DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2
30th April – Athletics at Knox
1st May – Movie Night
8th May – Mother’s Day Assembly
11th May – Junior School Incursion
- Toys Over Time
16th May – Working Bee
20th May – Grade 5/6 Excursion to the National Gallery
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,

New Website
I hope you have had an opportunity to look at our new website (http://fernycreekps.vic.edu.au/) James Edge, father of Aurora, has spent a huge amount of time on this for the school. **Thank you James!** There is a lot of information already up and we continue to modify and add items/articles/events as we go. Our ANZAC Ceremony at the FTG National Park on Tuesday is already featured. Please go on line and browse the site.

New Doors to Shed
Most probably won’t have yet seen, but Ian Payne (Sarah and Polly’s dad) has fitted a new set of doors to the garage store next to the art room last weekend. They look amazing and it lifts the whole area. **Thank you to Ian for donating the doors, building them and then fixing them on for us!** While I’m talking about school improvement, I have the date for our next working bee. Please set aside an hour or two to help us on Saturday the 16th May.

Pirates of the Curry Bean News
A lot is starting to happen this term as we gear up for our production.
Dates are **Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September** (third last week of term 3)

Our Guiding committee, **the ‘Curry Beaners’**, are meeting fortnightly, but will meet weekly as the term proceeds. The committee is made up of Myself, Coby - directing, Melody - music, dancing, Karlene Banfield - costumes, Emma Jennings, Doug McKay and Cheryl Martin – creative genius for sets, props, etc. Karlene is also managing a team of costume helpers and others as needed throughout the next little while.

**Auditions began this week** and the lead roles will be known by the end of next week (I hope!) Rehearsals will begin immediately after this.

**Melody has organised the class items** and we have begun thinking about the dance and movement that goes with each.

**ANZAC Ceremony**

On Tuesday this week we participated in our yearly school ANZAC Ceremony at FTG National Park. This event is growing each year with many more schools being represented than ever before. Ferny Creek has attended each service since they were first held and it is now a wonderfully valued tradition that it is **our own School Choir that performs the songs/hymns.** I would like to acknowledge the magnificent job done by Melody in leading our girls and boys. **It was also the first time in many years that our Grade 5 and 6 students attended.** As this is the centenary year of Gallipoli our senior students are focused on researching, learning and understanding as much as possible about this significant event in our history. Many of the students also walked back along the 1000 steps to school. It was again a fantastic experience and our children were just the best you could possibly hope for! We are very proud of you all! **Thank you again to Melody for her work with planning the day and with our choir!**
School Council Request – final ask
At March’s School Council it was 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 Wednesday 29th April 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.’

Carpark
Please, please do not double park in our parent car park. Imagine how we would feel if a child is hit because we couldn’t all park as requested. A reminder also, that the area outside the staff car park is for Ferny Creek staff only.

FUNdraising
Did you know that in 2014 we raised just over $18000? From this amount we were able to purchase for the school many items that otherwise could not have been bought. Major fundraising items purchased from our wish list in 2014 were chairs for MP room, staffroom tables, portable sound system, CD players, Guided Reader sets for Junior school, the outdoor tables and seats, headphones for iPads, iPads for F-2, eBooks, an Electric Ball Pump, Mini White Boards for the F-2 area, Independent Reading Books for Years 3 – 6 and take Home Books level 1 – 3.

Our staff have again created a 2015 Wish List of resources that we would love to have but cannot be afforded through the normal budget process. We have already raised approximately $3000 from the Billy Cart Derby and the Easter Raffle. From these events we are purchasing a new BBQ and trestle tables (from the Billy Cart Derby) and some more tables and seating for the front of the school (Easter Raffle).

Still to come are, in no particular order ....
- Relining of the netball court
- eBooks for Years 1-4
- Headphones x 60
- Blinds - 1/2K and 2A North Windows
- Soccer Goals
- MP Room floor markings
- Puppet Theatre
- Giant Chess Set
- Musical Instruments - especially guitars
- Our kiln refurbished
- Back Playground Stage 2
- Solar panels renewed, and
- Covered way from F-2 to MP Room
Parent Contributions
As you all are aware, our Requisites and Levies helping us present the programs at Ferny Creek that we would struggle with without your generosity. Your contributions provide resources for our English, Mathematics, Technology, Science, Health and Physical Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, our new reporting program (Sentral), Reading Improvement Program, Reading Enrichment Program, Mathletics, and Kitchen Garden Project. Final budgets for our school programs were finalised after February 27, school census day. We always attempt not to impact too heavily on the key curriculum areas, but areas such as Facilities, Administration, eLearning, Music and Art and others can be impacted. **If you have not yet contributed could you please consider doing so as soon as possible**? Of course, parents who may have difficulty with payment are invited to see Jill to organise a payment plan.

House Athletics Sports
Last Thursday we held our House Sports day!! This was another terrific day in our school year. All the children came in House colours and participated with great spirit and a strong sense of fun. We had many parents helping on the day – thank you! Our Preps to 2 competed up until a very wet play time and our Senior School (grades 3-6) enjoyed a mainly sunny day from Playtime until 3.30pm. Congratulations to Yarra House on their victory! **Thank you Doug and our school student leaders for a great day!**

Have a great week everybody,
Matthew
**“STARS OF THE WEEK”**

**Foundation R**
- **Callum O:** For some great writing at home about your holiday. Well done, Callum.
- **Matilda W:** For always working hard and the beautiful presentation of your work. Fantastic!

