DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2
30th April – Athletics at Knox
1st May – Movie Night
8th May – Mother's Day Assembly
11th May – Junior School Incursion
  - Toys Over Time
16th May – Working Bee
20th May – Grade 5/6 Excursion to
  the National Gallery
25th May – Pupil Free Day
25th May – Family Life Parent
  Information Night
  Grade 3/4  6-7pm
  Grade 5/6  7.15-8.15pm
26th – 30th May – Education Week
28th May – Open Night
29th May – Pyjama Day
30th May – Trivia Night

“Together we make a Difference!”

PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Reminder for Diaries
Our first pupil free day this year will be Monday May 25th. Please take note of this date.

New Website
I hope you have had an opportunity to look at our new website (http://fernycreekps.vic.edu.au/). Feedback and suggestions are most welcome.

Three Way Parent/Student Teacher Feedback
We are very interested in how you felt this went. I will be asking teachers and students for their thoughts and would like some feedback from the Mums and Dads who attended. Stay tuned!

Education Week 2015
Our Ferny Creek Education Week celebrations are from Tuesday (after Pupil Free Day) 26th May to Friday 29th May. A key feature of Education Week is to open up schools to their communities to provide the opportunity to see all the exciting activities and programs that happen on a regular basis. I am very proud of many great things about our school and look forward to showing these to our current parent community and their families, and to potential students of our school.

During our week we will have:

- An Open Morning on Wednesday 27th May. Parents, friends, relatives are invited to come into their children's classrooms and witness our school at work on a normal morning.
- Wednesday 27th May, 9am-9.45am, 2016 Foundation students attending a 'Teddy Bears Picnic', games and songs session. Parents are invited to partake in a school tour by the Principal while this is on.
- Thursday 28th May, Open Night 6.00pm – 8.00pm
**Principal’s Blog Continued...**

- **Friday 29th May, Pyjama Day.** All Ferny Creek PS to dress in pyjamas and share favourite books with teachers’ and students from all over the school.

**NAPLAN Dates:**
The National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2015 will take place in the week beginning 11th May. Our teachers and children have already been engaged in some preparation and trial activities, which they will continue to take part in, at the beginning of this term. Once NAPLAN has been completed, individual reports will be forwarded to parents later in the year (usually late term 3 or early term 4) and we will have access to both individual and group data to assist our planning and teaching strategies.

I need to strongly stress that this is only a small part of the assessment profile gathered on students and should be viewed as such. It will provide parents, and staff, with a snapshot of student’s achievements but should not be seen as a definitive or comprehensive assessment.

Two items to note in our newsletter this week:

1. **Our School Captains Blog.** This will appear fortnightly and will give you an insight as to what’s happening in our school from our students’ point of view.

2. The launching of our **Junior School Council.** Another very important group that will give our students further voice in their school.

Have a wonderful week everybody,
Matthew
Hello parents, guardians, teachers, and students. What a great start to the year we’ve had! Everyone seems to have settled into term 2 well, and we’ve got some great things planned. This week, we have the movie night, and we have some fun days coming up (pyjama day on Friday the 29th May, and crazy hair day on the 18th of June), Mother’s Day on May 10th, 5/6 art excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria, and a pupil free day on May the 25th.

Environment
The frog bog should be filling up by the end of this term, with hopefully a few frogs in it! The school ground is going well, along with nice little shoots sprouting out of the leafy ground. We also have a working bee coming up on the 16th of May, and we’d like as many parents and guardians as possible to help.

Sports
Well done to everyone for their efforts on house sports day, and a huge thanks to all the parent helpers, who stayed throughout the constant rain and made the day such a success. Congratulations to Yarra house for taking out the points on the day, and good luck to everyone going on the next stage of interschool sports.

That’s all for now, and the school captains will be doing an entry every fortnight.

Thanks,
Ashton and Ella

Junior School Council
Junior School Council met for the first time on Wednesday this week at lunch time. The purpose of Junior School Council was discussed with students and the various roles and responsibilities they may take on throughout the year were also outlined. Junior School Councillors will be speaking to their respective grades over the next week and reporting back any issues, ideas or feedback in two weeks’ time. This information will be used to inform future fundraising efforts or campaigns.
Joni W: For having settled in so well to school life and being such an enthusiastic learner! Well done, Joni.

Jack G: For being such a fantastic reader and really starting to think about what you’re reading. Keep it up Jack.

Eliza B: For her excellent writing after our Autumn walk and the presentation of her published writing.

