PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Welcome back to Term 2, hopefully everyone had some time over the Easter long weekend to meet up with family and friends.

We are looking forward to a great term together and have many activities and opportunities on offer whilst focussing in on a solid term’s work in the core subjects.

Our next major school event is ANZAC Day when we show our community spirit and pay respect to those in the far and near past who have contributed in providing the freedom and security we are so lucky to have. We invite all students to join us in the march as it is a great way to develop our children’s community and historical awareness through a simple action of marching with the school. This simple act is powerful, memorable and demonstrates the respect we have for others as a school in our community. I only started marching when I started here as Principal. Participation in the march has made ANZAC come alive and have real purpose beyond a day off work.

We will be meeting at 9:15am for a 9:30am march

Whilst holidaying in Tasmania, I visited Port Arthur, the scene of a tragic event in our nation’s history. This year is the 20th anniversary of the event and the inspirational work of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation continues to provide positive and supportive programs for children all around Australia. At our school our eSmart accreditation was attained by the Foundation funding this initiative. Foster PS is offering an eSmart parent education session on April 26th to support families in understanding cybersafety and how they can support their children. Please see details in the Community News.

Over the holidays an extension of the fitness track was installed. This allows a full circuit of the school ground and better accessibility to the playground. The old blue metal Hills and Valleys play equipment has had to be removed for safety reasons and the metals is available to the best offer by Friday 15th April.

Brett Smith

Yr 3-6 District Athletics
The Corner Inlet schools are finalising our arrangements for the new Years 3-6 Athletics Sports which take place on Wednesday 27th April. Final arrangements will be available next week.
As referenced previously, we are combing the two clusters for a District event and determining the best and achievable organisation for the day. Some things will be the same, some will be different. An exciting addition is the introduction of an age level champion medallion for each age group and gender. There will also be ribbons for the 1st-4th winners of each event.
Students need to be at Foster to start promptly at 9.30am and will finish at approximately 2.30pm. Parents are required to make arrangements to transport their children to and from Foster. If you are interested in bus travel, return the slip at the end of the newsletter. If the demand makes bus travel viable, then a bus will be organised.
WANTED
Large washing machine or fridge box for cubby making.

COMPASS
We currently have a 72% uptake of Compass. This will trigger more processes to be administered through Compass this term including:
- notify school of absences
- book PSTs Interviews (starting in Semester 2)
- view Reports
- view Learning Tasks
- send bulk SMS

To submit an absence notification on the Compass App
- Log in
- Tap your child’s photo
- Go to the Approvals tab
- Tap the +
- Complete the details

As part of their commitment to support school communities in being safe, smart and responsible online, The Alannah and Madeline Foundation will be facilitating a parent seminar at Foster Primary School on April 26th 2016 at 6.30 p.m. Facilitated by the experts in their eSmart Schools team, parents will be presented with all the latest trends and research about cybersafety and online behaviours. Strategies and guidelines will be discussed that relate to safe, smart and responsible uses of technology in the home.

The eSmart Schools program is a cultural change initiative developed by the Foundation in consultation with academic and industry experts. eSmart aims to create positive, respectful and inclusive cultures that reduce bullying, cyber bullying and increase cybersafety.

Please contact Foster Primary School to book a place for this very informative session by April 15th so that our presenters know in advance.

Phone: 03 56822370

BOOK CLUB
Issue 3 Book Club catalogues have been distributed today. Orders are to be completed using the LOOP system. This can be done via the website or by downloading the app. A computer is available in the Rainbow room that can be used to place an order if you do not have access to the internet at home or on a device. All orders must be lodged by COB Thursday 28th April.

BUS TRAVEL COMMUNICATION
1. It is school practice to follow the last notification by parents or carers regarding bus travel and not rely on verbal messages relayed by students. If a misunderstanding occurs or there is confusion, we endeavour to contact parents.
2. Parents/Carers of bus travellers who are not going home on the bus on any given night MUST notify the office prior to the end of the day. A phone call or note to school is required.
3. If the arrangements are permanent, eg. tennis for the whole of Term 2, please request a ‘change of arrangement’ form from the office. At the conclusion of your child’s participation it is your responsibility to contact the office and have the arrangements revert back.

