PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

ANZAC Ceremony
On Tuesday 26th April, Ferny Creek will be holding its own ANZAC Ceremony. Traditionally our choir and senior students have attended the FTG National Park Legacy Ceremony. Unfortunately, this will not be held any more as the organising Legatees have either moved from our area or have passed away. Planning for our Tuesday session is well underway. I will let you know more about the agenda and times next week. What we are asking for at present (and Cheryl will also TiqBiz this) is a request to you all for any veterans of any of our conflicts who may visit us and talk to classes and/or talk to the school at our ceremony. Please let Jill, Cheryl or myself know if you have a relative or family friend willing to share their experiences with us. We are also looking for artefacts. We can safely display fragile or valuable artefacts behind a glass petition but we are also seeking artefacts the children can handle. Can you please contact your class teacher or Cheryl if you can help here?

As mentioned above the Legacy ANZAC Ceremony at FTG National Park is no longer happening. However, the schools that have participated in the past wish to organise our own smaller scale ceremony. On Friday 29th April our Choir is again invited to lead the schools in the singing aspect of the ceremony. We have done this for many years now. Unfortunately, schools now have to pay for the use of the Park and its furniture and sound equipment (Legacy used to cover this). The cost will include bus, use of the site, sound equipment, furniture and Park personal. I add that the rates charged are extremely discounted. Melody will provide the final cost but it looks likely to be around the $10 mark.

James Merlino
Tomorrow, James Merlino is visiting us to congratulate our school leaders and present them with their badges.

“Together we make a Difference!”

DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2

15th April – Special Assembly with James Merlino (Badge Presentation)
20th April – Grade 5/6 Art Excursion
21st April – Foundation Post Office Walk
22nd April – Closet Cleanout Collection
25th April – Anzac Day Public Holiday
26th & 27th April – Parent Teacher Interviews
28th April – Senior School Athletics at Knox
6th May – Mother’s Day Assembly

Royal Children’s Hospital appeal

Keelie G, Sophie R and Lewis F raised $138.05 from selling lemonade and running a Rubix cube challenge in Sassafras.

A donation of $240.00 was also made from the ‘guess the number of eggs in the jar’ competition run by Alexis, Maddy, Wren, Ava, Layla & Bridget.

Well done to everyone.
Parent Teacher Student Conferences

In a couple of weeks we are holding the first of our Parent/Teacher conferences for 2016. We have already had Information Nights and our Parent to Teacher meetings and we are now at the stage where we talk together as a team. **The following procedure is strongly recommended by our School Council and the Education Committee**

- **Foundation**: Will be between parent and teacher only, students do not need to attend.
- **Years 1 and 2**: Students will complete a self-assessment and should be given the option of attending.
- **Years 3 and 4**: Students will complete a self-assessment and are strongly encouraged to include student.
- **Years 5 and 6**: Students must attend as a key to transitioning to secondary where three way conferences are most common practice.

**Of course there are always a number of factors influences that may mean we alter the above format for your child. Please let your teacher know if this is the case.**

**FUNdraising**

**Did you know that in 2015 we raised over $20000?** From this amount we were able to purchase for the school many items that otherwise could not have been bought. Major fundraising items purchased from our wish list in 2015 were new shade sail over front playground, Stage 2 of the rear playground, chairs for MP room, staffroom tables, headphones for Lab notebooks, Independent Reading Books for Years 3 – 6 and take Home Books level 1 – 3, giant chess set, foldaway café tables for MP room and a new BBQ for school events.

Our staff and students have again created a **2016 Wish List** of resources that we would love to have but cannot be afforded through the normal budget process. We have already raised approximately $3000 from the Billy Cart Derby and the Easter Raffle. Our list for 2016 and beyond, in no particular order ....

- Relining of the netball court
- eBooks for Years 1-4
- Science resources
- Blinds - 1/2A and 1/2B North Windows
- MP Room floor markings
- Musical Instruments - especially guitars
- Back Playground Stage 3
- Covered way from F-2 to MP Room

**Parent Contributions**

As you all are aware, our Requisites and Levies help us present the programs at Ferny Creek that we would struggle with without your generosity. Your contributions provide resources for our English, Mathematics, Technology, Science, Health and Physical Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, our new reporting program (Sentral), Reading Improvement Program, Reading Enrichment Program, Mathletics, and Kitchen Garden Project. Final budgets for our school programs were finalised after the end of February, school census time. We always attempt not to impact too heavily on the key curriculum areas, but areas such as Facilities, Administration, eLearning, Music and Art and others can be impacted. If you have not yet contributed could you please consider doing so as soon as possible? Of course, parents who may have difficulty with payment are invited to see Jill to organise a payment plan.
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

OSHCare 4 KIDS
   Head Office: 9758 6744 
   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 - 
   ferny.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

Uniforms
As term 2 begins to get colder please remember to ensure you have enough uniform articles to last the week. Students not in uniform are asked to play in the office shade sail area only. I have also been reminded by class teachers that it’s time for the children to bring slippers to school. The grounds will now be getting wet and muddy and we only get our carpets steam cleaned once a year.

