



Newsletter 20, 16th December 2019



Foster Primary School Newsletter



With the last week upon us, I would like to thank all who have made Foster Primary School such a positive and rich place for students to learn and grow in 2019. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 6 months in your school community, and what a community it is!

P&F have worked tirelessly to ensure that our school has the funds to create a wonderful environment for our students to learn in. This group has donated so much time, and I am astounded by what they can achieve. I almost had to give Brenda Accardi (I know you don't like being named-sorry, Brenda) an office she was here so much. The amount of work and effort she put into the ticketing for the School Concert was phenomenal and she did it all without complaint and with a smile J

School Council has been key to our school's success at running efficiently and within policy requirements. This amazing group of individuals give up so much time to read finance reports, OHS/grounds maintenance reports, Child Safe reports, copious amounts of policies and attend meetings each month. Their hard work has seen the school maintain a very impressive policy record, which has recently helped us reach our Safe Environments Benchmark through the Achievement Program.

The staff at Foster PS are the most dedicated and passionate group of educators I have ever met. The hours put in by the team is astronomical and it is evident through the individual care each child receives as a result. The PLC work, all teachers have engaged in, has put your child in the spotlight in relation to their growth and the next best steps to help them grow further. The ES staff have contributed to this work with testing, monitoring and individual program work. They make giving care and attention to students their mission. We are very lucky to have them. The office staff are absolutely instrumental to the smooth running of the school. They are the most versatile and adaptable team ever! The office is a hectic, crazy place and the way they handle this is extremely admirable. I would not have survived without them.

Community groups have continued to support us throughout the year by providing opportunities for our in students to participate in competitions, camps and events that help to develop life skills and promote personal growth. The Lions Club, Rotary, RSL, FCA, West Gippsland Library and many others have selflessly offered up these opportunities.

Parents have committed hours and hours of volunteer work to ensure that our excursions are well manned and individual student work can be completed. The amazing School Concert last week was the culmination of a multitude of hours of hard work put in by parents making sets, costumes, props, ticketing, promoting and providing labour. The end result; a whole school of students who were glowing with pride, and I was bursting with it. Coming from a secondary setting, where parents take a step back to allow their children to become more independent, I have constantly been amazed by the time donated by parents not

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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

December 2019

17th Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

18th Christmas Carols in Main Street

Gr 4, 5, 6 Expo in the BER Building

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

20th 12.30pm special assembly, last day of Term 4

School finishes at 1.30pm

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

Please check the school webpage for a list of important dates for 2020.



only to support their child, but all the children at the school. We could not operate without you - thank you.

Finally, I want to thank the students. I came to Foster a little apprehensive about working with younger children (they are SO small!). This apprehension quickly disappeared after I was welcomed so warmly and I witnessed the wonderful energy and inquisitiveness of the students here. As much as I love grunting teenagers, the students here have taught me that wonder and curiosity are beautiful things-and they have these in abundance! I love bus duty of a morning because of all the students who come to tell me about their wobbly teeth, fidget spinner collections, pets, projects they are working on and random thoughts that just pop into their heads! I have delighted in the work that students have been sent to my office to show me (and in handing out LOTS of stickers). Foster Primary School students *are* learners, *are* caring and *are* respectful. I thank them for this.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday break and a fantastic New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in Term 1, 2020; Lorraine will be back Term 2. I cannot wait to hear all about what students have been up to in their holidays, while on bus duty, on the 29th January! Merry Christmas everyone.

TEACHERS ON LEAVE

Mrs Gurnett will be away for Term 1.
Mrs Phillips will be Acting Principal during this time.

2020 GRADES AND TEACHERS

Prep/1K Mrs Kindellan

Prep W Miss Wanklyn

1/2J Miss Jones

1/2M Miss Moore

3/4D Miss Duggan

3/4T Mr Davis

4/5Y Ms Young

5/6J Ms Power

5/6P Ms Paulet

WEBPAGE LINKS

Classroom News:

<http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/portfolio-overviews/school-news/>

Community News:

<http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/community-links/>

Parent Information:

<http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/general-information/>

Newsletters:

<http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/newsletters/>

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Phone 56822370.

Other communication methods:

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