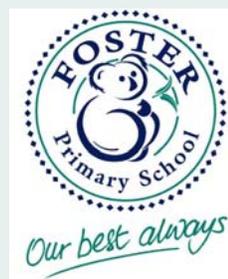




Newsletter 19, 28th November 2019



Foster Primary School Newsletter

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Many activities have been happening around the school to support 16 Days of Activism and painting the town orange. Students have taken great pride in designing and displaying posters around the school and town. You may have noticed the wonderful orange “RESPECT” sign on the front fence, which Ms Power made out of student comments relating to stopping family violence.

The Grade 5s are working on their applications for school leadership positions for 2020. Ms Young has been doing a lot of work with these students around the types of positions the students think the school needs and how they need to go about applying for them. Thank you to Ms Young for supporting students in this important process for selecting our leaders for next year.

A continued thank you needs to go out to everyone who is helping with the School Concert preparations. There is a mountain of work going on behind the scenes to ensure it is a success and students are looking and sounding their best on the night.

We have had a large number of our students named as finalists and runner ups for the Respectful Relationships Design a Bus competition. We are looking forward to seeing their artwork displayed in a number of ways, including being displayed on the side of a bus. Congratulations to these students, we are extremely proud of your efforts.

Positive Climate for Learning

Further to last newsletter’s information about Nat Oudyn upgrading our garden beds, Foster Primary School has just been given a further \$1000 to help with this, after a successful grant application through [Woolworth’s Junior Landcare Program](#). This will definitely help our kitchen/garden program have access to a wider range of produce and better facilities to grow them in.

We had a number of guests at our assembly this week to help promote the 16 Days of Activism. Students were able to hear from speakers who have jobs that supported the idea gender equality and broke down gender stereotypes. A big thank you goes out to those who presented to our students: Rachel Sands, Anna Hopkins, Adam Deere, Lucy Allsop and Renee Hutchison.

Community Engagement in Learning

Two of our school leaders represented the school at the Foster Community Association meeting on Wednesday 27th November. They did an excellent job of reporting school activities and major events to those in attendance.

We had a wonderful turnout for the 16 Days of Activism dress up family picnic. Students, parents and family friends enjoyed the great weather out on the oval for a shared lunch. There were also a range of activities like table tennis, limbo and totem tennis that had been organised for everyone to participate in. Visitors were then invited to watch students engaging in a learning task which was designed to challenge students’ perceptions of gender stereotypes in the

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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

4th Gr6 Public Speaking
10.00am.

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

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 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

workforce. Thank you to everyone who attended, your presence helped to make the afternoon such a success.

Please note the clash of dates with Teeth on Wheels and Gr 3/4 cricket on 16th December. Parents/carers should advise the classroom teacher if their child will miss cricket due to visiting Teeth on Wheels at school this day. Thank you.

TEACHERS ON LEAVE

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

Miss Duggan away for the rest of Term 4. Mrs Pyke will be taking Grade 3D.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

A reminder that Community members are encouraged to raise any concerns about child abuse with the Principal or report directly to Child Protection/ Police.

As part of the Department of Education requirements Foster Primary School regularly reviews it's Child Safe Practices.

The Principal, Lorraine Gurnett is the Child Safety Officer who oversees child Safety at the school. For further information about the School's child safe policies and procedures, please visit the school website:

<http://www.fosterps.vic.edu.au/child-safe-standards/>

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/>

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.