Dear Parents and Friends,

Grade structures
Ferny Creek Primary School would like welcome Jodie Benedick to our staff. Last week I mentioned that we were looking for a Junior School (Foundation) experienced teacher. Jodie is a very experienced teacher in this area and is also an expert in Early Years’ Literacy. She will be a wonderful (part time) addition to our Foundation Team. I also mentioned last week how our grades were to be structured for 2016. For those who missed the news we are again having 9 classes; two Foundation Years, 2 year 1/2 classes, two 3/4 classes, one 4/5 class and two 5/6 classes. We will also be running Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Japanese and Kitchen Garden (Foundation to Year 2).

I can now put teachers to these teams:
- **Foundation**: Rhian, Kristy and Jodie
- **Year 1/2**: Anna and Brian
- **Year 3/4**: Cheryl, Lynda, Doug
- **Year 4/5**: Samantha
- **Year 5 and 6**: Adam, Coby and Kelly

**Music**: Melody
**P.E.**: Doug
**Visual Art**: Helen
**Japanese**: Toshi
**Kitchen Garden**: Tanya

Student Transition
Throughout each child's school journey the various stages of transition create periods of change for both the child and their family. This can be both exciting and challenging. The aim of our transition program is to support each child to make this as smooth as possible. Student transition is most successful when:

a) Each child’s sense of belonging is strong
b) Families approach this change with a positive attitude
c) Students are supported to see the positives and have the wonderings explained

The following is our transition timetable:

Transition Sessions for 2016
Session One – Monday 7th December
Meet with current teachers. General chat/circle time about what students are expecting/looking forward to in the following year, as well as the opportunity to discuss any wonderings and get to know the classmates at your new level.

December 8th - Year 6 students’ orientation day at secondary colleges.

Session Two – Tuesday 15th December
Meet your new teachers. Look at general classroom organization that occurs in that year level. Talk about highlights from that particular year level such as camps, incursions etc. so that students can gain a visual picture of types of activities that occur in that year level.

Christmas Concert Thursday 10th December
This is a wonderful tradition for us at Ferny Creek. All families are strongly encouraged to attend and be part of this fun evening celebration of 2015.

5.00pm food and drinks will be on sale.
6.15pm our school bands and others will begin performing.
6.45pm all children to be sitting with their grade in the allocated area. Children must stay with their grade until the concert is finished. As this is a celebration for our children to share with their families, we are not selling alcohol during the concert performance.
6.45pm drinks will stop being sold
7.00pm concert begins

There has been a roster sent home for volunteers to help on the night, we need lots of support for this event. We are also running a cake stall which has proved very popular in the past.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea
On Wednesday 16th December, between 10.40am and 11.30am, we invite all parents and friends who have helped Ferny Creek in any capacity over the past twelve months to a thank you morning tea!
It has been a massive year with parents involved in Pirates of the Curry Bean, Hoop time and other sporting teams, Athletics Day, Reading Improvement Program in Year’s 1 and 2, Reading Enrichment Program in Years 3 and 4, Fundraising groups, classroom helpers, etc. etc. etc!!!! We genuinely appreciate your assistance in making our students lives that little bit richer. Please, please try to get to school and let us say thank you by providing morning tea for you. You will receive an invitation from your class teacher, but if for some reason you don’t, please consider this an invitation!

Leadership Speeches
Our Year Five students will be presenting their School Captain speeches to the staff in the near future. This is a nervous time for the students and an exciting time for the staff. We do genuinely look forward to these speeches and I know we will again be blown away by
School Crossing:  
Diane Garsed

Uniform Shop:  
Tuesday 8:50 - 9:30am  
Lease Robinson

Library:  
Beth Byrne

Buildings & Grounds:  
Michael Paterson  
mpaterson@probuild.com.au

School Banking:  
Tuesday  
Lease Robinson

Costume Hire:  
Sarah Jennings

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Deadline by Wednesday 1pm  
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terry.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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their quality! Following this we will then decide on our two 2016 captains and make the official announcement at our final assembly. Good luck all year fives making a speech!

The Final Countdown!

- 7th December, Monday: Whole school transition
- 7th December, Monday: Quicksmart Party
- 8th December, Tuesday: Reading Improvement Party
- 8th December, Tuesday: School Council
- 9th December, Wednesday: 3/4 Picnic Day
- **10th December, Thursday:**
  - **Christmas Concert**
- 11th December, Friday: F-2 Swimming last day
- 14th December, Monday: Year 5 and 6 excursion, all day
- 15th December, Tuesday: Year 6 Graduation, 6pm onwards
- 16th December, Wednesday: Parent Helpers Thank You Morning Tea, 10.40am
- 16th December, Wednesday: Junior School Christmas Party
- 17th December, Thursday: **last day for students**, 1.30pm dismissal
- 18th December, Friday: Pupil Free Day
- 25th December: Thursday: **Happy Christmas!!!**

Have great week everyone,  
Matthew

### Buildings and Grounds

**Many thanks to the following families who participated in the working bee on Saturday:**  
Gladkoff (Casper and Felix)  
Lawrence (Talia and Bailey)  
Nash (Lucy)  
Jim Green (Grandfather of Keelie)

A larger turnout was hoped for to allow us to present the school grounds in a better light at the upcoming end of term Christmas concert but with such a small turnout we could not get round to all jobs that require to be done – if any parents have a spare hour or so prior to the event it would be much appreciated as there is still a fair bit of brush cutting and general weeding required to be done.

