

**FERNY  
CREEK**  
primary school

# Newsletter



## Dates to Remember

**29<sup>th</sup> March**

Easter Hat Parade

**29<sup>th</sup> March**

Bulbs Fundraising Closes

**29<sup>th</sup> March**

Last day of Term 1  
2.30pm finish

## TERM 2

**16<sup>th</sup> April**

First Day of Term 2

**18<sup>th</sup> April**

ANZAC Ceremony at 1000 Steps  
for Choir & Grade 6

**19<sup>th</sup> April**

Closet Cleanout due

**24<sup>th</sup> April**

School Photos

## PRINCIPALS BLOG

### Dear Parents and Friends,

Here we are, finally at the end of term and what a busy term it has been! We've had plenty of events happening in the classroom...Responsible Pet incursion, World of Maths incursion, the construction of our Netball cover project commencing, the Billy Cart Derby and Bush Dance, and the Grade 3/4 and 5/6 camps...to name a few events happening.

Sadly though for me it is also my final newsletter. I have really enjoyed the opportunity of being here as your Acting Principal and I thank each and every one of you, students, staff and parents for making me feel so welcome. Ferny Creek PS is a fabulous school and one you all should be very proud of. I am also glad to say that Matthew is fit and well and looking forward to being back on deck next term!

### Early Finishing

We will be finishing early on the last day of term, **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm**. Normal supervision for students will conclude at 2.45pm. All students will need to be collected by then or booked into the 'After The Bell' program.

### Final Assembly

Also a reminder that the final assembly for the term will be held this **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March @ 9am**. We will be displaying our very creative designs in our Easter Hat Parade. Tickets have already gone home for the Easter raffle. If you hurry you will be able to purchase last minute tickets. These will be available for purchase to win one of the very tempting Easter baskets and hampers. The prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of assembly.

### Bush Dance

Despite the change in venue the Bush dance was a big success and a lot of fun was had by those who attended. I would like to say a big thank you to the staff and parent community who were able to help out in various capacities to support the event, also to those who helped in any way prior to the event in the planning process. Not only are these occasions important to our fundraising efforts but they also define who we are as a community.

### Netball Court Construction

Work has now commenced on-site for the construction of the new Netball Court roof. It has provided for interesting recess time viewing particularly by the younger students watching the excavation vehicles working hard digging up the court! You will be able to see some of the 3D photos on display in the entrance to the school if you would like to get an idea of the finished project. Please remember that around the construction fencing area is strictly off

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limits to all students. Students, staff, parents and the community are strictly forbidden from entering the site at all times. It is also timely, with the school holidays coming up, to remind the community that these restrictions also include holiday times and out of school hours. Please be aware if you use the school grounds during the vacation period, that trucks and heavy machinery will be continuing to use the oval area for access at different times. No doubt the project will be greatly advanced by the time term 2 commences.

## School Council

Last Tuesday we held the School Council A.G.M. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing School Councillors, Adam Crotty and Linda Russell for their time and commitment. I would also like to congratulate and welcome newly elected school councillors, Thomas Hastings, Jodie Benedick and Katie Cremean as well as returning councillors, Sharon Neal, Jenny Royle, Michelle Spencer and Anna Kelly.

I would like to extend appreciation and thanks to Liam Smith who has announced his resignation as School Council President. Being the School Council President can at times be quite a complex role as you work intrinsically with the Principal to ensure the smooth running of the school. I know that I speak on behalf of Matthew and the school community in saying that you have been an asset to the role and a great support to Matthew during your tenure as President. Liam will still be offering his experience and support to our newly elected School Council President as he will be remaining as a School Council member and member of various committees.

I would now like to take this opportunity to congratulate and welcome Jenny Royle who was subsequently elected as our new School Council President. Thank you Jenny for taking on the role and I know that your experience as a school council member will be greatly valued in the role.

