Dear Parents and Friends,

Billy Cart Derby
What a night!! Great weather as well!!!! No broken bones or blood and fun was had by all. This is a truly iconic school event for Ferny Creek. A huge thanks to Rhian Jessop and all the parents who coordinated the event! Thank you to Doug McKay, Michael Patterson and Ian Sykes and their team – the set up was again brilliant! Thanks also to our clean up people.

I would also like to thank our teachers and support staff who stayed for part or all of the event. It is above and beyond the call of duty! The children love seeing you there.

Most importantly it was a fantastic social event. It was terrific to see so many foundation, year one and year two students with such wonderfully decorated bikes and scooters. The ‘racers’ certainly had
FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phone: 9755 1522  Fax: 9755 2493,  
School Road, Ferny Creek,  
Victoria 3786  

Web:  
www.fernycreekps.vic.edu.au  

Email:  
ferny.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au  

Banking Details  
Account: Ferny Creek Primary School  
Bank: CBA  
BSB: 063 414  
Acc Number: 10022451  

Office Hours  
Monday - Friday  
8.30am - 4pm  

Principal:  
Matthew Coyle  
coyle.matthew.j@edumail.vic.gov.au  

Business Manager:  
Jill Heathcote  
ferny.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au  

School Council President:  
Kate Whyman  
whyman.kate.k@edumail.vic.gov.au  

Promotion & PR:  
Rhian Jessop  
ferny.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au  

Education, Policy & Planning:  
Matthew Coyle  
coyle.matthew.j@edumail.vic.gov.au  

Minimum Absence = Maximum Learning Opportunity

Some absences are impossible to avoid. Genuine illness, bereavement, etc. are examples of the acceptable reasons for a child being absent. However, every time a child is late for school or absent from school the child’s learning progress is disrupted. Most teaching is sequential—what is taught and learned today is the foundation that enables the children to understand and master what is taught tomorrow. It is usually harder for a child to catch up on work missed, than to master it when it is being taught in class. To avoid disadvantaging your student parents should minimise absences by:

- Arranging doctor and dentist appointments out of school hours where possible
- Develop in your child the habit of being on time to school each day by making sure they get there on time - no excuses
- Ensuring that personal shopping trips for your child occur out of school hours
- Not allowing children to remain at home for minor / frivolous reasons
- Arrange for birthday celebrations, etc., to occur out of school hours

Please remember to provide a written explanation of any absences to your child’s teacher when they return to school. There is also an absence form on our new Tiqbiz.

School Uniform

It is very pleasing to see our children in school uniform. Our school mantra 'together we make a difference' is all about teamwork and achieving together. I would like to thank all parents for making the effort to ensure our compulsory uniform policy is followed. Jewellery (except Studs and sleepers) is not permitted.
Foyer Traffic
Lots of children (and parents) are still using the school foyer as a walk through to the classrooms. Please remember that children can only come into the foyer before school to deliver something to the office or to put their lunch order in the box. After school is the same (minus the lunch order). Please encourage your children to exit the building by the appropriate doors and use the pathway to exit the school.

After School Monitoring of Students
Many children are still crossing the road and playing under the trees (one or two even climbing them) until their parents arrive. Please instruct them to wait behind the school fence until you arrive. They may then cross the road. This area is not under supervision and to have students playing so close to a car park is fraught with danger!

Jim Asimakopoulos - Citizen of the Year
Tomorrow is another very special assembly. Jim sponsors our Citizen of the Year Award. This is to go to a Current Year 6 student who is not a School Captain and has shown over their years at the school, especially their Year 5 year, a fantastic attitude to their classmates, their teachers and their school. We will also hear from Ryan Jewell, our recipient last year. I’m sure it will be a thrill for our new Year 6 students to hear from Ryan again.

Next week will be our presentation assembly for our school’s Student Leaders. James Merlino will again be our special guest.

Have great weekend and see you all next week,
Matthew

Last year, we ran a very successful clothing recycling drive. Through this drive, you are invited to bring in any unwanted clothes, shoes, handbags, linen or soft toys. These are reused/donated to developing countries. As and additional incentive, our school earns 25 cents for every kilo collected. It also gives you the opportunity to actually have a ‘clean out’!

We will be running this drive twice this year – one at the end of this term (bags will be sent home with your child for filling over the Easter break) and another early in Term 4. Each child will be given a bag to bring home but we also accept additional bag-loads using just ordinary bin bags (if you wanted to start collecting now.)

