

**FERNY
CREEK**
primary school

Newsletter

Dates to Remember

29th June

Last day Term 2
2.30pm Dismissal

TERM 3

23rd July

Grade 5/6 Rugby

24th July

Transition for Foundation 2019
2.30pm to 3.15pm

25th July

Grade 3/4 Hooptime

28th July

Murder Mystery Night

30th July

Grade 5/6 Rugby

3rd August

Grade 1/2 Hooptime

13th August

Grade 5/6 Rugby

PRINCIPALS BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the end of term two. What a fantastic first half year we have had. So much has happened, and you see much of the results of this in your children's June Report, self-assessment and portfolio. Please take the time to look through the portfolio and write an encouraging note on the form provided.

My last newsletter

Yep, it's my last newsletter. I've tried to avoid thinking about retirement by focusing on the school and what I will miss. We are a fantastic school. We are a very student focused school. The need to focus on student well-being remains our key to successful student learning. That said, there is so much I am going to miss (or really envious that I am not involved). Our constant drive to acknowledge our strengths to guide further improvement and our ability to admit and focus on our needs and make changes, this why Ferny Creek is an 'Influencer' school. What will I miss the most?

- The students – my relationship with our students is THE most important part of my job and the part I will miss most.
- The staff – all staff who have been with me for part or all of the journey. For your tolerance of my foibles and sense of fun, I thank you. Your awareness of when to concentrate on teaching and learning, I thank you.
- Parents and families – it is fantastic that I can say that all students at school were born in my time at Ferny Creek. Yes, many families have moved in and out, but I have truly enjoyed watching each one grow into wonderful young people, many from birth!
- The school – 'The best kept secret in the hills' is a beautiful school – the grounds and the buildings! The chance to further develop the school – especially our planned Inclusive Environment Learning and Play Space.

It is essential that we maintain the community feel between families, students and staff, and I am therefore extremely pleased to announce that Anni Smart returns to us for next term. The substantive Principal process will be undertaken during this term. Anni is familiar with our school from a stint in term 1 and comes from another 'hills' school, Mt Dandenong PS. Mt. D and Ferny Creek have enjoyed a very close working relationship over many years and many of their values and practices closely reflect ours. Please give Anni your full Ferny Creek support!

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Deadline by Wednesday 11am

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Science Kits

Thank you to Emma Eisenegger, mum of Liam in Grade 1/2L, for her efforts to get the school **15 Science kits** through her employer, Telstra. These were applied for last year, and after lots of shipping issues finally arrived earlier this term! Thank you Emma!



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.

Finally, 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 in 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 great week everybody, and I hope to be able to say good-bye to many of you tomorrow,
Matthew

A very big thanks to Michael Paterson!

We have had a number of great parent volunteers over the past years, but it is time to thank a very special member of our community who has given literally hundreds, if not thousands, of hours to make sure our school continued to be a great place for our children to play, work and learn. Michael Paterson, who is now having a 'rest' from volunteering, has invested over ten years looking after our school, as a member of the Building and Grounds Subcommittee. Michael coordinated working bees, ran our committee meetings, continually took on projects that he could see needed doing, and quietly contributed very significantly behind the scenes to keep the school looking great. I would often see him at the school on Sundays, or in the afternoons, when most of us were with our families, contributing so much to the upkeep of the school. Whether painting at 6.00 a.m. or staying back at working bees to clean up equipment, Michael's effort has been totally amazing over the years. On behalf of the school council, I am so grateful and thankful that we have people like Michael and his family to step up and provide much needed support for the school. While you have a look around the school, please keep in mind that the school looks tidy and well cared for, not through funding of gardeners or maintenance people provided by DET (government doesn't fund those things) but it is largely the effort and volunteer work of people like Michael. Michael, we can't thank you and your family enough, you make us proud to part of Ferny Creek PS.

Jenny Royle
(School Council President)

Ferny Creek Parents

Matthew's last day send off - Friday 29th June

As you are aware it is Matthew's last day on the 29th June. There will be a special assembly in the morning. We also know that many of you have work or other commitments during the morning and may not be able to attend, so we will also have a relaxed and informal send off in the afternoon. All teachers, staff and parents are welcome. There will be nibbles and drinks on hand. A big thanks to Olinda Cellars for contributing the drinks for Matthew's send-off!

Timing of the day will be:

- 9:00am - A special assembly in the morning which families are encouraged to attend.
- Matthew will then spend his day visiting all of the classrooms.
- 2:30pm - End of Term - Students will be leaving early for the day at 2:30pm
- 3:00pm to 5:00pm - Drinks for staff / parents in the staffroom. (The playground undercover area will be available depending on weather, for children to use unsupervised during this time).

You are invited to an evening of laughter, entertainment ... and MURDER!

Ferny Creek Primary School is hosting a Wild West themed murder-mystery evening so dig out your cowboy hat, feathered headdress, saloon girl outfit or sheriff's badge and join in in the fun!

Where: FCPS Saloon (Multipurpose room)

Date: Saturday, July 28th

Time: Sundown
(doors open 6.30pm for a 7pm start)

Tickets: \$35 per person, adults only

Ticket cost includes entertainment, platter and snacks for your table, plus a drink on arrival

Tickets cannot be purchased after Wednesday July 25th

