Dear Parents and Friends,

Term 4
What an exciting term 4 we are having. We are heading into our Science themes through the school. We still have lots to cover over the next ten 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.

- 13th October, Tuesday: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 14th October, Wednesday: Foundation 2016 Transition, PE, 2.15pm
- 15th October, Thursday: Parent Teacher Conferences
- 16th October, Friday: Movie Night
- 20th October, Tuesday: School Council
- 21st October, Wednesday: Pupil Free Day
- 23rd October, Friday: Year 5/6 Incursion: Public Speaking Program
- 28th October, Wednesday: iPad meeting for year 4 parents, 7pm
- 3rd November, Tuesday: Melbourne Cup Day
- 4th November, Wednesday: Year 3 – 6 swimming begins
- 9th November, Monday: Year 3 – 6 swimming continues
- 10th November, Tuesday: Footsteps Dancing Incursion
- 13th November, Friday, Years 3 – 6 swimming last day
- 16th November, Monday: Foundation 2016 Transition, 9.15am (Buddies!)
- 17th November, Tuesday: School Council
- 18th November, Wednesday: Grade 6 Graduation Photos
- 19th November, Thursday: School Walkathon
- 19th November, Thursday: 2016 Foundation Information Night
- 24th November, Tuesday: School Council
- 30th November, Monday: F – 2 Swimming begins
- 7th December, Monday: F-2 Swimming continues
- 7th December, Monday: School Council, TBC
- 8th December, Tuesday: Christmas Concert, TBC
- 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
- 17th December, Thursday: last day for students, 1.30pm dismissal
- 18th December, Friday: Pupil Free Day, TBC
- 25th December: Thursday: Happy Christmas!!!

Parent Teacher (Student) Conferences

Some key reminders:

**When:**
- Next Tuesday 13th October from 2:00-7:30
- Next Thursday 15th October from 3:45-6:00

**How:**

1. **Foundation** is to be Parent Teacher only. Student may attend but the focus will be the discussion between parent and teachers.
2. **Years 1 and 2** students will complete beforehand a self-assessment and students are given the option of attending.
3. **Years 3 and 4** students will also complete a self-assessment and are strongly encouraged to attend the conference.
4. **Years 5 and 6** complete a self-assessment and must attend the conference. This assists with transition to secondary school where three way conferences are common.
5. **Teachers and/or parents may use discretion** in deeming whether or not the above outlined process is too challenging for particular children.
6. **Bookings will be made three ways** – forms in foyer, phone the office, or email the school.

**Points to note for conference sessions:**

- **Each meeting will be 15 minutes.** The teachers are not being rude cutting you off at this time. If necessary a follow up time will be made as soon as possible to complete the session.
- **Each student (excluding Foundation) will have completed a self-assessment.** This is for the student’s benefit as described above, but can be used to inform discussion. Portfolios will also be available for discussion if relevant.
- **Academic progress is only a part of the session.** You have already received a mid-year progress report so any critical information from these should already have been addressed by you and your child’s teacher. Again, teachers are very happy to organise a follow up time to conclude any critical discussion.

**NAPLAN Results**

As many of you were already aware, that, apart from one or two handed out personally; our 2015 NAPLAN Reports were posted to you on the 4th September and never arrived. In the last week of last term we asked DET to send new copies. They have now arrived and instead of being posted we are handing them to the children in sealed envelopes. We sincerely apologise for the lateness. They should already have been handed to you.
School Uniform
During Term 4 all students must wear school approved hats outdoors during recess, lunch and outdoor 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. I also ask your support to ensure your child is in correct school uniform.

Students Leaving or Arriving
It is very important that we accurate enrolment figures for 2016. 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 Jill or I know as soon as possible. We are now at the stage where I am 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.

Uniforms, jewellery etc.
This term we are also clamping down on students out of uniform. Our school does have a compulsory uniform policy 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. Of course, make up of any kind is also banned.

Pupil Free Days term 4
A reminder that Wednesday 21st October is a Pupil Free Day.

Have a great weekend everybody!
Matthew

FCPS MOVIE NIGHT #2!

On Friday, October 16th we are having our second movie night of the year!

Prep – Grade 2 ‘Shaun the Sheep’ @ 5.15pm-6.45pm (doors open at 5pm)

Grade 4 – Grade 6 ‘Tomorrowland’ @ 7.15pm-9.30pm
(doors open at 7pm)

(Grade 3s can choose which session they attend)

Please return your form with payment by Thursday 15th October.
Matilda W: For being such a respected and valued member of Foundation R. You always work hard and try your very best. We will all miss you.

Lewis M: For fantastic Maths work on ‘Tens Frame’ this week. Well done Lewis!

Archie SH: For counting in a confident manner during our Maths sessions. Great job!

Eve C: For her fantastic concentration skills during class discussions and activities. Well done!

Thomas P: For taking more responsibility for your learning, way to go!

