

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

Hi everyone,

Well we have reached the end of one of the craziest (and what's seemed like the longest) school terms in history. I have said this many times but in reflection of the term, our school community have so much to be proud of. We took on remote learning, we worked together, we supported each other and our students thrived against adversity. Then after all that, how the students returned to school has been fantastic. I believe being away from school gave all students, teachers and families a greater appreciation for it. Importantly, we are not out of the woods yet. As a school, we will still be encouraging good hygiene habits and distancing were appropriate. I hope everyone has a great holiday break, I know I will. Remember to stay safe and to wash your hands.

As it has been a very intense term, our Junior School Council has decided that we need to have a bit of fun to end the term and I couldn't agree more. The JSC has organised to have a pyjama day for our final day of school for term 2. Students will be encouraged to wear their comfiest, fluffiest and warmest pyjamas and dressing gowns. Don't forget to bring along your favourite bedtime story too! There will also be a teacher versus grade 6 basketball match happening at lunchtime. All the teachers have been training very hard for this and we look forward to thrashing the grade 6 students tomorrow.

Our school reports will be handed out tomorrow. Due to remote learning across the state this terms reports will look very different to traditional reports. This semester's reports will not have the progression points at the start which indicate your child's growth over a 6 or 12 month period. The reports for this semester have been simplified to include 4 sections, that being achievement in Literacy, achievement in Numeracy, engagement in Remote Learning and a General Comment. We will be returning to traditional reports at the end of the year. If you have any queries about the reports please get in touch with either myself or your child's teacher.

Over the week we have had 25 square metres of mulch delivered to the school to go in our playground areas. This amount of mulch would take one person a lot of time to spread but during recess and lunchtimes we have had a big crew of volunteer gardeners that have been more than happy to assist with this. As they say, many hands make light work.

Just a reminder that it is the last day of term tomorrow. We will have an early dismissal time of 2:30 and buses will run an earlier timetable.

Cheers Dale



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### Important Dates

#### JUNE

26th End Term 2 - 2.30pm finish

#### JULY

13th Start Term 3  
 21st School Council



**Don't forget to bring your water bottle to school!**



# Student of the Week



## Grade 5/6 Victorian Parliament Video Link

In Grade 5/6 we have been learning about the history of Australia's Federation, citizenship and government. As part of this, we organised a video 'trip' to the Victorian Parliament, to learn about how important decisions are made in our state. Students learned that anyone – even children – can come up with ideas that could later become laws (which makes Ms Ellis a little nervous). They also learned about their elected representatives, the green Legislative Assembly (which you can see in the background of our video link), the red Legislative Council, political parties and independents. We role-played some of the key jobs in the Parliament, including the Speaker, who has to keep those rowdy politicians in order! Who knows, perhaps one day a member of our 5/6 class will be representing us in our State Parliament, or perhaps even the Federal Parliament? As they say in political debates: hear! hear!



## ICT Forms

ICT forms went home to some families last week. Please complete and return to the school as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Basketball Tops

We have been collecting Basketball Tops at the school to return to Megan Vuillermin. If you have any Basketball tops at home that need to be returned, please send them in to the school office.

## Respectful Relationships: Meditation with Mr Farrell

**Leticia** – I think that the whole process made me focus on my work more and not get easily distracted. It helped me calm down more and realise that mediation helps me cope with my worries and not get too scared.

**Ruby** – It really helped me focus and helped me do more productive work, it was very relaxing for me and my body.

## Grade 6 Poem readings to the Prep/1s

Here's Jacob performing the poem, 'Avocado' by Chris Harris. All the 5/6 students selected a poem to interpret and rehearse, and were excited to share their hard work and entertaining performances with the Prep/1 class.



Some of the preps comments on the poem readings:

**Willow & Djaran** - Jacob was really funny because he kept saying "Avocado, avocado, avocado, sock!"

**Blue & Hudson** – Audrey and Tayla were copycats and they kept saying what each other was saying.

**Maddy** – Jarrah was funny but I can't remember what he said!

