PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Billy Cart Derby - TOMORROW

- A reminder that this is a fully licensed event and as such there can be no BYO alcohol.
- ALL DRIVERS MUST HAVE A HELMET AND A SAFE BILLY CART. THEY WILL BE CHECKED AT THE CHECK IN POINT.
- 5pm to 8pm
- 5pm – food and drink available, visit the Billy Cart booking table on the netball court to register your billy cart.
- Junior School bike parade at 5.30pm
- Racing commences at 6pm
- Track closes at 8pm

House Captains
It is my privilege to formerly introduce our 2016 House Captains. We did announce them on our picnic day, but I have not yet formerly introduced them to our community.

Merri: Heath and Keeva
Arunta: Bronya and Luke
Yarra: Chloe and Gidi
Barak: Jeremy and Meg

The overall leadership programme that these students, and our School Captains will be involved in will, this year, be overseen by Adam, Coby and Kelly.

Congratulations again to Elska and Ethan as our 2016 School Captains. They have emceed their very first assemblies extremely well! The key roles for our School Captains are to lead by example, run assemblies, greet and/or thank special visitors, ensure the Friendship Chair is ‘open’ every day, be peer leaders (with House Captains) by wearing the High Vis Vests at recess and lunchtimes, raise and lower the Australian flag every school day, organise and run at least one whole school fun event per term, run Junior School
Council (organised again this year by Adam Crotty) and to help out wherever else is needed.

The key roles of our House Captains are to lead by example, assist with the Office area, manage the lunch orders, look after (and monitor) lost property, recycling bins, outdoor bins, manage the hand wash outside the main toilets, lead the whole school Pledge at assembly, step up when one of our School captains is away, manage the House Points Program, manage Friday Senior School sport and assist with the running of the P-2 Athletics Sports afternoon.

**There will be a special presentation to these leaders, our School Captains and House Captains when James Merlino visits us on Friday 11th March for a presentation assembly.**

There is so much more happening with student leadership in 2016 and also with whole school student well-being issues that I will spread out over the next few newsletters.

**Jim Asimakopoulos - Citizen of the Year**

Next Friday, 4th March, is another very special assembly. Jim sponsors our Citizen of the Year Award. This is to go to a Current Year 6 student who is not a School Captain and has shown over their years at the school, especially their Year 5 year, a fantastic attitude to their classmates, their teachers and their school. We will also hear from Ryan Jewell, our recipient last year. I’m sure it will be a thrill for our new Year 6 students to hear from Ryan again.

**Information Nights and Meet The Parents**

Last week we held our Information evenings for parents of students from Years 1 to 6. I would firstly like to thank those parents who attended but I mainly want to thank our teachers for the time and effort they all put into the booklet and their presentations on the night. As teachers, we are very used to talking (sometimes too much) to Students but are really nervous when speaking to adults. I was so pleased and proud to see all of the teachers talking confidently to you about the year ahead. I attended all three meetings and hope you are all as confident and excited about the year ahead as I am! This week we also had our meet the Parents sessions. These play a vital role in us getting to know your children. Please don’t take anything for granted as you can never be sure of the how what is happening in their home life will impact on their school life – we need to know the GOOD stuff happening in families as well!

**Fundraising tables**

Thank you to Fundraising for the new fold up café tables. Many who attended last week’s assembly would have seen them in the foyer. We will be replacing our old non fold up café tables with these. This will make storage so much easier. Thank you!

