PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Reminders
WORKING BEE: This Saturday between midday and 4pm
Our first pupil free day this year will be Monday May 25th. Please take note of this date.

Welcome to Natalie Wood. I am very pleased to announce that Natalie will be taking over from Lynda as our F/1 teacher when Lynda finishes up in a couple of weeks' time (Lynda is off on a trip planned well before Jen’s husband passed away). She will also be taking over Nat’s Thursday and Friday role when Nat leaves at the end of term 3 to have her baby.

NAPLAN and Student Opinion Survey
Well done to all our Year 3 and 5 students who completed their NAPLAN tests this week. Results will be provided to us around late July early August. Our Year 5 and 6 students have also recently participated in the state-wide Student Opinion Survey. I really value their thoughts and ideas about the many aspects of their school life. We need to celebrate our successes and also listen to their concerns.

Mother’s Day
What a fantastic morning! I was so thrilled to have so many Mums in the school (and a few Dads) just enjoying being in our school together, going to the children's grade(s) and being absorbed in the atmosphere. A BIG thank you to all who helped make the morning so enjoyable. It was brilliantly done again. Thank you to our brilliant School Choir and our dedicated Dance Team! I have received lots of very positive comments.

Three Way Parent/Student Teacher Feedback
Thank you to the families who returned their surveys about our recent three way conferences. Teachers have discussed the process and our Education Committee has looked at your responses as well.
We will certainly endeavour to continue the process to make it a valuable experience for both parents and students.

**Education Week 2015**

Highlights of the week are:

- **An Open Morning on Wednesday 27th May.** Parents, friends, relatives are invited to come into their children’s classrooms and witness our school at work on a normal morning.
- **Wednesday 27th May, 2016 Foundation students attending a ‘Teddy Bears Picnic’, games and songs session with our future students. Parents are invited to partake in a school tour by the Principal while this is on.**
- **Thursday 28th May, Open Night 6.30pm – 8.00pm**
- **Friday 29th May, Pyjama Day.** All Ferny Creek PS to dress in pyjamas and share favourite books with teachers’ and students from all over the school.

Have a wonderful week everybody,

Matthew
TRIVIA UPDATE

Donations Needed!

Families - please bring any of the following into the office to add to hampers for the silent auctions on Trivia Night. We have some excellent larger prizes, but are in desperate need of smaller items for the hampers - items need to be new or in as new condition:

- Adult / children's books
- Children's Clothes
- Children's Toys / Sporting items
- Pampering Toiletries
- Gourmet Food Hamper items
- Bottles of wine

Tables now seat up to 12

We are expanding the size of the tables due to the excellent response. Each table can now seat 10 - 12 people. If you are yet to put your table together - please do so in the foyer asap there are not many left - payment to Jill in the office of $20 per ticket is also requested prior to the night. Tables to 10 can either remain as is, or preferably add another couple. Friends and families from outside of the school are of course most welcome to attend.

It’s shaping up to be a doozy of a night not to be missed!

Entertainment Books
2015-2016
are in school
this week.

Make sure you don’t miss out as we have only ordered a set amount in. There is a book at the Office for you to look through if you are not sure whether to order one for yourself or not.

2015/2016 Melbourne Entertainment Books cost $65 each. Please complete and return order forms or place your order directly online via the email sent through to your inbox.

Books can also be purchased directly from the Office.
“STARS OF THE WEEK”

Foundation R

**Louis H:** For being such a confident, happy and hard-working member of our classroom. Great job Louis!

**Maya P:** For always trying her best and for remaining focused on her work. Well done Maya!

Foundation/1 JN

**Milla D:** For becoming more independent in her morning routines and always having a happy attitude.

**Eve C:** For always presenting all her tasks to a high standard.

1/2 Kelly/Alison

**Isaac McG:** For his story writing during Writer’s Workshop.

**Grace M:** For her identification of 2D and 3D shapes.

1/2 Anna

**Isabelle W:** For demonstrating a wonderful and enthusiastic attitude during maths. Your efforts are admirable. Keep it up!

**Lincoln S:** For working very hard in reading, trying new strategies and making an outstanding improvement. Well done!

3/4 Cheryl

**Jida S:** For doing a fantastic job of preparing and presenting his Power Point project on ANZAC.

**Ashley J:** For his enthusiasm with Spellodrome and trying hard with it at home as well.

3/4 Heather

**Lachlan B:** For working enthusiastically and carefully with his work. Also for being a caring, sharing classmate.

**Layla G:** For taking on an important responsibility and doing it very enthusiastically.

4/5 Adam

**Talia L:** For your wonderful work on your ‘Finals Fever’ iMaths investigation. You successfully applied your mathematical knowledge in order to complete the investigation. Well done!!

**Ottavia F:** For your wonderful, vivid visualisations relating to Dorothea MacKeller’s ‘My Country’. Your visualisations showed your excellent understanding of Key elements from the poem.

