Dear Parents and Friends,

Great news Jill Number 2
As most of you now know Jill didn't return this week. However, she has popped in a couple of times and will be starting back this coming Monday. Welcome back Number 1!

Education Support Staff Month
August is a celebration, Australia-wide, of all the non-teaching staff we have in schools. For us here at Ferny Creek that is Beth, Dana, Jill, Katrina, Shelley, Tanya C and Tracey. Many of you who are able to come and help in our school are already aware of the wonderful work these people do.

These staff members provide seemingly limitless assistance and support through all areas of the school. We all know Jill keeps my head above water in so many ways. She is just the most competent Business Manager I could ask for. Dana is also an invaluable asset every second Friday and with her work on our newsletter and her work to keep us up and running while Jill has been away has been invaluable. Katrina has taken on the added role of managing the technical side of our iPad program. Tracey manages the Reading Improvement and Quicksmart Maths Programs and parents of children who have been through this program know just how much Tracey puts in. Beth works with specific children in classrooms, takes Quicksmart kids and also continues to put in a magnificent effort in the small amount of time she has available in our Library. Tanya Cameron provides a wonderful Kitchen Garden Program and Enviro Program for our F-4 students. Dana, Shelley and Katrina all work with specific needs children.

It is the role of our aides to not only work with a child following what the class is doing but they must also liaise closely with the teacher at the start of the day and modify any or all tasks so that the children in their care are fully catered for. Often, teachers require the aides to work with the children in
small groups of similar abilities. Research has shown that the child with the aide achieves the aim of integration far more smoothly when the aide works with small groups, rather than with the child only. However, their main focus is always the learning goals of the special needs student. **We are so fortunate that our non-teaching staff understand the need to be involved in the whole class and assist wherever possible or where asked, as well as remaining focused on the individual child.**

Please make an effort during August (or anytime!) to thank our ES staff for their contributions to our school.

**Parent Opinion Survey**
40 families will next week be sent our Parent Opinion Reports. Please return these as soon as possible. I would like all 40 returned please. The more returns the more realistic the data. Anonymity is ensured as only the office staff will keep track of returns. We will call families who haven’t returned them by this Friday. This survey provides important data as to where our community feels our school is ‘at’. It does make a difference. I also often get asked what to do if you have no knowledge of one or two areas in the survey. For example, you might be asked about our Preschool to Prep transition program but your child might be in grade 6. I suggest you leave it unanswered. The data should only reflect responses to topics you have a good knowledge about.

**2017 Foundation Enrolments**
It is now late June and we are getting extremely busy with **enrolments for 2017**. Our Transition Program is going really well. 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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**Buildings and Grounds**
All the kids will be desperate to help clear away the chairs after this Friday’s assembly thanks to the hard work of Ian Payne (Polly’s dad) who has manufactured and donated two magnificent chair trolleys to the school. They will make the set up/ clear up of assembly and the storage of the chairs so much easier. We will have to make sure they are locked away for the upcoming trivia nights just in case some of the grown-ups take them for a spin - many thanks Ian!!

Also a big thanks to Tracy McGregor for all her hard work on the building and grounds committee over the last year - Tracy is unfortunately moving on as her son (Lachlan) has moved to a school closer to their new home.

A big welcome to Jenny and Steve Royle (parents of Lydia) who have both recently joined the committee and who along with Matthew, Graham Lawrence and Andrew Wollstencroft are making a great contribution to the buildings and grounds committee.

Our main focus this year is the multi-purpose room and the basketball court - get ready to roll up your sleeves as we will need all the assistance we can get at the upcoming working bees!!

Keep warm,
Michael
As part of a promotion we are running this term, we would like to offer all current HSD students a FREE Acro & Cheer class on Thursday the 28th July 2016 4-6pm.

Students not enrolled in the school may also attend to trial the class.

It is a heap of fun and great for strength, fitness and technique!

We have great teachers for these classes: Miss Yvette, Mr Tim & our new addition to the team Miss Ebony.

Instrumental Music Lessons

I teach electric bass, drums and beginner piano from my home studio in Tecoma. Lessons are $25 for a half hour lesson. Fully qualified and experienced teacher. Full VIT registration and Police check. Primary aged students and secondary aged students welcome.

