### 2014 Calendar

#### February
- 19th: Aquatic Education Program Gr.1– 6
- 22nd: Foster & District Show
- 24th: Leadership Speeches at 9:00 assembly
- 25th: Surfing session Gr. 4-6 Waratah Bay/Sandy Point
- 26th: Aquatic Education Program Gr.1– 6
- 28th: Division Swimming Sports

#### March
- 10th: Labour Day Public Holiday
- 17th: CEP Funded Science Show at Toora PS
- 21st: Athletics Sports—Whole School SGSC oval
- 26th: CEP funded Performance at Foster
- 27th: Athletics Sports Back-up date
- 31st: Responsible Pet Ownership Prep-Gr.6

#### April
- 4th: Last Day Term 1
- 22nd: School resumes Term 2
- 25th: ANZAC Day public Holiday

#### May
- 12th: NAPLAN Testing commences Gr3 & Gr5
- 19th: School Photos

#### June
- 2nd: Division Cross Country TBC
- 6th: Pupil Free Day
- 9th: Sale Gallery visit TBC
- 27th: Last Day Term 2

#### July
- 14th: School resumes Term 3

#### September
- 6th: School resumes Term 4
- 23rd: Aquatic Ed. Program commences

#### October
- 6th: School resumes Term 4
- 23rd: Aqua Ed. Program commences

#### Absences - Phone the office or write in your Child’s communication book

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### Student Leadership

On Monday 24th February we invite families to come along to our Assembly at 9:00am to hear the 2014 Leadership speeches by our Year 6 students. Nominations are invited for 2 School Captains, a Franklin House Captain, an Agnes House Captain and an Environment Captain. Year 6 students will receive a Student Leadership Booklet to help them prepare for these positions.

### Congratulations and Good Luck

Congratulations to Ava Brown, Danielle Cashin, Riley Hewson and Tylah O’Connor for their selection to compete in the Central District Swimming Sports at Korumburra on Thursday 20th February 2014. We wish them all the very best for their events.

### Headllice

It is extremely important that parents continue to be vigilant in checking their children’s hair. Children are **NOT ABLE** to remain at school with head lice. Once treated they may return. Head Lice checks will be held at school every second Thursday commencing today.

### Ultranet / GenED

As of 1st January, the Ultranet changed its name to GenED. As part of the change it is necessary for us to update your email details so families will be able to log on to see your child’s feedback and achievements.

Once all email addresses are received and entered on our system we will let you know when GenEd will be available to be viewed by parents.

Can you please let the school know your current email address so we are able to update your information?

Parent name: ________________________________

Current Email address: ________________________________

If you do not currently have an email address, FREE web based emails can be generated through Gmail, Hotmail etc.

Di Walker is available at school to help anyone set up a web-based email account during school hours. Please contact the School Admin office to make a time.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE IN 2014

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) helps to cover the costs related to your child’s schooling. The EMA provides families on a low income with financial assistance to support their child’s education up to the age of 16.

In 2014, the EMA payments to eligible parents will be:
- $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
- $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students

The EMA is paid in two instalments annually (70% in March and 30% in August).

To be eligible for the EMA:
1. Your child must be under the age of sixteen; and
2. Your child must be enrolled at a primary or secondary Government or registered school in Victoria on, 28 February 2014 for the first instalment and 1 August 2014 for the second instalment; and
3. You must on 28 January 2014 for the first instalment and 14 July 2014, for the second instalment:
   - be a parent or legal guardian of the student; and
   - be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder or
   - be a temporary foster parent.

Submit your application to the school by the due date:
- 28 February 2014 for the first instalment*
- 1 August 2014 for the second instalment.

Please note: you only need to make a second application in August if your child changes schools between March and August.

An application Form is attached to this newsletter.

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REMINDER:
- All visitors to the school MUST sign in at the office before entering the classroom area.
- Bus travellers must have a note handed to either the office or Bus Duty teacher or a note in the communication book if they are not travelling home on the bus.
- Bus Students are Supervised from 8:15am until 3:50pm. All other students are supervised between 8:40am – 3:30pm.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
Nomination forms for those people interested in being a member of School Council will be available at the office from next Monday 17th February and will be accepted up until 4pm on Thursday 27th February. At this stage we have THREE vacancies.
If you would like any further information regarding School Council please speak to a current School Council member: Kelly Packham, Kathryn Brown, Tania Cook, or come in and speak to Mrs Barb Purvis - Principal.

