DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3
8th August – Working Bee
18th August – Prep Transition
21st August – Daffodil Day and Jeans 4 Genes Day
1st & 2nd September – Production
4th September – Father’s Day
Assembly

“Together we make a Difference!”

PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Semester 1 Report for Ferny Creek
Academically this year we have set significant targets in Writing (including Spelling) and Numeracy. Based on teachers’ assessments at the midyear point we will reach expectations across most areas by the end of December. Our primary goal in the life of this Strategic Plan is to maximise the learning growth of every student in English, with a focus on the domain of Writing (and Spelling) and Mathematics.

Our target is to increase the percentage of students performing at or above expected AusVELS levels to at least 80%. (By cohort).

Reading data shows that in 5 of the 6 levels (No data recorded for Prep in Semester one with the new AusVELS) over 80% of students are achieving at or above expected levels, Writing shows that in 5 out of 6 levels over 80% of students are achieving at or above expected levels and in Numeracy children in 6 of 6 levels are achieving at or above 80% of expected levels.

The semester 1 data shows that the number of students achieving above expectations increased in 5 of 5 levels in Reading, 4 of 5 in Writing and 4 of 5 in Mathematics. This was a significant improvement from 2014 (2 of 5 in Reading, 2 of 5 in Writing and 3 of 5 in Mathematics).

News from the Curry Beaners!
We now have 6 weeks left to be ready.

• Rehearsals are in full swing. The senior students with character roles are practising every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
• All staff are involved, either in assisting the rehearsals or very kindly taking extra yard duty so staff are free for rehearsals.
PRINCIPAL’S BLOG CONTINUED…

- **Costumes** will be nearing completion in the next few weeks and we can begin to promote the show with pictures of grades and lead characters. We are planning on using our **pre-production photographs** to produce a glossy program.
- We have also engaged the services of Brian Baker to **produce a video of the production**. As already mentioned, Becky Barlow and her team are well down the road in creating costumes for every single student in the school,
- **Emma Jennings, Doug and Cheryl** are putting together ideas for **sets and props**.
- **Melody is teaching every grade their musical item**, and various **teachers and volunteers are developing dances for each grade** and **Coby** and I are rehearsing with the senior school almost daily!
- **Promotions Team** have begun organising all things promotional.

Parent Opinion Survey
This week the annual Parent Opinion Survey will be sent to 40 families. **There will be one week period to complete it and return it to school.** Anonymity is ensured as only the office staff will keep track of returns and let the class teacher know only how many are returned and how many more need to be. 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. Even ‘sitting on the fence’ and giving a 3 on a 1 to 5 scale ends up providing inaccurate data.

Enrolment 2016:
**If your child is due to commence school in 2016** please call at the office to complete an enrolment form. If you know of friends who have children due to commence school in 2016, encourage them to visit our school (tours can be arranged by contacting the office) and remind them that enrolment can be finalised now!!! By enrolling early we are able to work on our planning for next year. If you have any questions or to arrange a school visit please contact us – 9755 1522.

Coming up in This term
- **Prep Transition:** 18th August
- **CyberSafety Day:** 23rd July
- **School Leaders Conference:** 29th – 31st July
- **Education Support Week:** 17th August
- **Jim Asimokopoulus:** Sporting values and coaching Football team, various dates
- **Pirates of the Curry Bean:** September 1st and 2nd
- **Father’s Day:** 4th September
- **Hooptime Days:** There are two Hooptime Days coming up. Both will be, hopefully, after Production
- **Pie and Footy Day:** 18th September

Have a wonderful week everybody,
Matthew
Term 3 School Banking News

Term 3 Competition:
The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program has a fantastic competition this term. If your child makes 3 deposits within Term 3, the child is automatically entered into the draw to win a mini iPad, headphones or a $30 book voucher. Simple!

Term 3 Rewards:
The new rewards for this term are the Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System and Cosmic Light Beam Torch.

Other available rewards include the E.T. DVD, Intergalactic rocket and Invisible Ink Pens. The Planet Handball is almost out of stock. Spare Reward Vouchers are in the Office Foyer.

Other School Banking Information:
- It is regular deposits that are important in developing great savings habits. Your child doesn’t have to deposit large amounts to build great savings habits.
- You child currently earns 2.9% p.a. if at least one deposit is made each month and no withdrawals are made. Otherwise the interest earned is 0.01%. So make sure your child is depositing money at least once each month!
- The school earns commissions on the transactions – this year the school has received nearly $580! Well done to all the children who have deposited regularly.
- If you would like to open an account for your child, forms are available at the Office Foyer – the quickest way is to take it directly to a Commonwealth Bank branch.
- Please ensure your child places their bank book in the grey class satchel by 9am Tuesdays.

