THURSDAY 11th August 2016

FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

“Together we make a Difference!”

PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

PUPIL FREE DAY
On Tuesday 30th August we will be having a pupil free day. On the day our staff will be looking at our new Student Welfare package on Sentral (our new student management system), revisiting our goals from our Strategic Plan, our teacher peer Observation program and moderation, particularly in Writing. Please ensure you have this date on your calendar.

2017 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS
It is now August and we are getting extremely busy with enrolments for 2017. Our Transition Program is going really well. Please, could current parents who have siblings attending our school next year enrol soon so we can begin some real planning for our 2017 year?

WORKING BEE
On Saturday NEXT week, 20th August we are holding our third House Working Bee. This time we are asking all parents and families from Merri (Yellow), to attend. The bee begins at around 2pm and concludes about 4pm. All members from a Merri family receive house points. And all students will receive a thank you certificate at Assembly. PLEASE try to attend! We have included a flyer with this newsletter.

Have a great week,
Matthew
Grade 5/6
Hooptime
Community Stall Holders - Twilight Festival 2016
Friday November 11

We have room for 10 'community' stalls at the Festival. We are offering these spots to our school families first. These stalls can be handmade items or manufactured items that you may sell as part of your business etc. If you are interested in having a stall on the night, please complete the form below and return to school ASAP. As stall spots are limited, it will be a case of ‘first in, first served.’ Stall allocation will also be dependent on the product being sold (we do not want any obvious ‘clashes’ with class stalls.)

Stalls are $30* plus a donation to our raffle hampers (this may be an item from your stall or a purchased item such as a bottle of wine, box of chocolates etc.) Stall holders will need to bring their own table and gazebo, if you choose to do so.

You will be contacted by the end of this term to let you know if your stall application has been successful. Thank you and Good Luck!

Name and contact number | Items sold at stall
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* we do not require payment at this stage.
Twilight Festival 2016

Preparations are well under way (keep an eye out in your child’s diary/Tiqbiz for a notice from your grade’s Festival Rep) and now we need YOU!!

We have 9 class stalls, which are:

- Lolly stall (F-KJ)
- Pocket Money stall (F-R)
- Wine Bags (1/2A)
- ‘Handmade in the Hills’ stall (1/2B)
- Chocolate Toss (3/4C)
- Lucky Boxes (3/4L)
- Plants (4/5S)

Some of these stalls need their grade’s support whilst others need help from the whole school. If anyone can help with any of these things, please let your Festival Rep know, Jill or Dana at the Office or contact myself directly - jessop.rhian.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

We need:

- Wine (or any bottles of alcohol you may have lurking in the back of your pantry that you know you won’t drink!) for the 1/2A stall (Megan Burgess)
- Contacts anyone has for Wineries or bottle shops who may be able to donate wine to the 1/2A stall
- Contacts anyone has for Nurseries who may be willing to donate plants to the 4/5S stall (Yvonne Carbone)
- Handmade items (anything!) for 1/2B (Margie Moore)
- Raffle hamper items - your Festival Rep will let you know which colour items your grade is collecting. There will also be a ‘rainbow’ hamper in the 5/6 area.
- Second-hand books for our Book Sale – organised by Dec Eames.

We are looking for a parent or group of parents to join our Festival Committee to coordinate the JUMBLE SALE, BBER TENT and the many FOOD stalls. If you can help at all, please contact the Office ASAP or myself...

Together, let's make this a GREAT 2016 Twilight Festival!

The Festival Committee
My Biggest Fear...

MIDNIGHT

I look out of my window,
I look out of my door,
I look under my bed and see the floor.
I see it dusty, I see it clean,
I see some eyes and they are green.
I see my light, I see the night,
I see a big green thing.
I see it slimy, I see it red,
I see it, and it's under my bed.
I see it flashing, I see it dashing,
I see its light in the night.
I look under my bed, I see its dark - I don’t like it,
I'm under my bed for all my life.
I'm stuck, I want to get out, but when I open my eyes,
Surprise, you can open your eyes - I'm out.

By Isaac 1/2B
Congratulations to everyone for a fabulous fun filled day on Tuesday.

We were very proud of our Grade 6 leaders who did a wonderful job of taking care of the children in their country.

Everyone had lots of fun and got into the spirit of good sportsmanship and teamwork.

Congratulations to our Gold medal winners "Kenya", Silver - "Botswana" and Bronze - "Ireland".

A special thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped throughout the day.

Our Mini Olympics

And now on the news, Ferny Creek’s Mini Olympics! On Tuesday the 9th of August we had our mini Olympics. We had lots of different sports, one of my favourites was golf. Synchronised swimming was funny! My group was called Peru. We got stickers like our flag. We had a fun filled day.

By Maddie G

Ferny Creek Olympics

"Now for Nine News."

"Yesterday the 9th of August, Ferny Creek Primary School gathered together for their Olympics! Now we will hear about it from the athletes themselves."

"Thank you Peter. Yes, so as Peter was saying, we had a Whole School Olympics. Everyone competed in everything, like gymnastics. We had some amazing performances on beam that had you sitting on the edge of your seat!

There was also lots of other sports like egg and spoon race, golf, archery (don’t worry it wasn’t the archery that you’re thinking!) and heaps more. We were put into groups, I was in Czech Republic. Sadly we did not win, but still it was fun!"

"Thank you Lara, thank you Peter.

Now for the weather. Yesterday partly cloudy and cool breeze heading across the east of Melbourne!