Carpark
Please, please do not double park in our parent car park. Imagine how we would feel if a child is hit because we couldn’t all park as requested. A reminder also, that the area outside the staff car park is for Ferny Creek staff only.

Holiday Work
A fantastic amount of work over the holidays. What a wonderful community we live in. In case you haven’t noticed yet we have had the front playground repaired and an amazing amount of trimming, brush-cutting and mulch spreading.

Have a great week everyone, 
Matthew

Bags will be collected at the school on Friday April 22nd at 9am. We advise that all bags are returned on the Thursday to avoid disappointment.

The 13th Dandenong Ranges Open Studios is THIS WEEKEND!

30 artists around the hills open their working studios to show the public their work, processes, materials and inspiration.

Visit Emma Jennings’ multi level garden studio to experience her unique fine art and design practise. Emma’s intricate paintings on handmade Japanese papers combine decorative pattern with botanical and figurative studies, inspired by the natural sciences and oriental design.

Dandenong Ranges Open Studios
   Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th April 10am - 5pm
   13 Seabreeze Avenue, Ferny Creek

Open Studios Group Exhibition MICRO/MACRO
   On until April 24
   Burrunja Gallery corner Glenfern Rd and Matson Drive, Upwey

www.emmajennings.com.au 
www.openstudios.org.au
**“STARS OF THE WEEK”**

**Foundation Jodie/Krissy**

**Rhian**

**1/2 Anna**

**1/2 Brian**

**3/4 Cheryl**

**3/4 Lynda**

**4/5 Samantha**

**5/6 Adam**

**5/6 Coby/Kelly**

**Tully H:** For always using her listening ears and helping others when she can in the classroom. Great job Tully!

**Leon R:** For always using his listening ears and working independently during class time. Well done Leon!

**Blake W:** For being so enthusiastic about everything we do and always so eager to ‘have a go’. Well done!

**Beatrix E:** For always trying your best. I’m so proud of the way you are learning to sound words out already.

**Lincoln S:** For practising reading his MIOOW words and improving his reading. Great work Linc.

**Maya P:** For her very neat handwriting. You always do your very best, Maya. Keep up the fantastic work!

**Shelby P:** For putting in a big effort at school and at home to improve her reading skills.

**Summer B:** For working enthusiastically in class to produce an excellent 'Mr Man' story.

**Giselle R:** For being a very focused and hardworking student in all areas. Well done Giselle.

**Thomas P:** For trying really hard and making a very good effort with his reading and writing.

**Lily P:** For challenging herself to learn and practise new things. Great effort Lily.

**Olivia J:** For always trying her very best at classroom tasks, always focused and listening to instructions.

**Nicholas W:** For showing respect during class discussions and for sharing fantastic ideas during writing and reading.

**Layla G:** For taking more risks during reading and writing. You have shared some great ideas.

**Bridget H:** For securing a role as one of 5/6A’s Junior School Council representatives. While you were up against some quality candidates, you were a very popular choice with your peers and a very worthy winner.

**Maya N:** For your well-structured persuasive text on why students should only attend school four days a week with Wednesday being a mid-week break. You presented some very persuasive arguments. Well Done!!

**Jeremy K:** For starting the term in a positive manner, remembering to alter his house captain role and working well independently.

**Jida S:** For a fantastic start to the term, returning full of knowledge and applying his schema to his work.

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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
WE WELCOME BACK

Renovations!

OSHC make-over! The kids are all excited for their new OSHC room for term two. The After The Bell make-over fairies were hard at work over the holidays…

Joke of the Week

Q: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses on the first day back at school?
A: Because she had such bright students!

The Cost of OSHC

Did You Know? Most people are able to access some form of government assistance through Centrelink to reduce the cost of Care.

…it can cost you as little as $7.33 per session per child with Government Rebate eligibility!

After The Bell News

Wow! What a great series of Vacation Care days we had here at all the various After The Bell Programs! From Crazy Bikes to Tunza Fun to Movies to Inflatables… We hope you had a great time too and have some stories to tell us! We’re all looking forward to Term Two now. It’s going to be a cracker!

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.

ENROLMENT AND BOOKINGS

We always welcome new faces to Before and After Care! New 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 we will be happy to help you out with the process.

CONTACTS

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OSHC: 0428 258 940
Karli – Program Leader