PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

WELCOME
Thank you for the warm welcome I have had since my arrival. I met most of the students and staff last term. I look forward to meeting more parents and families this term. I am very excited to be part of the Ferntree Gully North community. I was at my previous school, Warranwood, for 9 years and I know I will have a long and happy association with FGN PS.

BUSY WEEK
What a starting week we have. The first of our Footy Gala days is on this Friday. Ms Atkinson has the 3/4 classes and the preps scheduled for Friday 15th and the 1/2 and 5/6 students scheduled for Friday the 22nd.

The GNPA Family Movie Night is on Friday evening from 5pm. Tickets are available for families on the night and there will be some snacks available. Get your beanbags and blankets ready. The forecast for Friday is 25° with no rain! See you there.

SCHOOL TOURS FOR 2017
Prep tours for 2017 start this week with our first one on Thursday 14th at 1pm. If you know of anyone in the area who has a child starting school next year please encourage them to book a tour and see our great school in action. There are a number of opportunities to come for a tour and I’m sure everyone will find a time that suits them.

Have a great week,
Sue Dean
Principal

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

CALENDAR 2016
Dates to remember...

TERM 2 DATES:
Monday 11 April – Friday 24 June
Prep Tours start – see website for details

FOOTY GALA DAYS
Friday 15th and Friday 22nd April

GNPA MOVIE NIGHT
Friday 15th April

DISTRICT AND DIVISIONAL TENNIS
Selected students
Friday 15th and Friday 22nd April

YEAR 5 VISIT TO UPWEY HS:
Wednesday 20th April

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 25th April

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC BEGINS
Monday 2nd May

GNPA SCHOOL DISCO:
Friday 20th May

MUSEUM AND JURASSIC WORLD EXCURSION
Grades 1/2 Monday 23rd May

LIFE ED GALA DANCE ACADEMY PERFORMANCE:
Saturday 28th May

QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 13th June

Thank you for your support and patience.
COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Hello, my name is Marita Knutsen. I am the School Council Community Liaison Officer. As my title suggests I liaise with the school community and the School Council. If you have a query, suggestion or comment I will present it for you at School Council. Community members are welcome at our meetings but we do understand not everyone has time to do so.

The role of our School Council is to assist in the governance of the school. Our School Council has three subcommittees. This is a very brief overview of what they do:

- Finance - The Finance Committee present the recommended budget to School Council for approval and adoption. They also regularly monitor and report to council on progress against the budget.
- Education and Planning - The Education and Planning Committee maintain educational policies such as camps, excursions and student welfare.
- Buildings and Grounds - Buildings and Grounds organise working bees and maintain the schools appearance.

For information on School Councils and subcommittees go to education.vic.gov.au.

If you would like to submit anything to School Council I can be contacted via the tiqbiz app. Go to Contact, submit your message and in the drop down box for 'Who is this message for?' Select Community Liaison Officer. I will bring your submission to the next School Council Meeting and you will be contacted by the appropriate person soon after.

Looking forward to hearing from you.  
Marita Knutsen

FOOTY GALA DAYS:
Hi All.  
Just a reminder about our upcoming footy gala days...  
2 Football Gala Days have been organised thanks to AIA Vitality Mini Roo's who offer free footy clinics to schools.

The details are:

Friday 15th April for Preps and Grades 3 /4
Friday 22nd April for Grades 1 /2 and 5/6
Movie Night, This Friday April 15th.

- Tickets are still available on the night. Adults - $8, Children $5, Children 3 and under are free.

- 5:30pm for our picnic and 6.15pm for the movie.

- Don’t forget to bring your own Picnic dinner and enjoy our first outdoors experience as you picnic on the green. As the sun goes down, Big Hero 6 will light the GIANT 9m x 7m screen complete with stereo sound.

- Popcorn, soft drinks, bottled water, small lolly bags and a healthy snack alternative will be available for purchase from 5.45pm.

- Coffees will also be available from our coffee van.

All pre-purchased ticket wrist bands have been sent home on Tuesday 15th March, with the oldest child.

PLEASE NOTE SLIGHT CHANGE TO BELL TIMES FOR RECESS:

New times:

8.50-8.55am - Classes open:
9.00am - school day begins. Rolls taken
9.10am - Play is the way games commence
11.30am - lunch eating time
11.40am - lunch recess (extra 10 minutes from Term 1 timetable)
12.30pm - Classes resume
2.10pm - Afternoon recess (reduced 10 minutes from Term 1 timetable)
2.30pm - Classes resume
3.15pm - Notice collection from office
3.20pm - Daily reflection time. Back in home rooms
3.30pm - Dismissal
DON'T LOSE THIS NOTICE

Term 2 2016

ENROL NOW

KEYBOARD LESSONS AT SCHOOL
IN-SCHOOL TIME

YOUR CHILD DESERVES THIS CHANCE
THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Enrol NOW in .............

PIANO ON KEYBOARD LESSONS
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* Inexpensive
* Learn with Friends
* All equipment provided
* INDIVIDUAL tuition

ONE FREE LESSON
IF YOU ENROL NOW
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GULLY
NORTH
PARENTS
ASSOCIATION

April 2016

Events calendar

Wednesday 13th April
❖ School banking
   Drop in your bank books

Friday 15th April
❖ GNPA Meeting
   9:05am
   (OHSCC Centre)
   New members welcome

Friday 15th April
❖ 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 ‘Big Hero 6’
at 6.15pm. Tickets are still
available at a low price.

