Dear Parents and Friends,

Our Year 6 Graduation
Congratulations to our graduating Year 6 students. Next Tuesday is your big event! This year we are again holding this wonderful evening at the Sky High Restaurant. We are still asking that littlies not be included as we want the focus to be on the graduand and we want to keep the event a little mysterious for them when they reach Year 6.

Tomorrow’s Assembly
I would like all the Mums and Dads to know that tomorrow’s assembly is the last that Allen will attending before returning to Canada.

Final Assembly
On the last day of school we hold, to me, the most important assembly for the year. It is our final special assembly for our Year 6 students, and we also announce our 2016 School Captains. On top of this we are continuing with the ‘tradition’ begun seven years ago with the announcement of Ferny Creek’s Students of the Year. Teachers have been asked to nominate any students in their class that has been a positive contributor to the school this year. They need not be gifted or talented, but can be. The only criteria I look at, is if they have given 100% throughout the year, not only in class time but also in all else the students have been involved in. The decision is always difficult. There are some truly wonderful students here at Ferny Creek.

2016 Transition
Teachers have planned our final transition activities for next week. On Tuesday we will be visiting our new grades and, where possible, with their next year’s teachers. Both Jodie and Samantha, our new teachers, will be here to meet their students. Unfortunately Brian, our year 1/2 teacher is still teaching in Canada. The children will also be receiving their reports on Tuesday. They will also bring home their portfolio of the full year, a self-assessment summary and a letter from their 2016 teacher(s).

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 4
10th December – Christmas Concert
12th December – Choir Performance at Carols on the Mountain
14th December – Grade 5/6 Luna Park excursion
15th December – Whole School Transition
15th December – Year 6 Graduation
16th December – Parent Helpers Morning Tea
16th December – Junior School Christmas Party
17th December – Last day of term
1.30pm dismissal

2016
29th January – Term 1 begins

“Together we make a Difference!”
Family Farewells
As is the case each year, many families are moving on from Ferny Creek. We hope you have had a wonderful time with us and we wish you all well in the future. Farewell to the Brown, Prisco-Bowles, Kent, Perkins, Buckingham-Brown, Chapman, Court, Fransen, Jacobs, Hocking, Heart, Davison, Garner, Lancaster, Langridge, Margolis, Murray, Ainsworth-Rowley, Andrich, Hurley, and Jewell families.

Quicksmart Success
Congratulations to all our Quicksmart Maths graduates of 2015. It has been very exciting over the last couple of weeks to see so many of you successfully complete the program. Many students have been cramming in extra sessions in their own time to achieve 100% success. One boy even gave up doing PE to have one last go at getting 100%. The good news is he made it! Well done Tracey, and Beth for your work in Quicksmart this year!

Holidays at Ferny Creek
Can I again encourage all of you to use our grounds as much as possible over the holiday period. The more people we have ‘using’ our school the less chance there is of vandal damage or stealing of building supplies. If you do see anything suspicious can I ask that you ring the Belgrave Police straight away. I have notified them that there will be a lot happening at the school and they have agreed to some extra patrols.

The Final Countdown!
- 10th December, Thursday: Christmas Concert
- 11th December, Friday: F-2 Swimming last day
- 14th December, Monday: Year 5 and 6 excursion, all day
- 15th December, Tuesday: Year 6 Graduation, 6pm onwards
- 16th December, Wednesday: Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea, 10.40am
- 17th December, Thursday: last day for students, 1.30pm dismissal
- 18th December, Friday: Pupil Free Day
- 25th December: Thursday: Happy Christmas!!!

Have great week everyone,
Matthew

Gingerbread House
Come and see the amazing Gingerbread House that is for sale in the Office. It looks so yummy, and would look great on your table on Christmas Day!

The tickets are $2 each. All the money raised will buy presents to put under the K-Mart wishing tree for disadvantaged children.

The lucky winner will be drawn at the Ferny Creek Christmas Concert. Thank You so much.

From Tallulah Hawkins 3/4 C.
School Crossing:
  Diane Garsed

Uniform Shop:
  Tuesday 8:50 - 9:30am
  Lease Robinson

Library:
  Beth Byrne

Buildings & Grounds:
  Michael Paterson
  mpaterson@probuild.com.au

School Banking:
  Tuesday
  Lease Robinson

Costume Hire:
  Sarah Jennings

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  P.O. Box 7082
  Upper Ferntree Gully
  Vic 3156
  Email: admin@oshcare4kids.com.au
  Website: www.oshcare4kids.com.au

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

  Deadline by Wednesday 1pm
  Email - ferry.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

  If you would like to receive the Newsletter every week via email then
  GO TO THE WEBSITE TO
  SUBSCRIBE TO ONLINE
  NEWSLETTER

Homeward Bound (soon)

Hi everyone at Ferny Creek – our amazing yearlong adventure in Edmonton (Alberta) is coming to an end. We have had the best time in Canada, and loved the experience of participating in the International Teacher Exchange Program. It has been such a learning experience, both professionally and personally. We have got to ski in The Rockies, visit Vancouver, Montreal, Quebec, Niagara Falls and Calgary. We have been to Ice Hockey and Canadian Football, visited rodeos, and experienced Thanksgiving, Canada Day and Halloween. We have loved the wildlife and been lucky enough to see bears, moose, elk, bison, coyotes, mountain goats, whales, bald eagles, and beavers.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and will hope to be back ready to go at Ferny Creek in January 2016.