**Insurance for Students – a Reminder From DET**

I have been reminded by the Department to inform all parents/guardians of students, who do not have personal student accident insurance that they are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs; and that parents/guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers. It is also important to note to all parents/guardians and staff, that the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
School Crossing:  
*Diane Garsed*

Uniform Shop:  
*Tuesday 8:50 - 9:30am*  
*Lease Robinson*

Library:  
*Beth Byrne*

Buildings & Grounds:  
*Michael Paterson*  
*mpaterson@probuild.com.au*

School Banking:  
*Tuesday*  
*Lease Robinson*

Costume Hire:  
*Sarah Jennings*

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*P.O. Box 7082*  
*Upper Ferntree Gully*  
*Vic 3156*  
*Email: admin@oshcare4kids.com.au*  
*Website: [www.oshcare4kids.com.au](http://www.oshcare4kids.com.au)*

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### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

**Deadline by Wednesday 1pm**  
**Email** -  
*ferny.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au*

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**Somers Camp 2016**

Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Department's Somers School Camp. This past ten days, fourteen of our Year 5 and 6 students have joined with 160 children from our school district in this very special Outdoor Education and Personal Development program. The camp has both indoor and outdoor activities, all run by specialist permanent teaching staff with the assistance of nine local teachers who accompany the children to and from the camp. The activities are mainly physical and outdoor and include High and Low Ropes Courses, Boating, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Challenge Swing and Initiative Activities, which require a reasonable level of physical fitness. All children are also required to take part in the following activities: Archery, Art, Drama, Environmental Studies, Bush Cooking, Orienteering, Bike Education, Flying Fox, Bush Dancing, Disco Night, Singing and Diary Writing. I haven't caught up with them yet by I know they will have had 'the most bestest time' as one student told me.

Have great weekend and see you all next week,  
Matthew

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**Breaking News:**

**Veggie Garden Now Secure**

Over the past few years we have had huge problems with school intruders into the covered area of our veggie garden. This has usually happened on weekends. We have had fires, graffiti, vandalism and theft. That's been the bad news. The good news is that the undercover area has now been secured (see photographs).

The even better good news is that a dedicated group of men have built this for nothing! A good friend of Shelley's (one of our wonderful aides) named Roman, heard about our plight and promised to do something about it. He used funds from the Monbulk Blue Light and used the space at GE and GE Kilns in Monbulk to weld it all together. When you look at the brilliant workmanship and the amount of welding you will understand that this was no small job! Thank you so much Roman. Next problem was how to get it all to the school from Monbulk. In came the Victorian Military Vehicle Club to help with the transport. Thank you gentlemen for this. We would love to see some of your vehicles at our Festival later in the year.

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Thank you to the Jessop family, Donnie and Carlisle (4/5S) and Rhian for the wonderful donation of books to the Library.
### “STARS OF THE WEEK”

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<td>For remembering to use his ‘walking feet’ and ‘inside voice’ in the classroom. Well done Spencer.</td>
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<td>For always using her ‘helping hands’ to help others in the classroom. Great work Celeste!</td>
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<td>For always using her ‘looking eyes’ and ‘listening ears’ in the classroom. Thank you, Amelie – keep it up.</td>
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### Riding to School Bus Guide

- Leave Sassy Village Green: 8.00am
- Hilton Road: 8.15am
- Horse Paddock: 8.25am
- Laubes Lane: 8.35am
- Top of School Road: 8.40am

*Please note that times are approximate and may vary considerably.*

Adam and Doug
**Billy Cart Derby**

We are in desperate need of volunteers to help set up the BBQ between 4 and 5.30pm.

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**School Banking Update**

I’d like to welcome Kirrily Whatman (Lauryn’s mum) to the School Banking Program. Kirrily will assist me on Tuesdays as School Banking Coordinator.

Lease Robinson

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**Billy Cart Derby BAKE SALE: Friday 26th February.**

There will be a Bake Sale stall at the Billy Cart derby. This has always been a popular stall with our students and our families! **We would love your cakes, slices, biscuits etc for the Bake Sale stall, please.**

Baked goods can be dropped off to the Kitchen in the M-P room on Friday after assembly and before 4pm so items can be priced and displayed on the Stall. Our Grade 6 students will be manning the Stall, so please support them if you can. **Thank you.**

All baked items (we also accept shop-bought goodies) must have a list of ingredients attached to the plate/item, please.

**BILLY CART DERBY and WHEELS PARADE**

This Friday is our Billy Cart Derby & Wheels Parade (F-2 plus grade 3/4 shoe box carts).