Christine Prattico  Bachelor of Education
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Dear SDCN members and friends,

We invite you to join us again for a family tree planting on National Tree Day 2016.

**When:** Sunday 31 July 9 AM to 12 Noon (followed by hot soup and roll)
**Where:** Birdsland Reserve, 271 Mount Morton Road Belgrave Heights. Melways Map 84 B2.
**Bring:** sturdy footwear, warm clothes & raincoat if necessary. Planting tools provided.

**Meet:** at the nursery at 9 AM and then moved to 2 planting sites:
Site 1: Above the Community Nursery and Birdsland Environment Centre: Good all abilities family/children site with toilets and car parking nearby.
Site 2: Along the Monbulk Creek corridor: Located 1 km from community nursery. Planters will be transported by Parks Victoria to the site.

Following the end of the planting at approx. 12:15 PM, planters will return to the Birdsland Environment Centre to enjoy some hot soup and roll.
To assist with catering, please RSVP by sending a reply email by Thursday 28 July.

We hope to see you on National Tree Day.
Southern Dandenongs Community Nursery Committee

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**Player Registration**

for Spring 2016

Sassafras Ferny Creek Netball Club is open for registration for our Spring Competition and welcomes any new players.
You don’t need to have any experience, just the will to join in and become part of a team!

**Registration:** Closes 31st July, 2016
**Season:** Spring season runs from September to mid December (no finals for Under 11s)
**Age:** 8 years old to open.
**Training:** Teams train at the netball court in Olinda
**Matches:** All matches are on Saturdays
**Venue:** Mountain District Netball Complex, Ferntree Gully for all matches.

ARE YOU INTERESTED?
Give us call and we will get you started!

**Questions?** Contact Ann-Maree Baker on 0418 395 070

“STARS OF THE WEEK”

Foundation
Jodie/Kristy

Aina G-P: For always putting a lot of effort into her work, resulting in work of a very high standard. Keep it up Aina!
Ella P: For being a great listener in class and becoming more confident in her own abilities. Great job Ella!

Foundation
Rhian

Archie E: For trying his best to use Sparkle words in his writing. Great job, Archie, keep it up.
Olive D: For fantastic writing about her visit to the farm in her Writer’s Notebook. (Great sounding out, Olive!)

1/2 Anna

Archie S-H: For always using polite manners and organising himself before lessons. Well done, Archie!
Casper G: For his enthusiasm towards writing, particularly with his story ‘Back to school’ he wrote when he was sick at home. Great job!

1/2 Brian

Isaac McG: For the detail and enthusiasm he has applied to his writing task this week! Keep it up!
Jonah K: For being very organised with his daily learning and always showing active listening during teacher instructions!

3/4 Cheryl

Alex T: For being a magnificent helper, thinking ahead and doing what needs to be done.
Aurora E: For her wonderful effort in the 50’s Club and showing great progress in learning her times tables.

3/4 Lynda

Melanie W: For her super efforts in the 50’s Club, excellent recall of her times tables.
Nieve P: For her super efforts in the 50’s Club, excellent recall of her times tables.

4/5 Samantha

Emma H: For working hard during writing and making a fantastic start on her memoir. Outstanding effort!
Finn H: For always working hard, trying his best and answering questions. Great start to the term!

5/6 Lisa

James C: For staying ‘on task’ and not being distracted by those around him!
Talia L: For consistently working at a high level! And asking great questions when she is unsure!

5/6 Coby/Kelly

Adam C: For the fabulous way he works with his buddy. You get involved in all the activities we do in buddy time. Well done.
Lilly M-F: For always being very optimistic and friendly during class time. Well done Lilly.
What’s On Next Week in the Ferny Creek OSHC – CRAZY CREATIONS

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KIDS CORNER

Some of the children really wanted to make great paper planes so grabbed the book out of the shelf that shows them how to make the best plane possible. After making them they flew them around the room.

JUNIOR LEADERS

Congratulations to Finn and Keeva on being our Junior Leaders from last week.

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.

ENROLMENT AND BOOKINGS

We always welcome new faces to our Before & After School Care! 2016 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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