Dear Parents and Friends,

Vacation Care Up Until Christmas
There have been enquiries regarding the specific timing of our January Vacation Care programs, and if we can operate a Pre-Christmas program at Ferny Creek. A Pre-Christmas Vacation Care Program would operate from the 21st December till 24th December 2015, but could only go ahead with a minimum of 12 children or more booked in. If you are interested please let Jill in the office know as soon as possible.

2016 Grade Placement Requests
In the next few weeks teachers will be beginning discussions regarding the placement of students for 2016. This is a complex task as there are many factors to consider when 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 by me 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, that are not fully answered at information nights and orientation days.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development have developed an informative site which provides hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school. 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. Recent articles have included Preparing for next Year, Homework and Stepping up to Secondary School. To receive articles please subscribe to Beyond Primary at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/bphome.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/bphome.aspx)

**NSW University Competition Results for English**
Results have arrived for students who participated in the English Competition. We have our best results ever!! **Five Distinctions, four Credits and two Participation awards.** Congratulations to all students! Our Mathematics results are the last to arrive and should be in by next week.

**New Pathway**
Yarra Ranges Council is constructing a new concrete footpath from our crossing (car park side) down to the corner of School Road and Old Main Road. The works are scheduled to commence on 15th October and be completed by mid November. We have been asked to let you know that;

- Traffic may be occasionally halted for a few minutes
- To keep our speed to a maximum of 40km/h at all times
- Follow the directions of the traffic controllers.

**Pupil Free Days term 4**
A reminder that Wednesday 21st October is a Pupil Free Day.

**Term 4 Calendar**
- 16th October, Friday: **Movie Night**
- 20th October, Tuesday: **School Council**
- **21ST OCTOBER, WEDNESDAY: PUPIL FREE DAY**
- 23rd October, Friday: **Year 5/6 Incursion: Public Speaking Program**
- 28th October, Wednesday: **iPad meeting for year 4 parents, 7pm**
- 3rd November, Tuesday: **Melbourne Cup Day**
- 4th November, Wednesday: **Year 3 – 6 swimming begins**
- 10th November, Tuesday: **Footsteps Dancing Incursion**
- 13th November, Friday, **Years 3 – 6 swimming last day**
- 16th November, Monday: **Foundation 2016 Transition, 9.15am (Buddies!)**
- 17th November, Tuesday: **School Council**
- 18th November, Wednesday: **Grade 6 Graduation Photos**
- 19th November, Thursday: **School Walkathon**
- 19th November, Thursday: **2016 Foundation Information Night**
- 24th November, Tuesday: **School Council**
- 30th November, Monday: **F – 2 Swimming begins**
- 7th December, Monday: **School Council, TBC**
- 8th December, Tuesday: **Christmas Concert, TBC**
- 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, TBC
25th December: Thursday: Happy Christmas!!!

Have a great weekend everybody!
Matthew

School Captains Blog

Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and Guardians,

We're finally at term 4 and we hope you had a great break! This term we have started up a new strategy, as some of you may know, the YELLOW VEST. The yellow vest wearers are go-to senior students to help any F-2 kids with playground problems. Just to let you all know! The kids outside are going really well at the moment. We are like teachers on yard duty, except we play and the kids come up to us. It's going really, really well and the kids come up to us a lot, unless it's a really big problem that we can't solve.

On the 16th of October we are having a movie night, the junior school is watching Shaun the Sheep the Movie, and the seniors are watching Tomorrowland. The grade threes can choose what movie they see.

On 21st of October it is a pupil free day, so if you come to school, expect to be the only one here. 😊 😊

On the 23rd of October, we have a public speaking incursion for the 5/6's to help with their public speaking so in the future they can speak in front of large crowds.

On the 4th-13th of November the 3/4's and 5/6's have swimming so bring your towel!

We now have our School House Captains write a bit as well. Our next topic is from red house captains, Ben and Sarah, with a little bit about our schoolyard......

Kids in Foundation and year 1 are becoming very independent. Also we have recently updated the back playground which is very exciting because we have mushrooms that you can jump on or jump to other mushrooms, we have 3 different chin up bars to suit your height, we also have a mini spider web, a balance beam, and finally we have concrete patches which some big Lego blocks will be attached. Thank you to all the parents who have helped out with this playground.

Thank you,
Ashton, Ella, Sarah and Ben.

