DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2
8th June – Queens Birthday
10th June – Adam Wallace
12th June – Crazy Hair Day
17th June – Japanese Day
19th June – Foundation Transition
19th June – Disco Night
22nd June – Soiree
26th June – Last day of term
2.30pm Finish

Parents and Friends of Ferny Creek PS

Next meeting:
Friday 12th June, 2-3.30pm in the staff room.

Bring some afternoon tea to share (if you fancy)

New members always welcome!
Hope to see you there.
If you want to know more or you're keen to join in but can't make this meeting feel free to contact Bek Cranmer (0434 602 268) or Becky Barlow (0407 841 363)

"Together we make a Difference!"

PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

Education Week
Thank you to all who attended, performed or helped during last week’s Education Week. Our Open Morning was great fun as we had our future Foundation students here for a Teddy Bear Activities Morning. Our Open Night on Thursday was again a big hit. We had over 100 families (including lots of grandparents) exploring all our classrooms to complete the booklet.

Congratulations to the Hansom (Saskia and Finn) and the Greens (Jack and Maddy) on being the lucky ‘History Hamper’ winners. Our musical students performed beautifully throughout the night in many parts of the school and the evening concluded with a performance from our school choir. They were terrific! The following morning (Friday) we had a very relaxed and calm assembly and then all dispersed in mixed aged groups to different parts of the school to read our favourite stories to each other – in our pyjamas of course! Wow, what a week it was! Thank you everybody!

2016 Foundation Enrolments
Even though it is only June we are getting extremely busy with enrolments for 2016. With all the current confirmed enrolments plus the families that have toured or attended our open night, we have had contact with over 40 families. We realise that all won’t attend our school but it does indicate the interest in our school and the shopping around that families do before making what is the very important decision of where to enrol their child. There are also some families from our local preschools that we are yet to hear from but believe have indicated that they will be coming to us. Please, could current parents who have siblings attending our school next year enrol soon so we can begin some real planning for our 2016 year?
**PRINCIPAL’S BLOG CONTINUED...**

**Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge – 2015**
A reminder that, again in 2015, Ferny Creek Primary School will, once again, be participating in the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge has begun and officially ends in early September. Children from Foundation to Year 2 will endeavour to read 30 books (at least 20 from the reading list and 10 of their own choice) and Years 3 to 6 will try to read 15 books (10 or more from the list).

**Medications At School**
I’d like to remind everybody that if your child is required to take medication during the school day this needs to be organised through the school office. That way we are able to keep track of and record when medications have been administered.

**A Reminder about our Uniform**
Please ensure that your children are dressed in our approved items of school uniform and that all items are clearly named. If you are unclear about our policy please find a copy on our school website. Also remind your students that they are responsible for looking after their tops and jackets. We find them around the school on a daily basis! I have noticed that many girls are wearing leggings and tights that are not black in colour. Long hair should always be tied back and we ask that all hair ribbons etc. are either black or red. No jewellery please! Thank you for supporting us in having all the students looking great at all times.

**A Message to our 2015 Foundation Families - 2015 Australian Early Development Census**
The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national census that builds a picture of the health and wellbeing of children as they start their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used results from the AEDC to help provide the right kinds of services, resources and support.

In May 2015, teachers will collect information about children in their first year of full-time school for the census. While individual children’s names are recorded, individual children and schools are not identified in the final results. With the support of parents/carers and schools we can build a more complete picture of childhood development in Australia. Participation in the census is voluntary: parents/carers only have to notify the school if they choose not to have their children included.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au)

Have a wonderful week everybody,
Matthew
Frog Bog repair session

The frog bog seems to have sprung a leak and developed a rock core!

A small working bee is scheduled for after assembly on Friday to find the hole and put the rocks back where they should be.

Bring gumboots and gloves and lend a hand for an hour.

Parking Issues at the School Crossing

Last week the Yarra Ranges By-Laws Officer (Parking Inspector) visited the crossing at afternoon pick-up time following concerns raised by the school and parents.

The issue of parking in front of the car park between the Entry and Exit signs was deemed illegal as it is classified as a FOOTPATH. He observed pedestrians, sometimes children without a parent; negotiate a safe passage past parked vehicles. Parking here is not only illegal but discourteous to our fellow school community families who use this footpath.

He will be patrolling the crossing and as he stated, will issue infringement notices for parking on a footpath.

Once again, thank you for your patience and courtesy towards me as we head into wintry weather.

By observing the rules we can keep our children and pedestrians safe.

Cheers,
Diane
**STARS OF THE WEEK**

**Foundation R**
- **Mataya P:** For practising her Sparkle words and trying her best with her reading. Well done Mataya.
- **Lachlan J:** For trying his best to focus on his work and improve his behaviour this week. Keep it up Lachlan!

**Foundation/1 JN**
- **William H:** For his focus during Guided Reading sessions.
- **Noah G:** For his fantastic effort in all learning tasks.

