



Newsletter 3, 5th March 2020



## Foster Primary School Newsletter

### **Excellence in Teaching and Learning**

First of all, I would like to welcome back Ms Duggan after an extended absence. I am extremely happy to see her back-she has been missed!

I enjoyed watching a class this week looking at our Attitudes to School Survey results and coming up with possible reasons for the results we received. It was fantastic to see students thinking so deeply and utilising their numeracy skills to interpret data that was presented in bar graphs, tables and percentages. I look forward to seeing the solutions they were working on after they have been collated.

Staff have been working on their Professional Development Plan goals to ensure their work aligns with the school's Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and is helping the school achieve our goals in increasing student growth. Student voice and agency is an exciting aspect of our AIP for this year which we hope will improve student engagement and school enjoyment.

Last newsletter, I announced the appointment of Daniel Salzmann as our CSIRO STEM partner. This edition I am pleased to announce that we now have employed Meg Prior as our STEM teacher who will be working with Daniel to further develop our STEM program. Meg is excited to be a part of the CSIRO Partnership and has already begun planning the direction this program will take.

### **Positive Climate for Learning**

We had our first Speech Pathology in Schools visit on Monday. Work has now begun on tailoring instructional strategies specific to our P-2 Grades. Teachers will be coached through the use of these strategies over the coming weeks.

Ms Moore and MS Young attended the *School Wide Positive Behaviour 2020 and Beyond Forum* last week. This forum allowed SWPB schools from our region share ideas and arrange joint meetings that will help to continue developing work in this area in a shared space.

Emily, our Student Welfare Officer, has begun offering lunchtime activities including yoga and crafts. We had some students attend the first session last week which they enjoyed immensely. Emily will continue to develop the range of activities she offers. Thank you to Emily for providing a different type of space for students to feel safe and active at lunchtime.

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Mrs Melissa Phillips

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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

5th Crazy Hair Day  
11th Prom Coast Cluster Athletics  
Carnival Grade 3-6  
12th Regional Swimming  
Warragul  
13th Student Leadership  
Conference Inverloch  
18th Wedding Assembly for Miss  
Moore  
20th Hot Cross Bun Day  
25th Corner Inlet Cluster District  
Athletics Carnival Grade 3-6  
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  
20th Touring Performance CEP

### May

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

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

## Community Engagement in Learning

Our Grade 6 students will be going to the *Girls of our Town* event at Foster Secondary College on Friday. This will be a fantastic opportunity for them to hear from local women who have made significant contributions to our community. This will be a lovely way to help celebrate International Women's Day.

Thank you to our parent nominations for School council, which closed last Friday. Nominees have been posted on our notice board. We received the exact amount of nominees for the number of positions that needed to be filled. Our nominees were: Kimberley White, Jessica Johnston, Lucy Allsop and Mary Fitzgerald.

### Respectful Relationships Survey

We would be really grateful if you took 3 minutes to complete the following survey.

In Term 3 2019 a series of 'Vox Pop' style videos about Respectful Relationships featuring local teachers and principals was posted on our school's Facebook page. We are interested to know the influence these videos have had on our community.

By completing the survey you will go into the draw to win a Brita Filtered Water Jug.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DB7GCRV>

## Have a lovely long weekend everyone 😊

### HOUSE KEEPING

Can parents please adhere to the parking zone times in the bus drop off area. A lot of students are being dropped off in this zone during bus times. This creates a dangerous situation for the buses and also for the students being dropped off. We want everyone to be safe!

Another safety issue that needs addressing is our gates. All of our gates need to be closed during school hours. Having the school gates closed helps to remind students where our boundaries are and to not run out onto the road. This is especially important in the early part of the year with our new Preps. We would greatly appreciate parents and visitors to please remember to shut gates when entering and leaving the school grounds.

### TEACHERS ON LEAVE

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

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

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