Thank you to the Crotty family (Mason 3/4C & Tarrant 3/4H) for the great book donations for both the Senior and Junior Libraries.
“STARS OF THE WEEK”

Foundation R
- **Finn S:** For writing so much more in your Writer’s Notebook these days. Keep it up - I’m proud of you.
- **Bonnie S:** For a great first week in Foundation R! Welcome to Ferny Creek Primary School, Bonnie.

Foundation/1 JN
- **Shelby P:** For her excellent writing about her activities over the weekend. Great job!
- **Will L:** For making fantastic progress with his reading. Well done - you should be very proud of yourself.

1/2 Kelly/Alison
- **Lily P:** For your cooperation and hard work in class, and especially your very responsible choices.
- **Bailey L:** For your hard work and dedication to improving your reading, well done!

1/2 Anna
- **Indi B:** For her hardworking attitude and persistence to complete all of her work to the best of her ability. Well done, Indi!
- **Raphael H:** For taking more responsibility for his learning by approaching tasks enthusiastically and trying his best. Keep up the great work, Raf!

3/4 Cheryl
- **Lauryn W:** For working enthusiastically in all aspects of her work and making very good progress.
- **Mason C:** For his improved work habits and making fantastic choices.

3/4 Heather
- **Anna H:** For working conscientiously on her mathematics and asking for help when she is unsure.
- **Lachlan B:** For his kindness and thoughtfulness shown to his fellow classmates.

4/5 Adam
- **Lachlan Mc:** For the wonderful science experiment you shared with the grade. Your Hydraulic Elevator was FANTASTIC. Well Done!!
- **Caitlyn M:** For your positive attitude and your caring and helpful nature around the classroom. Keep up the good work!!

5/6 Allen
- **Jessica D:** For consistently demonstrating respect and positive behaviour in the classroom. Thanks, Jessica!
- **Jessie T:** For consistently demonstrating respect and positive behaviour in the classroom. Thanks, Jessie!

5/6 Coby/Kristy
- **Luke P:** For the extra effort he has put into concentrating and getting straight into tasks. Well done, Luke.
- **Maya N:** For your wonderful pirate memoir. Your sense of voice came through and you expressed the thoughts and feelings of your fictional character.

**Riding to School Bus Guide**

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

Adam and Doug
Performing Arts News

Senior School Music
The senior grades will be using GarageBand to compose original songs in music this term. GarageBand is a free app and I would like all senior students to make sure they have installed it on their iPads by next week at the latest.

Choir
Choir is up and running for Term 4 after our break for the production last term. They are in fine voice and are looking forward to the performances that will take place at the end of the school year.

Junior School Music Project
Students in the Junior School received a notice last week about a project involving making a musical instrument at home. Students can bring their instruments in to school on the day of their music class which is Tuesday for Foundation and F/1 and Wednesday for both 1/2 classes. We have already had some instruments come in to class and they look amazing!
Attention EnviroKnights...

Now that Spring is here, it’s time to get planting again!

We are having a planting session near the back playground and the frog bog on Friday 16 October at lunchtime.

Please bring a change of clothes and boots.

PS. If any parents would like to give us a hand, that would be appreciated too!

PO BOX 106
OLINDA 3788
www.rangesbasketball.com.au

RANGES BASKETBALL CLUB are running Mini Ranges for 5 weeks commencing on **Tuesday 29th September**
Time: 4pm – 4.45pm
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), Janine Leonard (Mt D PS), Simone Hall (Kallista)

If you are 7 – 22 and would like to play the Summer 2016 season starting on 8 November email Janine Leonard djleonard1@bigpond.com or any of the above.
**What’s On Next Week?**

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**Kids Corner**

‘Making telescopes was fun!’

And outdoor play is even more fun with the new equipment.

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**OSHCare4KIDS News**

Re-enrolment for 2016 is now available. Emails went out to all enrolled parents with an attached Quick 2-Page Form, so save time and avoid a Late Re-Enrolment Fee by getting in before 27/11/15! If you didn’t get one, email enrolment@oshcare4kids.com.au or call 0397586744 (and we might need to check we’ve got your current email attached to your account…)

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**How Cheap Is OSHC?**

Did you know that if you enrol your child into Before and After School Care…

…it can cost you as low as $6.27 per session per child with Government Rebate eligibility!

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**Cooking Club**

Funny sandwich faces on Thursday!

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**Joke of the Week**

Don’t be ‘jelly’ of our jelly.
Come and join us for Cooking Club instead!

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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.

**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 will be happy to help you out with the process.

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