CALENDAR 2016
Dates to remember...

TERM 1 DATES:
Friday 29 January – Thurs 24 March

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY:
Tuesday 1 March

‘PLAY IS THE WAY’ INFORMATION NIGHT:
Tuesday 1 March

DIVISIONAL SWIMMING:
(Selected Students)
Wednesday 2 March

STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:
Thursday 3 March 12.00-8.00pm

REGIONAL SWIMMING:
(Selected Students)
Monday 7 March

GNPA AGM: (all welcome)
Friday 11 March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY:
Monday 14 March

BASKETBALL CLINICS:
Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 March

FINAL DAY OF TERM 1:
(2.30PM FINISH)
Thursday 24 March

GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY:
Friday 25 March

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Students Making Good Impressions on the Community
Last week I received a call from a member of the public who had travelled on the same train back from the city as our student leaders who had attended the GRIP Leadership Conference. She had made the effort to call and pass on her congratulations for the way our students had conducted themselves on public transport and the articulate and mature conversations they were able to hold with an unknown adult.

This is another example of the kind of behaviours and impressions that our students regularly show when out and about in the community, and is probably something I take for granted as we just expect it will be that way. It is nice when people notice and take the time to let us know. Congratulations to our student leaders and their families.

School Photos Tuesday
Today we have had our school photos for 2016 taken. If you have not yet ordered you can lodge them online. Photos of all students will be taken on the day so no need to panic if you haven’t yet put the order in. Keep an eye out for the instructions for accessing Aussie School Photos online.

A Night with Wilson – “Play Is the Way” Parent Session
One final reminder that our Parent Session is on tonight with Wilson McCaskill. I can highly recommend that, if you are available, you make the effort to come along. It is scheduled for 6.30 – 8.00pm in the Ellim-atta Centre. We hosted a session two years ago and families are still talking about it fondly.

Excellence:
High expectations of the whole school community

Respect:
For self and others

Resilience:
Engaging in challenges and learning from mistakes

Integrity:
Choosing a course of action that contributes to the greater good
PRINCIPAL’S CORNER (continued from page 1)

Student Parent Teacher interviews this Thursday
Last week, confirmation of Student Parent Teacher interview times came home on the Interim Reports. These are an essential component of our Reporting Process and give families, students and teachers the opportunity and starting point to have meaningful conversations about how students have begun the year and their priorities for learning during the first half of the year. They help to create an Individual Learning Plan for every student in our school.

A reminder that on Thursday, students only come to school for their appointment time with their parents to participate in the conference.

Dance Classes Thursday
Sue Ellen has offered to still run the Dance and Performance Academy classes on Thursday if there is sufficient interest. A note was sent home to all students enrolled in either the Live to Dance or Love to Dance Term 1 programs. Please return these notes so Sue Ellen can make a decision as to whether or not the classes will go ahead this week.

Junior School Council
All classes from Year 3-6 have elected two representatives to form part of our Junior School Council for 2016. The Junior School Council is headed by our School Captains and facilitated by teacher Jess Cichowicz. Their role is to provide a student voice to decision making about the future of our school and to run various events throughout the year that contribute to the school or various charitable organisations. I will be very pleased to present them to the school community at their badge ceremony this Friday at Assembly.

Fall Rail Around the Year 3/4 Decking
Over the weekend a fall rail has been installed around the decking outside the 3/4 classrooms. Building regulations had meant that a railing was not required as it was not above 90cm off the ground. All that was required was the kick rail at the bottom for vision impaired safety when using a cane so that they did not walk off the end.

Check out the following link to a Dateline (SBS) segment on Danish outdoor kindergartens which details some of the reasons why I was reluctant to add the railing when it wasn’t required. Schools are full of context to teach children about the world and trusting in their judgement and self-determination, allowing them to learn to make better decisions about danger and how to minimise it.

I apologise that I have removed one of those opportunities for learning by adding the fall rail to a 50cm drop.


GNPA AGM Friday 11th March
The Gully North Parents Association (GNPA) provides families with a chance to be involved with other parents and contribute to the betterment of our school. The AGM for GNPA will be run on Friday March 11th at 9.05 in the OSHC Room. If you are interested in finding out more or joining please come along.
PRINCIPAL’S CORNER (continued from page 2)

School Council AGM and Nominations
The AGM for the 2016 School Council has been postponed until the last week of school and will be held at 7pm on Wednesday March 23rd. It has been delayed to allow the Principal position to have been finalised.

