Dear Parents and Friends,

JAPAN THANK YOU
Friday week ago the parents of the Years 5 and 6 who toured Japan brought a thank you gift for Toshi and Dianne (AP at Upwey High). Unfortunately neither were able to attend our assembly so I had the pleasure of taking two of the students to Upwey High and Belgrave South (where Toshi was that day) so they could personally thank the teachers on the parents behalf.

TRIVIA NIGHT AND BASKETBALL COURT
Wow, what a night! A huge thank you to James and his tireless team for organising and running a great night. (Teachers table could have won, but we didn’t want to show off!) Many of you may not know that the night was dedicated to raising money for an issue that the Junior School Council brought to our attention late last year, i.e. fixing our basketball court. School Council, our Finance, Buildings and Grounds and Fundraising sub-committees, along with Junior School Council, have worked together to get this up and going. With the magnificent help and guidance from Buildings and Grounds our plans are to completely re-asphalt and line mark the entire court, cut the trees overhanging the court away, fix the fence up and build new seating! We will now most probably have enough funds set aside to get this project well underway.

While I’m talking about school projects; another terrific project is underway for our Multi-Purpose Room. Again, this project is the
result of a number of teams talking, planning and working together for the good of our school. Whilst not yet fully finalised our plans are to paint the walls a lighter colour (right down to floor level), sand and repolish the floor, put in basketball mini court and volleyball lines and install a full sized swing out backboard and hoop at the kitchen end. But, to me, the really exciting part is to create paintings/pictures, murals to decorate the walls. Enter one of our gifted artists in the school community, Emma Jennings. Buildings and Grounds and Emma have been discussing possibilities and taken these ideas to teachers. Our most exciting initiative is to have each class plan and paint a huge piece of art to go around the rooms’ two main walls. At the moment we are looking at doing this as a major part of our ‘A Valued Start’ program in the first two weeks of 2017. This could become an annual event to complement our other whole school activities we do in this unit each year. Stay tuned on this one!

SCIENCE UNSW COMPETITION
Our Science Competition results are now in. Well done again to all participating students. We received 1 Distinction, 3 Credits, 3 Merits and 6 Participation certificates. Certificates will be presented at tomorrow’s assembly.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
By now 40 families should have received our Parent Opinion Reports. Please return these as soon as possible. I would like all 40 returned please. The more returns the more realistic the data. Anonymity is ensured as only the office staff will keep track of returns. We will call families who haven’t returned them by the due date, Friday 5th August. 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.

100 DAYS OF PREP
Our Foundies for 2016 are approaching their 100 days of Prep on August 3, which is a significant achievement. I’m proud to say that they are doing fantastically well under the expert care and dedication of our wonderful Prep teachers. They have settled into the routines of school life and during my regular visits I always observe them working well in class, but also the positive and excited tone of the room.

HEALTH CARE
At this time of year many of us are experiencing the sniffles. Please reiterate to your children the importance of blowing their noses and washing their hands frequently. Remember that although we promote that it is not okay to be away we also don’t want unwell children at school. They would be better served at home in bed and resting up.

2017 FOUNDATION ENROLMENTS
It is now late June and we are getting extremely busy with enrolments for 2017. Our Transition Program is going really well. Please, could current parents who have siblings attending our school next year enrol soon so we can begin some real planning for our 2017 year?

Have a great week,
Matthew
As part of a promotion we are running this term, we would like to offer all current HSD students a FREE Acro & Cheer class on Thursday the 28th July 2016 4-6pm.

Students not enrolled in the school may also attend to trial the class.

It is a heap of fun and great for strength, fitness and technique!

We have great teachers for these classes: Miss Yvette, Mr Tim & our new addition to the team Miss Ebony.

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Instrumental Music Lessons

I teach electric bass, drums and beginner piano from my home studio in Tecoma. Lessons are $25 for a half hour lesson. Fully qualified and experienced teacher. Full VIT registration and Police check. Primary aged students and secondary aged students welcome.