MONBULK NETBALL CLUB

The Monbulk Netball Club Spring Competition Registration Day is 25th July at the Ferntree Gully Netball Complex from 9am-2pm. EFTPOS available.
Please contact Sue Kidd if you have any queries on 0417 328 113.
Lachlan R: For being such a great member of our classroom – friendly, happy, always keen to help and eager to learn. We will miss you, Lachlan.

Amy P: For having such a good week! Lots of reading, spelling, maths & speech… and all with such a happy smile! Well done, Amy.

Shelby P: For her positive attitude towards her learning activities in the classroom. Keep it up!

Jonah K: For his fantastic writing about Investigations this week. Well done!

Ayla C: For your helpful behaviour both inside and outside the classroom.

Layla G: For your attention to detail in your writing. It is a pleasure to read.

Raphael H: For the terrific choices he has been making in the classroom, especially when sitting on the floor. Top effort Raph!

Melanie W: For the thoughtful, conscientious way she goes about all her work and for her efforts in contributing to class discussions. Great work Melanie!

Jordan R: For always being happy and friendly and including others.

Taylor K: For your positive attitude and trying hard with everything you do, including your very creative book review.

Tarrant C: For his great work in Maths, always challenging himself to do better.

Molly L: For working so well on her spelling and reading. Keep up this fantastic attitude.

Miles B: For your wonderful work on your values iMovie. You were a great contributor to your group and worked well independently. Well done!!

Jenna C: For your focused efforts during production times. It is great to see you eagerly working through the Production Thinkers Keys and taking pride in the tasks you complete.

Brad L: For demonstrating initiative and respect in the classroom and working hard to complete all your assignments. Well done!

Seth G: For demonstrating initiative and respect in the classroom and working hard to complete all your assignments. Well done!

Charlotte M: For having the courage to read our class novel to the whole grade!

Ryan J: For reading with fluency and expression during our Readers Theatre session.

You don’t need to be friends
but you have to be nice.

Melissa
Marvellous Mathematics

Welcome to a new feature of the Ferny Creek Primary School newsletter. Mathematics is everywhere you look, whether it’s a delicious block of Cadbury Chocolate (arrays), the honeycomb in a beehive (tessellations) or architecture of famous sculptures and buildings (shape and symmetry). Each week a ‘Problem Picture’ will be published for students to solve. ‘Problem Pictures’ will vary in difficulty and challenge students to draw on their background knowledge and think creatively in order to solve the problem.

Problem Picture One: Rubik’s Cube

This puzzle became a cult in the 1980’s. Each layer of the cube can be rotated about the centre. A very large number of arrangements are possible. The aim is to get each face of the cube showing a single colour.

- How many faces are there???
- How many colours are there???
- How many small squares are there???
- How many small cubes are there???

The Rubik’s Cube in the picture has been tampered with in a way that makes it impossible to solve the puzzle. Can you see how???
MOVIE NIGHT
VERONICA’S BREASTS
WED 29TH JULY
THE CAMEO BELGRAVE | DOORS OPEN @ 7PM
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

ADMISSION
$20 per ticket
Call Liz McGrane 0423 975 415
or in Operating Theatre for tickets
The Week That Was

Last week (week 1) we celebrated the beginning of term with 'Winter Wonderland'! We made glistening snowflakes, friendly snowmen, and arctic penguins! We braved the cold and had a fantastic wintery week!

Kid’s Corner

"This week is winter wonderland. On Monday we made snowflakes in all different colours"-

By- Summer

This Week’s Program

Next week (week 2) is ‘Sensory Madness’ week!

It has been a sensory overload as we touched, smelled, looked, listened and tasted throughout the week! We enjoyed a fun taste testing game and made colourful squishy bags!

Tomorrow we will be having a farewell party for Karli so book in now to join us or pop your head in to say goodbye!

Upcoming Week

Next week (week 3) we will be enjoying a bit of everything with ‘Mix N’ Match’! We will be painting, drawing, constructing, building, moulding, and more! Join us for a whole lot of mismatched fun!

Reminders

We remind of families and the members of our school community that everyone can visit our OSHCare 4 KIDS Facebook page.

FEEDBACK

We welcome any feedback or suggestion of things that your children are interested in so that we can develop the program to meet the needs of you and your children.

ENROLMENT AND BOOKINGS

We always welcome new faces to Before and After Care! 2015 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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Karli Lofthouse- Program Leader

Cooking Club

Next week on Wednesday we will be making our favourite Vegetable Faces! Yum!

Joke of the Week

Q: What did the 0 say to the 8?
A: Nice belt!