School Council is the body that oversees the running of the school and members have an opportunity to look at how schools function from another perspective and to be involved in some aspects of school decision making. If you would like to be involved in School Council and nominate for a two year position please come and see me (Cory) or the office and collect a nomination form. If you are unsure of what it entails as a Parent Member, I can put you in touch with an existing member who can explain a little bit more and answer any questions you may have.

Thankyou in advance to families for attending and participating in the Student Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday.

Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens

ICAS Assessments

Ferntree Gully North PS is once again offering participation in ICAS assessments in 2016. This testing can help benchmark, track and monitor learning progress. It can help identify potentially gifted students and allow us to work together to identify areas where your child can work to reach their full potential. Your investment in education is valuable and we want to help your child achieve the best results.

Subject areas to be assessed are: Digital technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English & Mathematics. There are set fees for each assessment. If fewer than 3 entries are made in a subject, an entry fee equivalent to 3 entries must be paid. FTG Nth PS will monitor the numbers for each test and advice closer to the test dates if any extra payment or changes need to be made.

To learn more about ICAS, refer to: www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas2016

If you would like to enrol your child into any of the assessments, please collect a parent letter and consent form from the school Office. Please note that all entries must be in at school no later than Friday 11th March and that late entries cannot be accepted.

Jo Stevens
Assistant Principal
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week:  
*(Ending Friday 26 February 2016)*

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<td>Chloe M</td>
<td>For being brave and asking for help during Maths sessions this week.</td>
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<td>5/6M Ms Meier</td>
<td>Wilson M</td>
<td>For his fantastic “can do “attitude!</td>
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<td>5/6F Mrs Fellows</td>
<td>Levi M</td>
<td>For setting himself goals and already trying to achieve them.</td>
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<td>5/6D Miss Davies</td>
<td>Josh L</td>
<td>For taking a writing session and doing a fantastic job explaining how to make our writing more interesting.</td>
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<td>3/4S Mrs Sutherland</td>
<td>Ashley R</td>
<td>For displaying the virtue of Friendliness with all his classmates.</td>
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<td>3/4O Ms O’Neill</td>
<td>Ashley C</td>
<td>For being a great personal assistant and working hard this week.</td>
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<td>3/4M Mr Meede</td>
<td>Chloe A</td>
<td>For her wonderful work creating a design brief.</td>
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<td>3/4C Miss Cichowicz</td>
<td>Joshua Z</td>
<td>For being a respectful and considerate classmate and using ‘Play is the Way’ strategies to solve problems.</td>
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<td>1/2M Miss Maxwell</td>
<td>Ashton W</td>
<td>For having a fantastic week and making strong decisions in the classroom!</td>
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<td>1/2K Ms Keltie</td>
<td>Ebony-Rose D</td>
<td>For being a kind and caring friend to all members of the group.</td>
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<td>1/2I Ms Iverach</td>
<td>Tarryn G</td>
<td>For her enthusiastically offering help when needed. Thanks 😊</td>
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<td>1/2H Mrs Hutchinson</td>
<td>Cieira S</td>
<td>For her fantastic helpfulness with her peers.</td>
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<td>1/2B Miss Brown</td>
<td>Katie C</td>
<td>For being such a kind class mate. Thank you for being such a wonderful role model.</td>
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<td>1/2A Mrs Alenson</td>
<td>Zoe E</td>
<td>For great measurement skills during our lunchbox activity.</td>
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<td>PREP W Mrs Wilson</td>
<td>Levi P</td>
<td>For always being helpful whenever he sees someone in need.</td>
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<td>PREP L Miss Locking</td>
<td>Lily C</td>
<td>For her detailed and well presented writing and draw of “Bb” words.</td>
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<td>PREP F Mrs Flanagan</td>
<td>Milly S</td>
<td>For consistently demonstrating excellent listening behaviours.</td>
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<td>ART Mrs Krenn</td>
<td>Charlie A</td>
<td>For wonderful listening and a beautiful picture of the Bear.</td>
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<td>P.E. Ms Atkinson</td>
<td>Ashley B</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort in 5/6 Sport.</td>
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<td>LOTE Options Mrs Salter</td>
<td>Josh L</td>
<td>For all his productive work this week in LOTE well done.</td>
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The Moon by James More

One day there was a boy who is James. He was not lonely James loved night fishing he also loved touching fish in the water. One sunny day James said to his Dad when he looked at the sky where does the moon go? Then his dad said I do not know. Then James said to himself where does the moon go? Then when he was going night fishing he saw a star fish. He was trying to catch it but he couldn’t and it got away. Then he said to himself that was weird. Then when he got home he said to his Dad I saw a star fish but his Dad did not believe him. Then on his birthday when James turned 9 he wanted to go on the moon but his Dad said “no”. James always wanted to go on the moon because he wants to see what’s on the moon. Then James said to his Dad “I’ll have a walk in the woods” said James when he brought the dog called Spot too.