Life Aquatic Exhibition
This wonderful local exhibition is currently open at the Stockyard Gallery in Foster. Our students have been very successful with their art pieces, with four works being sold and one entry receiving a “Highly Commended” award.

This weekend is the last chance you have to view the exhibition before it closes on Monday 17th February.

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PARENT SUPPORTED MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGE
This funding is extremely important to the school as it forms a part of our overall school operating budget and is used and relied on for:
- Cultural Performances
- Classroom materials including student stationery (eg: paper, pens, pencils, books).

School Council has set the 2014 Parent Supported Materials and Services Charge (formerly known as school fees) at $150 per child.
The Parent supported materials and services charge is due now from all families and can be paid at the school office. (We also accept payment plan)

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Grade 2/3 are reading The Witches by Roald Dahl as their serial and are creating masks of the witches for exhibition at the Foster and District Agricultural Show on Saturday 22nd February 2014. Yesterday they wrote about the mask making process.

My mask is a witch. We stuck tissue paper on the face for the skin. I may make a hat for it too.  Jai

My mask is called the Evil Christmas Mask. I made it from tissue paper. It is finished. I might be going to the Foster Show. Mathew

My mask has green skin with red eye-brows. We picked the colour paper then we glued it on the face with PVA. My mask’s name is Scary Woman. We aren’t going to see it on display at the Foster Show because we aren’t going. Reghan

My mask is the Grand Witch and I am going to the Show to see it. I am going to put some more things on it. I am also going to put a hat on it, also a pointy, big chin and a big pointy nose and wrinkles and a pimple on the top of the nose and eye-brows. Erin

Today I made a mask. It was a blue one. I have named it the Mouldy Witch. I am going to finish it with some hair and paint. I might be going to the foster show. I did this activity with Mrs Purvis. I like doing Art a lot. Mackenzie

My mask is called The Witch. First I glued green tissue paper onto the mask and made a nose by putting lots of paper to make a bump. We needed to cover the whole mask. I want to put eye-brows and lips to make it stand out. Jahnavi

My mask’s name is special because it’s a Grand High Witch. Its skin is light yellow and it has a pointy nose. I made it out of tissue paper and PVA glue. I will be adding a hat and a wig. Scarlet

Today I made a mask. My mask is made of crepe paper and cardboard. I called it the Pretty Witch. I plan to put pretty things on it. I am not going to the Foster Show. Jodie

I made a mask and it has a green face and its name is Lucy and it has blue eye-brows, red lips and big eyes. Tannah

My mask is in disguise. When I put the coloured paper on I put red and pink, then I went to my class while it dried. Brodie

First I put the skin on. Then I did my hair. Then I did my eyebrows. Then I did my pink nostrils. I still need to make the hat. Holley
PREP & Grade 1 students were working very hard today finishing their masks for the Foster Show.
Learn a Musical Instrument!!
The vibrant South Gippsland Schools Music Program provides an invaluable and affordable opportunity for Grade 5-6 students to learn a musical instrument and develop both academically and socially.

There is a Recruitment Evening on Tuesday, 25th February, 7:30pm in the SGSC Music Rooms for anyone interested in finding out more about this convenient, affordable and rewarding way to learn a musical instrument.

The Symphonic Band will be briefly performing and music staff and a music retailer will be available for consultation on the night, as will instruments for students to trial.

SCOUTS FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
Sunday 2nd March 2014
State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi
10am - 3pm

Activities include:
Jumping castle, abseiling tower, crate stacking, whip cracking, haunted house maze, Police/CFA/SES Demo display, side show alley, water bomb ballista, marshmallow cooking, jungle activities, building construction, billy carts, horse and carriage rides and MUCH MORE! Food stalls available, or BYO food.

Prom Coast Soccer Club

Recruiting now for 2014 season

Ages 5 and up, all welcome, any skill level

U13s, U16s & Seniors

Training starts Sunday 16th Feb at 10.30am
To register your interest, please call Shellie 0419322384

2013 OUR YEAR IN PICTURES
We still have some copies of this beautiful book available for sale at $20 ea. Please drop into the Admin Office to have a look or to purchase your copy.