DATES TO REMEMBER

**Term 2**
- 25th May – Pupil Free Day
- 25th May – Family Life Parent Information Night
  - Grade 3/4  6-7pm
  - Grade 5/6  7.15-8.15pm
- 26th – 30th May – Education Week
- 27th May – Transition to School 9-9.45am
- 28th May – Open Night
- 29th May – Pyjama Day
- 30th May – Trivia Night
- 2nd June – Hansel & Gretel by Oz Opera Incursion
- 8th June – Queens Birthday
- 10th June – Adam Wallace
- 12th June – Crazy Hair Day
- 17th June – Japanese Day
- 19th June – Disco Night

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**“Together we make a Difference!”**

**PRINCIPAL’S BLOG**

Trivia Night Saturday 30th May – still tickets of sale. You do not have to book a whole table. Our friendly organising committee will seat you with only the nicest of nice people (that’s any of us!) See the office for details.

**Education Week next Week**

Highlights of the week are:

- An **Open Morning on Wednesday 27th May.** Parents, friends, relatives are invited to come into their children's classrooms and witness our school at work on a normal morning.
- **Wednesday 27th May, 2016 Foundation students attending a ‘Teddy Bears’ Playdate’, games and songs session.** Parents are invited to partake in a school tour by the Principal while this is on.
- **Thursday 28th May, Open Night 6.30pm – 8.00pm**
- **Friday 29th May, Pyjama Day.** All Ferny Creek PS to dress in pyjamas and share favourite books with teachers' and students from all over the school.

**School Lateness and Absenteeism**

I came across this interesting article from the Sydney Daily Mail: ‘Impact Of Students Being Away

**Missing just one day of school has negative consequences for a student’s academic achievement,** the first major study linking poor attendance to lower results has found. And school attendance patterns established as early as year 1 can predict how often a student will show up to class right through high school, according to the research. The average public school student in NSW misses almost three weeks of school each year.

Australia is alarmingly slack when it comes to school attendance, with high school students skipping more days of school than almost any other developed country.
An analysis of the attendance records and NAPLAN results of more than 400,000 students from Western Australia found any absence from school leads to a decline in academic performance. The study dispels the belief there is a safe level of absence students can get away with before their grades will suffer.

“We were able to show that actually every day counts and days that you’re missing in year 3 and year 5, we can detect that all the way through to year 9,” the report’s co-author, Stephen Zubrick, from the University of Western Australia, said. “A 10-day period of unauthorised absence in a year is sufficient to drop a child about a band in the NAPLAN testing.”

The most startling finding, Professor Zubrick said, was that students arrive in year 1 “with their school attendance careers already in their pockets”. “For most children, year 1 sets the pattern for what school attendance will look like in the future,” Professor Zubrick said. “You’re learning more than reading and writing. You’re learning to show up.”

Absence was found to have a greater impact on writing than it did on numeracy and reading. While poor attendance is a problem across the socio-economic spectrum, families in affluent areas often interrupt schooling for overseas holidays. Professor Zubrick insists his message is not about finger wagging or guilt trips, but says “we do need to recognise that when a child is standing on the Eiffel Tower, so to speak, they may be learning a lot about the world but they’re not necessarily learning everything they’d be learning at school.”

Some food for thought.

Have a wonderful week everybody,
Matthew

WORKING BEES
We held our Term 2 working bee on Saturday afternoon with the following families attending. Wolstencroft, Laurence/Alsop, Jones, Paterson, Whittaker, Baker/Volny.

We were hopeful that by rescheduling the working bees from a Sunday morning to a Saturday afternoon attendances would have increased, but unfortunately not!! We welcome suggestions as to the best time to hold the working bee’s as I am sure that the staff/students would agree that any works completed to the buildings and grounds is much appreciated. As winter is now with us, we would like to tackle more of the indoor jobs, with this in mind we will be conducting an evening working bee on the evening of Tuesday 9th June where we will look at tidying up some of the storage areas and completing some internal painting items - if you are available please come along, it will run from 6-9pm. There is also the opportunity to complete some of these indoor works during school hours on a day that suits the individual – maybe come up an hour or so earlier before picking up the kids?

Any help would be much appreciated - please contact myself or Matthew to discuss any way in which you could help.

Best wishes.

On a personal note, Barbara and I would like to acknowledge and thank sincerely, the teachers and aides for the sensational work they have done with Archie during his time at Ferny Creek. We have made the difficult decision that his needs may be better served at a more specialised school.

Michael

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TRIVIA UPDATE

Donations Needed!

Families - please bring any of the following into the office to add to hampers for the silent auctions on Trivia Night. We have some excellent larger prizes, but are in desperate need of smaller items for the hampers - items need to be new or in as new condition:

- Adult / children's books
- Children's Clothes
- Children's Toys / Sporting items
- Pampering Toiletries
- Gourmet Food Hamper items
- Bottles of wine

Tables now seat up to 12

We are expanding the size of the tables due to the excellent response. Each table can now seat 10 - 12 people. If you are yet to put your table together - please do so in the foyer asap there are not many left - payment to Jill in the office of $20 per ticket is also requested prior to the night. Tables to 10 can either remain as is, or preferably add another couple. Friends and families from outside of the school are of course most welcome to attend.

It’s shaping up to be a doozy of a night not to be missed! Thanks, from the trivia fundraising posse. More information here: www.fernycreekps.vic.edu.au/trivia-night

Entertainment Books
2015-2016 are in school this week.

Make sure you don’t miss out as we have only ordered a set amount in. There is a book at the Office for you to look through if you are not sure whether to order one for yourself or not.

2015/2016 Melbourne Entertainment Books cost $65 each. Please complete and return order forms or place your order directly online via the email sent through to your inbox.