We have a few spaces left on the BBQ, Beer Tent and Marshall rosters. We desperately need and would very much appreciate your help and support with this, please. Check the Roster at the Office or call Jill to see which times are short-staffed, or pop a time in your child’s Diary when you are able to help... Thank you in advance for your support. It’s always a great event and lots of fun is always had by all! Hope to see you there...

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**EnviroKnights are recruiting!**

Are you interested in nature and the environment, and want to do something positive around the school?

Then the Ferny Creek EnviroKnights would love to have you on board.

Activities in 2016 will include weeding and planting around the Frog Bog, conducting research near Ferny Creek, helping out with our Veggie Patch and Chook programs and of course, our trip to Yellingbo – the home of the Helmeted Honeyeater!

EnviroKnights is open to all students between Grades 1 and 6. If you have not already given your name to Tanya, please pop your name on the list in the foyer.

We would also appreciate any parent helpers to assist with activities around the school, working bees with The Friends of Ferny Creek, supervising the Yellingbo trip, and preparing grant applications to fund our activities. If you’d like to help us out, please contact Cath Connell via email at cath@spicycat.com.au.

We look forward to sharing our wonderful environment with you this year!

Cath & Sander
Senior EnviroKnights
Dream Puppet Incursion

The puppet theatre was fantastic! Gemma FK/J

I thought the island was cool and the palm tree was probably a coconut tree. Blake FR

I like it when he fell down the stairs. Bryn FK/J

It was funny when the stairs collapsed. Archie E FR

It was funny when the bed was running away. – Celeste FK/J
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MINE RANGES
The Mini Ranges basketball program is specifically designed for primary school aged children for both boys and girls from Prep to Grade 6.

Developed to help children of all abilities to learn the fundamental skills of basketball in a fun and supportive atmosphere, this program will prepare children for junior domestic competition with Ranges Basketball Club.

DATES: Mon 7th March • Mon 21st March • Mon 11th April • Mon 18th April • Mon 2nd May • Mon 9th May • Mon 16th May
TIME: 4.30PM-5.15PM
WHERE: Monbulk College Sports Stadium
HOW MUCH: FREE
WHAT TO BRING: Runners and a basketball (not compulsory)

To book a place for Mini Ranges or register for the upcoming 2016 Winter season commencing (ages 6-22) on 21st May 2016 please contact: Carey m)0417 398 834
email: f6103@bigpond.com or Emma m)0458 663 105

Please note that parents are expected to stay and all participants are expected to behave in an orderly manner.

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What’s On Next Week?

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<td>Create your own pair of binoculars to take with you on safari! I wonder what animals you will see.</td>
<td>Use a variety of materials to create a series of jungle animals! Create a feathery parrot or a scaly snake … the choice is yours!</td>
<td>Grab your binoculars! Today we go on safari around the school searching for wildlife! Keep your eyes peeled for the BIG 5…</td>
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Joke of the Week

This week’s joke comes from Mr A (again!) in 3/4C. Have you guessed who it is?

Q: What bird would be good at being a chef?
A: A COOK-aburra!

Coooking Club

On Thursday we’ll be making Turtle Rolls! I promise they will be delicious…

Reminder

Keep remembering to bring your hat to before and after school care during term 1 so we can have lots of sun-safe fun in the sun!

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! 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.

Contacts

Booking/Cancelation: enrolment@afterthebell.com.au
OSHC: 0428 258 940
Karli – Program Leader

Kids Corner

Congratulations to Ottavia who was our first inductee into our Hall of Fame!

Keeva and Abby visited Jax’s shop! They bought lots of delicious foods, including crème brûlée!

Jax, Ryder, and Ledger playing a fun board game.

Our Junior Leaders were: Finn, Eve and Lachlan. Congratulations! You all did a fantastic job!

Stop by the after school care corridor to see our range of artworks grow throughout the term. (Lily, Charlotte and Eve)