Then when James was walking in the woods he saw something in the long grass. Then James went in the long grass and he was so surprised he saw a rocketship. Now he can go to the moon. Then James went home and asked his Dad close your eyes and walk outside. Then his Dad did not believe it he actually saw a rocketship. Then his dad said ok you can go to the moon. Then James said “yes”. Then in May he was ready to go to the moon. 3 2 1 go then the rocketship blast off and his Dad waved to James and James waved to his dad. Then when James was waiting to go on the moon he put his space suit on and sat on the chair. Then 1 minute later something happened James saw the rocketship going down and then James went out of the rocketship and James floated to the moon. Then when James got to the moon he actually was on the moon. Then it reminds him of when his Grandad was on the moon and his Grandad said there is a hidden treasure. His grandad made it a treasure hunt for James but there was a monster called the Googles. The Googles have two heads four arms and they were black. Then James saw the Googles coming and then the Googles saw the sun which the Googles did not like light things especially the sun. Then James ran to the rocketship and went back to the earth and was too scared and had a lovely life.

The End.
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is soon to open and Ferntree Gully North is excited to be participating.

The Challenge will be open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by September 14.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the attached privacy and consent form. Please ensure that each child has their own form. There will be spare forms in the office or classrooms. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Challenge Classroom Helpers

As it takes time to enter the students into the Challenge database, on the website, we need one parent classroom helper for each class. Training will be available (TBA). Basic computer skills are required. Helping would involve maybe 1 hour per week, in a time that suits you (and in consultation with the grade teacher). You will need to have a current ‘Working with children’ check. Fill in form below, if you can help.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, Wendy Barr (Reading Recovery Teacher)

2016 Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge Helper Nomination Form

I would be interested in being a Grade Challenge helper, for the grade/s listed below:

Parent’s Full Name (Print): ____________________________________________________________

Parent’s Day-Time Phone Contact: ___________________________ / ___________________________

Parent’s email Contact: ______________________________________________________________

PREFERRED GRADE: __________ NAME OF CHILD: __________________________

PREFERRED GRADE: __________ NAME OF CHILD: __________________________
Welcome to the annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Reading is an essential life skill for everyone and the Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting children to read. The Challenge invites children and young people to read a set number of books and record their efforts online. It’s a great way to get them talking about reading with friends and family, and to push themselves to read as many books as they can. Join the Challenge today and discover new authors, get expert tips, book recommendations and more. Participation is free. To find out more about the Challenge and access the booklist visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Like us on Facebook to share tips, literary articles and recommended reads www.facebook.com/VicPRC

2016 Privacy and Consent Form (Schools and Early Childhood Settings)

By signing this document, you agree to the TERMS and CONDITIONS outlined below. These include consent for your child to participate in the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and for their name to appear on a certificate of completion and for their name to appear in the online honour roll. Please note that the child’s name only will appear on the certificate and online Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list.

Child’s name (Please print): ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… Date of Birth: ………………………………………

School: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… Grade Name (Eg: 1/2A): ………………………………………

Year level: ……………………………………… Yes ☐ No ☐ I consent to my child’s name appearing on the online Honour Roll

Parent/guardian name (please print): ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: Department refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, Person refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1) Privacy Protection
   The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual’s name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information
   If you provide your consent your school or early childhood setting will collect and disclose your child’s first and last name, and the name of the early childhood setting or school to the Department. The Department will then:
   - Use the information to register your child and to generate an online account (through which school age children can record the books that they read);
   - Publish your child’s name and year level on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as school name.
   - Give the name of your child to Finsbury Green Pty Ltd ABN 52 007 743 151 who will then disclose to a 3rd party for the purpose of printing Certificates of Achievement.

3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent
   The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department’s Information Privacy Policy located at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx
   Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department’s Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.
   If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

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How to order School Photos

Aussie School Photos take multiple images of each student on photo day to provide you with more choice and greater value.

