DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2
26th June – Last day of term
2.30pm Finish

Term 3
School resumes on 13th July 2015.

“Together we make a Difference!”

PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Community Events
As you would have seen in last week’s newsletter, my blog was given over to our Japanese Day. It was a wonderful day for all involved. Students were terrific, staff had fun, parent helpers were amazing and Toshi was unbelievable in his planning leading up to the day and on the day itself.

I was also heartened on last Friday to observe an event take place that epitomises what we are all about. Over the past weeks I have watched a number of our grade 6 leaders plan the school’s annual disco. On Friday during the day I watched them prepare and organise the night. In the evening we witnessed a well-planned and thoroughly enjoyable night!! You were fantastic and you made all of the mums (Mel and Becky) assisting you and working with you very proud. Congratulations.

Our Curry Beaners Production Team had their last meeting for the term on Tuesday after school. This is another example of our community spirit in action. We have a team of teachers and parents planning, designing and organising leading a huge number of parent volunteers (mainly costume makers at the moment). Thanks to Emma Jennings, Karlene Banfield, Becky Barlow, Coby, Melody, Cheryl and Doug.

Please enjoy the use of our facilities over the break. Bring the kids up for a kick of the footy or a bike ride. Have a picnic (hmm, could be little cold!). Not only are you welcome to enjoy our facilities with your family, but also when there are people we know around the school we tend to get less vandalism etc.
PRINCIPAL’S BLOG CONTINUED…

Thank you to all Ferny Creek families for your wonderful support and involvement in the school this term. I have spent a lot of time talking to students, staff and parents. I do feel that we have a real community centred atmosphere in our school. Our students, staff and parents have created a safe and caring environment where we are happy to come each day. The aim for all of us is to create an environment where everyone treats others fairly, with respect and kindness, in a socially responsible way. We all need to support and care for one another so that we can all succeed in school and life.

Your sense of community and belonging is what makes Ferny Creek such a very special place to work and be a part of. Enjoy your break from the routine of the school term and we will see you again fresh and ready to go for a wonderful Term 3.

Tomorrow’s Early Dismissal

A reminder to all parents that school finishes for the end of term at 2.30pm tomorrow.

After School Care will be available from 2.30.

Have a wonderful week everybody,
Matthew

Art Studio News

Well it’s the end of another busy term of creating. Our foundation students began their arts learning this term and have settled in extremely well. The grade 1s and 2s have been exploring colour and discovering the delights of Aboriginal art works. Grade 3 and 4 students have mostly completed their Hot Air Balloons and also studied the art of Sidney Nolan. Lastly our senior students attended the NGV Ian Potter Gallery for an extraordinary tour of the Australian collection. They are working towards completing their individual artist studies and I look forward to sharing their discoveries. They have all been highly motivated and I myself always learn something new through these projects.

As most of you are already aware Term 3 promises to be extremely busy with our whole school production. This year I am delighted to inform you that all students will have an active role in creating small costume pieces, props or even set designs. Please keep in touch with your class rep to find out when activities will be scheduled for your child’s/children’s classes. Remember many hands make light work.

Wishing you a happy and relaxing holiday.
Helen Ainsworth
PE News

I hope everyone has enjoyed PE this semester.

For many students the opportunity to compete against students from other schools has been a highlight. For others honing skills, learning new games and being active with friends is enough to put a smile on their faces.

Many students will be looking forward to Hoop Time next term as well as interschool sport for the grades 5 & 6s.

On behalf of the students, I thank the school organizing bodies for providing us with a functioning oval this semester. We all appreciate it every day.

Reminder:
For your child to get the most out of PE, please remember provide appropriate clothes and most importantly, appropriate footwear on PE days.

Buildings and Grounds

Last Sunday saw the completion of the School Oval Revamp when the synthetic cricket pitch was laid. Funds for the oval works were provided by the "murder / mystery night" fundraiser, held last year, and from within the buildings and grounds yearly budget.

An enormous thank you to Andrew Wolstencroft, who organised these works and who donated his time to complete the works, which started with us removing the original concrete cricket wicket, re-grading the existing oval and dressing it with topsoil, re-seeding the oval and then most recently putting in a firm base for the new synthetic wicket to be laid upon.

The school is definitely better off for Andrew's (and his bobcat's!!) involvement within our community. Thanks also the Ferny Creek/Sassafras CFA for donating the hoses that allowed us to water the oval whilst the grass was establishing.

The building and grounds committee meet the second Tuesday of the month (the next meeting being the 14th July), and if you would like to become involved or have any ideas that you feel we should be involved in please let myself or Matthew know.

Best wishes,
Michael.
Finn S: For working so hard on improving his handwriting and spelling. Great job Finn!
Amelia M: For concentrating so hard this week on all her work, especially her Firefighting Fred story.

Zoe N: For being a positive and happy member of our classroom. We wish you all the best for Term 3 at your new school.
Jonah K: For some wonderful attempts during writing time. Keep up the great work!

Oliver P: For his effort and enthusiasm in writing about his family, poetry and in his Writer’s Notebook.
Wren G: For her enthusiasm during Literacy, especially writing. Keep up the good work.

Lily Rose H: For her determination to do her very best and persistence with publishing her narrative. The presentation was beautiful.
Liam J: For consistently trying his very best with all of his work and enthusiastically taking on extra responsibilities. Well done!

Blair W: For his wonderful achievements so far in Grade 3. You have been a real star in all areas Blair.
Ashley J: For his great work in class and being a responsible helper.

Lachlan B: For being such an amazing friend to all, showing kindness and support.
Mera P: For all her magnificent work with Mathletics.

Lilly M F: For the wonderful effort you put into all aspects of your learning and your positive attitude. You are a delight to have in the classroom. Keep up the great work Lilly!!
Sam G: For a wonderful semester’s work at Ferny Creek PS. It has been a joy having you in the classroom and you will certainly be missed. We wish you all the best at your new school.

Lorelei S: For helping Doug set up the multi purpose room and being helpful around the classroom.
Ava M: For helping Doug set up the multipurpose room and being helpful around the classroom.

Rebecca H: For being a consistently positive member of our class and always working hard. Well done Rebecca!
Liam A R: For being a responsible J.S.C member and taking the class ideas to the meetings. Thanks Liam.

Live life as full on as it can be, because it could be your last day.
Eva
The Week That Was

Last week (week 10) was ‘Science Blast’ week! We had so much fun creating all different experiments; some that fizzed, some that popped, and some that exploded! We made our very own scientist goggles as well so we looked the part! We all turned into mad scientists for this fantastic week!

This Week's Program

This week we have been celebrating the ‘Greatest Hits of 2015’! All of our favourite activities and games were back and better than ever!

We have been paint fishing, making origami creations, playing superhero tag, and having another go at recycled bottle bowling!

This term will be ending with a BANG so book in now to join us for our extra special last day tomorrow!

School Holidays!

OSHCare 4 Kids are very excited to be running a holiday program during the school holidays in Belgrave! These holidays will be full of mega arcade games, delicious chocolate sensations, and a winter wonderland! We are also making a trip to Inflatable World! Book in now and save your spot! This will be a school holidays you won’t forget! See you there!

Cooking Club

Cooking Club has been great this term and students have really enjoyed preparing their own snack! From biscuits to pizzas, we are certainly in the running for the next Master Chef! We look forward to continuing this activity next term!

Joke of the Week

This week's joke comes from Ashley 3/4C:

Q: What music do cavemen listen to?
A: Rock music!

Kids Corner

"Hello my name is Emma and Camille this week is science week and the disco! We did a experrement to see what floats and sinks ."