Mission Statements

Prep/1
*We will look after each other*
*We will be kind to each other*
*We will have a go at new things*
*We will practice reading and writing*
*We will try to do our best*
*We will have FUN!!*
*We won’t stop others from learning.*

Grade 1/2
*We will try our best.*
*We will show good manners*
*We will show whole body listening*
*We have respect*
*We will be helpful*
*We will co-operate*
*We care about everyone*
*We will use our imaginations*
*We will ask questions*
*We will encourage*
*We will always show good learning behaviours*
*We will have fun but not stop anyone from learning.*

Vision
Fish Creek and District Primary School is committed to achieving high quality learning for all students using a collaborative and positive approach.

It is the mission of Fish Creek and District Primary School……
to ensure all students learn the essential skills and knowledge necessary to become active and responsible global citizens.

Grade 3/4
We Believe
We Succeed
We Achieve

Grade 5
As a class we will create an environment where we work together, show respect towards each other and always maintain a good sense of humour. We will support each other to do our very best in everything we do.

Grade 5/6
In our Grade 5/6 class in 2014 we will work hard to create a safe, fair and enjoyable learning environment that will help us achieve high standards of learning and see us continue to grow throughout our lives. We will work together with a positive attitude, show respect and compassion. We will demonstrate leadership and contribute positively to our school.

Community Noticeboard

From Coast Soccer Club
Recruiting now for 2014 season
All welcome, any skill level, 5 years & Up
Training starts Sunday 16th Feb 2014 at 10:30 am
To register your interest for 2014 season
Contact Shellei 0419 322384

Story Time at Foster Library
Saturdays 10am to 10:30am
Story time is a fast, fun highlight of stories, songs and activities aimed at pre-schoolers. Younger siblings welcome.

Baby Rhyme Time at Foster Library
Fridays 10:30am to 11am
Baby rhymes,ymes, stories and some special time with your baby.
Younger siblings welcome.
Parent Payments
A reminder that these are now overdue. You may pay at the office or deposit funds into your new Bendigo Bank account. If you would like to organise a payment plan please make an appointment to discuss this ASAP. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bus Reminders
Just a reminder to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before pick up time.
Parents are also asked to park/stand on the same side as the bus pulls in so they can collect their child and escort them safely across the road.

EMA Applications
The Education Maintenance Allowance applications must be returned to the office by 28th February. If you are the recipient of a Health Care Card or a Foster Parent you are eligible for this allowance. Forms are available from the office.

Kitchen Garden Update
The Kitchen Garden is set to fundraise in order to raise the necessary funds for the Music room to be transferred into a kitchen. Part of this fundraising will include a Photo Booth at the Easter Fete in April. Regular updates will occur with the school community via the newsletter and all parents are invited to come along to any of the meetings which will be advertised in the newsletter. Next meeting will be on MONDAY 3rd March from 2.00pm

School Council
The closing date for school council nominations is next Monday 17th February. Please collect a nomination form from the office if you are interested in becoming a parent member. This year there are six parent member vacancies.

PnF Meeting
The PnF will meet next Friday 21st from 2.15pm in the staffroom. All parents are encouraged to attend and a special invite is offered to the new families at the school. The group meets when required—approx. once per month and is responsible for events such as the school disco, trivia night, hot lunch day and Christmas Lunch.

First Aid and Medications
Temporary medications e.g. antibiotics, anti-histamines etc. can be administered when accompanied by a note signed and dated by a parent. All medicines must be in original packaging with instructions and student's name attached.

Pain relief medication such as Panadol, Aspirin etc. is not permitted to be administered as First Aid. It can be administered at school if presented as a Doctor’s prescription or as part of a Medicine Management plan.

Students suffering from asthma or other severe medical condition are required to submit a School Asthma/Severe Condition Management Plan.

Uniform
It’s great to see everyone in their summer uniform.
Just a reminder that:
- long hair needs to be tied up and hair accessories should be in school colours where possible.
- nail polish, temporary tattoos, make up and dangly jewellery are not part of school uniform.
- hats need to be worn this term.

Music
We are still in the process of finding a suitably qualified choir teacher and will let you know ASAP. Instrumental lessons with John Rees have started. If your child is new to the school (or has recently developed a passion for music) and would like to play a musical instrument please see John in the morning. If you are interested in pursuing private music lessons outside of what we offer then our preference is that these occur outside of school hours to minimise the interruption to student learning.

Staff Meetings
We are now meeting Mondays and Wednesdays after school. If you would like to make a time to speak with your child’s teacher please be aware they will be unavailable at these times.

Kitchen Garden Update
The group met again on Monday and a goal was set to raise money to fundraise in order to raise the necessary funds for the Music room to be transferred into a kitchen. Part of this fundraising will include a Photo Booth at the Easter Fete in April. Regular updates will occur with the school community via the newsletter and all parents are invited to come along to any of the meetings which will be advertised in the newsletter.

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KidsMatter Primary
What are the benefits of Kids Matter Primary?
KidsMatter was extensively evaluated in 2009 by Flinders University. The evaluation found clear benefits for students, school staff and for schools.

Benefits for staff included:
- Increased staff satisfaction
- Professional learning opportunities
- Improved student learning and behaviour

Benefits for schools included:
- Stronger parent engagement and parenting capacity
- More effective partnerships with community
- Improved student educational outcomes

A subsequent analysis of the data found that “...KidsMatter appears to be positively associated with the level of student academic achievement, equivalent to 6 months more schooling by Year 7, over and above any influence of socio-economic background.”

For more information see their website and Facebook page.
http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/
https://www.facebook.com/#!/KidsMatterForFamilies

Great to see our families taking up the opportunity to pay accounts/fees etc. over the internet. Just a reminder to PLEASE make sure that your surname is put into the details field to ensure Pam can allocate the money correctly.

School Community Family BBQ
Friday 21st March.
Please take up the opportunity to enjoy the chance to mingle with staff and other parents from 6pm for family activities. BBQ should be cooked and ready to enjoy from 7pm. We will take this opportunity to present our School Captains and Junior School Council members their badges.

Nude Food Day
A reminder that each Wednesday is nude food day. Please try and provide a rubbish free lunch. This not only helps the environment by reducing waste, it cuts down on the amount of litter in our school.