



Newsletter 18, 14th November 2019



Foster Primary School Newsletter

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

School Concert preparations continue with rehearsals, ticketing and promotions, costume making and set design. A huge thank you to all those involved (parents, students, teachers and P & F), it is really wonderful watching the whole production take shape.

The Junior building has some exciting visitors who will be making themselves known over the coming weeks. Nat Witcher has kindly let the Junior students use her chicken hatching equipment and expertise to incubate 17 eggs. Students have been diligently turning the eggs and making sure the equipment is running properly. The Junior students also educated the rest of the school about the project at our assembly last week, and have posted some instructions near the incubator for the rest of the school to follow.

Staff had their last session with Shane Wainwright (SEIL) and Belinda Ludlow (EIL) last week. We are now extremely close to having a new Annual Implementation Plan for 2020. The final stages will see the Leadership Team devising actions and strategies to ensure Foster primary School continues to grow in relation to a strong learning culture and ensuring all students have an input into their education.

Positive Climate for Learning

A huge thank you also needs to go out to Christele Vidot who kindly donated 250 sausages that Mr Davis cooked up to raise money for the Chess Club and an epipen to take out on excursions. It was very successful with a long line of eager students (and teachers) patiently waiting for their snag!

Nat Oudyn is in the process of upgrading our garden beds to allow for more produce and help to sustain the Kitchen Garden Program. Students will be helping Nat over the coming weeks with moving soil and mulch, and planting out the revamped gardens.

Students have been discussing and sharing ideas about 'pride' at assembly over the last couple of weeks. A part of this has been about having pride in wearing our uniform. Wearing our uniform properly helps make our students feel a part of a team and our community. Parents are asked to review the school's Dress Code Policy at <http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Dress-Code-Policy-May-2019.pdf> to ensure our students look their best right up to the last day of the year and feel a part of our amazing learning community.

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School no. 6221

Hours of supervision:
8.30am—3.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Friday 20th December
last day of Term 4

Term 1, 2020

Wednesday January
29th—Friday 27th
March

Term 2, 2020

Tuesday 14th April—
Friday 26th June

Term 3, 2020

Monday 13th July—
Friday 18th September

Term 4, 2020

Monday 5th October—
Friday 18th December

Assembly is on
Wednesdays at 2.45pm

School Vision: Everyone Can Learn to Learn.
School Values: Be a Learner, Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Caring.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 2019

Wednesday 30th October—
Wednesday 27th November
Prep Learning Together
Program

15th Foster RSL Centenary
Excursion & Cockatoo Primary
School Visit

20th French Singing Grade
01K & 00w Foster Main Street

December 2019

5th Volunteers Morning Tea

6th School Concert matinee &
evening performances

10th Statewide Transition Day

11th—13th Grade Prep—2
Water Safety Program at
Foster Outdoor Pool

16th Teeth On Wheels
16th Gr 3/4 Cricket @
Wonthaggi

17th Grade 6 Graduation
Dinner

19th Grade 3-6 Pool Party
19th Grade P-2 Christmas
Party

20th special assembly, last day
of Term 4

January 2020

28th Book Collection Day
29th Term 1 begins

February 2020

6, 7, 10, 11, 12 Grade 3-6 Water
Safety Program

14th Gr 3-6 Swimming
Carnival

20th School Photos

Community Engagement in Learning

Our school leaders represented the school at the Remembrance Day Ceremony on Monday. They did an amazing job representing the school and demonstrated great respect while laying our wreath at the local shrine.

Lisa Duvoisin, from West Gippsland Library Service, visited again to congratulate the students who entered the Book Week Bookmark competition. The Bookmarks have been copied and are now available at the West Gippsland Library for patrons to use! She also donated a number of new books for our Library which I am sure our students will enjoy.

The School website continues to be a work in progress with teachers contributing class news and photos to be uploaded to their “Classroom News” page on a regular basis. There is also a “School News” page for general school information and celebrations. See below for these links.

Kylie and Sam have been working hard on these pages and thank you for your patience whilst we improve on this new system. Again your feedback is appreciated.

TEACHERS ON LEAVE

Mrs Gurnett will be away for Term 4. Mrs Phillips will be Acting Principal during this time.

Miss Duggan away for approximately 8 weeks in Term 4. Mrs Pyke will be taking Grade 3D.

Mr Couper will be away for two weeks beginning 20th November. We will have Mrs Buckland and Mr Holmes taking PE for these two weeks.

WEBPAGE LINKS

Classroom News:

[http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/
portfolio-overviews/school-news/](http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/portfolio-overviews/school-news/)

Community News:

[http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/
community-links/](http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/community-links/)

Parent Information:

[http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/
general-information/](http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/general-information/)

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To contact the school or your child’s teacher please email via Compass or direct to the school foster.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or call the office to make an appointment
Phone 56822370.

Other communication methods:

Facebook, Compass and notes home in school bags.