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THE NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

by Scott Moorhouse

Today I spoke at assembly about the notion of failing forward. A notion that was put to me by one of our students during one of the school captain interviews this year and it has stuck with me since. I really believe it is a great concept.

The notion of failing should not scare anyone. Failure is the driver for pushing forward and learning what you can do better. When Thomas Edison was asked by a reporter "How did he come up with the invention of the light bulb and why it took him 500 tries" he responded with...."I discovered 499 ways to not make a light bulb but I only needed one to work".

Failure and recovery from failure is so important in our lives. Not one of us as parents likes to see their children hurting and that includes myself. Sometimes the kindest thing you can do is let children fail and learn.

A prime example of this was my daughter in year 9 (a pretty good student) had not handed in several essays in English and some Science work.



Student Free Dates...

Monday 4th November
Monday 2nd December
Friday 20th December

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She had been 'cruising' and not attending to the detail or quantity of work she needed to get a reasonable mark. Subsequently the teachers marked her accordingly. My daughter was shattered. It was the first time she had really failed anything. Her teachers had contacted us prior to this happening.

My daughter who is fiercely independent convinced us all the work would be done but it wasn't. As my wife and I watched our child be 'broken' in that moment when her report came out, kicking the ground and blaming everyone else we let her go. We decided this was the moment for her to learn to 'fail forward' and we were going to help. The next morning, she came to us and asked "how do I fix this?" (a big moment for her, I can assure you). At this point we were able to help. We helped her with the organisation, monitoring and quality of her studies.

The result of this has been a young lady who is determined not to feel like that again. Her commitment to her studies has been vastly improved. (my daughter has given permission to share).

I give you this story, not for self-indulgence but as an example sometimes as parents we need to do it hard with our kids.

It is not a failure of parenting, moreover, it is a triumph that you have been able to mentor your children through those times for better results. Sometimes it could be academic but also could be missing a sports team, a friend who you treated badly, a badly organised holiday. Our recovery is what matters. Mentoring children through these times is more important than you can imagine.

Unfortunately, in our lives there are many, many influences that say otherwise. Our politicians have a tendency to blame others when things go badly. Influences and media outlets only let you see the way 'things should be' rather than way things actually are. The few who parade around with super amounts of money they made on youtube (an easy profession). These are but a few influences that make life extremely difficult for us as parents.

Failing is part of life. Bad things happen, people can be mean. Our recovery shapes the minds of children all over our community. I have always loved the quote

"I wanted to give up but then I remembered who was watching".

Camp Dates....

Grade 5/6 Coonawarra
6th-8th November

Grade 3/4 Woorabinda @
Yallourn North
25th-27th November

August

12th - 16th - Science Week
16th - Assembly @ 2.30
17th - Farmers Market Stall
19th - 23rd - Book Week
21st - Dress Up Day (Book Week)
23rd - Melbourne Stars Cricket
Visit - Activities
23rd - Assembly @ 2.30
28th - School Council
30th - Assembly @ 2.30
30th - Fathers Day Stall

September

2nd - 6th - Literacy & Numeracy
Week
3rd - Grade 6 Orientation @ FSC
4th - Aviva Music Incursion
6th - PJ Day Fundraiser
6th - Assembly @ 2.30pm
6th - Newsletter Day
9th - STP Conferences 3.30-4.30
10th - STP Conferences 3.30-4.30
11th - STP Conferences 3.30-4.30
11th - Night Foster Primary School
Performance at FSC
12th - STP Conferences 3.30-4.30
16th - STP Conferences 3.30-4.30
18th - STP Conferences 3.30-4.30
11th - National Day against
bullying
12th - RUOK? Day
12th - Division Athletics at
Cranbourne
13th - Assembly @ 2.30pm
17th - Newsletter Day
20th - Footy Colours Day
20th - Assembly @ 2.30pm
20th - Last day of Term 3
21st - Farmers Market Stall



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Classroom News...

The P-3 students have been a buzz in the school yard since the beginning of the Paris 2024 Olympics. Students have been spotted racing around the school yard and timing themselves as they imitate Jamaican Runner Usain Bolt and competing in friendly 3 on 3 basketball events. On Friday our school participated in a mini Olympics. The day started with a torch relay and an opening ceremony with the P-6 students celebrating in their country teams. There were a number of fun novelty games throughout the day which promoted teamwork and a whole lot of fun. Here is some of the student's favourite events:

- Jacob I liked the swimming event
- Ryder The Aboriginal game ~ Diarrikoolchi was fun. I liked throwing the ball at the wall and knocking the skittle on the rebound
- Peyton reported Gymnastics was so much fun
- Imogen Gymnastics was my favourite event because I could do cool tricks
- Oscar I like both of the Aboriginal events because we worked well as a team
- Hattie Gymnastics was fun
- Georgie Hockey was so fun moving the ball around the cones
- Jaxon I enjoyed carrying the cups of water in the swimming event
- Max I enjoyed Hockey because it's like playing golf.



