Well we are well and truly back into the swing of things at school. In our first full week for the year I have been so impressed by the great start that all the students have made. Everyone is eager to learn and its wonderful to see lots of smiling, happy faces when I visit all of the classrooms. I am particularly impressed by our 18 prep students who are doing a fantastic job getting through the school day.

Our Parents and Friends group will be having their first meeting for the year this Monday straight after assembly. Our PnF do a wonderful job for the school and community by running fantastic events and by raising valuable money for the school. Last year an example of a few of the events they helped coordinate included the Movie Night, our whole school Christmas Dinner and the making of a school cookbook. All of the PnF meetings are child friendly, so if you are looking at ways of joining into the school community I highly recommend joining our PnF group.

Today Asher, Josh and myself went to a cheque presentation ceremony in Foster where the Yanakie Campdraft Association donated $500 to our school garden program. It is great to have community groups supporting us in this way and we thank them for their donation. Thanks.

Dale

**Mainly Music**

Childrens’ interactive music and movement program  
Fish Creek Union Church  
Fridays 9.15—10.15  
Beginning February 9th  
Contact Susan 0429 936 325

**Lisa Pellant Dance Class**

Classes available for all dance styles from beginners to advanced.  
Contact Lisa 5662 5452 or lpd5678@gmail.com. Classes in Foster, Leongatha & Inverloch

**Wonthaggi Girl Guides**

Age 6 upwards, meet Mondays at the Wonthaggi RSL Hall, Graham Street, Wonthaggi. Two groups Rainbow guides 6-9 years old & Yandiah Guides 8 years old upwards. Contact Cheryl Bertrand 0408 391 035  
Leongatha Girl Guides meet Wednesdays at the Leongatha Guide Hall

**Venus Dance - Film & Dance Performing Arts School.**

Dance Classes & Dance/Film Performance  
Be part of ‘Alice in Venus’ in 2018, a non-profit mixed media film & dance production. Profit from the concert is donated to CERT Venus Bay. Open to all students who participate in children and teenager classes, including firedance & glowstick.  
Dance classes for preschool, older children, teenagers & adults.  
Classical, creative, modern, hip hop, firedance/glowstick & flamenco.  
Mirboo North, Inverloch, Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower.  
Classes start in Feb, visit website for info: www.venusdance.com.au

**Foster Aussie Hoops**

Commencing Wednesday Feb 21st at Foster Basketball Stadium  
3.45pm to 4.10pm  
ages 5 &up  
For more info contact Shannon 0409521579  
Register at aussiehoops.com.au

**Secondary College Music Program**

Within this secondary music program, we recognise that students of late primary age are often ready to begin learning an instrument and, therefore, we offer students from Grades 5 and 6 the opportunity to join us. We are holding an Information evening on Monday February 12 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm, so feel free to come along and ask any questions you might have. For further information, please contact Bec Bone at Foster Secondary College 5682 2066
Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships.
This term we will be teaching Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships to all students. Much of the content has been covered in previous years through different programs. The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships learning materials have been designed for teachers in primary and secondary schools to develop students’ social, emotional and positive relationship skills. The lessons which run for 30 minutes per week look to promote social and emotional skills and positive norms in children and young people and have been shown to improve health related outcomes and subjective wellbeing. It also reduces antisocial behaviours including engagement in gender-related violence. The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (RRRR) learning materials cover topics of Social and Emotional Learning across all levels of primary and secondary education including: Emotional Literacy; Personal Strengths; Positive Coping; Problem Solving; Stress Management; Help Seeking; and Positive Relationships.

Resources will be available for parents to view on Tuesday the 13th of February from 1:00pm to 1:30pm in the staffroom. If you have any queries, teachers will be available to answer any questions or queries on this day or you can call the school at anytime.

Welcome Jeff
In order to get to know our new School Crossing Attendant, Misha and Amala set out to interview him.
What is your name? Jeff
What is your favourite food? Spaghetti Bolognese
Where do you live? Foster North
Do you have any pets? 2 sheep
If you could visit any country, where would it be? England
Have you ever done this job before? I have done it as casual work for 3 years
Do you enjoy your job? I love it!

Environmental Science
This year all of the schools students will be involved in our new environmental science program. This will involve participating in all the schools garden has to offer, sustainability and science. We will be looking at waste management and recycling and reducing our schools environmental footprint. The garden has been growing over the summer and is producing zucchini, corn, tomatoes, berries, fruit, greens. A big thanks to Meg Edwards who helped with watering and looking after the chickens over the summer break. We hope to use school produce for cooking activities for the schools students. We would love any interested parents to get involved in our environmental science program and spend some time with your children in the garden.
Classes are on Thursdays
1/2 LePage 9:30 - 10:15  1/2 Farrell 10:15 - 11:00
3/4 11:30 - 12.15  5/6 12:15 - 1:00  Prep 2.35 - 3.20

Swimming Trials
Tomorrow sees nearly 30 students attending our swimming trials at Toora. Successful competitors will then go on and represent our cluster at the District Swimming. It is great to see so many students having a go and I am sure they will enjoy the day. If you child is participating please send the $6 into the office as soon as possible.

Publicly Published & Displayed Material & Local Consent Form
These forms went home last Thursday (a blue form) Please complete and return as soon as possible. Preps completed these forms as part of their enrolment.