



18TH FEBRUARY 2021

THE NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Foster Primary School



NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL *by Scott Moorhouse*

It's been a big fortnight at Foster PS!

Last Wednesday was our fantastic swimming carnival day held at Foster Swimming Pool. It was awesome to see the participation of so many children across a range of events. The school had a large emphasis on the day of participation and building resilience.

It was impressive to see the amount of peer coaching that was occurring with the efforts of our older students to support the younger students being achieved compassionately and with genuine empathy. There was a winner for the day and we congratulate Oberon for efforts and being victorious on the day. The age group champions were 9 year old girls Ella, 9 year old boys Zac, 10 year old girls Alex, 10 year old boys Mason, 11 year old girls Willow, 12 year old girls Maya and 12 year old boys Jules. Congratulations to all the competitors and good luck to those students competing in the District Swimming next Monday in Toora.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parent helpers (too many to name) and our dedicated staff with special thanks to Mr. Craig Couper and Mrs. Kylie Mitchell who did an amazing job pulling the whole meet together.

The Lockdown has obviously dominated the news over the last week and this has been tough on many of our families and students. I have no doubt that it dredged up some scars from the past. If this has applied to you I encourage you to contact the school so that you can make contact with our wellbeing coordinator Emily Purvis.

IMPORTANT DATES

Check Compass for Calendar Dates also.

February 2021

4th, 5th, 10th, 15th & 16th Gr 3-6
Water Safety Program
12th House Swimming Carnival
18th School Photos
22nd District Swimming
26th Division Swimming

March 2021

19th Prom Coast Athletics Gr 3-6
26th District Athletics Gr 3-6
31st Student, Parent Teacher conferences pm

April 2021

1st Student, Parent Teacher conferences am
Last day Term 1

At Foster Primary School we are conscious that this latest lockdown may not be an isolated incident (although we sincerely hope that it is) and we thank all parents and caregivers for their efforts to assist children with their learning. Unfortunately we may have to live with this spectre of COVID19 for some time yet. We believe that building learning resilience and placing some expectations on our students will see them achieve better outcomes in the near and long-term future despite what is happening in world around them. This resilience will not be learned just for 'lock downs' but also for family upheaval, friendship strains, grand final losses and anything else life throws at us. It is worth taking a moment to reflect on what these times are teaching us and what we can learn from them.

We really enjoyed seeing the photos of students in lockdown as they were placed on Facebook and thank you to the families who shared those beautiful smiling faces with us. Please remember that our lines of communication are Compass and Facebook.

Over the last few days I have sent texts, this will not be a normal event unless information needs to get out very quickly.

The school tutoring program is up and running. Mrs. Deirdre Zuidema is currently working with senior students on Maths related topics in small groups and 1:1. This is taking place during school. The schools tutoring program is designed to help life those students whose learning growth was low during the 2020 school year. This does not mean that these students are low in ability by any means.

I do have the pleasure of announcing that Mrs. Sarah Thurgood will also join us in this capacity in a few weeks time with a focus on helping students with literacy. Sarah is familiar with FPS having taught here in short stints on several occasions.

Our school also has the pleasure of announcing the return of the Visual Arts program for 2021. Mrs. Melanie Crynes has agreed not only teach Indonesian but Visual Art as well. She has been busy over the last few weeks cleaning out store rooms and sinks and planning lessons ready for a start next week. This program and our other specialist subjects and our kitchen garden continue support our diverse array of students to flourish in a range of different areas.

Don't forget Brekky club on Mondays! A great way to start the day!

Housekeeping

The school has a new phone number 5631 6000. The old number will be disconnected in a week or so. So please save this new number to your phones now. We also have the school mobile 0412 738 806 which you may receive text messages from occasionally. Please save this number also. We use the mobile in case the internet is down and the main phones are not working.

Over the coming weeks we will be working with the students in each grade to update their classroom webpages. So bear with us while we work together on this. The classroom links can be found on the next page. It will be something to look forward to for sure!



2021 School Term Dates

Term 1 Thur 28th Jan – Thur 1st Apr

Term 2 Mon 19th Apr – Fri 25th Jun

Term 3 Mon 12th Jul – Fri 17th Sep

Term 4 Mon 4th Oct – 17th Dec



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