Dear Parents and Friends,

Last two weeks!

Amazing Online Survey
More responses needed
www.fernycreekps.vic.edu.au/school-survey

Welcome back to term 4! A reminder that Matthew is on leave for the first two weeks and I am acting in his role. Lisa Seymour and Doug will be managing my teaching commitments while I am Acting Principal.

Term 4
What an exciting and engaging term 4 we are having. We are heading into our Science & Technology themes through the school. We still have lots to cover over the next 11 weeks. Here is a summary that may help you keep up. This list is by no means finished and some of the later dates may be altered in the next week or two.

- 10th October, Monday: Platypus Incursion (Foundation to Grade 4)
- 10th October, Tuesday: EnviroKnights Tree Planting
- 12th October, Wednesday: Tennis skills sessions for Foundation to Grade 4’s Parents
- 12th October, Tuesday: iPad Information Evening for Grade 4 Parents
- 17th October, Monday: Education Committee 4pm
- 18th October, Tuesday: Environknights excursion to Yellingbo
- 19th October, Wednesday: Tennis skills sessions for Foundation to Grade 4’s Transition, 2.30 pm
• 21st October, Friday: Student Disco
• 26th October, Wednesday: Buddies excursion to TaskWorks
• 27th October, Thursday: Science and Technology Night
• 28th October, Friday: Year 5/6 Incursion: Public Speaking Program
• 1st November, Tuesday: Melbourne Cup Day
• 2nd November, Wednesday: Year 3 – 6 swimming begins
• 9th November, Wednesday: Fundraising meeting 6pm
• 11th November, Friday: Year 4 and 5 iPad evening
• 14th November, Monday: Years 3 – 6 swimming last day
• 18th November, Friday: Twilight Festival
• 23rd November, Wednesday: Education Committee 4pm
• 28th November, Monday: eLearning Committee 6pm
• 6th December, Tuesday: Foundation 2017 Transition, 9.15am (Buddies!)
• 23rd November, Wednesday: Japanese Festival
• 28th November, Monday: F – 2 Swimming begins
• 6th December, Tuesday: Christmas Concert, TBC
• 9th December, Friday: F-2 Swimming last day
• 15th December, Thursday: Year 6 Graduation, 6pm onwards
• 19th December, Monday: last day for students, 1.30pm dismissal
• 20th December, Tuesday: Pupil Free Day, TBC
• 25th December, Thursday: Happy Christmas!!!

UNSW English Tests
The results of the UNSW English tests have arrived and we are pleased with the excellent results. We have 6 Participation, 1 Merit, 7 Credits, 2 Distinctions and 2 High Distinctions.

Certificates will be presented at assembly tomorrow.

School Uniform
During Term 4 all students must wear school approved hats outdoors during recess, lunch and class times. Any students who do not have a hat will be required to stay in the shade sail area outside the office during recess and lunch times. To ensure your child can play with whom and where they want, please make sure they have a hat at school at all times. If you require a hat they can be purchased from the office.

This term we are also clamping down on the few students out of uniform. Our school does have a compulsory uniform policy (see on school website) and this also covers jewellery and makeup. Students are not permitted to wear earrings other than studs or sleepers, or bracelets or necklaces that can contribute to accidents.

Students Leaving or Arriving
It is very important that we have accurate enrolment figures for 2017. Our staffing is based solely on enrolments and to suddenly lose or gain even one student can impact dramatically on what we can offer as a school. If you know of anybody leaving Ferny Creek, OR, alternatively, of anybody coming but we may not yet know, can you let us know as soon as possible? We are now at the stage where we are developing our staff profile for next year and teachers will be formulating next year's classes and we need our figures to be as accurate as possible.

Gastro
We have had a number of cases of gastro reported amongst our families. Every classroom has a hand wash or hand sanitiser available
and we are encouraging children to wash their hands regularly. If your child contracts gastro please let the school know. Departmental rules state that children cannot return to school for at least 24 hours after the last episode.

Hope everyone can have a healthy term.

Multi Purpose Room
You may have noticed some changes happening to our Multi-Purpose Room. During the holidays Michael Patterson, Graeme Laurence and Steve O'Connor painted the undercoat on the walls and started preparation for installing a basketball ring. It has changed the look and feel of the room already. We are excited about the further works that will transform this space.

A very big thank you to those 3 fathers for the hard work they put into improving our school.

Basketball Court
We are also getting our basketball court upgraded and are currently getting quotes on asphalting it.

Alex Pinniger and his team from AP Trees will be working on trimming and cutting dead branches off the trees around the basketball court this Friday from 7:30 am. We are asking everyone to stay away from this area whilst the works are being carried out.

All these works are thanks to the money raised through Fundraising activities including our Trivia night.

Sporting Grant
A special thank you to Sarah Jennings for her perseverance in securing us a grant of $2,500 for sporting equipment. So far some of the money has gone towards new tennis racquets and equipment. Thank you so much Sarah.

Have a lovely week,
Cheryl

School Banking Term 4
Welcome to the final term of school banking for 2016. We have an in-school competition in November. Make three deposits between 8 Nov and 6 Dec to be in the draw to win a prize pack from the Commonwealth Bank. Someone from the school WILL win! So, if you haven’t made a deposit for a while, now is the time to dust off those bank books. There’s still time to open an account if you wish to do so.