Order forms and envelopes will come home to you usually 2 weeks in advance of photo day.

There are 3 methods available when ordering photo packs:

1. Place your order online prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your prepayment order form.

2. You can complete the pre payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

3. You can choose to wait for 5 working days to go online to VIEW the images and CREATE a package to suit. Please tick the ‘order later online’ box on order form and hand to our photographer on photo day. Orders must be placed within 14 days of photo day to avoid postage charges.

4. If you do not wish to purchase photos, please tick ‘not buying photos’ under pack selection and have your child hand envelope to our photographer on photo day.

5. SIBLING PHOTOS. Will be taken on a pre paid basis. Consent/pre payment forms provided for the eldest child who should be instructed to present it with payment to our photographer at time scheduled for sibling photos. Check with school office for Sibling photo times.

www.schoolphoto.com.au

All queries should be directed to the photos@schoolphoto.com.au

Customer Service: 97076655.

Library Open Lunchtimes
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
11.45 – 12.20

The Library will be open at lunchtimes 11.45 – 12.20 on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays starting this week. This allows students a quiet place to spend their down time should they choose to visit. Students can read, write, draw, play computer or board games.
Gully View

GULLY NORTH PARENTS ASSOCIATION

March 2016

Events calendar

Wednesday 2nd March
❖ School banking
   Drop in your bank books

Friday 11th March
❖ GNPA Meeting
   AGM 9:05am
   (OHSC Centre)
   New members welcome

Friday 11th March
❖ Pre order Picnic ‘n a Flick
   Ticket orders Due

Friday 18th March
❖ Picnic ‘n a Flick
   on the Green

Family Night with a picnic and a movie. Come along early with dinner, find a perfect spot on the green, enjoy a meal and see a family film starting at 8pm. Pre order Tickets available now, please look out for further information. Ticket price will be $22 per family, and additional tickets are available at a low price.

Easter Raffle

We are asking for donations towards our annual Easter raffle. If you could please donate anything with an Easter feel, maybe some yummy chocolate, a toy or snacks. Just think of some small item that you might like! We then will combine all the donations into some lovely hampers for drawing at the final assembly this term.

A number of raffle tickets are being sent home, for the small price of $1 per ticket, you can go in the draw to win a hamper!

Please leave all donations at the office and we thank you in advance for participating!
Movie Night

Movie Night is fast approaching so make sure you purchase your tickets early. All pre purchased tickets will go into the draw to win a VIP Movie Experience.

All families are welcome to bring chairs and any comforts you can carry. If there is rain the evening will be postponed to another date, yet to be appointed. (We don't see this as a problem as it is NOT going to rain!! 😊)

Fundraising Thank you

Reusable Lunch order bags have been ordered and will be arriving soon. Thank you to all families who purchased we have raised $208 towards the shade sail project.
Let's Meet at the Movies!

“Picnic 'n a Flick on the Green” - A Fundraising event for Playground Shade Sails at FTG North PS

Bring your own Picnic dinner and come and be part of the school community! Enjoy our first outdoors experience as you picnic on the green. As the sun goes down, a family friendly PG movie will be screened onto a GIANT 9m x 7m screen complete with stereo sound.

**WHEN and WHERE:**
FRIDAY 25TH MARCH from 6:30pm for our picnic and 7:30pm for the movie. Movie will start at 8pm sharp.
The Elim Atea Centre and Green Turf at Ferntree Gully North PS

**WHO:**
Open to Ferntree Gully North PS Families ONLY

**WHY:**
To meet new families and say hello to familiar faces while raising funds for a shade sail.

**WHAT to BRING:**
Please supply your own dinner. Popcorn, soft drinks, bottled water, small lolly bags and a healthy snack alternative will be available for purchase from 7:15pm onwards. Coiffes will also be available from our coffee van.
Don't forget your blankets, beanbags and other comfy things you need for the movie.

**HOW:**
The form below MUST be completed and returned to the school by **Friday 11th March** for your chance to purchase family tickets and entry to our VIP raffle.
Please supply a contact number for your tickets. (Tickets will be distributed the week before the event.)

- Family Ticket (4 people) $22, with extra person $2 (only available pre-purchase)
- Adults $3
- Children $2
- Children under 3 are free.

