**Learning Stone Opening Ceremony**

The Preps revisited the kinder last week for the opening of the Learning Stone that they helped put together.

We enjoyed watching the kinder kids perform "Tiddalik the Frog" as well as seeing the finished totems.

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**Community Noticeboard**

**Tennis lessons are currently running in Fish Creek on a Sunday afternoon. Numbers are growing so we are opening up more classes. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Matt Pocklington on 0402 736 693. Lots of fun, kids everywhere!!**

**Baby Rabbits for Sale**

Please see Jaz or Isabelle Bennett if you would like to know more details.

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**Foster Aussie Hoops**

Foster Aussie Hoops will re-commence on Wednesday August 20th for 8 weeks from 4:45pm (excluding school holidays) at the Foster Basketball Stadium, Foster Showgrounds.

- Register online at the Aussie Hoops website.
- $40 for returning participants (no starter pack)
- $65 for new participants (with starter pack)
- The starter pack includes a backpack, basketball and singlet.

The court will be open from 3.30pm on August 20th to assist with registration or other enquiries. For further information call Lisa Lemchens on 0428821518.

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**August is ES Month**

ES month presents a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the fantastic contributions of our Education Support Staff: Sandy, Caroline, Pam and Irene. The theme for this year is recognition and respect. Our wonderful ES staff will be treated to a special morning tea one day each week for the month of August. We will also have a VIB each week. This week’s VIB is Sandy. Sandy goes above and beyond her call of duty every week not only working with students but looking after the staff as well. Each day she collects the milk and mail for the staff and can often be seen filling up and emptying the dishwasher. She is a valued and respected member of our KidsMatter Action Team and wider school community. Thank you Sandy for everything you do at our school, we really appreciate it!
Working Bee
A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along to lend a hand at the working bee last Sunday. The weather was kind to us and we got lots of jobs done around the school. We now have a new door on the gym, the toilets have had a big clean inside and out, many trees have been pruned and garden beds have been prepared for planting. A special thank you to our building and grounds committee for organising and co-ordinating everything, Anthony Howard for supplying mulch, Frank Smolders for supplying plants, Steve Vuillermin for hanging the new gym door and transforming our junior library shelves and Mrs Bonikos, Mrs Smith and Mr Le Page for giving up their Sunday! The building and grounds committee is keen to continue to hold working bees throughout the year and would like some feedback so we can have maximum participation in the future. Please complete the Signmee survey coming out this week with your preferences.

Value of the Term
This term's value is Fairness. Fairness is giving people what they need, when they need it. Each week there will be a question to discuss as a family about fairness. This week's question is...How does my family show fairness amongst the children?

Bus Updates
Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding last week with the wild weather and bus changes. It is rare that cancellations need to occur and Irene and our staff did a great job of managing this. Tricia Moon is on long service leave until the end of this term. She is chasing the sun and visiting family in WA. Lachlan Moon and Deb Williams will be driving for the remainder of this term.

Library Books
It is great to see so many students taking home library books! Unlike the big schools we don't have a computerised borrowing system and it can be difficult to keep track of our books. There are certain titles, series and authors that are more popular at certain times. At the moment "Choose Your Own Adventure" books seem to be in high demand. Could you please have a look at home (under beds, in the car, in cubbies etc) for any library books that are not being read and return them to school so others can enjoy them. Many thanks.

Signmee's needing attention this week:
Working Bee Survey—All families
Somers Camp Update—Selected 5/6 Students

Footsteps Dance
A reminder that students will be learning and rehearsing the dances every Friday morning this term. Grade 3-6 lessons are from 9.00-9.45am and Grades P-2 are from 9.45-10.30am. We will be having an extra session on Tuesday 19th August to make up for last week. It would be appreciated if lateness could be avoided and appointments are not made at this time to enable all students to fully participate.

Tuning Into Kids
Inverloch Primary School is hosting the Tuning Into Kids workshops this term on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm, beginning on 19th August for 5 sessions. Please contact Damon Piercy on 0428 620 470 or email damon.piercy@ucgips.org.au

Raffle Tickets
A booklet of raffle tickets, plus a list of just some of the items we have on offer at the Trivia Night, were sent home earlier this week. Please try and sell the raffle tickets and return to the school TOMORROW If you are not going to the Trivia Night but would like to make a bid on any of the items listed in the hand out, please return the bidding form to school no later than 3.20pm tomorrow afternoon.

SCIENCE TERM 3
This term, we will be looking at Earth and Space Sciences. Our studies will be of natural phenomena on our Earth. Prep/1 will be investigating weather, both at school and with a home learning project. We will be looking at different types of weather and how we record them.

Prep/1 will be exploring daily, weekly and seasonal changes in the environment around us. Grade 3/4 will study an introduction to geology, looking at how soils, rocks and landscapes change over time. An information note went home with your child on Tuesday, asking for a soil sample for next week's lesson. We are looking forward to having a variety of samples for the class to test. Grades 5 and 6 will investigate causes of earthquakes and how they change the Earth's surface. Our budding scientists are building some great observational skills - it will be great to share our discoveries as the term progresses!

What is a Bucket Filler?

A bucket filler is someone who:
- Says or does something kind
- Gives someone a smile
- Makes others feel special
- Cares for someone

Remember...when you fill someone’s bucket, you fill your bucket too!