

# Fishy News

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## A message from the Principal

Hi everyone,

On Tuesday we held our Prep 2021 Information Night. As with all things this year it was very different to how we traditionally hold our event. This year we held our event remotely via WebEx. I would like to thank all the parents who logged on and attended the night. I hope that you enjoyed the experience and got a lot out of it. Thankyou also to our school leaders in Remi, Anouar, Audrey and Jarrah who all made videos of their experiences at Fish Creek Primary School. These were played on the night and I know all the families that attended really enjoyed hearing students' perspectives of our great school. If you know of anyone who is interested in attending our school next year please get them to call the school at any time on 56832271.

I have had many families ask me about when the students will return to onsite learning. Unfortunately I cannot give an answer to that as we as a school get the information at exactly the same time as everyone else. As a principal I am going on the assumption that remote learning will continue for all of term 3, I know this is a difficult time for everyone and if there is anything at the school we can do to support all families through remote learning please don't hesitate to get in contact with me. Well done to all the students who took on my Assembly minute to win it sock challenge. I have been very entertained looking at all the attempts to get their multiple pairs of socks on. I know some students have even managed to get above 10 pairs of socks on in a minute. For this week's challenge I am hoping to be slightly better. I won't disclose what it is but you will need 3 balloons to participate in it. Cheers, Dale.



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### Important Dates

**SEPTEMBER**  
 18th Last Day Term 3



### Primary Welfare

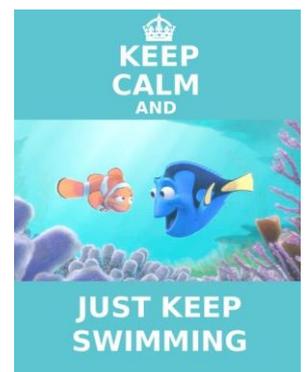
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Guitar Lessons with Miss Jackie.



Rhama and Anda displaying some of their beautiful paper mache artwork.



## Primary Welfare

In 'normal' times I wander towards Barry's and Peta's classroom for our weekly staff meetings with an excited feeling. Usually, before I even get there, I can hear the cackle of laughter. The meetings are a buzz of conversation between highly capable teachers and engaging humans. The staff are obviously delighted to be around each other and find honest joy in teaching your children.

We love your kids and feel so lucky to teach them. Today I pay tribute to our teachers, ES staff and principal, continuing on as if there was no sign of a pandemic. There was no training for remote teaching, yet here they are – making magic, considering each task – how will I engage the kids with this? Will my students need their parents to help with it? Where does it sit in the curriculum? Does this follow up with what we have been learning about before remote learning? Is my feedback going to drive this child? Our staff are still working through lunch, some remote teaching their own kids at the same time. They are still staying awake thinking of your children and how to hook them in.

Our ES staff on the ground creatively and warmly supporting those who need to be at school. Taking the phone calls, juggling and balancing the changes in a workplace during this pandemic.

We are here for you and we care. Remote teaching is not what we signed up for, but we are smiling behind the masks.

Our staffroom is spread between various kitchens, home offices and lounge rooms. We look at each other through the screen and ask "Can you hear me? Can you see me?" We share our success and struggles and we all still challenge each other, support each other and make each other laugh, with our obvious wit and terrible background screens.

These magic people are here for you. We all have different qualities to offer and we are all here to support all of you.

Please if you need support, a chat, a frozen dinner, a cry or to celebrate your child's success please be in touch.

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## Student of the Week

- Grade P/1** Ned for great commitment to online learning.
- Grade 1/2** Shelby for being an engaged and enthusiastic member of remote learning
- Grade 2** Mya for fantastic commitment to her learning
- Grade 3/4** Annie Jean for rocking the video post on SeeSaw.
- Grade 4/5** Tex for asking great questions and encouraging thinking outside the box.
- Grade 5/6** Tayla for great independence as a learner in all areas of remote learning.
- WellBeing Wednesday** Mya for a great rainstick and fingerknitting.

### Footy Colours Day

This year's Footy Colours Day will be done quite differently to previous years. It will be celebrated at home on Wednesday 2nd September's Wellbeing day. You will still have a chance to dress up in your favourite team's colours and participate in some sports related activities, such as having a kick with the family. You can also take some photos to share with the school. Here is a link that takes you to a fundraising page if you would like to donate to help Kids with Cancer.

<https://footy-colours-day-2020.raisely.com/c-couper>

### Health and Wellbeing Resources

Exercise has many benefits, not only for your physical health but also your mental health. Staying active can improve your sleep, give you more energy and help manage stress - all helping you to maintain positive mental health. This week South Coast Primary & Community Partnership is sharing resources to support our school community to stay active.

#### Virtual Y

The YMCA has gone online with Virtual Y, offering free access to fitness videos, nutritious recipes, wellbeing advice, family activities and a Youth Hub.

<https://virtually.ymca.org.au/>

#### Bluearth at Home

Bluearth works to improve health by increasing our levels of physical activity and movement. They have created a suite of activities for the family or anyone to do in the comfort and safety of their own home during the COVID-19 restrictions. <https://www.bluearth.org/bluearth-at-home/>

#### Athletics at Home

Every week Little Athletics Australia are posting a new free active challenge or workout for you to master at home. There are currently more than 5 available with more on the way. <https://littleathletics.com.au/athletics-at-home/>

Events – RUOK Day Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September