PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Staffing Changes
For those that haven’t already heard on the grapevine, the Crotty family are off on an Aussie Adventure next term! Yes, they are heading north and escaping the Melbourne winter! The school wishes the family a great trip, but we hope at least Adam misses us a little bit! We have, this week, appointed Lisa Seymour to step in and work with Coby and Kelly in the 5/6 area.

Education Week 2016
Thank you to the 76 families who braved the weather to have such a great time! Thank you to all the staff who attended. Our school looked amazing! Thank you also to Carly from After the Bell for providing the tea, coffee and biscuits to keep us going.

Comments from the passports from students:

Amazing / It was fun (x 10) / Funnmmmmnnn! / It was fun and exciting / It was fun and I enjoyed it / It was very fun, I liked it / It was a fun night and I learnt some stuff about what the other classes are doing / I enjoyed it (x 2) / This is the best school with the best teachers and the best Principal. P.S. Do I win? (no, Lauryn, you did not win!) / Doing all the questions and seeing all the rooms was fun / It was fun going around to all the classrooms / It was very nice / It was awesome, we had so much fun / It was awesome / We found it interesting seeing all the different classrooms / Awesome piano / I had great fun and the station / Very awesome and fun. I rate it a 1000 out of 10 / My favourite thing was me playing the piano / I found it hard but exciting / I enjoyed looking at my old classroom / Everything was well organized but so weird to see the classrooms so empty / My favourite was seeing my old classroom again / I’m looking forward to coming here (4 year old) / Fun, crowded, nice / I really enjoyed the performances.
Comments from the passports from parents:
Great work everyone, we had fun. / Lots of fun and very informative. Great to see all the kids work / Loved the performances. Very talented kids / I think it was a brilliant evening and a great exercise to walk around the school and look at what the classes are learning. Keep the great effort up / It was awesome / Our family got to have a good discussion on each question, we all had a part to say but got all of our answers. Our baby sister also had a good crack / Congratulations on all the hard work that went into making this such a fantastic night! / Good to see the Junior School / The rooms are very well organized. The children’s drawings are amazing. It was great seeing examples of work, especially in the older grades. / A fun ‘treasure hunt’. The kids have thoroughly enjoyed it. / Some beautiful and talented young singers. The classrooms were full of interest. / Great evening. Our kids loved it, thank you / A great night. Awesome to see all the work the kids have done / In the atrium where the people were singing there were too many distractions so it was hard to hear them sing / A great night as always / It was great to see their work / Well done everybody, thank you teachers / We found it very enjoyable especially when Meg and Wren sang! / Great displays and rooms were well organized. Loved seeing work displayed on tables. The question booklet really kept people moving through the school – great idea / She loved the night because she loves spelling and sounding words out and hunting for clues. It was nice to come as a family too / All the performers were excellent!

Working Bee
A huge thank you to the 8 families who attended the working bee last Saturday afternoon. We had the Patersons - Maudie, Nieve and belle the dog, the Wolstencrofts- Oliver and Samantha, the Oakleys- Callum, Amelia, Amanda, the Groenevelds - Wren and Meg, the O’Connors- Lydia, the Goulds - Layla, Mabel and Archie, and the Robinsons- Bronya and Giselle. Thank you adults and kids!

Despite the low numbers and poor weather lots was done - sand back into sandpits, cut back hydrangeas in front of staff room windows, removed art work from multipurpose room walls, cleared and cleaned the atrium skylight, cleaned the multipurpose room kitchen, removed old computer room shelving, tidied lost property corridor, built our water tank over flows pipe and path drainage so overflow goes to our wetland, and swept paths in 5/6 area.

Trade help from parents
A letter went home last week from us asking for family help in keeping our school tidy and healthy. We asked for such things as sweeping, trimming, whipper-snipping etc.