That’s all for tonight on Nine News!"

By Lara C
On Thursday 18th August we are holding a special ‘Round the world Trip’ for the whole school.

This event ties in with our Geography unit and The Olympics.

Each grade has been studying a country from the Olympics and will be transforming their classroom into that country.

On the Thursday 18th all grades will be visiting every other classroom to explore what everyone has done and answer some questions about the 9 different countries.

We have made Ferny Creek passports for each child to take on their journey. They will record their information in it and have it stamped before they can visit the next country.

We are encouraging children to dress in their countries national dress or even the colours of their countries flag. It doesn’t have to be elaborate. Sometimes a simple hat can be enough to convey the country.

The journey will start from the multi purpose room at 9:00am (which will be the plane).

We will have a parade of each country in their costume of national dress, before we head off on our journey.

It will take the whole day to visit every classroom and we will finish back in the Multi purpose room at approx. 3:15.

Any concerns see Cheryl or your classroom teacher.

Thanks Cheryl
Our Special MERRI Working Bee

Is scheduled for

This Saturday, 20th August
12-4pm

We would like to encourage all Merri families to participate, and for it to be an enjoyable family event. So please bring all the kids, bikes and other toys along so they can have fun too.

Jobs that must be done

- General gardening
- Indoor work
- Pruning
- Sweeping
- Whipper snippering
- De-cobwebbing
- Lots more

Please bring along your wheelbarrows, garden tools, work gloves, kids and their toys.

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

Thank you,
Merri House Captains

Please fill in and return slip if attending or not attending

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Merri Working Bee – Saturday 20th August

The ______________________ family can attend / cannot attend the Merri Working Bee on the 20th August, 2016

Numbers attending __________________
### “STARS OF THE WEEK”

| **Foundation** | **Celeste N:** For her amazing travel journal. We felt like we were on the holidays with you!  
**Amanda O:** For using fantastic descriptive words in her writing. ‘Crackling sand’. |
| **Jodie/Kristy** |  |
| **Foundation** | **Rhian**  
**Eliza S:** For making good progress with her reading and MIOOW words this term.  
**Keep it up, Eliza!**  
**Oliver P:** For starting to really think about words and how they can be spelled. Well done, Oliver! |
| **1/2 Anna** |  |
| **1/2 Brian** | **Bonnie S:** For her colourful and creative presentation for her information report about gymnastics.  
**Angus P:** For his outstanding sportsmanship and participation at our mini Olympics sports day. |
| **3/4 Cheryl** | **Malachy O’S:** For making great progress with his writing and spelling.  
**Charlotte A:** For continuing to work hard with her reading, and making some great improvements. |
| **3/4 Lynda** | **Oliver P:** For stepping up into a higher grade basketball team and helping to win the All Stars Grand Final in Hooptime.  
**Bailey L:** For stepping up into a higher grade basketball team and helping to win the All Stars Grand Final in Hooptime. |
| **4/5 Samantha** |  |
| **5/6 Lisa** | **Hamish S:** For encouraging all team members and sharing the ball at 5/6 Hooptime. Excellent job!  
**Donovan J:** For being a great team player at 5/6 Hooptime. You did a great job bouncing forward, after an injury. Fantastic playing! |
| **5/6 Coby/Kelly** | **Robbie B:** For his positive attitude and willingness to ‘step in’ and ‘step up’ in the many roles asked of him at Hooptime.  
**Josh H:** For sharing his interest and enthusiasm for the Olympics with us all, and for keeping us updated on the Aussies success.  
**Charlotte R:** For being recognised by not only the Ferny Creek staff but also the Hooptime referees as being a brilliant team mate an honest player full of integrity and pride.  
**Jeremy K:** For the mature way he handled an unexpected change in scheduling at Hooptime and dedication to his team.  
**Caitlyn M:** For her application and enjoyment of our geography unit, both Carmen Sandiego and Chinese cultural studies.  
**Marie S:** For scoring the winning basket in the final moments of her teams’ game at Hooptime. |
**What’s On Next Week in the Ferny Creek OSHC**

**SCIENCE**

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<td>Have you ever seen fireworks? Now you can make your own crazy colour explosions in a jar, without the loud bangs!</td>
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<td>Mentos and coke are a dangerous mix! Be prepared to create an explosions using these yummy treats!</td>
<td>Bet you’ve never seen a jumping coin! Using just a bottle and some water we will make a coin jump for joy!</td>
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**Kids Corner**

Finn and Lachlan showing off their creativity and tech savvy-ness by drawing computers. Ashley battling rare Pokémon cards with Oliver.

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**Junior Leaders**

Luca for being a great friend
Callum for always being responsible!
You were fantastic
Junior Leaders!

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**Community News**

Winter is upon us! Please keep bringing your warm jumpers/scarves/gloves/hats - the mornings and afternoons are chilly!

Please check that you’re taking the right jumpers home as many people have been taking other children’s clothes by mistake!

Don’t forget that it can cost you as little as $6.31 per session/child with the Government Rebate.

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**Joke Of The Week**

"Why did the sad chicken cross the road? To hug his mother."
Finn

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**Reminder**

Pupil free day 30th August! Don’t forget to put your child’s name on the roll to confirm their attendance on this fun-filled day!

**BOOK IN FOR THE FUN!!!!!**

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**Enrolment and Bookings**

We always welcome new faces to our Before & After School Care! 2016 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 will be happy to help you out with the process.

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