Dear parents and friends,

Last week!

Amazing Online Survey
More responses needed!

We have only had 26 responses and would appreciate as many as possible so we can develop a better picture of how our school is going.

The survey doesn’t take very long to complete.

The link is:

www.fernycreekps.vic.edu.au/school-survey

2017 Grade Placement Requests

In the next few weeks teachers will be beginning discussions regarding the placement of students for 2017. This is a complex task as there are many factors to consider arranging the best mix of students in each class. Teachers consider factors such as individual needs, gender balance, academic abilities, friendship groups and students who work well and/or do not work well together. This process takes many hours of planning with the purpose being to maximise student learning. If you have any educational or social matters you would like to be considered when classes are being prepared please ensure you address these with your child’s current teacher over the next few weeks. Of course it may not be possible to grant every request. Alternatively you can talk to the unit coordinators; F-2 Rhian, 3-6 Cheryl.

Our aim is to inform children of their class placement and teacher prior to the end of the school year. In some circumstances this can
change over the long break due to student movement (a couple of children in or out can drastically impact on our structure) and in this event every effort would be made to notify parents concerned of the change.

Is Your Child Starting Secondary School Next Year?
Parents of our grade 6 students will tell you that it doesn't seem that long ago that their child was starting school. The primary years seem to fly by and our grade sixes are already three weeks into their final term of primary school. Secondary school can be a daunting thought for not only our students but parents as well. There are many questions which I'm sure you have, which are not fully answered at information nights and orientation days.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has an informative site which provides hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school. It's called 'Tips For Parents'. During the school term you will receive emails that will include tips, advice and information on supporting your child to make the transition from primary to secondary school. Articles include Preparing for next Year, Homework and Stepping up to Secondary School. To access articles please visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/bphome.aspx

UNSW Mathematics Tests
The results of the UNSW Mathematics tests have arrived and certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow. We have 8 Participation, 5 Merit, 9 Credits and 1 Distinction. Congratulations to everyone.

We are all looking forward to Matthew’s return next Monday. Thank you to everyone for your support over the last two weeks.

Have a great week.
Cheryl

Attention EnviroKnights!

With all the recent rain, it’s the perfect time for tree planting. We will reschedule our planting working bee at the Frog Bog to

NEXT MONDAY 17 October at lunchtime.

Please bring boots, a change of clothes and gloves if you have them, as it may be muddy work!

We also have our Yellingbo Excursion coming up on Tuesday 18 October
This is for our EnviroKnights in Grade 3, 4, 5 & 6.

We’re sure looking forward to that! You’ll need boots, hat, water and a packed lunch. Hoping for some good weather, but if it looks like rain, please also bring your rain jacket.

See you Monday.
Cath and Sander
Senior EnviroKnights
Buildings and Grounds

As you may be aware Building and Grounds committee members were busy over the recent school holidays working on the multipurpose room upgrades. Thanks to Steve Royle and Graham Lawrence for all their hard work sanding and then painting the multipurpose room and to Andrew Woolstencroft for spreading the mulch kindly donated by Alex Pinnager. Thanks also to Alex for completing the tree trimming around the basketball court, which makes the area much brighter and more open for our emerging basketball stars – thanks Guys!!

We have a working bee coming up in 2 weeks’ time on Saturday 22nd October between 12-4pm. As well as the usual outside jobs around the grounds (whipper snipping, clearing the footpaths, etc) we are keen to get as many people along as possible so we can complete more painting within the multipurpose room. As we know Saturdays are always busy with kids activities we are also making Wednesday (19th) and Thursday (20th) evening prior to the working bee available between 3-6pm to allow parents the opportunity to assist with the painting – on those evenings we will be focusing on the wall preparation and cutting in so that on the Saturday we can focus on rolling the main walls - hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Thanks in advance,
Michael

PLEASE NOTE:
Festival Community Stall Payments and Donations are due in NOW.
We expect Term 4 weather to be dry enough to ride to school again on Fridays.

