

**FERNY
CREEK**
primary school

Newsletter

Dates to Remember

20th December
Last day of Term 4
1.30pm finish

21st December
Curriculum Day



2019 Term 1
31st January
Return to School

PLEASE NOTE:

**Our School Production
will be held in Term 3
with performance
dates on the 3rd and
4th of September.**

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline by Wednesday 11am

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PRINCIPALS BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

STUDENTS (except the new Foundation students) RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2018

Yay...we made it! What a year it has been...so many changes and so many positives too. It doesn't matter how well organised you try to be, the lead up to the end of term always feels as though you are on a treadmill and getting nowhere very fast! However, there is now light at the end of the tunnel...

Christmas Concert

We have been very lucky to have another beautiful evening to have our wonderful Ferny Creek Christmas Concert. The children again lived up to our expectations. It was very enjoyable to have a picnic on the grass event, very relaxed, catching up with friends, reflecting on the year that was, etc. Thank you to the team of organisers. A special thank you to Melody. Thanks also to Dean for the pre-show entertainment with our two bands. Thanks to the teachers for setting up and allowing any extra practices, etc. when necessary. Having the children sitting quietly during the performances also enabled them to enjoy listening to each grade and also to be more respectful to their peers' efforts.

Fantastic News

We have been fortunate in welcoming even more families to our beautiful Ferny Creek PS community for next year. We have gained seven more enrolments during the past ten days which has been fabulous. However, the new enrolments included three more Foundation students which also increased our Foundation year level to 31 students. After discussions with the department I was given the go ahead to split Foundation into two separate classes.

Therefore, (pending any further new enrolments), we now have two Foundation classes of 15 and 16 students respectfully. We are also delighted to announce that Lisa Seymour has enthusiastically accepted the role of Foundation teacher for next year.

Our Year 6 Graduation

Congratulations to our graduating Year 6 students. This Wednesday is your big event! This year we are holding this wonderful evening at the Mist @ Olinda Restaurant. We are still asking that littlies not be included as we want the focus to be on the graduate, and we want to keep the event a little mysterious for them when they reach Year 6.

Final Assembly

On Thursday 21st, we are holding, to me, the most important assembly for the year. It is our final special assembly for our Year 6 students, and we also

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announce our **2019 School Captains**. On this day our Year 6 students also farewell their Year 1 buddies, the School Captains present their farewell speech and they all perform their graduation song (from the night before). It is also the time we announce our two **Students of the Year** awards. We are continuing with the 'tradition' begun eleven years ago with the announcement of Ferny Creek's Student of the Year. Teachers have been asked to nominate any students in their class that have been a positive contributor to the school this year. They need not be gifted or talented, but can be. The only criteria I look at, is if they have given 100% throughout the year, not only in class time but also in all else the students have been involved in. The decision is always difficult. There are some truly wonderful students here at Ferny Creek.

Family Farewells

As is the case each year, many families are moving on from Ferny Creek. We hope you have had a wonderful time with us and we wish you all well in the future. Farewell to the Williams, Robinson, Paterson, Kessler, Hawkins, Hansom, Wilson, Whatman, Nash, Murray, Gajdek, Crotty, Bradford, Bosch, Anderson, Price, Smith, Danks, Connell, Code, Carbone, Bryant, Heron, and Wood families.

Quicksmart Success

Congratulations to all our Quicksmart Maths graduates of 2018. It has been very exciting over this term to see so many of you successfully complete the program. Many students have been cramming in extra sessions in their own time to achieve 100% success. Well-done and thank you Tracey and Beth for your work in Quicksmart this year!

Excursions

The Grade 5/6 class enjoyed a fun filled day at Gumbuya World on Tuesday. It started as a drizzly morning but it soon brightened up into a beautiful day. The students wouldn't have cared less either way I'm sure.

The 3/4's had a fantastic day watching a pantomime at the Doncaster Playhouse. They also got to meet the cast afterwards.

Holidays at Ferny Creek

Can I again encourage all of you to use our grounds as much as possible over the holiday period? The more people we have 'using' our school the less chance there is of vandal damage or stealing of plants or building supplies. If you do see anything suspicious, can I ask that you ring the Belgrave Police straight away. I have notified them that there will be a lot happening at the school and they have agreed to some extra patrols.

The Final Countdown

- 20th December, Thursday: Last day for students, 1.30 dismissal
- 21st December, Friday: Staff only

Finally, I would like to say a very big thank you to each and every one of you for how you have all welcomed me into the wonderful Ferny Creek PS community, for your positive comments and feedback and for all of your support. I am enjoying getting to know you all better every day.

I would also like to shout out a big thank you to my amazing staff for the fabulous work that they do and how they care about and nurture every one of the students. Enjoy your break and rest up...next year will be a busy year!

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone. I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2019 for what is going to be an awesome year.

Anni Smart
Principal



Congratulations to Our Grade 6 Graduates!

On behalf of School Council, I would like to thank all the wonderful Grade 6 students for all their contribution to the school over the past years. Many have been with the school for 7 years! They have been such an important part of the school, from junior years to now school leaders and mentors for younger students. We are so proud of our 2018 Graduating Class, and the way they have taken pride in the school. Many have been involved in junior school council and have taken additional roles of responsibility in the school. Thank you for helping to make Ferny Creek Primary school such a great school for all those younger grades who will follow you. We wish you all the best for 2019 as you continue your journey to secondary education.

We also wanted to thank the many families who will be leaving us now that their children have reached Year 7. We hope they remain part of the FCPS community, and that we see them from time to time at our events. Of course, a big thankyou to those who have been part of School Council, and to those who contributed to sub-committees over the years. A special thanks to Liam Smith, our past School Council President, and to Michael Paterson, for his work on the Buildings and Grounds Committee. However, there are many others, every family of the Graduating Class have contributed so much over the years, and we are a stronger, better school for that generosity. It is much appreciated. Thankyou!

Jennifer Royle
School Council President