Brian Graham (and family)

Bunnies

Free to good home. Please call the Paterson family on 9755 1859.

Congratulations to our students Nieve, Giselle, Aurora, Olivia and Wren who represented Ferny Creek Primary in a group school choir, singing the Australia national anthem at the re-opening of the Olinda Pool on Saturday. The opening party was a fantastic success with hundreds of people including many Ferny Creek families enjoying the newly refurbished pool and the great entertainment. Well done also to the Olinda Community Pool Association for putting on a great party and for being so active to get the pool re-opened for everyone to enjoy over summer.
**“STARS OF THE WEEK”**

**Foundation R**

**Louis H:** For being so brave and keeping your smile during a traumatic time. You are a star!

**Lachlan J:** For ‘stepping up’ this term with your behaviour and your learning. Well done Lachlan!

**Foundation/1 JN**

**Summer B:** For her consistent use of manners in the classroom. Great job!

**Archie K:** For being a very enthusiastic member of our class. Well done, keep it up!

**1/2 Kelly/Alison**

**Camille B:** For being a wonderful Fery Creek student. We wish you lots of luck next year at your new school.

**Megan K:** For being a wonderful Fery Creek student. We wish you lots of luck next year at your new school.

**1/2 Anna**

**Finn O’S:** For continuously being a respectful member of our class. You always take on extra responsibilities without complaint and go out of your way to help others. Well done Finn!

**Ash T:** For making an outstanding teacher assistant this week and for being a very respectful friend to her peers, classmates and teachers.

**3/4 Cheryl**

**Oliver C:** For always trying hard and being willing to do extra work at home.

**Lily I:** For working hard to improve her maths and achieving a Gold certificate in mathletics.

**3/4 Heather**

**Mera P:** For all her amazing work she has done this year a fantastic work ethic.

**Marley K:** For having a great work ethic, always doing his very best.

**4/5 Adam**

**Caitlyn M:** For her great paper folding skills and the wonderful Paper Polygon creations she made. Well Done!!

**Charlie E:** For his great work on his iMaths investigation ‘Plenty of Pikelets’ and his wonderful flipping skills on the day.

**5/6 Allen**

**Seth G:** For giving a well-written speech on why art is essential. You provided a new perspective for everyone to consider.

**Ashton B:** For giving a cleverly – worded speech on how to say “Go Away” nicely. You are so polite.

**5/6 Coby/Kristy**

**Thomas P:** For the extra effort he put in when packing away all the band equipment after your tour. You helped Dean and Beth just that bit extra. Well done Thomas.

**Saskia H:** For stepping up and taking care of Charlotte when she dislocated her wrist- it’s like you knew how she felt. Well done Sas!

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**Riding to School Bus Guide**

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*Please note that times are approximate and may vary considerably.*

Adam and Doug
Allen is heading back to Canada at the end of the school year so he needs to sell their family vehicle. Here are some details:

2005 Ford Territory TX, Rear wheel drive, white exterior, grey cloth interior, 7-seater, 6 cylinders, 4.0 Litre, automatic, 12.2 L/100km, 194 000kms.

One careful owner prior to us buying it this year, regularly serviced, a couple thousand dollars’ worth of maintenance done prior to us buying it (the usual things that need replacing on a 10-year-old vehicle like seals, brakes, etc) so you shouldn't have to do any work on it, new tyres, clean inside and out, a few minor nicks from regular wear and tear. Registration paid until March.

Please keep in mind that it isn't available until the last week of school. Reduced to $7500. All serious offers considered.

Contact Allen at 0476 169 342 for more pictures or any questions.
Our Junior Leaders were: Lachlan J., Keeva M-H., Summer B. and Eve G.

**What’s On Next Week?**

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<td>Come indoors this afternoon and let’s create a group rainbow piñata to save for our last day of after school care!</td>
<td>Snow marshmallows this afternoon! Let’s make snowmen out of marshmallows to take home and enjoy as a treat.</td>
<td>Today we are going to be making little hot chocolate cups out of craft and paper. Let’s see what we can come up with!</td>
<td>YAY! This afternoon we are going to make a Christmas tree out of magazines! Let’s see how big we can make it as a group!</td>
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**After The Bell News**

January Vacation Care 4/1/16 – 27/1/16 (at Emerald Region) and Pre-Christmas Vacation Care (at Mater Christi) bookings 21/12/15 – 24/12/15 are now available online at www.afterthebell.com.au

And don’t forget to Re-enrol for 2016!

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**Cooking Club**

On Wednesday we’ll be making chocolate brownie Christmas trees.

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**Feedback**

We welcome any feedback or suggestion of things that your children are interested in so that we can develop the program to meet the needs of you and your children.

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**Enrolment and Bookings**

We always welcome new faces to Before and After Care! 2015 Enrolments can be completed online or by downloading a paper version, or you can pick one up at the OSHCare room. Should you need any assistance with the online process, feel free to come and see us and we will be happy to help you out with the process.

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**Contacts**

Booking/Cancellation: enrolment@oshcare4kids.com.au
OSH: 0428 258 940
Ashlee – Program Leader

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**Joke of the Week**

Q: What is brown and sticky?
A: A stick.