Who: We welcome everyone including parents and grandparents, however you must be able to ride your bike without assistance or training wheels. We meet at the Sassafras Village Green.

When: We leave at 8:00 am SHARP on Fridays.

Where: Our convoy passes:

- Sherbrooke School at approximately 8:10am
- Hilton Rd at approx. 8:15 am
- Horse Paddock, Sherbrooke Rd at approx. 8:20 am
- Laubes Rd at approx. 8:25 am
- Top of School Rd at approx. 8:30 am
- Back at school approx. 8:35 am

NB: These times are approximate only

What if: It is wet? We will not ride if it is raining or has been raining during the morning.

NB: Adam and I are not available to supervise riding back home

If you are unsure or you have any questions call Doug on 0425 827 790.
Books!

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There will be a Second-Hand Book Sale at the Twilight Festival. We already have a stack of donated books (‘Thank You’ to those generous people) and need lots more. Books can be dropped off to the staffroom (send to school in a plastic bag with your child if easier) anytime between now and up to the day before the festival.

We are also taking all Jumble Sale/Trash & Treasure donations – drop to the staffroom or main entrance (foyer).

Thank you in advance for your support.

Dec, Shauna & Anna (grade 5/6 parents) & The Festival Committee

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FESTIVAL Lucky Boxes

A little reminder to fill your lucky boxes as soon as possible and drop them off at the school office foyer.

Thank you to the families who have already brought boxes back in.

We have had some wonderfully creative decorations on the boxes.

There are some extra boxes in the foyer if you’d like to do another one, or didn’t get one at the end of last term. These extra boxes are a different shape to the ones already distributed, but very easy to fill and decorate.

Please fill the boxes with items to the value of $8. We will then sell them at the Festival for $5. They are hugely popular and the kids snap them up very quickly on the night.

Some ideas:

- Stationery items (pens, erasers, notebooks)
- Books
- Toys
- Hair ties
- Stickers
- Colouring books
- Candles
- Puzzles
- Kids' gardening gear
- Makeup
- Pokémon cards

The possibilities are endless!

We ask that you don’t put lollies or second hand goods in the boxes as we have other stalls at the Festival selling those items.

Thank you from 3/4L.

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Dandenong Ranges Veterinary Centre

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Complete Pet Care
10% off all services / products

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All Hours
www.drvet.com.au
Home of Vetchex app
www.vetchexapp.com

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Monbulk & District Community Bank® Branch

Monbulk Cricket Ground
28 Moores Rd, Monbulk

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MONBULK CRICKET CUP
in conjunction with presents
madcow

Sunday 23rd October
9th Annual Monbulk Fun Run
'Run to the G'

Halloween Special Event

4 & 8 Km
Run/Walk

Market Stalls

BBQ Breakfast
(Gold coin donation)

Awards for category winners
& best Halloween costume

Funds raised go to:
Monbulk Rotary Club Community Support Account (for those affected by loss or tragedy) and MADCOW supporting Community Projects

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8.00am Registrations
8.30am Warm up
9.00am Races Start

Registrations
Children u/ 12 $5
Teens 13-18 $10
Adults $20
Family $40
Science Fun Term
This Term is Science & Technology Term at Ferny Creek Primary School.

This is your chance to create a big **BANG** or to demonstrate a **spectacular** scientific experiment.
Get the whole family involved!

Your magnificent work will then be displayed at our

Science & Technology Night on
Thursday October 27\textsuperscript{th}.

*Don’t know what to do? Need ideas?*
Look in books we have at school or try looking at these websites:

- [http://www.sciencebuddies.org/](http://www.sciencebuddies.org/)
- [http://www.abc.net.au/spark/](http://www.abc.net.au/spark/)
- [http://www.funology.com/laboratory/](http://www.funology.com/laboratory/)
- [http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/sci/](http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/sci/)
F.C.P.S presents

Halloween disco 2016

$6.00 PER PERSON

$7.00 on the night

Junior school P-2
4.30pm-5.30pm

Senior school 3-6
6.00pm-7.30pm

Food will be for purchase on the night.

