DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2
16th April – House Sports
21st April – Anzac Ceremony
30th April – Athletics at Knox
1st May – Grade ¾ Movie Night
8th May – Mother’s Day Assembly
25th May – Pupil Free Day
26th – 30th May – Education Week
28th May – Open Night
30th May – Trivia Night

“Together we make a Difference!”

PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Note for Diaries
Our first pupil free day this year will be Monday May 25th. Please take note of this date.

Teacher/Parent/Student Meetings
Next Tuesday and Wednesday are our first three way meetings to discuss the progress of your child. Last year was the first year we ran parent/teacher meetings at this time (without the students) and it was very successful. As part of our endeavour to provide a richer exchange of information we are running three way meetings this time around. Students will have up to date portfolios and will have completed a student self-assessment on their own progress and thoughts of the year thus far. Time sheets will be available in the foyer from today. Please note that if the only times you can attend are taken, write down your name and a contact number, and the teacher will contact you to make a time that suits.

Farm Foodstore
Ferny Creek PS would like to trial the Farm Foodstore Project. The project aims to encourage increased fruit and vegetable consumption within our community through partnerships with local farmers, school, etc. A percentage of the proceeds are donated to the school to support food education programs. Please read the attached two pages of information about the project and how to order.

School Council Request
As I mentioned in our last newsletter in term 1, it has been decided to hold a forum in the near future about communication at Ferny Creek PS. We are inviting anyone who would like to attend such a meeting to let Jill know at the office by next Monday so a time can be made to suit everybody. This proactive strategy stems from our new Strategic Plan’s Key Improvement Strategy to develop Student Well-Being by ‘building strategies to strengthen positive relationships and communication to enhance both home/school partnerships.’
Buildings and Grounds Volunteers
Thank you to parents who have already volunteered to assist us in maintaining and managing our school grounds. We still have a few tasks we would like volunteers for.

Weekly
- Sweeping the leaves away from the entrance to the main school toilet block
- Sweeping or blowing sand off paths around sandpit

Monthly
- Trim encroaching branches/bush from footpaths
- Whiper snip rear playground, veggie patch perimeter, chook yard and yard behind veggie patch, front of art room
- Rake out safe fall from under playground equipment (rear playground)

Termly
- Weed around Art Room (weed kill is acceptable)

Twice Yearly
- Clear gutters around BER/Junior School (must be two people)
- Clear gutters around Music centre (must be two people)

Can you please let the office know if you can volunteer for any of the above? Thank you.

Annual Report:
The Ferny Creek PS Annual Report will be tabled at our School Council Meeting next week. It provides an overview of our progress across a number of measures including student achievement, opinion surveys and financial performance. This document will be available on the Ferny Creek Primary School website, or as a hard copy from the office.

Head Lice:
Head lice remain a frustrating issue for all schools. There is lots of helpful information online about head lice. The following was taken from the Health Department website: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/

- Head lice have been around for many thousands of years.
- Anyone can get head lice.
- Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head, they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).
- People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl. When treating head lice you must ensure that you repeat the treatment after seven days.

You should also ensure that you continue to check your child’s hair after these two treatments just in case all eggs were not removed. If everybody is diligent in treating any head lice thoroughly then we are likely to be able to minimise the problem. We ask for your support with head lice infestations at the school and to spend time to ensure there are no head lice in your child’s hair.
Thinking of you Jen
As you have all heard Jenny Haley's husband, Garry, passed away last Sunday after suffering a heart attack the week before. We all know and love our Jenny and know what she means to us at Ferny Creek. Many may not know that Garry was like a staff member to us here at our school. He was always building things for Jenny, or putting up displays and in general a great support to Jen and the school. He was, of course, the owner, with Jen, of the Log Cabin Ranch School Camp at Monbulk that our Year 3/4s have been to over the past years. We are all thinking of the Haley's at this time. Our thoughts are also with Katy Reid and her family as she has the reminder of this year on leave for personal reasons. Hope to see you back in 2016 Katy.

Welcome back!
Matthew

ANZAC Ceremony Excursion
Next Tuesday the school choir will be performing at the ANZAC Day ceremony and the senior students will be attending as audience members. We are honoured to be part of this ceremony and our school captains are also playing a big part by reading two poems. All are welcome to attend. The ceremony goes from 11am – noon. The yellow permission form and payment needs to be returned to school by the end of the week if your child is going to attend.