Grace M: For a wonderful start to Term 4, Keep up the good work!

Jordy S: For approaching his work with a positive attitude and staying focused to get his work done on time. Keep up the great work, Jordy!

Sammy W: For her detailed and well written journal of her travels during Term 3. Sammy you have demonstrated what a responsible young person you are. Well done!

Kaitlyn P: For working consistently in Maths and showing good progress in all areas of her Maths work.

Aurora E: For always working hard on her Mathletics and completing all of her set tasks over the holidays.

Jared S: For working so well when doing group work – a thoughtful and responsible group member.

Ned F: For being a very enthusiastic student, putting in a fantastic effort with his spelling and reading.

Joe G: For the fantastic Pirate Memoir you created. Your word choice was outstanding and you did a great job of telling both the ‘inside’ and ‘outside’ story. Well done!!

Viveca K: For the wonderful set of Dynamic Dominoes you created as part of your iMaths Investigation. You showed a massive improvement in your fraction knowledge. Well done!!

Marie S: For all the effort you put into your previous iMaths investigation and the massive improvement in your post-test.

Robbie B: For all the effort you put into your previous iMaths investigation and the massive improvement on your post-test.

Eva G: For writing a very descriptive holiday reflection about mastering her first flip on the trampoline!

Alex BB: For making a huge effort in class displaying respect and pride! We are very proud of you BB.

Don’t think you’re better than everyone else.

Jeremy
Building and Grounds report
October 2015

The recent school holidays was a busy time for the buildings and grounds committee with the second stage of the rear playground upgrade being completed.

Hopefully the children are coming home telling you they are having fun on the new cargo nets, balancing bars, split level bars and stepping stones. Cuts and grazes are being avoided via an additional 15m3 of mulch which was added to the area.

Special thanks to Building and Grounds Committee member Graham Laurence for undertaking the management of this project. Talia and Bailey enjoyed many trips to nearby playgrounds whilst Dad researched the best equipment to be installed!! Also a big thank you too Sander Groeneveld (Meg and Wren) for spraying the area with weedkiller prior to the mulch being placed. Sander also does a lot of works behind the scenes planting and staking the native vegetation within the school grounds. Thanks Guys!!

Also well underway is the upgrade to the cricket nets – bowling practice area. The concrete has been placed and re landscaped around and the matting is now also installed. Many thanks to Greg Box for arranging these works.

The front play area shade sails will also be replaced this term.

Two members of the Building and Grounds Committee have unfortunately, due to work commitments, made the difficult decision to retire from the committee, namely Ian Sykes (Bailey and Lorelei) and teacher Doug McKay – both have made outstanding contributions over the years to the upkeep of the school and grounds, their efforts are appreciated and their services will be sorely missed.

Whilst up at the school over the weekend I noticed the garden beds at the front entrance/staff carpark are in desperate need of some weeding and mulching – perhaps a few parents could come up for ½ hour prior to picking the kids up and assist now the weather is getting warmer? Any help would be greatly appreciated

The building and grounds committee meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the school with the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday the 13th October. We welcome any new members and indeed suggestions of areas around the school that is felt requires attention.

Best wishes
Michael Paterson (Archie, Maudie and Nieve)

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Farm Foodstore
Food Hub

Farm Foodstore has teamed up with the South East Food Hub, a not for profit social enterprise, and their network of farming families, to provide your family with access healthy, locally grown, affordable produce.

Organic and non-organic options are available as “seasonal” or “pick your own” boxes and deliveries are FREE to Ferny Creek PS. Dairy products, homemade preserves and locally baked sourdough bread are also now available.

It's easy to get involved and importantly, we depend on your support to ensure the hub remains viable!

Online orders are available every week from 12noon Tuesday to 12noon Friday at the Farm Foodstore shop:
www.openfoodnetwork.org.au/farm-foodstore/shop  Convenient Credit Card payments are accepted at checkout.

Collect your produce box from Ferny Creek PS (school foyer) on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00pm.

We re-invest a percentage of proceeds back into the school through donations to support the kids kitchen garden program.

This is a project in partnership with Ferny Creek Primary School, the South East Food Hub and Open Food Network.

For enquiries, contact Kellie:
kellie@farmfoodstore.com.au
WiseOnes is a program supporting the special needs of fast learners from Grade 1-6 and has been running at Ferny Creek PS this year. The Program goes for an hour a week, for 8 weeks per term and it is in school time. It is specifically designed for gifted children being faster, more complex and more abstract than the usual class lesson. WiseOnes has been operating for 17 years so is very professional and experienced in gifted education.

Each term a different topic is provided, science type one term then non-science the next so that the children are exposed to many types of learning at a level around two years ahead of the average for their age. The aim is to move clever towards wise through an integrated approach covering academic, intellectual, moral and social new learning in a small group of like-minded children.