**Please note that the date of our next School Council meeting has changed to 7.30pm Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, in the staff room.**

## Community Expectations

It is an expectation of all members of the school be they students, staff, parents, the wider school community and any visiting contractors, at all times treat one another with respect and integrity. Unfortunately I have recently become aware of a situation involving a very small number of our parents, who have allowed personal issues to become a focus and incite inappropriate behaviours on school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times. I must stress that as adults we need to be mindful that we are all role models for our children. Please ensure that any disagreements that may happen between adults are conducted in private and not on school grounds. Such behaviours are not reflective of our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

## Garden Gnome!

On behalf of the school community, I would like to say a very big thank you to Katalin Jakus who not only prepared the garden bed outside of the Art Room, but also purchased, then donated and planted lots of spring bulbs. Your efforts are appreciated and will look quite spectacular during spring time I'm sure.

On a final note...welcome back Matthew!

Thank you to you all. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Easter break!

**Anni Smart**  
**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**Thank you to the following families for their help at the last working bee:**

Paterson (Nieve)  
Lawrence (Bailey)  
Gladkoff (Casper)  
Steve/ Jenny (Lydia)  
Dean Coutts (Seb and Reuben)  
Taulien (Alex and Katherine)

## WREATH MAKER WANTED

We will require a wreath to be made for the ANZAC ceremony on the 18th of April. All choir members and Gr 6 students will be attending this event at the 1000 steps. If you are able to make a wreath for this day can you contact melody on [petersen.melody.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:petersen.melody.a@edumail.vic.gov.au). The first person who says they can do it has the job.

Thank you,  
Melody

### New UNDER 9's team at Olinda/Ferny Creek Football Club

Due to the unprecedented number of players registered for Under 10's this season, we have decided to form an Under 9's team for boys and girls who have turned 7 before the 30th April 2018. Training is on Wednesday afternoons and games are played Sunday mornings using half the ground with rules similar to an Auskick Gridgame. If you're child is interested in joining the team, please contact Duncan Brown ASAP on 0447 511 976

## Thank you, Anni!

On behalf of Ferny Creek Primary School council, I would like to extend a very big thankyou to Anni Smart for her work with the school this term. Anni has been a wonderful support to the community at FCPS, stepping into the Acting Principal role at short notice and making every effort to keep our school running smoothly while Matthew has been on leave. We really appreciate the work Anni did in facilitating our school AGM and other subcommittee meetings, and the accuracy and speed in which she was able to find relevant documents in a sea of paperwork! We wish Anni all the best for 2018 and hope she will remain in contact as a good friend of FCPS.

Jenny Royle  
On behalf of FCPS Council

## Bush Dance

Saturday saw a fantastic time had by many at the annual Mountain Bush Dance - this year held at the Olinda Hall in conjunction with Mt Dandenong Primary School. Thanks to everyone for turning out in droves and supporting this fantastic night, and special thanks to those parent volunteers who, as always, devoted so much time and energy into pulling together this fun event. The kids especially enjoyed putting the steps they'd learnt with Melody to use - as well as having fun in and outside the venue. See you again next year!



## We Need YOU!!!

Due to the fact that we have two less grades than when we had our last Festival, we unfortunately don't have a grade to look after our Plant Stall this year...

As this stall is very popular as well as a highly profitable one, we are looking for a group of like-minded parents to work together to be responsible for the running of the stall. We do have Yvonne, a grade 6 parent who has organised this stall for a number of years, on board to 'hand over' and act as guide if needed.  
*(You will have support from other families on the day/rosters etc.)*

If you would like any further info before committing to this role, please speak to Yvonne, Jill or Rhian. All interested parties, please let Jill or Rhian know so we can organise a meeting to get things started...

Thank you in advance for your support.  
The 2018 Fun Festival Committee!





# What's On

## Family Fun Day – The Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden

10am-3pm, Tuesday 10 April 2018  
The Georgian Road, Olinda

Enjoy fun activities and the magnificent The Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden (formally the National Rhododendron Garden) in all its autumn splendour:

- Bring your own t-shirt/singlet and make a bag with Plastic Bag Free Dandenong Ranges
- Andy's Antics
- EEK
- CFA Fire Tanker & activities
- Yarra Ranges Council Early Years
- Victorian National Parks Association Nature Watch Program
- The Great Garden Hunt
- Parks Victoria Wildlife Display
- BirdLife Australia Display
- Eastern Regional Libraries
- EPIC Project
- Interactive activities and nature play games for children
- Pot and take home your own plant
- Food available from Olinda Primary School, CFA and Oscar Vintage Coffee Van

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