Family Fun Page

Jokes of the Week
Why did the cow go to the movies? Because she wanted to see a moo-vie.
Grace Grade 1/2
What goes Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-clonk? A man laughing his head off!
Anya Grade 4/5
Why did the donut cross the road? To get to the cinamas.
Will Grade 1/2
What do you give to a sick lemon? Lemon Aid
Isla Grade 4/5

Milk cartons wanted
Prep/1s need to collect lots of clean 1 litre milk cartons and other cardboard boxes such as cereal boxes to make into word boxes. If you can save any items like this and recycle them our way we would greatly appreciate it.

Artist of the Week
Nina Chang for a beautifully detailed picture of a footballer in action.

School Family Disco
Friday 18th October
4.30—9.00pm
Fish Creek Hall
$15 per family

Next Friday night the PnF will hold the annual school disco. All parents are reminded that the disco is a FAMILY event and we would love to see as many family members there as possible. It is also a great opportunity for those who have not met Mrs Turner yet to meet her. Party pies and sausage rolls will be on sale and supper is provided so please make the effort and come along. The students really do love the disco so please come along and enjoy the night. We also need some help with the supper, so if you can supply a plate of food could you please let either Lisa Stefani or the office know.

An interview with Zali Rogers
by Liam
How did you get into sports? I followed my brother and sister.
Who’s your favourite athlete? Sally Pearson
How old were you when you started and how old are you now? I was 7 and I am 11 years old now.
What sports do you specialise in? Running, high jump, basketball and netball.
What is one of your goals for this year? I want to jump 1.30 in high jump.

Community Noticeboard

Corner Inlet Dolphin Swimming Club
commences next week on Tuesday. Come along and try it before you sign up. Please contact Carol at the Pool on 5686 2296

Fish Creek Tarwin Cricket Club
Looking for kids 12 yrs and under interested in a game of cricket.
Season starts mid November.
All enquiries to Norm Wilkins
0438841003

Important Dates

October
Tuesday 15th School Council 7.30pm
Wednesday 16th Nude Food Day
Thursday 17th Kinder Tour 10.15am
Friday 18th Bandanna Day for Canteen
School Disco Fish Creek Hall
Friday 25th Sam Angelico Magic Show—Tarwin Lower Hall
Monday 28th State Athletics Competition
November
Monday 4th Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 5th Melbourne Cup Day
Monday 11th Kanga Cricket

Principal Comment
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Formative Assessment

Last term staff explored the work of Formative Assessment expert Dylan Wiliam. During the holidays Mrs Smith and Mrs Turner attended a two day conference with Dylan to gain further understanding of his work. It is based on ten years of international research and centres around:

- Making learning intentions and success criteria clear to students
- Creating learning tasks that give teachers real evidence of learning
- Providing feedback that helps students move their learning forward
- Creating opportunities for students to learn from each other
- Creating opportunities for students to engage better with their own learning

This will be a whole school focus for the next 2 years as we move through each strategy. The first change we will be implementing is aimed at improving student engagement by adapting a "no hands up (except to ask a question)" philosophy across the school. This ensures all students are actively involved in their learning. No one gets left behind and those who need it, are challenged appropriately.

If you would like to find out more about formative assessment, take a look at Dylan’s website and view his 2 part television program on YouTube called “The Classroom Experiment”.

[http://www.dylanwiliam.net/](http://www.dylanwiliam.net/)
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Calmer Classrooms

Staff have attended two sessions on Calmer Classrooms run by our South Gippsland Student Support Officers. They were given some background information about the effects of trauma on brain development in children and how this may impact on their ability to learn in the school environment. They were also given some practical strategies to help support these students at school. For more information please see the Commission for Children and Young People website.


Welcome Back

We warmly welcome Mrs King and Mrs Higgins back from their respective holidays. We hope they both had terrific trips and look forward to seeing their photos. I wonder what Mrs Higgins thought about her transformed classroom? I think the giraffe finally has a name too!

Sun Smart and Uniform

Now that the weather is warming up a reminder that in term four hair needs to be worn when students are outside. If you child has lost their hat or needs a new one we have some for sale for $10.00. Second hand uniform is also available. Thank you to Colleen Williams for washing these in the holidays. A reminder that jewellery is to be kept to a minimum and that long hair should be tied up and accessories should be in school colours.

Value of the Term

This term we are learning all about respect. This includes respect for oneself, respect for others and respect for the environment. How many ways have you demonstrated this at home and at school this week?

Respect

Hot Lunches

Even with two extra microwaves we still have long queues to heat up lunches. During terms 1 and 4 (when it is generally warmer weather) could you please limit the number of times your children bring food to be microwaved to 2 meals per week. Sandwiches are NOT considered a hot lunch and will not be heated up (with the exception of Grade 6 teaties on Fridays).

Nude Food Day

A reminder about "nude food" day next Wednesday, 16th October. Please try and limit the amount of packaging in your child’s lunch box. For example putting a sandwich in a container rather than plastic wrap or foil. Don’t forget fruit and vegetables have no packaging! For more ideas and recipes, check out their website.


Bandanna Day

Junior School Council will be selling bandannas and pens to support CanTeen. Bandannas are $4 and pens are $3. Please send money along... There are limited numbers so get in early before they sell out! Limit one item per child. Students will be asked to wear their bandannas with their school uniform on Friday 18th October. Gold coin donations also accepted on the day. To find out more about the great work that CanTeen do check out their website.

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If we can sell 50 bandannas, that allows 4 young people to attend a CanTeen Recreational Day. A Recreational Day gives our members a chance to catch up with other members and do something exciting like whale watching, surfing, bowling or going to the footy.

Chinese Lessons

Ni Hao. We are excited to announce that we will be trialing Mandarin lessons this term in the Prep/1 classroom! Each Wednesday the class will have a 25 minute culture and language lesson via Skype facilitated by a native speaking Mandarin tutor. Mrs Smith will also be supported with additional resources to complement the program. When we have the technology sorted and the program is up and running effectively we will invite parents along to attend.

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Grade 3/4

This term our 3/4 classroom learning will be around the topic of animals. We will be researching the following statement: ‘Living things are alike and different.’

Grade 4/5

This term Grade 4/5 will be exploring animals big and small from all parts of the world. Students will be choosing three different projects to complete during the term, ranging from building a diorama of the habitat of an animal, researching rainfall in the local area in the last ten years and how this affects our land and local animals or producing a song which they will perform to the class focusing on sustainability. We look forward to an exciting term, finding out all we can on animals!

Grade 5/6

This term Grade 5/6 will be looking at Multiculturalism in Australia. We will look at past and current immigration patterns as well as different views on this. We will investigate the experiences of immigrants in their homeland, on their journey to Australia and their experiences when they arrive.

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Exploring respect through role plays, scripted plays and cooperative group activities.

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