Some signs of giftedness are: likes talking to adults, knows a lot about some things, talks fast, asks many questions, very good with Lego, could read family names before starting school, has an outstanding memory, hard to go to sleep as mind is working overtime, emotional distress at bad news on TV or family quarrels, sensitivities to food or chemicals, very acute senses of smell, taste, touch, sight or hearing, empathetic beyond the years, dark circles under the eyes, constipation, frequent “colds”, seems advanced at art or a musical instrument, may be very good at sport or puzzles. May spend hours reading, likes Harry Potter series or scientific information. Also it may be very hard to win an argument with the child and they may have perfectionist tendencies and high expectations for themselves, of you and of their teachers. Some are born organizers or bosses. Some may be playing up at school to make life more interesting, especially if a gifted child has a reading or spelling learning difficulty. Computer and electronic games can be fascinating to them, even addictive. Some have lost their excitement about school and may even say it is boring. Since these children have been faster learners since before birth by about 140% per year that is not surprising in age graded classes. The extra neurological connections in their brains are inherited from you and makes them significantly different in their thinking while looking the same as their age peers on the outside. No child will have all these signs but will have a cluster of them.

This term the WiseOnes topic will be “How to mind your money”. If you would like your child to sit the free test to see if they qualify for the program please fill out the form below and return it to the school or email me for more information. Your child’s enrolment can be confirmed by payment of the $232 levy to the school.

Sandy Robertson, WiseOnes Licensee, 0432 326 070  sandyrobertson777@gmail.com

WiseOnes free testing

Parent Name____________________________________________

Phone ___________________ Email:__________________________________________

Child’s Name 1__________________________________________ Class _______ Date of birth __________

Child’s Name 2__________________________________________ Class _______ Date of birth __________

St. Michael’s Annual Cup Day Fair

Cnr. Mt. Dandenong Tourist & Falls Roads, Kalorama, (Melway: 52H11)
Join us for a fun day for the whole family at St. Michael’s Cup Day Fair. There’s Trash & Treasure, Cakes & Jams, Food Court, Devonshire Teas, Arts & Crafts, Plants, Books, Silent Auction, Toys, Bouncy Castle & much more.
See our website for details or call 0413 009 413.
www.lightinthehills.org.au

Free event

Tue 3rd November, 9am - 2pm

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Attention EnviroKnights...

Now that Spring is here, it's time to get planting again!

We are having a planting session near the back playground and the frog bog on Friday 16 October at lunchtime.

Please bring a change of clothes and boots.

PS. If any parents would like to give us a hand, that would be appreciated too!

At the shade sales at lunchtime
1:10 to 1:50 or when they run out

Do you get thirsty at lunch? Come to the shade sales when the outside bell goes. They will cost 50c per icy pole and if you are buying for a friend your friend has to be there with you while you are lining up.

Come Play Junior Table Tennis
Grading Friday 9th & 16th October

Every Friday night during school terms, we conduct 2 sessions of Junior Pennant.

Beginners are placed into the earlier session. All players will be able to play 2 singles matches and a doubles match.

Session 1: 6.00pm-7.30pm Session 2: 7.30pm-9.45pm

Players will be placed into a team of two players based on playing ability, at the start of a season, where you will get to play against other similar standard players over a season. This is available for anyone from ages 7 to 11 years of age.

(please contact us even if you have missed the start date)

For any further information, please contact:
Greg Bristowe on 0411 237 351

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**What’s On Next Week...**

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<td>Making Jellyfish for our classroom, with paper plates, eyes and string for tentacles.</td>
<td>As an entire group, we’ll be making a big submarine with lots of colour.</td>
<td>We’re painting our favourite under-the-sea animals.</td>
<td>We will be making blue jelly … as blue as the ocean! And then get to eat it!</td>
<td>We will make a list of every single under-the-sea animal we can think of, it will be a great way of working as a team and getting our minds going.</td>
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**Kids Corner**

Who will be our Junior Leaders of Term 4?

Watch this space!

**Joke of the Week**

Q: Why did the turtle cross the road?
A: To get to the shell station

**Cooking Club**

We will be making frog in a pond! Nice cold jelly cups made one morning to be served in the afternoon as a delightful cold refreshing snack!

**How Cheap Is OSHC**

Did you know that if you enrol your child into Before and After School Care…

…it can cost as low as $6.27 per session per child with Government Rebate eligibility

**Community News**

I would just like to wish everyone an awesome last term of school for 2015! May there be lots of challenging work, fun, laughter and big smiles everyday.

And remember to be SUNSMART and bring your hats!

**Reminders**

We remind of families and the members of our school community that everyone can visit our Facebook page so they can see photos of the activities we complete. You can also see some of the fun we enjoyed during the Vacation Care program. Simply find us on Facebook by looking for OSHCare 4 KIDS.

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

**Contacts**

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OSHC: 0428 258 940
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