DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3
7th August – Letterland Party for Foundation students
8th August – Working Bee
10th August – Production Photos
12th August – Communication Forum at 7pm
18th August – Prep Transition
19th August – Hooptime Years 1/2
21st August – Hooptime Years 3/4
21st August – Daffodil Day and Jeans 4 Genes Day
1st & 2nd September – Production
4th September – Father’s Day Assembly
16th September – Hooptime Years 5/6

“Together we make a Difference!”

PRINCIPAL’S BLOG

Dear Parents and Friends,

News from the Curry Beaners!
We now have 4 weeks left to be ready. Rehearsals are in full swing.

- Senior students with character roles are practising every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Costumes are nearing completion and we will begin cast photos next Monday.
- We are planning on using our pre production pictures to produce a glossy program. Thank you Jane (Sarah and Polly’s Mum) for sourcing the printing of the program.
- We have also engaged the services of Brian Baker to produce a video of the production.
- Emma Jennings, Doug and Cheryl are almost done with sets and props.
- Melody is teaching every grade their musical item, and various teachers and volunteers are developing dances for each grade.
- Tickets are organised and go on sale Tuesday August 11th. Limit of 4 per family.

Please see full page flyer for further details!

Communication Forum
A key aspect of our new 2015-2019 Strategic Plan is to develop clear communication strategies within our school community. To this end we have planned to hold a communications forum next Wednesday evening at 7pm in the school staffroom. We have received expressions of interest from a number of people but all are welcome to attend.

Playground and Fundraising
Fantastic news! Following our brilliant Trivia Night last term and a couple of other fundraisers we have raised enough funds to build stage two of the lower playground. We have engaged a contractor to
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install the playground pieces in the first week of the school holidays!

Education Support Staff Month
August is a celebration, Australia wide, of all the non-teaching staff we have in schools. For us here at Ferny Creek that is Jill, Beth, Tracey, Tanya C, Dana, Shelley, Katrina. Many of you who are able to come and help in our school are already aware of the wonderful work these people do. These staff members provide seemingly limitless assistance and support through all areas of the school. We all know Jill keeps my head above water in so many ways. She is just the most competent Business Manager I could ask for. Dana is also an invaluable asset every second Friday and with her work on our newsletter. As you know Tracey manages the Reading Improvement and Quicksmart Maths Programs and parents of children who have been through this program know just how much Tracey puts in. Beth works with specific children in classrooms, takes Quicksmart kids and also continues to put in a magnificent effort in the small amount of time she has available in our Library. Tanya Cameron provides a wonderful Kitchen Garden Program and Enviro Program for our F-4 students. Dana, Shelley and Katrina work with specific needs children. It is the role of our aides to not only work with a child following what the class is doing, but they must also liaise closely with the teacher at the start of the day and modify any or all tasks, so that the children in their care are fully catered for. Often, teachers require the aides to work with the children in small groups of similar abilities. Research has shown that the child with the aide achieves the aim of integration far more smoothly when the aide works with small groups, rather than with the child only. However, their main focus is always the learning goals of the special needs student. We are so fortunate that our non-teaching staff understand the need to be involved in the whole class and assist wherever possible or where asked, as well as remaining focused on the individual child.

Parent Opinion Survey
40 families should have been sent our Parent Opinion Surveys. Please return these as soon as possible. I would like all 40 returned please. The more returns the more realistic the data. Anonymity is ensured as only the office staff will keep track of returns. We will call families who haven’t returned them by this Friday. This survey provides important data as to where our community feels our school is ‘at’. It does make a difference. I also often get asked what to do if you have no knowledge of one or two areas in the survey. For example, you might be asked about our Preschool to Prep transition program but your child might be in grade 6. I suggest you leave it unanswered. The data should only reflect responses to topics you have a good knowledge about.

Enrolment 2016:
If your child is due to commence school in 2016 please call at the office to complete an enrolment form. If you know of friends who have children due to commence school in 2016, encourage them to visit our school (tours can be arranged by contacting the office) and remind them that enrolment can be finalised now!!! By enrolling early we are able to work on our planning for next year. If you have any questions or to arrange a school visit please contact us – 9755 1522.
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:
  Karlene Banfield
  0409 764 369

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  Upper Ferntree Gully
  Vic 3156
  Email: admin@oshcare4kids.com.au
  Website: www.oshcare4kids.com.au

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

  Deadline by Wednesday 3pm
  Email -
  ferry.creek.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

  If you would like to receive the Newsletter every week via email then
  GO TO THE WEBSITE TO
  SUBSCRIBE TO ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Coming up in This term
- Education Policy and Planning: 11th August
- Building and Grounds: 11th August
- Communication Forum: 12th August
- Education Support Week: 17th August
- Prep Transition: 18th August
- Hoopetime Year 1/2: 19th August
- School Council Presidents' Dinner: 19th August
- Jim Asimakopoulas: Sporting values and coaching Football team, 13th and 20th August
- Hoopetime years 3/4: 21st August
- Daffodil and Jeans for Genes Day: 21st August
- Pirates of the Curry Bean: September 1st and 2nd
- Leadership PL Day 2: 3rd September
- Father's Day: 4th September
- Hoopetime Years 5 and 6: 16th September
- Pie and Footy Day: 18th September

Have a wonderful week everybody,
Matthew

WORKING BEE
Saturday 8/8/15 from 12-4pm.

SOUTH BELGRAVE CRICKET CLUB
JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY
Join the club where World Champion Glenn Maxwell began his brilliant career.

When: August 21st
Time: 5-7pm
Where: Belgrave South Recreation Reserve

Milo cricket for children under 8 will start late October. The junior teams will start training in early September. Age groups from U10's through to U13's play on Friday evenings with the older age groups playing on Saturday mornings.

