was a small zipline.

Somers School Camp was AMAZING!!! If you ever get a chance to go then take it! If you don't go you will regret it.



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# Upcoming Events...



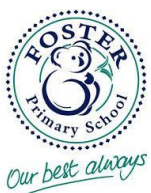
## 2024 May

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
13	14	15 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY @ FOSTER GOLF CLUB BOOK FAIR BEGINS	16 BOOK FAIR	17 IDAHOBIT DAY BOOK FAIR WINTER SPORT @ K/BURRA  2.30-ASSEMBLY	18 	19
20 BOOK FAIR	21 BOOK FAIR	22 BOOK FAIR	23 CANCER COUNCIL BIGGEST MORNING TEA FUNDRAISER DIV CROSS COUNTRY @ STONY CREEK BOOK FAIR	24 NEWSLETTER DAY  WINTER SPORT @ FOSTER 2.30-ASSEMBLY BOOK FAIR-LAST DAY 	25	26 NATIONAL SORRY DAY
27 RECONCILIATION WEEK 27TH - 31ST	28	29 2.30-ASSEMBLY	30	31 2.30-ASSEMBLY WINTER SPORT @ INVERLOCH		

## 2024 June

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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3	4	5	6	7 NEWSLETTER DAY  2.30-ASSEMBLY	8	9
10 MONARCH'S BIRTHDAY	11	12	13	14 2.30 - ASSEMBLY	15 	16

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