Weather permitting; there is also the option for a group of students to walk back to school via the 1000 steps. Parent helpers are welcome for the walk. The bus will be available for all other students to return to school. A notice went home yesterday with a section about giving permission for your child to walk. If this notice is not returned by the end of the week, your child will not be walking and will take the bus home.

Thanks,
Melody Petersen

TRIVIA NIGHT!
Raising money for stage two of the rear playground upgrade.

- Save the date! Saturday 30th May - 7pm to 11pm sharp
- Can you donate for the trivia night? We are hoping to collect:
  - Smaller items that can be added to hampers
  - Medium items to promote any parent / community businesses
  - Big ticket items that we can promote and add to our major auction!

Think outside the square and harness your networks! Every dollar raised goes towards upgraded permanent infrastructure for the school. Please leave these items with us at the office, or send an email to ferney.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au with subject “Trivia Night” or speak to one of our Trivia Night donation team: Fiona Krysko or Emma Johansson Thanks!

More news about Trivia Night in next week’s newsletter!
### “STARS OF THE WEEK”

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<th>Foundation R</th>
<th>Will C: Well done on ‘having a go’ at spelling unknown words in your writing. Keep it up! Amelia M: For her positive and enthusiastic attitude towards school. Well done Milly.</th>
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<td>Foundation/1 JN</td>
<td>Charlotte A: For an excellent start to school and always trying her very best. Lily-Marie M: For being a responsible member of her class and a reliable helper.</td>
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<td>1/2 Katy/Kelly</td>
<td>Camille B: For showing maturity and resilience within our class this week. Tom F: For knowing exactly how and when to make our class laugh.</td>
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<td>1/2 Anna</td>
<td>Sophie R: For attending school with a positive ‘can do’ attitude and always wearing a big smile! Great work, Sophie! Jordan M-G: For working very hard to make more positive choices in the classroom and trying his best to become a better learner. Great work!</td>
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<td>3/4 Cheryl</td>
<td>Mason C: For doing some wonderful work at home as part of our History unit and presenting a poster about his grandfather who was in the war. Blair W: For his enthusiasm with our History unit and finding some interesting information about Simpson and his donkey.</td>
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<td>3/4 Heather</td>
<td>Lara C: For her great listening skills and being an enthusiastic learner. Lucas W: For being an excellent listener and working well on all his work.</td>
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<td>4/5 Adam</td>
<td>Patrick G: For the great level of pride you take in not only your portfolio tasks but also your everyday book work. Well done!! Talia L: For the wonderful effort you put into all areas of your schooling and your outstanding behaviour. You are a pleasure to teach and an excellent role model to your peers.</td>
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<td>5/6 Allen</td>
<td>Charlotte R: For being helpful and kind to her classmates. Jed N: For being selected by his classmates to represent his class at Junior School Council</td>
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<td>5/6 Coby/Kristy</td>
<td>Laine F: For making a great start with his ANZAC project over the holidays. Nicholas B: For consistently being honest, reliable, respectful, inclusive, responsible, polite and fun!</td>
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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Every day is a new day so go ahead and be crazy.*

*Sarah*
We’re pleased to inform you that we have just launched a school app.

The school will be using the app to send out the school newsletter, general updates, reminders, events and much, much more!

The app is called tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices.

If you don’t have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC. We kindly ask that you download tiqbiz to one of these devices, register a free account then find and tick the school.

When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on “Whole School” and the specific grades/years that apply to your family.

You’ll receive all the information with a push notification – much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we’ll be able to can reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date.

The app has some great features that will allow us to get information through easily and quickly, you’ll be reminded about important calendar dates 24 hours before, and everything we post can be translated into one of 81 languages!

You will also be able to submit student absence via the app now, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger!

We hope you will enjoy using this great communication tool.

Ladies Night at Lyndy’s

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Ladies night on 27th March. Your generosity has helped in so many ways and was very much appreciated by the family.

Best wishes from all of us for your continued treatment.
Farm Foodstore Food Hub

Local, fresh and seasonal produce from the paddock to playground!

Farm Foodstore supports local farmers to bring fresh, seasonal produce from the farm gate to local communities each week. Ferny Creek PS has been selected to be the second pilot program offered within the Yarra Ranges region.