Season Fees are $75 for Milo cricket and $90 for the first child in a junior team with any siblings being $66. Playing Caps for the junior teams are $15 with playing tops $25. Fees go towards insurance, running costs, Team Kits and the Family Xmas Party in December. Santa arrived in the local CFA truck at last year's party!

Team kits are provided so there is no need to go out and buy gear for your child if you are unsure.

Bring your picnic blankets and camping chairs to game days over spring and summer to spend time with family and friends.

If you want more details you can contact the Junior Coordinator at:
  juniors@southbelgravce.org.au or on 0477 308 101

Matt Cramer - SBCC Junior Coordinator
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<td>Poppy K: For settling so well into your new classroom. Welcome to Ferny Creek!</td>
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<td>Jack G: For a great week of writing and working really well! Keep it up Jack.</td>
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<td>Archie K: For doing a wonderful job of listening and respecting his classmates. Well done!</td>
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<td>Charlotte A: For her fantastic work completed during investigations. Well done!</td>
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<td>Bailey L: For your fantastic effort this week. Keep up the good work!</td>
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<td>Megan K: For a fantastic start to school! We are so excited to have you as a new classmate.</td>
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<td>Finn O'S: For always being a nice, kind and caring classmate. You are a great friend to others, Finn.</td>
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<td>Bridget P: For being a kind and helpful friend to her peers in and outside the classroom. Well done Bridget!</td>
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<td>Cooper S: For having a very focussed and productive week. Well done Cooper.</td>
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<td>Giselle R: For always completing her work to a high standard and being able to remain focussed despite distractions.</td>
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<td>Layla G: For making a tremendous effort to work on all maths.</td>
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<td>Oliver W: For being an outstanding Mathematician. Congratulations.</td>
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<td>Ottavia F: For the high level of dedication you show towards your learning and your polite nature in the classroom. You are a wonderful listener!!</td>
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<td>Bronya R: For the wonderful geographical knowledge you displayed when completing your map of Australia. Well Done!!</td>
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<td>Teagan H: For really putting herself in character during rehearsal. The extra effort you put into it is commendable.</td>
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<td>India J: For really putting herself in character during rehearsal. The extra effort you put into it is inspiring.</td>
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<td>Imogen P: For your great research on New York for your ‘dream holiday’ homework task. We want to come too!</td>
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<td>Jeremy K: For your great research on Seychelles for your ‘dream holiday’ homework task. It looks beautiful and we want to come too!</td>
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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*Earth can be a better place if you make it.*

Nick B
Marvellous Mathematics

Problem Picture TWO: Box of Jelly Beans

ANSWERS:

- How many different flavours are there in the box???
  = 36

- How many beans are there altogether???
  = 216 (36 x 6)

Jelly beans are sold in '40 official flavours'. Suppose that the jelly bean company asks you to design a similar box which could hold all 40 flavours. Is it possible???

= Yes, two simple designs would be 10 compartments by 4 compartments or 8 compartments by 5 compartments

Problem Picture Three: Triangular Cushions

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???
Daffodil Day/Jeans for Genes Day

Every Year at Ferny Creek P.S we help raise money for the Anti Cancer Council. This year we are also raising money for the Children’s Medical Research Institute as well. Please dress up in Yellow and wear your favourite Jeans and donate as many gold coins as you like on Daffodil Day/Jeans for Genes day on Friday 21st of August 2015. We will also be selling daffodils at assembly on that Friday morning. We will let you know how much the daffodils are as we get closer to the date.

Thank You,
Beth and Melissa Fransen.
Tickets available on line from Tuesday!

www.burrinja.org.au

Dear Parents and Carers,

Some essential dates, events and news leading up to our production;

1. **Performance Nights**
   - Tuesday 1\textsuperscript{st} September
   - Wednesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} September

2. **Tickets on sale next Tuesday, 11\textsuperscript{th} August.**
   We are limiting the first round of sales to 4 per family.
   Tickets are **$24 for adults** and **$17 for Concession and children under 15**.
   Log on to www.burrinja.org.au go to ‘Theatre’, then ‘buy tickets’

3. **Dress Rehearsals** at school Wednesday 26\textsuperscript{th}, Thursday 27\textsuperscript{th}, Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} August
4. **Full stage rehearsal (not a dress rehearsal)** at Burrinja Theatre Monday 31\textsuperscript{st} August between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm.

Please also note that only parents with a specific role in the production will be permitted into the theatre.

5. **Arrival at Theatre on performance nights:**
   - **All lead characters (from Years 5 and 6)** – between 6.00 – 6.15pm. Please bring these children to the stage door that opens onto Matson Drive.
   - **All other children** between 6.15 – 6.30pm. Please bring these children through the foyer to the internal stage door. No parents permitted past this point unless they have a show pass.
   - **ALL CAST NEED TO BE BACKSTAGE BY 6.30PM!**

6. **No one is permitted backstage** at any time before, during or after the performances. Only adults with show passes will be permitted back stage.

7. A reminder to all our children to try to **keep healthy** over the next four weeks. Early nights kids and plenty of healthy food!

8. **Parking and address:**
   - **Burrinja Theatre is in Matson Drive, Upwey (off Glenfern Road).**
   - For the evening performances the main car park is available and there is also some street parking.
   There are strict controls over the number of cars and noise levels so we are asking our community to pool cars where possible and keep noise down when leaving the theatre.

9. **Pick up places after show – TBA**

10. **There will be an intermission.** Our Fundraising team have organised drinks and snacks. These will be on sale from 6.00 – 6.50pm and at intermission. Some snacks and drinks will also be available after the show. Please give them your support.

11. **Stay tuned to newsletter and TiqBiz for updates!**

See you at the show!!

The Curry Beaners!!