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2/3M & 3/4Y have had another couple of great weeks. We have all settled into the routine of being back to school well. 3/4Y were awarded their hot chips from Mr. Moorhouse as everyone had bought their reading diaries to school for a whole week. Ms Young was very proud. We hope it will be 2/3M's time next. We have all enjoyed learning about the Olympics in our classrooms. Our Foster PS Olympic Day on Friday was super exciting. We had a great day and would like to say a big thank you to Mr. Moorhouse and his helpers for organising. 2/3M have been learning about Information Text in Literacy and Multiplication & Division in Maths. 3/4Y are still enjoying learning about Poetry, focusing on reading with fluency and expression. Multiplication & Division have been our focus in Maths. We are looking forward to starting our Olympic Potato Math. We hope you enjoy some of our writing from this week.

♥ Loving is quite cute ♥

♥ Loving is in everyone ♥

♥ Loving is fun too ♥

♥ By Ivy ♥

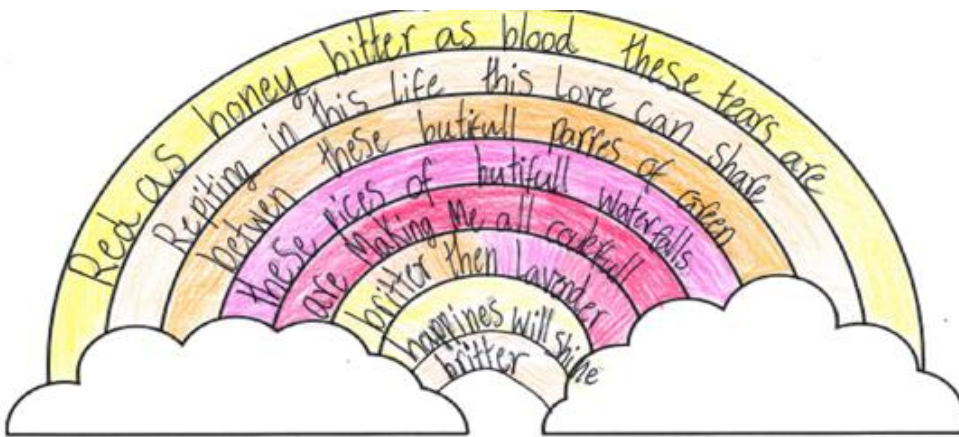
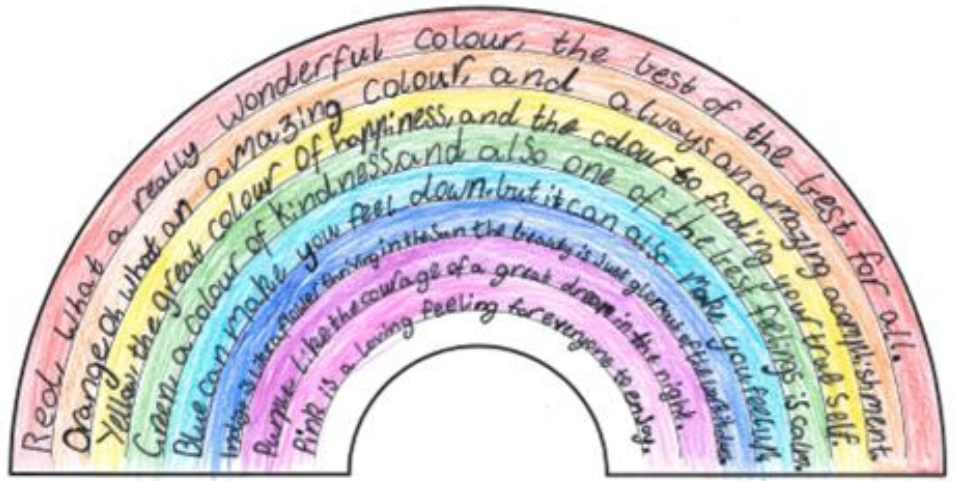


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Classroom News....