The Farm Foodstore Food Hub project aims to establish an innovative, school based hub network for access to, and education about, locally produced and sustainable produce. The project aspires to encourage increased fruit and vegetable consumption within your primary school, through partnerships with local farmers and community organisations. The project also intends to increase transparency in the food system and raise awareness about where our food comes from.

How does it work?
The Farm Foodstore Food Hub project uses an online software program called the Open Food Network. It's an "open marketplace that makes it easy to find, buy, sell and move sustainable local food." You can find out where your food has come from, who has produced it, and even what the farmer has been paid!

How do I get involved?
Online orders are available every week from Saturday – Wednesday (4.30pm cut off) at the Farm Foodstore shop (www.openfoodnetwork.org.au/farm-foodstore/shop). Payments are processed online.

When do I collect my order?
Produce can be collected from Ferny Creek PS on Friday afternoons from 3.00pm.

A percentage of proceeds are re-invested back into the school community through donations to support food education programs. This is a project in partnership with Ferny Creek Primary School, the South East Food Hub and Open Food Network.

Please note this is a pilot program, therefore we may need to make alterations as the hub develops. Your feedback is valuable so if you have any suggestions regarding the Farm Foodstore Food Hub please email Kellie McPherson, Project Coordinator at kellie@farmfoodstore.com.au

Farm Foodstore – Supporting local farmers and communities
Farm Foodstore Food Hub @ Ferny Creek PS

Local, fresh and seasonal produce from the paddock to playground!

How does it work?
We have teamed up with Ferny Creek Primary School to create a new Farm Foodstore Food Hub in your local community. The project uses an online software program called the Open Food Network. It’s an open marketplace that makes it easy to access sustainable, local food. You can find out where your food has come from, who has produced it, and even what the farmer has been paid! **FREE** weekly deliveries are available for your convenience on Friday afternoons.

How do I get involved?
Weekly online orders are open at the Farm Foodstore shop: https://www.openfoodnetwork.org.au/farm-foodstore/shop

Friday delivery: Seasonal Organic Produce Boxes
Place your order b/w Saturday – Wednesday (4.30pm cut off)

How do I order?

1. Log on to the Farm Foodstore shop (you will automatically be directed to the online shop if you use the address above)

2. Harvest your weekly order

3. Proceed to Shopping Cart to review, confirm and pay for your order (Electronic Funds transfer accepted)

4. Select Ferny Creek PS as your pick up hub

When do I collect my order?
Your order is available for collection Friday afternoons from 3.00pm at Ferny Creek PS.

If you need any assistance please email kellie@farmfoodstore.com.au
Hello and welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a wonderful and safe holidays!

This Week’s Program....
This week (week 1) the theme is ‘Back to School!’ We have enjoyed seeing each other again and talking about all the fun things we did on the holidays. We made some secret book boxes, a fun display for the window in our room, and used our creativity and imagination to create some fantastic artworks.

The Upcoming Week....
Next week we are celebrating Autumn by exploring our natural surroundings! We will be going on a number of walks around the school to collect leaves and twigs for our craft activities! We will also be making some fantastic autumn leaf decorations to brighten up the room! We’ll be having such a great time you won’t want to leave…!

Reminders....
We love meeting new friends and welcoming new families to our program! Please feel free to come by the OSHC room and see what we get up to!

Don’t forget to bring a hat to OSHCare!

Cooking Club This Week
We can’t wait to get back in the kitchen and start cooking again! Back by popular demand, next week we will be making some delicious mini pizzas! Yum!

Joke of the Week from Lucas in 3/4H
Why do seagulls fly across the sea?
Because if they flew across the bay, they would be called Bay-Gulls!

Kids Corner
We have grown a beautiful garden on our window that we call our Friendship Garden!

This term we are focusing on being friendly and kind to each other. The Friendship Garden allows us to celebrate the positive actions of our friends! Well done to Emma who received 2 stickers in the very first morning of the garden being open.

How to Make… PIZZA MUFFINS
You need Old English muffins cut in half, Bacon pieces, Tomato paste, pineapple and grated cheese

Cut the muffins in half, then place some tomato paste over them, add grated cheese, bacon and pineapple.

Once you have done this, the muffins then go into the oven for 10 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Bookings and Cancellations: enrolment@oshcare4kids.com.au

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