5/6 Allen

**Ella L:** For creating a passionate persuasive piece on why it is better to live in the country. Well done!

**Kieren L:** For showing great persistence and patience in revising and editing your persuasive piece.

5/6 Coby/Kristy

**Drew N:** For writing a great persuasive piece about why her mum is the best!

**Maya N:** For writing a great persuasive piece about why her mum is the best!

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Live and love life, don’t waste it.*

*Rebecca*
OPEN NIGHT

Dear Grandmas, Grandpas, Mums, Dads and families,

You are invited to our Open night on

**Thursday 28**\(^{th}\) **May between 6:30 and 8:00pm**

Every grade will have on display some work on the History they have been learning about this term.

Visit every classroom and answer a simple History question about the work on display.

Place your entry in the box in the foyer to have a chance to win our **Mystery History Hamper**.

Some children will be performing throughout the night at different places within the school and the choir will perform at **7:45** in the multi-purpose room to conclude the evening.

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Ferny Creek Primary School

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*JDRF* is selling jelly babies and badges to raise money so scientists can find a cure for people like me with type 1 diabetes. A packet of jelly babies is $2. They have no artificial colours or flavours. A badge is also $2. I will be selling them at the front entrance all week, starting Monday the 18\(^{th}\) of May and ending Friday the 22\(^{nd}\). Hope to see you there.

Thank you, Bronya
Dear Parents of ALL FERNY CREEK students,

Our Special Pre Winter Working Bee

Is scheduled for

This Saturday, 16th May
12-4pm

We would like to encourage 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
• Pruning
• Tidy up Veggie garden and Hen House
• Internal painting

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

Thank you very much.
The Buildings and Grounds Committee
Transition to school program 2015:

Wednesday 27th May – 9:00-9:45am
Children starting school in 2016 are invited to join in some fun Teddy Bear activities in our Junior/Foundation area. Children are encouraged to bring along their favourite Teddy with them to join in the fun!

Parents are invited to stay for a tour of the school with our Principal Matthew Coyle whilst your child/ren spend time with our current Foundation teachers.

We hope to see you on the day… and don’t forget to bring your Teddy Bear!

Further 2016 transition dates to be announced. If you have any immediate questions or would like to book a personal tour, contact Jill or Matthew on 9755 1522 or pop into our Office and talk to Jill in person.

Come and see the difference.
RANGES BASKETBALL CLUB will be running Mini Ranges for 5 weeks commencing on **Wednesday 13th May**

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Where: Monbulk College sports stadium.

This is a full court session with the aim of teaching basic ball handling skills to 6 – 10 year old children. Bring a ball if you have one (not compulsory)

For further information or to book a place ring Carey on 0417 398 834 or

Information can be sought from Emma Johansson (Ferny Creek PS) or Kathy Boyd (Sassy PS), Megan Ford (The Patch PS), Danny Leonard (Mt D PS), Simone Hall (Kallista)

If you are 7 – 22 and would like to play the Winter 2015 season starting on 23 May ring or email Carey ct3103@bigpond.com
Ferny Creek Primary School is registered for the 2015 Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is for all Victorian children from early childhood through to students in Year 10.

The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Challenge begins at the start of the 2015 school year and officially ends on 14 September 2015. Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or experience 30 books during this period. ‘Experiencing’ a book can include a range of classroom or home activities such as a class reading of a big book, shared reading, listening and reading along with a text and being read to. Students can share their reading with parents, teachers, aides, siblings, student buddies or classmates. Students in Years 3 to 6 who accept the Challenge must read 15 books during this period. Some books must be selected from the book lists available on the Challenge site.

Consent is required for a student to participate in the Challenge. Parents must complete and sign the Consent form to participate in the Challenge. Parents must also sign the Consent form for the names of successful students to be published in the online Premiers’ Reading Challenge Honour Roll. Consent forms will be available from the office.

Students who have previously registered and participated in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge can still use their previous username and password. These have been reallocated to their current class. Your child’s classroom teacher will have a copy of this.
The Week That Was

Last week our theme was 'Intergalactic Space Race'! We had a great time exploring outer space and discovering what is beyond our Earth. Our week was full of craft and games such as making our own rockets for NASA, painting space themed fridge magnets, and taking part in the Astronaut Race; the slowest race you've ever seen! We also got to invent our own aliens and throw moon rocks! Our week was out of this world!

This Week’s Program

We have been channeling our inner-Picasso and explored the world of art. We have looked at work by famous artists such as Claude Monet, Auguste Rodin and Vincent Van Gogh and used them as inspiration for our own creations. We have already created sculptures of our friends, beautiful collages, painted self-portraits and taken award winning photographs! We look forward to sketching our landscape tomorrow!

The Upcoming Week

Next week (week 6) is the much anticipated ‘Origami Week’! Prepare your fingers for a whole lot of folding! We will be making some of our old favourites and introducing new pieces that we can have a go at making! Book in now and join us for a fun, paper folding week!

Reminders....

We love meeting new friends and welcoming new families to our program! Please feel free to drop by the OSHC room and see what we get up to! Come and hang out with us!

In After School Care we made flowers for Mothers Day. The flowers are butiful". - By Ayla

Cooking Club This Week

Next week we will be cooking on Wednesday so join us as we make some DELICIOUS honey joys! Yum yum!

Joke of the Week

The joker for this week is……ADAM from 3/4C.
“What do you get when you cross a cow with a smurf?”
“Blue Cheese!” HA HA HA! HE HE HE! - written by Adam!

Kids Corner

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