PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Student Reports

Our mid year student reports have now been completed and these will go home on Monday June 20th. Our teaching staff have been very busy over the past month writing mid-year reports for each student. It’s an extremely busy time for teachers, the task taking around 40-50 hours, all of which is undertaken outside of the school day and on weekends. However, we know that this is an important opportunity for parents to be updated on their child’s progress so it’s undertaken with a high degree of diligence. Each report once drafted, goes through two rounds of proof reading to ensure we maintain our high standards. We are focused on reporting in a clear and concise style with not too much teacher jargon.

Each child’s individual learning portfolio and a self-assessment will go home on this day as well. This will all provide a very comprehensive picture of your child’s social, emotional and academic learning thus far for the year. If you feel you would like to speak to your child’s teacher please arrange a time directly with them.

In light of the fact that our Foundation students have been settling into the rigours of school routines and haven’t had an opportunity to be exposed to all aspects of the curriculum, they won’t be receiving a formal ‘mark’ to indicate how they are progressing as is outlined below for the Year 1-6 Rhian, Jodie and Kristy have provided very detailed comments on the achievements and areas for improvement. For most students, their progress in Reading provides a reasonable indicator of how they are progressing in most aspects of the Curriculum which is why we have so much of a focus on developing sight vocabulary and regular reading habits.

Next Week is Planning week
At the end of term 1, 2 & 3 the school has a special planning week
for teachers. This week involves our classroom teaching staff spending one school day to plan in their level teams for the term ahead. As a result our teachers are able to complete a comprehensive term plan for what students will be learning across the term, especially for English, Mathematics and Integrated Studies. Please note that there will be some minor timetable changes during this week so we utilise the available time efficiently.

**Jason Wood Visit**
As those who attended last week’s assembly would know, Jason Wood, Federal member for La Trobe, visited our school last Friday. Jason was invited by Liam Smith, James Edge and myself to discuss what he can do to improve Ferny Creek even further. We looked at, among other things, the parking problems on School Road and the lack of play areas on wet days. As an ex Ferny Creek student we can only hope for a good outcome to his visit.

**2017 Foundation Enrolments**
Even though it is only June we are getting extremely busy with enrolments for 2017. Our Transition Program is now up and running (see web site for details). With all the current confirmed enrolments plus the families that have toured or attended our open night, we have had contact with over 35 families. We realise that all won’t attend our school but it does indicate the interest in our school and the shopping around that families do before making what is the very important decision of where to enrol their child. There are also some families from our local preschools that we are yet to hear from but believe have indicated that they will be coming to us. Please, could current parents who have siblings attending our school next year enrol soon so we can begin some real planning for our 2017 year?

Have a great week,
Matthew

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**New Uniform Shop Coordinator**

It is my pleasure to introduce Karra (mum of Alexis and Aiden Rhodes) as the new Uniform Shop Coordinator.

The Uniform Shop will continue to be open on a Tuesday morning. Orders and queries can continue to be accepted via the Office.

Lease Robinson

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**Doughnuts**

**JAM DOUGHNUTS FOR $1:00**

**CINNAMON DOUGHNUTS FOR 50C**

Being sold every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the multi-purpose room.
Community members and visitors are invited to drop in to an information display about concept options for the Olinda Golf course site and talk with staff on Sunday 19 June between 11am and 2 pm at the Olinda Hall, on the corner of The Georgian Road and Olinda-Monbulk Road.

Parks Victoria and Yarra Ranges Shire are seeking your views on Stage 2: Draft Concept Options for the future of the former Olinda Golf Course site and path connections to the broader area. The purpose of this phase is to “test out” some key ideas, developed as a result of the Stage 1 discussions, and hear what you think of them.

The plans will be available on the Parks Victoria website (under Park Management – Plans and Projects) from Friday 17 June and comments will be welcomed between Friday 17 June and Monday 11 July.

Or for further information please call Parks Victoria on 13 1963.
Marvellous Mathematics

Senior Challenge: Dominoes with Nine Spots

ANSWERS:

How many tiles does this special set of Dominoes have???
= The set in the photograph has 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 +
  9 + 10 = 55 Dominoes

How many tiles would a set of Dominoes going up to twelve have???
= A set of Dominoes going up to twelve would have 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 +
  5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12 + 13 = 91 Dominoes

Why is it impossible to match up the set of Dominoes in the photograph to make a continuous chain that uses all the tiles???
= The problem with matching up the tiles in the photograph can be illustrated by thinking of all the tiles with 6 spots on them. There is a ‘double six’ and nine other tiles (six combined with blank, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9). Nine is an odd number. When you make a chain, eight of these nine tiles can be matched together but their will always be one tile left over. Therefore, it is impossible to make a continuous chain.