Also thanks to Marc Barlow for completing the recent mowing too the oval and rear grass areas.

And also a thank you to Alex Pinniger for providing the mulch for the staff car park garden beds.

Best wishes for the festive season,  
Michael Paterson
“STARS OF THE WEEK”

**Foundation R**
- Milly M: For being such a hard-working, friendly and well-mannered member of our classroom. Thank you, Milly.
- Finn C: For always trying his best and for great listening and focusing during carpet time. Well done, Finn.

**Foundation/1 JN**
- Bobby D-H: For using his best concentration skills in the classroom. Great job!
- Charlotte A: For consistently listening to and following instructions. Well done!

**1/2 Kelly/Alison**
- Maddie G: For your resilience and positive attitude, well done Maddie!
- Grace M: For your enthusiastic approach to all classroom tasks. The other students love working with you.

**1/2 Anna**
- Lewis F: For his hardworking, enthusiastic attitude in Veggie Patch. You are a great helper in the garden, Lewis.
- Todd P: For displaying an enthusiastic attitude towards his passion project on Christmas beetles. You’ve done a great job, Todd!

**3/4 Cheryl**
- Aurora E: For displaying responsibility in finding something important in the playground and taking it to a safe place.
- Elly J: For always staying focused on her tasks and displaying consistent behaviour and respect for others.

**3/4 Heather**
- Mera P: For her fabulous work ethic never giving up and requesting more work.
- Anna H: For great work habits ignoring distractions going on around her.

**4/5 Adam**
- Talia L: For your wonderful speech on “Why You Should Own a Pet!” Your speech was informative and you made great use of eye contact and your voice to engage your audience. Well Done!!
- Bronya R: For your animated speech on “Why Marshmallows are the Best Sweets.” You confidently delivered your speech and used your voice and gestures to effectively engage your audience.

**5/6 Allen**
- Charlotte R: For writing a convincing speech on why homework is bad. You clearly convinced your classmates but I’m not so sure…
- Robert B: For writing a thought-provoking speech on the benefits of welcoming Syrian refugees into Australia. You blew me away!

**5/6 Coby/Kristy**
- Chloe R: For having such a positive attitude towards her schooling and life!
- Charlotte M: For an entertaining IMovie about renewable energy!

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**Riding to School Bus Guide**

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*Please note that times are approximate and may vary considerably.*

Adam and Doug
Allen is heading back to Canada at the end of the school year so he needs to sell their family vehicle. Here are some details:

2005 Ford Territory TX, Rear wheel drive, white exterior, grey cloth interior, 7-seater, 6 cylinders, 4.0 Litre, automatic, 12.2 L/100km, 194 000kms.

One careful owner prior to us buying it this year, regularly serviced, a couple thousand dollars’ worth of maintenance done prior to us buying it (the usual things that need replacing on a 10-year-old vehicle like seals, brakes, etc) so you shouldn't have to do any work on it, new tyres, clean inside and out, a few minor nicks from regular wear and tear. Registration paid until March.

Please keep in mind that it isn't available until the last week of school. Reduced to $7500. All serious offers considered.

Contact Allen at 0476 169 342 for more pictures or any questions.

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Gingerbread House

Come and see the amazing Gingerbread House that is for sale in the Office. It looks so yummy, and would look great on your table on Christmas Day!

The tickets are $2 each. All the money raised will buy presents to put under the K-Mart wishing tree for disadvantaged children.

The lucky winner will be drawn at the Ferny Creek Christmas Concert. Thank You so much.

From Tallulah Hawkins 3/4 C.
## What's On Next Week?

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<td>Come indoors this afternoon and let’s create our very own octopus to take home!</td>
<td>We are making pin animals with lots of colour, and we’ll be wearing them at OSHC.</td>
<td>We are making dice animals: every animal will equal to an amount of steps to take in board games.</td>
<td>Let’s get creative and make fruit people this afternoon using fresh served fruit … followed by eating them!</td>
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### KIDS CORNER

- **Pancakes for breakfast!**
- **Playing Chinese whispers.**
- The children finding an interesting bug in the front playground.

Our Junior Leaders were: **Summer B., Ashley J., Nic B. and Adam C.**

### Cooking Club

We’ll be making Fruit Smoothies on Wednesday.
Great for Summer!

### Joke of the Week

**Q:** Why did the clown go to the doctor?  
**A:** Because he was feeling about funny…

### After The Bell News

**January Vacation Care** 4/1/16 – 27/1/16 (at Emerald Region) and **Pre-Christmas Vacation Care** (at Mater Christi) bookings 21/12/15 – 24/12/15 are now available online at [www.afterthebell.com.au](http://www.afterthebell.com.au)
And don’t forget to Re-enrol for 2016!

### FEEDBACK

We welcome any feedback or suggestion of things that your children are interested in so that we can develop the program to meet the needs of you and your children.

### ENROLMENT AND BOOKINGS

We always welcome new faces to Before and After Care!  
2015 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 will be happy to help you out with the process.

### CONTACTS

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