PROM CAMP SLIDESHOW
Parents are invited to come along and view a slideshow from the Yr 3/4 Prom Camp at assembly on Monday morning.
**YEAR 1 DINNER / YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER**

Year 1 and 2 Parents,

Excitement is growing among the students in anticipation for the Yr 1 Dinner / Yr 2 Sleepover next Thursday, 21st April. Please look for the Year 2 ‘What To Bring’ list with today’s newsletter and note the following reminders regarding meals on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd April.

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Thank you,
Claire Guy, Jeanette Johnson and Donna Gilliam

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

😊 **Matilda P** for carefully considering and using a challenge to her thinking to extend her learning.

😊 **Charlie P** for making great choices to avoid distractions and complete learning tasks.

😊 **Katreena P** for having a positive respectful and resilient attitude on camp.

😊 **Chelsea E** for the care and consideration she demonstrated towards another student during the excursion.

😊 **Conor S** for his positive interactions with younger students during SEL.

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**WARATAH SPORTS BUS TRAVEL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

If you are interested in a bus service being provided for the Waratah Sports please complete the following. (The bus would cost approximately $10.00 - do not send money now)

Family Name __________________________ Signature __________________________

No. of Students requiring bus transport: __________________________
AUSKICK Meeniyan:
Auskick will begin on Tuesday 19th April, 4-5pm at Meeniyan Recreation Reserve. Please register and pay online before this date and bring your receipt on the night. Auskick is open to all primary school children. Visit aflauskick.com.au to register. If anyone would like to meet after school to walk down to the Rec Reserve or for more information, call Danielle Lacy on 0417 601 160.

Term 2 Tennis Coaching:
Ask about our Term 2 special and find out how you can save! Ages 5 to adult. Group, Squad, Private and Semi private lessons. Phone Matthew Pocklington 0402 736 693 or 5662 5097. info@southgippslandtenniscoaching.com.au

Junior Footy Players Wanted:
The Tarwin FNC is seeking boys/girls for our Under 10’s Junior football team. The first game will be on the weekend of 16/17 of April. Training is on Thursday nights at 5pm at Tarwin Lower Rec Reserve. All current/new players and families are more than welcome to come along and join the Tarwin Valley Sharks. Call Andy Guymer (coach) for more information 0419335987 or email mail@agplumbing.com.au

NetSetGo in Leongatha:
Our 2016 program starts on Saturday 16th April 10-10.45am at the LDNA netball courts behind the Leongatha Velodrome. NetSetGo is open to boys and girls aged 7, turning 8 by 31st December 2016. The cost is $70 for 14 weeks (includes insurance &netsetgo backpack). If you would like more information or registration details, please contact our NetSetGo Coordinator, Sue Ritchie on 0413 000 877 or email leongathaanddistrictnetball@gmail.com. We look forward to you joining the fun.

Foster Carers Wanted:
You can help change a young life for the better and you don’t have to be a superhero or a social worker to do it. You just need to be someone who is willing to care for – and care about – children. If this sounds like it may be you and you would like more information on becoming a foster carer. Please contact Lindsay Jarvis at Quantum Support Services on 5120 2000 or at lindsay.jarvis@quantum.org.au

Kites for kids at Leongatha Library:
Come along and get carried away making your own high flying kite on Wednesday 27th April 4-5pm. Choose from one of three different designs; a Sugar Glider, a Dove or a Butterfly. Suitable for ages 7+, bookings free but essential. Ph: 5662 4829 or visit www.wgrlc.eventbrite.com.

Meeniyan Kindergarten Movie Fundraiser night:
Meeniyan Pre School presents “The Boss”. Come along for a fun night and support our kinder too.
When: Friday 22nd April, 7pm
Where: Leongatha Stadium 4 Cinema
Cost: Tickets $20 each
There will be a lucky door prize and raffles on the night. Supper, tea and coffee will be provided after the movie. Tickets available from: Meeniyan Kindergarten, Bread and Pickles, Catherine’s Hair Techniques or contact Lisa 0439631141 for further details