We are also asking if we have any parents with a trade skill that could be employed at Ferny Creek. For example, plumbers, carpenters, painters, electricians, arborists, locksmiths, carpet layers, etc. could all be called upon within a school year. If you have a skill and are willing to help your school please call Jill on 97551522 or drop in at the office and provide your details. For work outside such things as working bees normal rates would apply.
Trivia Night of FUN
Trivia Night is on again - **23rd July** - it is a great night where parents can socialise and invite other locals to come together to help raise funds for the school. **But how can you help you ask??** We are looking to our school community to provide prizes for silent and major auction items. Anything! New goods that people can purchase on the night, right through to major items like a night at a B&B... use your imagination! ...use your favours! If you have anything you can donate - please email James Edge on mail@flaunt.com.au or 0400 572 281 or see Jill at the office.

Have a great week,
Matthew

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**Buildings & Grounds**

Many thanks to the following families for attending the working bee on Saturday afternoon- remember poor weather is no excuse for not turning up as there is always plenty of inside jobs to do!!!

Laurence
Wolstencroft
Oakley
Groeneveld
O’Connor
Gould
Robinson
Paterson

Special thanks to Andrew Wolstencroft who brought up his excavator and installed the water tank overflow pipework that now means overflow water from the tanks is diverted to the frog bog. Andrew was ably assisted by Steve O’Connor, Sander Groeneveld and Graham Laurence - thanks guys!!!

Thanks also to the Pinniger family for providing the school with truck loads of mulch which is used to top up all the garden beds.

Michael Paterson

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**Attention EnviroKnights!**

There will be a working bee at the Frog Bog next Monday 6 June at lunchtime. Please bring boots, rain jackets (if required) and gardening gloves.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Cath and Sander
Senior EnviroKnights

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Thank you to the Bradford family (Liam 4/5S) for the great donation of books to the Library.
Senior Problem:
Cuboctahedron

ANSWERS:

How many square sides (faces) does the Cuboctahedron have???
= 6

How many triangular sides (faces) does the Cuboctahedron have???
= 8

On a sheet of paper, design a pattern (net) that can be cut and folded to make this solid.

= [Diagram]

Junior Problem:
Triangular Cushions

Is it possible to make a different solid that has just squares and equilateral triangles on its sides (faces)?
= There are other solids that have just squares and equilateral triangles on their faces. One of these is called a Rhombicuboctahedron with 8 triangular and 18 square faces.

These unusual cushions have been made by stitching together ten small triangular cushions to make a larger triangle. Triangular cushions are comfortable for sitting on the floor.

- Suppose you want a larger cushion with an extra row of triangles. How many triangles would this have??
- Imagine a giant version of the cushion with ten rows of triangles. How many small triangles would there be altogether??
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District Manager: Margaret Brooks 0407042748
mbooks@upweycwc.org.au
Unit Leader: Janice Sanderson- 0419501282
http://www.girlscouts.org.au

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OR $31.00 for both

AGE
Attending Primary School

CLOSING DATE
Monday prior to each session
or when maximum numbers are reached

Enrolment Forms available from the Office
or online www.knoxgymnastics.org.au

ATTIRE
shorts or tracksuit pants & t-shirt
(no denim, zips, belts, buckles)
Long hair to be tied up

Make the most of the day, book into the
Board Game program too!
(Those staying for Board Games can bring lunch
and will be supervised from 12-12.30pm)

Gymnastic Skills,
Games and Circuits
No experience necessary!
## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Foundation

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<th>Jodie/Kristy</th>
<th>Tully H: For being so organised every morning when she comes into the classroom. Great job, Tully!</th>
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<td>Ledger E: For the amazing sounding out he has been doing in his writing. Well done, Ledger!</td>
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### Rhian

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<th>Sebastian C: For doing so well with learning his Sparkle words and moving on to the MIOW words. Well done, Seb!</th>
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<td>Blake W: For showing such enthusiasm when we learn new words and sounds, and using them in your own work. Great job, Blake!</td>
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### 1/2 Anna