Parents can stay in the staff room for a drink during the disco.

Bring your friends (must be school aged).

Have a spooky time!

Dress in your favourite Halloween costume! * no clowns please.
### “STARS OF THE WEEK”

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<td>Spencer J: For being able to explain to other students the meaning of FORCE during our Science lesson. Fantastic work Spencer!</td>
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<td>Rhian</td>
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<td>Jam L: For putting so much effort into everything you do...even researching tennis players at home! Well done Jam.</td>
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<td>Oliver P: For having such a great start to Term 4. You have really started to ‘step up’...keep it up Oli. Great job!</td>
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<td>Callum O: For always settling quickly into his work and trying his very best. Well done Callum!</td>
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<td>William H: For his enthusiastic story ideas. You can certainly make your audience laugh and engage yours readers in your story.</td>
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<td>Liam J: For working enthusiastically to learn the times tables in mathematics.</td>
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<td>Lily Marie M: For working well during reading group activities, and continuing to make good progress with her reading.</td>
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<td>Marley K: For presenting a ‘high tech’ and captivating science and technology demonstration.</td>
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<td>Alex T: For making a ‘great start’ and finishing his 100 word story about a gooey exploding frog.</td>
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<td>Ellie R: For the following reasons as discussed by her peers – an awesome friend, clever and always kind to others.</td>
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<td>Blair W: For the following reasons as discussed with his peers and teacher – presentation skills, neatness, reliable, represents the school, organised and generous to his friends.</td>
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<td>Finn H: For always sharing ideas and answering questions during class discussions. Excellent effort!</td>
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<td>Mera P: For finishing her writing piece before the due date. She has done a great job doing some peer conferences.</td>
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<td>Bridget H: For your wonderful explanation text ‘How the Universe was Formed, Big Bang to Now!’ Your text was well structured and thoroughly explained the evolution of the universe.</td>
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<td>James C: For your great explanation text ‘How a Computer Works’. You were extremely focused during writing sessions and gave a clear explanation of what each component does.</td>
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<td>Elska S: For the amazing bookwork you always present. Your work is neat and always looks great! You give Adam Crotty a run for his money!!</td>
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<td>Oliver W: For backing up his statements with facts and well researched understanding. Well done Oli! Always thinking!</td>
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**What’s On Next Week in the Ferny Creek OSHC**

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<td>Can you guess the prices of different items? Join us today for a game of The Price is Right.</td>
<td>Can you survive the obstacle course in a game of Wipe-out? Come along and find out!</td>
<td>Test out your general knowledge in a game of Millionaire Hot seat! (1 million dollars not included)</td>
<td>Gather up your team and join us in a game of Family Feud - just like on the television Cooking club Banana Muffins!!</td>
<td>Get creative today and design your very own game-show where YOU are the host!!</td>
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**KIDS CORNER**

We enjoy playing group games together, especially after we’d missed everyone on the school holidays! Lucas made an intergalactic alien with ONE EYE! Watch out, it’s on your shoulder!

**Junior Leaders**

Well done Ryder on being a fantastic Junior Leader! I appreciate you always offering to help!

You were a fantastic Junior Leader!

**Joke Of The Week**

Q: Why did the picture go to jail?
A: Because it was framed!!

**Reminder**

Re-enrolment is now open

Re-enrol before **November 30**

To avoid any re-enrolment fees

**Community News**

Even though the weather is tricking us at the moment, remember that when the sun comes out you need to have a hat on your noggin!

I’m backkkkkkk! Thank you all for the warm welcome home! I look forward to seeing everyone at the program. Keep your eyes peeled for some photos from my adventure last term! Karli

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

**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.

**CONTACTS US**

Booking/Cancellation: enrolment@afterthebell.com.au

OSHC contact phone: 0428 258 940

Program Leader - Karli

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