As I flash through
 the sky you
 hide with your
 family. As I flash
 through the sky
 I'm banging. As I
 Flash through the sky
 the power goes out...
 nothing. As I flash through
 the sky the rain comes
 for the ride.
 As I flash through
 The sky there
 Might be
 Fire but
 You'll
 be
 Safe

by Lexi.K



By Matilda & Giaan

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GARDEN

In our garden class we have been preparing new beds for spring planting as well as filling in old tyres from our playground to plant perennials to support other plants and bugs to flourish.

Some of the students in our grade have taken ownership of the preparation of the new melon patch. The students used their persistence to remove ivy from the fence with lots of problem solving and collaboration.

Grade 6 Transition

On Tuesday Kyle and Nicky from Foster High School came to visit our Grade 6 students. Students had the opportunity to ask lots of questions and hear about the experiences of some of the current Year 7 students. The high school students talked about the challenges of having different classes, your own computer and a locker lock. We are all very excited to be having our first orientation day on September 3rd.



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News...

Healthy Snacks/Food

A great education starts with students having the energy and focus to learn at school. Boosting healthy and delicious snacks/food and drink options at school can improve student's concentration, mood, memory, learning, academic performance, mental wellbeing and give them the fuel they need to thrive. We encourage sweets and lollies to be kept as treats for home so that we can make the most of great learning opportunities.

Book Week
Dress up Day is
WEDNESDAY
21st AUGUST

Volunteers needed.....

Book Week is 19th - 23rd August and we will be having a mini-Book Fair during that week.

We are asking for some parent volunteers to help run the Book Fair during the opening times:

8.30am - 9am

1.30pm - 2pm

3.15pm - 3.45pm

if you are able to help on any of the days during that week, for any of the timeslots, please call the office.

We would love to hear from you.

The book fair will raise funds for the school to purchase new library books and resources.

Thank you everyone.

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Respectful Relationships..

The second part of Term 2 the whole school were looking at the topic of Problem Solving as part of our Respectful Relationships curriculum.

This skill is important to help students learn a range of problem-solving skills through learning tasks so they are able to cope with the challenges they face in the future. Problem-solving is identified by the World Health Organisation as a key skill for health.

Developing students critical and creative thinking skills to explore different types of problems can build their ability to make responsible decisions that consider the likely consequences of different ways of solving problems.

Last week at assembly Grade 3/4Y shared one of the learning tasks that they had done in the classroom last term. Matilda did a great job at co-ordinating and explaining the Knot Game for the whole school to play. After we all played the game Matilda asked everyone to shut their eyes and think about what made the game challenging and what strategies we needed to help us.

Ivy, Jessica, Neave, Josie, Jesinta & Celeste then shared some of the things that 3/4Y learnt from playing the game.



These are some of the things that slowed us down to solve the problem:

- Lack of team work
- People being rough
- Not listening
- Not understanding each others words
- Having more people involved
- Noisy – hard to hear

How do these skills help us in the classroom to make it a friendly and happy learning space:

- Listening to each other
- Helping each other
- Getting to know each other
- The communication is really nice and enjoyable
- Patience
- Being confident

Messages we learned to help us in our everyday lives:

- Patience
- Caring for others will help them care for you
- Be polite
- Listen to people
- If you co-operate it will go better
- If you are nice to people, they will be nice back



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reading is magic



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Upcoming Events...

2024 August

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
12 SCIENCE WEEK	13 SCIENCE WEEK	14 SCIENCE WEEK	15 SCIENCE WEEK	16 SCIENCE WEEK 2.30-ASSEMBLY	17	18
19 BOOK WEEK BOOK FAIR	20 BOOK WEEK BOOK FAIR	21 BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY BOOK FAIR	22 BOOK WEEK BOOK FAIR	23 BOOK WEEK NEWSLETTER DAY  MELB STARS CRICKET VISIT LAST DAY OF BOOK FAIR 2.30-ASSEMBLY	24	25
26	27	28 SCHOOL COUNCIL	29	30 FATHERS DAY STALL 2.30-ASSEMBLY	31 	

2024 September

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
						1 FATHERS DAY
2 LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK 2ND - 6TH	3 GRADE 6 ORIENTATION DAY @ FSC	4 AVIVA MUSIC INCURSION	5	6 PJ DAY FUNDRAISER NEWSLETTER DAY  2.30-ASSEMBLY	7	8
9 STP CONFERENCES 3.30 - 4.30PM	10 STP CONFERENCES 3.30 - 4.30PM	11 NAT DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING STP CONFERENCES 3.30 - 4.30PM NIGHTTIME PERFORMANCE AT FSC	12 RUOK ? DAY WEAR YELLOW DIVISION ATHLETICS @ CRANBOURNE STP CONFERENCES 3.30 - 4.30PM	13 2.30-ASSEMBLY	14	15

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