Books can also be purchased directly from the Office.
Lachlan R: For concentrating hard on his handwriting. It looks great, Lachlan! Well done.

Isabella P-B: For working well on her ‘leaf’ activity this week and having a go at sounding out ‘I can see…’

Georgia W: For her excellent start to school and always being a good friend to others.

Archie S-H: For making great progress in all areas of his school day.

Henry G: For his fantastic research project on the history of the yoyo, well done!

Maddie G: For her positive attitude and hard work in class, keep it up!

Eloise T: For her hard working attitude and always trying to achieve her very best. You have achieved many personal bests this term. Well done!

Bridget P: For being an inclusive class member and helping the grade ones during challenging tasks. Great work Bridget.

Jordan R: For always showing wonderful values and being kind and respectful to everyone.

Adam C: For his enthusiasm towards his project and completing it to an excellent standard ahead of time.

Molly L: For showing such an improvement with her reading and spelling. Keep up this great work.

Jared S: For working so well on his maths, showing a fantastic improvement. Well done.

Due to Adam’s absence today there are no stars of the week.

Lorelei S: For being positive, cheerful, fun, hard-working, funny and so many more things in class. You are appreciated.

Ella L: For making really thoughtful contributions during discussions at the art gallery. Well done!

Saskia H: For the mature approach and questions during the Art excursion. Well done Saskia.

Jessica C: For the interesting observations and questions posed during the Art excursion. Well done Jess!

Take every shot like it’s your last

Lauchlin J
EDUCATION WEEK

What’s happening?

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  - 2016 Foundation students attending a “Teddy Bears Playdate”, games and songs session with our future students. (9:00-9:45)
  Parents are invited to partake in a school tour by the Principal while this is on. (9:00-10:00)

Thursday 28th Open Night 6:30 – 8:00
- Parents, Grandparents, relatives and friends are invited to visit every classroom to look at the History and work on display. There will also be performers, choir, tea and coffee, plus prizes to win.

Friday 29th Pyjama Day.
- EVERYONE to dress in PJ's. Bring a pillow, teddy and favourite book.
  - Also have a coat or something appropriate to wear when you go outside.

Looking forward to a wonderful week of activities.
Transition to school program 2015:

**Wednesday 27th May – 9:00-9:45am**

Children starting school in 2016 are invited to join in some fun Teddy Bear activities in our Junior/Foundation area. Children are encouraged to bring along their favourite Teddy with them to join in the fun!

Parents are invited to stay for a tour of the school with our Principal Matthew Coyle whilst your child/ren spend time with our current Foundation teachers.

We hope to see you on the day… and don’t forget to bring your Teddy Bear!

Further 2016 transition dates to be announced. If you have any immediate questions or would like to book a personal tour, contact Jill or Matthew on 9755 1522 or pop into our Office and talk to Jill in person.

Come and see the difference.

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**JDRF** is selling jelly babies and badges to raise money so scientists can find a cure for people like me with type 1 diabetes. A packet of jelly babies is $2. They have no artificial colours or flavours. A badge is also $2. I will be selling them at the front entrance all week starting Monday the 18th of May and ending Friday the 22nd. Hope to see you there.

Thank you, Bronya
**ENROLLING NOW FOR 2016**

**Come for a play at**

**Belgrave Kinder’s Open Day!**

**23rd May**
**9am - 12pm**

Meet our wonderful staff and experience our fun play-led 3 & 4yr old kinder programmes.

www.belgravekindergarten.org.au

6 Hayes Place, Belgrave VIC 3160
Tel: 9754 5594

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**OPEN DAY**

**FRIDAY 22ND MAY, 2015**

**11.00 AM - 12.30 AM**

3/4 & 4/5 YR OLD GROUPS

FOR ENQUIRIES OR ENROLMENTS
PLEASE CALL 9755 1119

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**Kallista Kindergarten, Nature Playgroup**

When: Friday’s 10:00 – 11:30 am
Cost: $80 per family per term, children aged 0-3. In addition families need to pay a one-off payment of $35 for annual membership to Playgroup VIC (Inc), this covers Insurance.

Facilitated by Qualified Educator.

For more information go to: kallistakindergarten.com.au
After The Bell with OSHCare 4 KIDS

The Week That Was
Last week our theme was 'The Art Gallery'! We enjoyed having a go at a variety of different forms of art. We made sculptures out of modelling clay, painted self portraits, sketched the outdoor landscape, and made collages out of bits and pieces!

We have displayed our artwork in the corridor outside the OSHC room. We welcome all visitors to view our Art Gallery!

The Upcoming Week
Next week (week 8) is 'Dinosaur Week'! We will be making all sorts of dinosaurs from the mighty Triceratops to the long Diplodocus! We will become archaeologists and discover some fossils as well as make our own! Be sure to join us for this fun-filled, pre-historic week!

This Week’s Program
This week (week 6) is 'Origami Week'! We have not stopped folding paper all week! We have made origami animals, birds, and boxes! While some of the designs are familiar, we have also been trying some new designs. They can be a bit tricky but we having a go! We are looking forward to the Expo tomorrow where we get to make our favourite piece!

Cooking Club
Next week we will be making Dinosaur Feet in cooking club! Curious? Join us on Thursday to have a taste! You will be pleasantly surprised!

Joke of the Week
This week's joke comes from Adam in 3/4C:
Q: What card does Prince Harry drive?
A: A Royals Royce!

Pupil Free Day Next Week

No School

OSHC Available All Day

Ahoy there me hearties! Monday the 25th of May is a curriculum day at school and we are becoming Pirates! If you require care on this day visit us in the OSHC room and put your name down to register your interest.

The cost for this day will be $55 (before CCR/CCB entitlements are applied).

Get in quick, it will be a great day full of buried treasure and sailing the seven seas!

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