***This is a family-focused Fundraising event. No pets allowed.

**SPECIAL OFFER:**
Tickets purchased by **Friday 11th March** will automatically go in the draw for the VIP Movie Experience Package which includes:
- A couch to sit on in a VIP area in prime viewing position
- Footstools for optimum comfort
- Free popcorn and drink for each person on the winning ticket
- Butler service provided by Mr Cory Pearce

You MUST include a contact number on your order form to be eligible.
Want to IMPACT on your local community? Advertise with us!

Looking for your business to reach local families?
Advertise at the “Gully North Picnic and Flick on the Green” on the GIANT screen!
Ads can be screened for 20 second segments in the 20 minutes prior to the show starting, and again after the completion of the show.

What a way to get known! Your products, services and name directly shown to the school community!

$25 buys you a segment that will be screened at least 3 times over the evening. This is part of the fundraising activity of the evening. All you need to do is supply some good quality photos and information about your business and we’ll arrange a presentation that can be shown on the GIANT screen.

Please indicate your interest at the office or email Katherine at kat5dan@tpg.com.au. Time slots close Friday March 4th 2016. Ads to be screen on Friday 18th March 2016 unless event is postponed.
Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you enjoyed the summer break, and are ready to get back into school life. After having a fantastic holiday, we are back on board and excited to see familiar faces returning – as well as some new faces.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into after school care.

Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they’ll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to let us know.
5. For Prep, Team member collect the children from respective class.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child.

If you have any questions about the program – please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in after school care first hand.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Program Details

We would like to share with you a few pictures from last week’s program.

We have commenced our Better Buddies Welcome Program this week to assist in welcoming the new children and making new friends with other children at OSHC. Some of the other activities we have been working on include Easter Art and Craft, Origami, Construction and setting up our new OSHC space.

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

Juhi Aghicha – Camp Australia Coordinator
P. 0423 764 880
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Ferntree Gully North P.S

School Name 4718  
School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb  State  Postcode

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:
• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
• I will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.
• If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools' Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant ________________________________ Date ______/____/____

VICTORIA State Government
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility
To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:
• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria
School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date
For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student:
• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $226 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
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2016 OPEN NIGHT
Tuesday 19th April 2016 – 7pm
COLLEGE TOURS: Wednesdays 9:15am-10am
Saturday 5th March 9:30am-11:30am
To register for a tour, please go to www.heathmont.vic.edu.au

Knox Schools Expo 2016
The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2017/18, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. The evening allows attendees to have conversations with representatives from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, before formal proceedings start at 7pm. The Q and A panel session will provide the audience with an opportunity to explore considerations when selecting a secondary school, after which there will be another opportunity to visit stalls.

When: Thursday 17 March 2016
Where: Knox Civic Centre 311 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152
Time: 5.45-8.45pm

For more information about the Knox Schools Expo contact Knox City Council Youth Services via Angela Thurlow on T: 9298 8531 or e: angela.thurlow@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker on T: 9298 8308 or e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au or visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/KnoxSchoolsExpo
Bookings are not required

Knox Festival 2016 Treasure Hunt
In a first of its kind for Knox Festival and complementing this year’s Hidden Treasure Hunt theme, come on an idea for the very youngest in our community – a giant Treasure Hunt.
Every Pre-school, Primary School, Council Childcare Centres and Community House in Knox is invited to participate in the largest treasure hunt the municipality has ever seen.
The treasure hunts will be hosted across the Festival site and will be open to participants to complete at their leisure throughout both days.
Treasure Hunt clues sheets/entry forms can be collected at the Festival site or at the gates or in the beach area and will need to be completed and returned to the treasure chest in the beach area before exiting the site.
Post festival all submissions will be assessed and eligible participants will go into the draw for a prize. Each entry will be asked to also nominate a school/primary school/ Council Childcare Centre or Community House. The most nominated for each of these groups will also be eligible for a prize.
Any questions please contact the Karen Johns, Knox City Council’s Festival & Events Administrative Officer on 99928 8388 or at Karen.johns@knox.vic.gov.au

JUNIOR ‘COME & TRY’ AND REGISTRATION DAYS
Saturday 5th & 12th March 9:30am-11am
Both sessions will be followed by a Free Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drink
Ringwood Saints Baseball Club
Proclamation Park, Sylvia Grove, Ringwood

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When: Wednesday 9th March from 9:30am – 12 noon
Where: Wellness on Wellington
1/1101 Wellington Rd, Rowville VIC 3178
Please RSVP - Phone: (03) 9780 8980

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