**1/2 Kelly/Alison**
- **Alexis R:** For her hard work on all tasks and her positive attitude in class.
- **Bailey L:** For being a good friend and always including others.

**1/2 Anna**
- **Mitchell H:** For improving his effort with his reading and becoming an enthusiastic reader. Well done Mitch! Keep it up.
- **Ryder E:** For taking on extra responsibilities in the classroom and demonstrating an improvement in taking responsibility for his own actions. Good work, Ryder!

**3/4 Cheryl**
- **Luca S:** For his enthusiasm for writing poetry and for creating a fantastic poem.+
- **Xavier M:** For his positive attitude to learning and trying hard to complete his work.

**3/4 Heather**
- **Hamish S:** For having a go at improving his maths by doing extra work and listening carefully to instructions.
- **Ned F:** For being an enthusiastic learner. Trying extra hard to learn his tables. Well done Ned.

**4/5 Adam**
- **Joe G:** For your focused efforts during Veggie Patch. It is amazing to see what you can achieve in a session and the quality of your workmanship. You should make a brilliant landscape gardener when you are older!!
- **Bronya R:** For your fantastic Fractured Fairy Tale ‘What you think you know about Goldilocks’. You put a modern spin on an old classic. Well Done!!

**5/6 Allen**
- **Kieren L:** For showing exceptional sportsmanship and skills during Inter-School Sports day. You were a stand out all day!
- **Dan M:** For showing exceptional leadership and sportsmanship during Inter-School Sports day. It was very impressive!

**5/6 Coby/Kristy**
- **Jessica C:** For the fantastic leadership qualities she showed during Open Night. A great performance too. Well done Jess.
- **Jeremy K:** For fantastic insight and mature contributions to recent class discussions about human rights. Well done Jez.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Listen to what everyone has to say.*

*Ben*
Farm Foodstore Food Hub

Local, fresh and seasonal produce from the paddock to playground!

Farm Foodstore has teamed up with the South East Food Hub to bring fresh, seasonal produce from the farm gate to local communities each week.

The Farm Foodstore Food Hub project aims to establish an innovative, school based hub network for access to locally produced and sustainable produce. The project aspires to encourage increased fruit and vegetable consumption within your primary school, through partnerships with local farmers, grocers and community based organisations. The project also intends to increase transparency in the food system and raise awareness about where our food comes from.

How do I get involved?
Online orders are available every week from 9am Tuesday to 12noon Friday at the Farm Foodstore shop: www.openfoodnetwork.org.au/farm-foodstore/shop

When do I collect my order?
Produce can be collected from Ferny Creek PS (school foyer) on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm.

A percentage of proceeds are re-invested back into the school community through donations to support food education programs. This is a project in partnership with Ferny Creek Primary School, the South East Food Hub and Open Food Network.

Farm Foodstore – Supporting local farmers and communities
The Week That Was

Last week we explored prehistoric times in 'Dinosaur Week'! We turned into dinosaurs by making hats with spikes that ran all the way down our spines and got creative and made triceratops out of patty pans and egg cartons! We also had time to practice our dinosaur ROAR!

This Week's Program

We jump down the rabbit hole for 'OSHCare in Wonderland'! We have had so much fun making Mad hats, cheshire cat grins, and card soldiers fit for the Queen of Hearts! We are looking forward to making Alice in Wonderland themed puppets and making a puppet show! Book in quick to join us for this fun activity!

The Upcoming Week

Next week (week 9) we will be going on a Jungle Safari! We will be creating animals, making pictures from nature, and decorating the room to look like a jungle! We will also be playing fun games like Monkey Relay and Jungle Stomp! Book in now! You'll have so much fun you'll be swinging from the trees!

Joke of the Week

This week's joke comes from Kai in 1/2A.
Q: Why did the whale cross the road?
A: To get to the other tide!

Kids Corner

“We did origami week and dinosaur week and made triceratops we also made paper airplanes. We had an awesome day outside and we had a long time outside”.
By Xavier

July Vacation Care Program

Our next Holiday Program has just been released!
Mater Christi need their sports stadium this holiday, so we will be holding our program in the hall next door and we are super excited because its heated!!
Don’t miss out on an awesome experience to Circus Oz or Inflatable World! Come and enjoy many exciting days including Arcade Mega Fun Day, Winter Thrill Day complete with snow, Pyjama Party and many more. Flyers are available in the OSHC room or on the website! Book now as some days have limited places!!

Families with current enrolments can book online now!

For new enrolments please contact our Head Office
9758 6744 | enrolment@oshcare4kids.com.au | www.oshcare4kids.com.au
Today the EnviroKnights had a very special treat with an impromptu visit from Melbourne Water's bug specialist, Eddie Tysrilin, to talk about what bugs we have in our creek. It seems Ferny Creek is home to some amazing creatures including anthropods, burrowing crayfish and the very special Dandenong burrowing crayfish which can only be found in our neighbourhood. We got to see some anthropods that Eddie and Diane (from DELWP) brought with them and talked about how we can trap some crayfish to learn more about the creek in Term 3.

Deb A