Whole School Challenge: Chocolate Bar with Ripped Wrapper

➢ Try to figure out how many squares there are in this chocolate bar???
➢ How much does each square of chocolate weigh???
➢ Try to design a similar 150 gram bar to make each square weigh an exact number of grams???

ANNEIE THE MUSICAL

Leaping Lizards!!

Annie, one of the all-time family classics is being performed in the July school holidays by the Peoples Playhouse Theatre Company. One of our talented students is starring in Cast A of the production and we would love the Ferny Creek Primary School community to support her taking on the crazy Miss Hannigan.

Performance Dates:

Cast A
Saturday 2nd July 2.00pm   Sunday 3rd July 1.00pm
Friday 8th July 7.30pm     Saturday 9th July 7.30pm

Tickets are selling out fast so don’t leave your purchasing until “tomorrow, tomorrow”. For tickets go to http://peoplesplayhouse.asn.au and follow the links.
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Phone Andrew on 0422 196 609 or email andrew@geckosports.com.au for prices and more information
**STARS OF THE WEEK**

**Foundation**

**Jodie/Kristy**

Lydia O’C: For making great connections in her reading and writing when sounding out words. Fantastic effort Lydia!

**Isla B-S**: For working hard to remember the correct sounds made by each letter when reading and writing. Great effort Isla!

**Rhian**

Eliza S: For working hard on learning her Sparkle words. Keep it up, Eliza!

Beatrix E: For always being so eager to work and help others. I can always rely on you to do your very best. Well done!

**1/2 Anna**

Archie K: For improving his organisational skills during transitions between lessons. You are becoming a much more independent learner.

Mataya P: For her optimistic and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning. You always have a smile on your face and give things a go.

**1/2 Brian**

Isaac McG: For being a considerate and helpful member of the class.

Eve C: For having a positive attitude and friendly personality. We’ll miss you when you leave Ferny Creek PS.

**3/4 Lisa**

Sophie R: For working really hard on her times tables to progress in the 50’s Club!

Charlie B: For his never ending enthusiasm for maths problems – keep it up!

**3/4 Lynda**

Nicholas B: For being the first Grade 3 to get to plus 4 in ‘Speedy Maths’. What a ‘Mathematician’.

Lily P: For her excellent ‘poetry’ writing and always presenting her tasks to a high standard.

**4/5 Samantha**

Vanessa B: For always displaying excellent leadership skills, by listening to and following instructions, completing work on time and always aiming high!

Layla G: For working hard during iMaths and asking clarifying questions when you needed help. Well done!

**5/6 Adam**

Maya N: For your outstanding Narrative ‘Below the Surface’. It was skilfully written and you made great use of descriptive phrases to create vivid images in the readers mind. Well Done!!

Lorelei S: For your focused efforts during iMaths sessions. You have developed your knowledge of fractions and your board game is starting to take shape. I can’t wait to play it when it’s finished. Well Done!

**5/6 Coby/Kelly**

Imogen P: For seeing things in an honest way and always staying true to herself. Well done Imogen.

Jeremy K: For the amazing extra effort he has put into working with the younger students during clubs.

Heath K: For the caring way he has worked with the younger students during lunchtime clubs.
What’s On Next Week in the Ferny Creek OSHC – LET’S GET ACTIVE

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<td>COOKING CLUB: Let’s make cookies in the shape of sports balls!! What sport will you choose? Soccer, basketball, football?</td>
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Junior Leaders

Congratulations

Tallulah, Jackson, Eve and Ottavia
You were fantastic junior leaders!

Community News

Winter is upon us! Please keep bringing your warm jumpers/scarves/gloves/hats - the mornings and afternoons are chilly!

Attention if anyone has any recycle material they are not using why not give them a second home and Ferny Creek After The Bell

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

BOOK NOW!

Vacation Care

Vacation Fun 😊

Coming this school holidays

hours of fun and laughter

Joke Of The Week

This week’s joke comes from Charlotte!

Q What happens when a bunny rabbit is in a bunny rabbit hole with hot water? A. Hot cross bunny.

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