Bags will be collected at the school during the first two weeks of Term 2.
"STARS OF THE WEEK"

Foundation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Student Name</th>
<th>Comments</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jodie/Kristy</td>
<td>Ella P</td>
<td>For showing the Foundation students her baby chicks and explaining the 'ch' sound. Thanks Ella.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rhian</td>
<td>Gemma G</td>
<td>For great sounding out of her words when writing. Great job Gemma.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2 Anna</td>
<td>Olive D</td>
<td>For always trying her best and using our classroom practices all the time. Well done Olive.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2 Brian</td>
<td>Leo M</td>
<td>For such a fantastic start to your school life. Thank you for using your looking eyes and listening ears.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4 Cheryl</td>
<td>Due to Anna's absence there will be no stars of the week for 1/2A.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4 Lynda</td>
<td>Liam J</td>
<td>For settling into good work habits, by being organised and focussed in class.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Chloe K</td>
<td>For displaying excellent work habits, by listening well to instructions and then applying herself to the task.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/5 Samantha</td>
<td>Finn O'S</td>
<td>For always being considerate and respectful and using his initiative to assist in any way in the classroom.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Ashley J</td>
<td>For making a concerted effort in all areas and showing improved work habits.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6 Adam</td>
<td>Ellie R</td>
<td>For being a responsible leader in the classroom and always being respectful of others.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6 Coby/Kelly</td>
<td>Nicholas B</td>
<td>For his amazing focus in class and always completing tasks to a high standard.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mason C</td>
<td>For sharing his brilliant vocab sentence with the class, using the word 'treacherous'. Excellent job!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Emma H</td>
<td>For sharing and using fantastic sentence starters in her persuasive writing. Well done!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Leuwin R-D</td>
<td>For the wonderful knowledge you have demonstrated in each of the mathematical concepts we have covered this year.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bridget H</td>
<td>For the respectful way you conduct yourself both in the classroom and school yard and the great level of pride you take in everything you do.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Eva G</td>
<td>For taking the initiative to build a hologram projector for her iPad. You also found and explored an app to do this with. Well done Eva!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Miles B</td>
<td>For being a sensible and active participant in our spelling mini-lesson. Well done Miles.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Riding to School Bus Guide

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Leave Sassy Village Green</td>
<td>8.00am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hilton Road</td>
<td>8.15am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horse Paddock</td>
<td>8.25am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laubes Lane</td>
<td>8.35am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Top of School Road</td>
<td>8.40am</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

Adam and Doug
The "Tomato Farm Run" is on!

Saucing Tomatoes are in abundance right now! These little red rippers are organic and come farm direct from Koo Wee Rup. Available in 10kg bulk boxes. Buy for yourself or team up with some friends to share! Produce is ripe and may have some blemishes - just perfect for making passata, chutney or tomato sauce!

Orders are now open and will close 12noon on Saturday. Delivery will be to your nominated hub on Friday 11th March (afternoon).

Thanks to our local supporters, pick up locations will be offered at The Patch Store, Menzies Creek Primary School, Coonara Community House and Ferny Creek Primary School. To order, jump on to the Farm Foodstore online shop at https://openfoodnetwork.org.au/farm-foodstore/shop

Boxes are $30 each
Credit Card payment is available at the time of online checkout
Deliveries will be in the afternoon
What’s On Next Week?

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday 7th</th>
<th>Tuesday 8th</th>
<th>Wednesday 9th</th>
<th>Thursday 10th</th>
<th>Friday 11th</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Create some fantastic images as you use leaves to print your patterns onto paper! You'll be amazed.</td>
<td>Join us today to make and decorate your own Autumn tree by simply using dots!</td>
<td>Book in now and join us today for our super fun Autumn theme scavenger hunt!</td>
<td>Today we will be creating some beautiful Autumn inspired nature pictures. Explore high and low!</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Kids Corner**

- **Maebh and Abby** having a great time together playing with the kinetic sand!
  - **Summer** worked very hard to create her delicious fruit rocket! It looks yummy!
  - **Violet** made a lovely sun catcher with some pom poms on it that create a cheerful face!
  - **Oliver** opened and ran a candy store! He was a fantastic salesman!

Congratulations to **Ashley, Finley** and **Charlotte**! You all were fantastic junior leaders.

**Joke of the Week**

March/April Vacation Care Bookings are now available online for this Program, or maybe one nearby. Go to www.afterthebell.com.au

**Cooking Club**

On Friday we’ll be making fruity jungle juice!

Yum yum.

**Reminder**

Keep remembering to bring your hat to before and after school care during term 1 so we can have lots of sun-safe fun in the sun!

**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! 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 will be happy to help you out with the process.

**Contacts**

Booking/Cancelation: enrolment@afterthebell.com.au

OSHC: 0428 258 940

Karli – Program Leader