



Newsletter 4, 19th March 2020



Foster Primary School Newsletter

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

The term has flown by and we are quickly approaching Parent Teacher Student Interviews. Interviews are a fantastic opportunity to review your child's progress and celebrate the growth they have shown!

Students have begun their STEAM classes for the year. I have been dropping in to see how each class is going and, from student feedback, they are really enjoying the learning and having a new subject on their specialist classes day. Ms Prior will be expanding the program with the help of our CSIRO STEM professional and we are also looking at the exciting prospect of partnering with Foster Secondary College to further expand our STEM/STEAM program.

The Junior team had their Professional Practice Day (PPD) on Tuesday. These days provide staff with release from their scheduled duties, to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning. The work that the Junior Team completed on this day included making provisions for remote teaching in the event that school closures have to happen as a result of the current COVID 19 situation. Our Senior Team will be doing this as well on Friday.

Positive Climate for Learning

The Prom Coast Cluster Athletics was an extremely successful day with many students achieving great results. Mr Couper did a fantastic job of organising the day and, as always, was assisted by many parent helpers who helped us run a highly successful day.

Ms Power took 10 students to a Student Leadership Workshop in Inverloch last week. Students had a variety of speakers who worked towards building skills that will help our leaders to enhance student voice and agency at Foster Primary School. These skills will form some very important work for the leaders in helping the school achieve our Annual Implementation Plan targets in student voice and agency.

Community Engagement in Learning

It has been really disappointing to have to cancel many of our sports, excursions and incursions over the past week, but it has been done in the best interests of our students and wider community. We are trying to minimise the movement of people through the school therefore, limiting the number of people who staff and students come into contact with. We are taking on all advice from the Department of Education and staff are being regularly updated on new advice. It is not possible at this stage to predict the length of time measures, such as the ban on sports, camps and excursions, will continue to be applied. As with all

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Hours of supervision:
8.30am—3.30pm

SCHOOL TERM DATES

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 2.30pm

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

IMPORTANT DATES

March

26th Student Parent Teacher Interviews (after school)
27th Student Parent Teacher Interviews (morning)
27th last Day Term 1

April

10th Good Friday
14th Term 2 begins

May

6th Student Free Day
Gr 5/6 Winter Sports dates to be confirmed
25th House Cross Country
Foster Golf Course

June

5th Division Cross Country at Stony Creek
11th Regional Cross Country Lardner Park
Gr 5/6 Winter Sports dates to be confirmed
26th Last day Term 2

July

16th State Cross Country
17th CEP Incursion Steve Schulz

August

19th Student Free Day

November

20th Student Free Day

Please check the school [webpage](#) for a list of important dates for 2020.

precautionary measures, these may be in place for some time. Please take this into consideration when looking at our Important Dates.

Finally, I would like to thank all in the community who have supported and helped me during my time at Foster Primary School. I have LOVED being a part of your community and LOVED meeting all the wonderful students who attend the school. You are incredibly lucky to have the teachers and staff who are at the school. I have said to many, over my time here, that any of the success I have experienced here is because of the amazing staff who are so committed to providing the students with “learning rich” experiences. I will think very fondly of my time here and I am so grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow in your school. Thank you



A reminder that all other school news can be accessed via our school webpage. Each grade has it's own page with regular updates. (The links to these webpages are at the bottom of this newsletter). We also use Compass, Facebook and notes in school bags for other communication as it arises. We strive to keep our school community as up to date in as many ways as we can. Your feedback and suggestions are welcome and taken into account, so please don't hesitate to email the school on foster.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au at any time.

TEACHERS ON LEAVE

Ms Pyke will be taking 1/2 M for the last week of Term 1.

Mrs Gurnett will return in Term 2.

Ms Thurgood will be teaching Grade 3/4T for all of Term 2.

Ms Prior will be teaching Ms Paulet's class on Tuesdays.

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