**Foundation/1 JN**
- **Bobby D H:** For his excellent work with his reading and always trying his best.
- **Shelby P:** For her excellent start to school and always being such a happy student.

**1/2 Katy/Kelly**
- **Ava W:** For showing great maturity when selecting books to read.
- **Chloe K:** For her enthusiasm for helping others.

**1/2 Anna**
- **Todd P:** For his “have a go” attitude and improving his reading with Tracey! Well done.
- **Jed B H:** For his hard working attitude and efforts to participate to improve his learning. Fantastic work, Jed!

**3/4 Cheryl**
- **Lauryn W:** For her well presented and informative book review on a David Walliams book.
- **Jackson E:** For being a wonderful mathematician and working enthusiastically on Mathletics.

**3/4 Heather**
- **James P:** For working so well on all his maths tasks this week.
- **Jackson E:** For making a great effort to stay focused and completing some excellent maths.

**4/5 Adam**
- **Hayden A:** For being selected by your peers to represent our grade as a Junior School Council representative. Well Done!!
- **Bronya R:** For your outstanding project and diorama on the life and exploits of Sir Ernest Edward “Weary” Dunlop. You certainly went above and beyond. Well Done.

**5/6 Allen**
- **Ashton B:** For consistently demonstrating respect to his classmates and teachers in the classroom and out in the yard.
- **Meg G:** For consistently demonstrating respect to her teachers and classmates in the classroom and out in the yard.

**5/6 Coby/Kristy**
- **Ben H:** For displaying great leadership laying the wreath during the Anzac ceremony.
- **Sarah P:** For displaying great leadership lowering and raising the flags during the Anzac ceremony.

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Except what you can’t change but change what you can.*

*Imogen P*
Coming up Term 2, 2015 . . .

**CROCODILES, KAKADU AND WETLANDS**
Ferny Creek Primary School

What is a wetland? Where are they? What sort of creatures live there? How dangerous can the wetlands be? Why can’t you see a crocodile waiting for you? What does conservation mean in practice? Find out about our Australian wetlands and all the birds and reptiles that live there. You will learn memory tricks to gain a better memory and remember many wetlands creatures by playing games and having fun as well with your learning.

**WiseOnes Application for 2nd Term 2015**
This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes.

The unit for this term commences week beginning Monday, 27th April, 2015.
The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: 30th April, 2015

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Crocodiles, Kakadu and Wetlands" starting week beginning Monday 27th April, 2015; I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child’s Name ______________________________________   School: Ferny Creek Primary
Date of Birth ______________________
Class (2015) ________

Parents’ Names __________________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: BH ___________ AH ___________ Mobile _________________ Email: ______________________________

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO
I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.
I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost $240 inc GST).

Please send this slip and payment of $232.00 on Wednesday 29th April, 2015. As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.

If paying by cheque please make it payable to Ferny Creek Primary School.

For further information please contact Sandy Robertson on 9756 7780 or Mobile: 0432 326 070.

Entertainment Books 2015-2016 will be in school next week.

Make sure you don’t miss out as we have only ordered a set amount in. There will be 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 sent home last week or place your order directly online via the email sent through to your inbox last week. Books will also be able to be purchased directly from the Office from next week.
TRIVIA NIGHT
RAISING MONEY FOR OUR PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

FERNY CREEK MULTIPURPOSE ROOM HOSTED BY ‘YOUR SHOUT TRIVIA’
TICKETS AVAILABLE 6TH MAY FROM THE OFFICE

Trivia Prizes
Games
Raffles
Beer / Wine
Silent Auctions
Major Auction

Saturday 30th May
7pm-11pm
Tables of 10
Tickets $20
BYO nibbles
On sale 6th May

JUST SOME OF THE MAJOR AUCTIONS ITEMS UP FOR GRABS….

IPAD 2 / CASE / ITUNES CARD BUNDLE
SUMPTUOUS WINE & FOOD PAIRING DINNER FOR TWO
2 NIGHT GREAT OCEAN ROAD GETAWAY
AEROCHELTE FLIGHT
WORD PRESS WEBSITE & HOSTING

PLUS LOADS OF FANTASTIC SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
JOIN US FOR A FUN SOCIAL NIGHT OUT!
The Week That Was

Last week (week 1) the theme was, fittingly, Back to School!

We had a great time welcoming in the new term and seeing our friends again! We did all sorts of activities that included making bright displays for our windows and rummaging through our craft materials to make fantastic pieces of art! We can’t wait to see what Term 2 has in store for us.

This Week’s Program....

This week (week 2), we have been celebrating the season of Autumn! We have been on many adventures outside to collect leaves and other items from the environment to use in our craft activities.

We made beautiful Autumn leaf sun catchers and used real leaves to make some fantastic prints!

The Upcoming Week....

We plan to look at another aspect of our environment; Insects! From flyers to creepy crawlies, we will explore high and low to discover what creatures call our school grounds home! We are looking forward to making some butterflies and bees, and going outside with magnifying glasses to see what we can find! This week will be so much fun it will fly by!

Cooking Club This Week

The mini pizzas we cooked were delicious! This week, we will be making pancakes with a variety of scrumptious toppings! Yum!

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!

Joke of the Week

What did one ocean say to the other ocean?

Nothing, they just waved!

Kids Corner

“These two weeks it will be fun. In the last week we have made wordles balloons and our friendship garden, and the next week we are looking forward to Autumn week that will be very, very, extremely good fun and we all are excited. We can’t wait.” – by Summer

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