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Foundation

**Jodie/Kristy**

**Amber S:** For working so hard on learning to read and spell her sparkle Words, Golden Words and Red Words. Fantastic effort Amber!

**Romy R-D:** For the fantastic writing he did as our Investigations Reporter. Super effort Romy, you should be very proud of yourself!

### Rhian

**Ella W:** For always trying your best in everything we do. Your work and drawings are great! Well done.

**Caine T-M:** For working so hard on your Sparkle words – you are doing so well, Caine. Keep it up!

### 1/2 Anna

**Will C:** For his quick learning about how to edit his writing. Well done, Will!

**Lachlan J:** For always getting to school on time and organising himself and the rest of the classroom in the mornings. What a great helper!

### 1/2 Brian

**Tom F:** For showing a big interest in our study of the Olympics, and our work with Geography.

**Zachary H:** For working well at home and at school to improve his reading and spelling skills.

### 3/4 Cheryl

**Cooper S:** For making a concerted effort with his work and showing a great improvement in his handwriting and presentation of his work.

**Thomas P:** For making good progress with his spelling and making an effort to practise and work on his spelling at home.

### 3/4 Lynda

**Oliver C:** For working more independently and with more focus. Well done Ollie!

**Lily I:** For her excellent writing & working so hard to improve in all area of her work.

### 4/5 Samantha

**Ned F:** For looking after our four legged visitor, Oscar. You did a fantastic job!!

**Mera P:** For approaching writing tasks with a positive attitude. You have done a fantastic job on your memoir. Well done!

### 5/6 Lisa

**Viveca K:** For displaying great ‘sportsmanship’ and ‘having a go’ at Interschool Sports.

**Meg G:** For her beautifully written memoir about meeting her baby sister.

### 5/6 Coby/Kelly

**Charlotte R:** For her fantastic attitude and wonderful contribution to our science session this week. Well done Charlotte!

**Mia V K:** For showing fabulous sportsmanship at the sports day. The way you enjoy and encourage others is fantastic! Well done!
What’s On Next Week in the Ferny Creek OSHC – A&TSI CULTURAL WEEK

Monday  
DREAMTIME MUSIC  
Aboriginal music always tells a story. Let’s enjoy listening to their music and the different instruments.

Tuesday  
BOOMERANG FUN  
Let’s decorate our very own boomerangs. What design will you create on yours?

Wednesday  
DIDGERIDOO CREATION  
Create your own didgeridoo. What will yours look like?

Thursday  
MUSICAL MAYHEM  
Let’s make our own music using different instruments like sticks and a didgengood.

Friday  
FACE PAINTING  
Aboriginal people used paint on their faces this varied amongst the tribes. How would you paint your face for your tribe??

KIDS CORNER

The children decided to make their own smiley faces with their fruit during afternoon tea today. It was a great way for them to enjoy their fruit.

The children have been enjoying using the Pool table lately and we had some of the children compete in a round robin tournament. It was great to watch.

Joke Of The Week

Knock, Knock  
Who’s there?  
Tank  
Tank Who?  
You’re Welcome.

Junior Leaders

Congratulations to Lincoln and Louis for being our Junior Leaders  
You were fantastic Junior Leaders!

Community News

We wish Leith all the best in her new chapter in her life in becoming a mum. Ashleigh will be leading the program with Georgia until Karl returns at the beginning of term four.

We ask parents who wish to use our OSHC program to remember to make a booking at Head Office (phone or email), regardless if it is a casual booking.

As if your child arrives to the session without a booking, a place may not be available. Please make the required booking the day before during business hours, to avoid possible disappointment.

Note just walking into the program for care attracts an additional higher rate and we don’t want to keep placing this extra care charge on parents who don’t book in. Please just simply book!

ENROLMENT AND BOOKINGS

We always welcome new faces to our Before & After School 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 we will be happy to help you out with the process.

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