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<th>Anna</th>
<th>Mitchell H: For his descriptive and detailed haiku poem about Autumn. A great choice of words, Mitch. Well done!!</th>
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<td>Will L: For making very mature and positive choices. You are always first to offer your help to others. Great work, Will!</td>
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### 1/2 Brian

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<th>Liam J: For your quick thinking when answering our maths problems!</th>
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<td>Mabel G: For your creative maths problems that tricked 1/2B!</td>
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### 3/4 Cheryl

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<th>Sam G: For his great use of the thesaurus and other teaching aides to assist him with writing some interesting sentences.</th>
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<td>Keelie G: For your great writing and spelling skills. You always write creative and well structured stories.</td>
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### 3/4 Lynda

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<th>Luca S: For his creative ‘CUP’ presentation of his letter to Doug.</th>
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<td>Will T: For being the Harry Potter crossword WIZARD!</td>
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### 4/5 Samantha

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<th>Samantha</th>
<th>Oliver W: For listening to and sharing different problem solving strategies during iMaths sessions. Fantastic job!</th>
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<td>Molly L: For sharing adjectives, homophones and finished poems during class discussions. Excellent job Molly!</td>
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### 5/6 Adam

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<th>Adam</th>
<th>Viveca K: For your great work in turning our alphabet wall into a word wall so that our class question for education night made sense.</th>
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<td>Jessie T: For the respectful way you interact with staff and students alike and the wonderful level of pride you take in everything you do. Keep up the great work Jessie!!</td>
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### 5/6 Coby/Kelly

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<th>Coby/Kelly</th>
<th>Miles B: For his creative acrostic poem on Autumn and superb use of adjectives in his haiku.</th>
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<td>Chloe R: For her fantastic robot created for T.I.F.F.</td>
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What’s On Next Week in the Ferny Creek OSHC – YEAH SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

Monday
COLLEGE MANIA
Come and join us for Sustainability week. Today we will be collecting items from outside to make a beautiful collage.

Tuesday
NATURE SCRAMBLE
Join us today and play a fun game of Nature Scramble! With a surprise twist on the always fun Fruit Salad!

Wednesday
TURBINE FUN
Today we will be making our very own wind turbines. How fast can we get them to spin?

Thursday
RECYCLE BOWLING
Back by popular demand, today we will be playing Recycled Bowling! Can you get a strike?

Friday
GRASS HEADS
Today we will be making our very own grass heads. Let’s see how long you can grow the grass hair.

KIDS CORNER
Louis, Callum, Bryn, and Lucas showing off their super cool paper planes!

Caitlyn made a rhinoceros out of paper plates to celebrate Zoo week!

Junior Leaders
Congratulations Ashley, Abby, and Tallulah! You were all fantastic Junior Leaders!

Parent News
Dear Parents, Karl will be jet setting in June, but don’t worry she will be back the commencement of Term Four. We wish her a safe journey.

During her jet setting travels we welcome Leith Newns.

Hi my name is Leith Newns, I have my Diploma of Children’s Services and have been working with children for nearly 20 years whether it be in a Child Care centre or as a Nanny. For 5 years I spent time working as a Nanny overseas in Austria and England which was a wonderful experience for my career and personally. I have cared for children aged between 9 months and 15 years. I enjoy caring for children and watching them grow and learn through play. I am a big sports fan whether it is AFL, cricket, netball or rugby. I also play the piano and speak a little German after spending a year in Austria.

I am looking forward to being part of the After The Bell Ferny Creek PS family.

Look forward in meeting you!

Joke of the Week
This week’s joke comes from Mr A in 3/4
Q: What music do cavemen listen to?
A: ROCK music!

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.

CONTACT US
Booking/Cancelation: enrolment@afterthebell.com.au
OSHC contact phone: 0428 258 940
Program Leader - Karl and Leith

Winter is upon us! Please keep bringing your warm jumpers/scarves/gloves/hats - the mornings and afternoons are chilly!

Community News
Vacation Fun
Coming this school holidays
hours of fun and laughter