Malachy O’S: For his excellent start to school life and his very mature work habits.

Thomas P: For his cooperation in class and his fair play in sports.

Lily P: For her hard work, cooperation and positive attitude.

Due to Anna’s absence there are no stars of the week.

Polly P: For working enthusiastically in all areas of her work and showing improvement in her maths skills.

Liam B: For being an enthusiastic reader and trying hard in all areas of his work.

Marley K: For working carefully and thoughtfully on all his work.

Ruby C: For all her excellent work on her Anzac project.

Kyan D: For your fantastic project on Leo Regan your Great, Great, Great Uncle. Your poster was beautifully presented and you included lots of interesting artefacts. Well Done!

Miles B: For your wonderful project on Charles Blackburn. While it was a bit of a last minute effort, you should be very proud of the poster you created and the information you presented.

Jessica D: For doing an outstanding job on your ANZAC project. You created a real family treasure that will hopefully last for years.

India J: For doing an outstanding job on your ANZAC project. The time, effort and creativity you put into it was admirable.

Eva G: For her wonderful visualisation illustration based on the ANZAC Day poem. Great work!

Jeremy K: For always visualising as he reads and proving this with such an enticing illustration based on “The Little Refugee”. Well done!
Entertainment Books 2015-2016 are in school this week.

Make sure you don’t miss out as we have only ordered a set amount in. There is book at the Office for you to look through if you are not sure whether to order one for yourself or not.

2015/2016 Melbourne Entertainment Books cost $65 each. Please complete and return order forms sent home last week or place your order directly online via the email sent through to your inbox last week.

Books can also be purchased directly from the Office.

Ferny Creek Primary School is registered for the 2015 Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is for all Victorian children from early childhood through to students in Year 10.

The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Challenge begins at the start of the 2015 school year and officially ends on 14 September 2015. Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or experience 30 books during this period. ‘Experiencing’ a book can include a range of classroom or home activities such as a class reading of a big book, shared reading, listening and reading along with a text and being read to. Students can share their reading with parents, teachers, aides, siblings, student buddies or classmates. Students in Years 3 to 6 who accept the Challenge must read 15 books during this period. Some books must be selected from the book lists available on the Challenge site.

Consent is required for a student to participate in the Challenge. Parents must complete and sign the Consent form to participate in the Challenge. Parents must also sign the Consent form for the names of successful students to be published in the online Premiers’ Reading Challenge Honour Roll. Consent forms will be available from the office.

Students who have previously registered and participated in the Premiere’s Reading Challenge can still use their previous username and password. These have been reallocated to their current class. Your child's classroom teacher will have a copy of this.

Movie Night message:

The Fundraising Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the grade 3/4 parents who have put their hands up to assist on the night and/or make up lolly bags, collate monies/tickets etc etc. Your response was overwhelming. Thank you!
The Week That Was
Last week (week 2) we celebrated the season of Autumn! We made beautiful autumn leaf sun catchers and collected leaves and twigs from outside to create beautiful pictures with. We even went outside in the Autumn sun to collect chestnuts that we painted and turned into pets! We had a lot of fun!

This Week’s Program
We commemorated ANZAC day by making poppies. It was great to see everyone sharing their knowledge about the day and what it means to them. We’ve also been learning about Insects! Outside with magnifying glasses, we were surprised at how many different species of we found! We are looking forward to making dragon flies and playing Butterfly Treasures with our friends! We have been very busy bee’s!

The Upcoming Week
The theme is Intergalactic Space Race! The week will be filled with fun space theme craft such as creating your own rocket and space ship for NASA and imagining what life would be like on different planets as we recreate the solar system in our room! Book in now and be sure to join us for a week that will be out of this world!

Reminders....
We love meeting new friends and welcoming new families to our program! Please feel free to come by the OSHC room and see what we get up to!

Don’t forget to bring a hat to OSHCare!

Cooking Club This Week
This week in cooking club we made pancakes! They were delicious and we enjoyed putting all sorts of toppings on them! Next week join us on Thursday to make a cake in a mug! Yum! The mini pizzas we cooked were delicious!

Joke of the Week
This weeks joke is from Camille 1/2K
Q: What do you do with an old bicycle? A: Re-cycle it!

Kids Corner
“This week we looked out for things that are to do with autumn. We made autumn leaf sun catchers and searched for autumn leaves outside. We tried to find chestnuts but did not find any. We look forward to looking at insects next week and space.’ By Camille

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