

School Photos

Order forms for the school photos went home on Monday. Please return the order as soon as possible. If you would like a family photo taken, please ask for an order form at the office.

Essential Student Learning Items and Accounts

Essential Learning Items will be \$170 per student for 2019. Our Parent Payment Policy is on our website and we encourage you all to read this policy. If you have any questions please speak to Irene.

Accounts went home last week and prompt payment would be appreciated.

If you would like to organise a payment plan, please speak to Irene.

CSEF Payments

CSEF is a program provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per primary aged student is \$125.

Anyone who claimed this last year who does not have a child starting in Prep this year DOES NOT need to complete the application process again.

Please contact the office for an application form or for further information.

Lice

We have had a couple of outbreaks of lice already so please check your child's hair TONIGHT. If lice are found, students must stay home until they have been treated. Follow up treatments are then required.



Foster Aussie Hoops is Back

Friday 15th March

At Foster Basketball Stadium

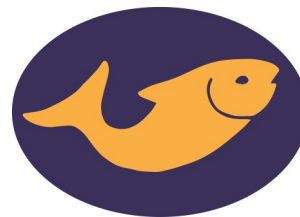
3.45pm to 4.30pm

Runs for 8 sessions

Great introduction to the game of basketball

Register at Aussiehoops.com.au

More information contact Shannon 0409521579



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NEWSLETTER

21st February 2019

TERM ONE

FEBRUARY

No Preps on a Wednesday during February

Thursday 21st District Swimming Korumburra

MARCH

Thursday 7th School Photos

Tuesday 12th School Council 7.00pm

Friday 22 Whole school bike ride

25th -29th Grade 5/6 Camp Woorabinda

COMING UP

RESPECT

FAIRNESS

COMMITMENT

Today 21 of our students proudly represented the Waratah Cluster in the District Swimming Sports. All students should be congratulated on their efforts, It was amazing watching them all perform at their best but more importantly showing great sportsmanship through encouraging other swimmers and congratulating other competitors. We will post results in next week's newsletter and let any swimmer who won their way to the next level know as soon as possible. The next level is next Friday against all the best swimmers from South Gippsland at Division Swimming.

This year, like all years, we will have a focus on attendance. We want all students at school for every minute of the school day. We understand if students are unwell that the best place for them to be is at home recovering, but otherwise we really want students at school. Everyday at school is important and provides opportunities to learn and grow as a person. Non attendance does add up and can have a profound effect on a child's education. If a student misses on average 10 days a year for their schooling duration that equates to 130 days over their schooling journey, this is equivalent to over 2 and a half school terms of educational opportunities missed.

A friendly reminder also that students are expected to be at school before 9.00am. Late comers can disrupt the class as well as the child missing valuable learning time.

Cheers,

Dale

Parent Help

Any parents or carers interested in listening to students read in Mr Farrell's grade, feel free to drop in between 9 and 9:20 Monday to Friday. Any help is always appreciated. Please remember a WWC card is required so if you don't already have one, just head onto the website and order one. <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>
There is no fee for Volunteer Checks.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On the 6th and 7th of March we will be conducting Parent Teacher Interviews from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. Interview times will be restricted to 10 minutes per child but as always if you feel you need additional time we are more than happy to arrange meetings between the teacher and parent anytime of the school year. Traditionally we have held these in term 2. The rationale behind having them earlier is that we believe it gives the teachers and parents an opportunity to address any issues or concerns and also to focus on student strengths earlier in the year. It also enables parents and teachers an earlier opportunity to work together to get the best outcomes for the child. We know educating a child works better when there is a great partnership between the school and family. At the parent interview, what I want parents and carers to think about is what you want from the school year and how can we best work together to achieve these goals.

Conveyance Allowance

Parents who drive their child more than 4.8 km to their closest school or bus stop may be eligible for this allowance. Please contact the office for more details.

Late Arrival/Early Departure

All students who arrive late must be signed in at the office so if your child is late, please come with them to the office to sign in. If you are taking your child early, please come to the office first, sign them out and then proceed to their classroom to collect them. This is due to current OH & S regulations.

Bookclub

Orders due back TOMORROW

Student of the Week



Maths Training

Our staff was very fortunate on Monday and Tuesday to be working with Martin Holt from the Maths Association of Victoria. Martin has been working with staff to model engaging open-ended maths activities with all our students. This is a great way of introducing learning tasks as it gets them thinking of alternative ways to solve a problem. Martin will be back in a couple of weeks time to continue his work with us.

School Council Elections

A reminder that our School Council Election period has begun and we are calling for nominations. 5 of our Councillors' terms are up for renewal. If we have more nominations than positions, we then go to a ballot. Nominations must be received in the office by 4pm on 7th March. For further information please see Dale or a current School Council member.

Absences

Please remember if your child is absent you **MUST** contact the school either by email or phone to notify us of their absence. This needs to be done before 9.30am if possible.