Don’t forget to check your bank book deposits against your bank statement when it arrives.

A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE:
We are need of someone to assist in some basic processing of bank books for a few weeks starting ASAP. Approx 1 hour of your time on Tuesday mornings. Please see Jill.

PLEASE NOTE:
Festival Community Stall Payments and Donations are due in NOW.
Arts Studio News

Term three was another busy term of creating. Our grade ones to sixes have had an international flavour to their learning to complement the recent Olympic Games themes. Grade one and two have drawn, painted and printed stunning African scenes. The grade three and four students decorated masks, while grade five and six explored some South American design and traditional art styles. The foundation students have created stunning spiral works and I recommend you take a look at the displays outside the staff room in the senior school.

This term we will be busy with preparations for our festival. There will be an art display sampling the students work from throughout the year. This is the reason work has stayed at school so it can be collated and displayed. It would be terrific to have a group of parent/career helpers to assist with mounting and set up for this exhibition. Please see me or drop a note to Jill and we can discuss what needs to be done. Also if there is anyone that has knowledge of mosaics, or would like to learn I would welcome assistance with completing some mosaic displays.

Thank you,
Helen Ainsworth

Friday Ride to School Days

We expect Term 4 weather to be dry enough to ride to school again on Fridays. (Please note that we will NOT be riding tomorrow Friday 7th Oct)

Who: We welcome everyone including parents and grand parents, however you must be able to ride your bike without assistance or training wheels. We meet at the Sassafras Village Green.

When: We leave at 8:00 am SHARP on Fridays.

Where: Our convoy passes:
Sherbrooke School at approximately 8:10 am
Hilton Rd at approx. 8:15 am
Horse Paddock, Sherbrooke Rd at approx. 8:20 am
Laubes Rd at approx. 8:25 am
Top of School Rd at approx. 8:30 am
Back at school approx. 8:35 am

NB These times are approximate only

What if: It is wet? We will not ride if it is raining or has been raining during the morning.

NB: Adam and I are not available to supervise riding back home

If you are unsure or you have any questions call Doug on 0425 827 790.
There will be a Second-Hand Book Sale at the Twilight Festival. We already have a stack of donated books (‘Thank You’ to those generous people) and need lots more. Books can be dropped off to the staffroom (send to school in a plastic bag with your child if easier) anytime between now and up to the day before the festival.

We are also taking all Jumble Sale/Trash & Treasure donations – drop to the staffroom or main entrance (foyer).

Thank you in advance for your support.

Dec, Shauna & Anna (grade 5/6 parents) & The Festival Committee
## STARS OF THE WEEK

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<th>Student</th>
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<td>Foundation Jodie/Kristy</td>
<td>Amber S</td>
<td>For always remembering to use her listening ears and actively contributing to our class discussions. Well done Amber!</td>
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<td>Foundation Rhian</td>
<td>Romy R-D</td>
<td>For always putting his best foot forward and giving 110% to all tasks! Keep up the great work Romy!</td>
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<td>1/2 Anna</td>
<td>Ella W</td>
<td>For a great start to Term 4. It’s fantastic to see how you’ve caught up so quickly and the effort you put into everything you do. Well done!</td>
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<td>1/2 Brian</td>
<td>Archie E</td>
<td>For a great start to Term 4. It’s nice to see a happy smile…. And watch you work hard on your reading group activity. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>3/4 Lisa</td>
<td>Milla D</td>
<td>For her fantastic effort with her spelling. Keep up the great work, Milla.</td>
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<td>3/4 Lynda</td>
<td>Senna R</td>
<td>For staying focused, asking questions and completing all her work on time. Great effort, Senna.</td>
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<td>4/5 Samantha</td>
<td>Mabel G</td>
<td>For being an inclusive and respectful member of the class, who always tries her best.</td>
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<td>5/6 Adam</td>
<td>Tom F</td>
<td>For working really well on maths activities, and making great progress in this area.</td>
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<td>5/6 Coby/Kelly</td>
<td>Giselle R</td>
<td>For her creative 100 word story about ‘Blue’.</td>
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<td>Tallulah H</td>
<td>For her cheerful and positive attitude to everything we do!</td>
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<td>Lucas D</td>
<td>For settling into your new school so well. Welcome to Ferny Creek Primary School.</td>
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<td>Joshua D</td>
<td>For settling in to your new school so well. Welcome to Ferny Creek Primary School.</td>
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<td>James P</td>
<td>For making a great start to Term 4 and for not losing any of your work yet! Well done.</td>
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<td>Aria B</td>
<td>For continuing to display the school values, working well with others and bringing a beautiful smile to school!!</td>
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There are no stars of the week for the Grade 5/6A students this week.

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Science Fun Term
This Term is Science & Technology Term at Ferny Creek Primary School.

This is your chance to create a big **BANG** or to demonstrate a **spectacular** scientific experiment.
Get the whole family involved!

Your magnificent work will then be displayed at our Science & Technology Night on Thursday October 27th.

*Don’t know what to do? Need ideas?*
Look in books we have at school or try looking at these websites:

- [http://www.sciencebuddies.org/](http://www.sciencebuddies.org/)
- [http://www.abc.net.au/spark/](http://www.abc.net.au/spark/)
- [http://www.funology.com/laboratory/](http://www.funology.com/laboratory/)
- [http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/sci/](http://pbskids.org/zoom/activities/sci/)