Thursday 5th May
❖ Mother’s day Stall

Sunday 29th May
❖ Bunnings BBQ
   Fundraiser

Movie Night

Movie Night, This Friday.

❖ Tickets are still available on the night.
   Adults - $8, Children $5, Children 3 and under are free.
   Family tickets can still be purchased up until
   this Thursday 14th of April

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   6.15pm for the movie.

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   enjoy our first outdoors experience as you picnic
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   bags and a healthy snack alternative will be
   available for purchase from 5.45pm onwards.
   Coffees will also be available from our coffee
   van.

❖ Maybe bring some extra blankets and warm
   jackets in case it gets cold, and have a great night
   with your family and friends

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child
Easter Raffle Thanks and Congratulations

We hope everyone had a great Easter and congratulations to the winning families of our Easter raffle: we hope you enjoyed your hampers.

Thank you again to everyone who donated and helped with this year’s raffle, we had 12 magnificent hampers to raffle this year and raised a grand total of $980 for the school community.

This is a real boost to our goal of a shade sale - an amazing effort and thank you again to all those who donated and participated in this year’s Easter raffle.

GNPA MEETING

The Gully North Parent’s Association meets once a month to support the school by organizing fundraising and social events. We welcome all parents to join or offer to volunteer when available.

❖ At our meeting this week we will be discussing fundraising ideas and ways to improve on some items, upcoming events including the Movie night this week and also things that might need some work around the school.

❖ Why not come along as we would love to see some new faces. If you can’t make it, feel free to send another family member along or just let us know your availability so we can call on you in the future for upcoming events. We hope to see you there!
Starting the day in the right way.

A healthy breakfast is very important for children - to help provide them with the energy they need to get the most out of their school day.

Our Before School Care program runs every school day and offers an exciting range of activities for children to start the school day in the best possible way, with a healthy breakfast and some light activities and relaxation time.

For more information on our program visit us at www.campaustralia.com.au and use the ‘school finder’ on our homepage.

Alternatively, if you would like to see the program in action, feel free to pop into the program during operational hours and meet the onsite team.

We look forward to seeing you in the program soon.

The Camp Australia Team

We look forward to caring for your children

www.campaustralia.com.au | 1300 105 343
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: Positions Still Available!**

**Helpers still required for Prep W, 1/2K, 1/2M, 3/4M**

As it takes time to enter the students into the Challenge data base, 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)

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**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): ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Parent/guardian signature: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. Date: ……………………………………………………………………….

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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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 school, 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 2018) or term two (11 April 2018).

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: $225 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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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Ferntree Gully North P.S 4718
School Name School REF ID

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

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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 Services 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 (DHHS) 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.
- This consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not otherwise 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/or State Schools. Refer to 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 ____________

STATE GOVERNMENT
Blackburn High School High Achievers’ Program for Year 7, 2017
Applications are now open.

How to Apply
Applications are online at [www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.blackburnhs.vic.edu.au)

Test date:
Saturday 14th May 2016, 8:30am for 9:00am start Concludes 12.00pm (Noon)

High Achievers’ Program Information Evening
Tuesday 19 April, 2016 – 7.00pm – 8.00pm at Blackburn High School
The Information Evening is an opportunity for parents to learn more about the program and the examination and interview process.

Surviving Parenthood
Do you wonder what the difference between punishment and discipline is?
Why do kids choose the behaviours they do?
Do you want to teach your kids how to be resilient in our chaotic world?
How to talk so they will listen? To maintain a connection with them?
Come along and share your experiences, stories and take some time out for yourself.

Who: Dads, mums and carers of children under 12 years
Where: Boronia Heights Primary School, Landscape Drive, Boronia Heights
When: Monday May 2nd – 5th June (6 sessions)
Cost: Free (bookings essential)
Contact: Helena at Parentzone 9721 3656 or 0488 501 264

CHILDREN, CHALLENGES & CHOICES.
COME ALONG AND JOIN OTHER PARENTS IN DISCUSSING THESE AND OTHER PARENTING ISSUES:

Do you struggle to develop boundaries that work with your kids?
Would you like to be able to talk to your kids so that they listen?
Do you wonder how they behave as they do?

Dates: Tuesday’s 19th and 26th April
Time: 1pm - 3pm
Venue: Rowville Primary School
Cost: FREE of Charge
Bookings are essential

1300 809 722 | anglicarevo.org.au
Homework Club

Boronia Community Church of Christ is excited to announce the launch of our Homework Club. Thursdays each week during school terms.

This program is supported by: Knox Council Community Development Fund

The Homework Club provides a safe and supportive out-of-school learning environment where primary and secondary students can participate in activities that develop their academic skills in addition to getting assistance with homework. Through regular attendance, students will be able to enhance their learning and development skills, enabling them to access local volunteer tutors who have appropriate skills and knowledge to support the Club activities.

Who?  Students in Year 3 - 12
When?  4:00pm-5:30pm each Thursday during school terms
Where?  The Hub, Boronia Community Church of Christ, 59 Boronia Rd., Boronia
Cost?  $2 per session (Includes afternoon snack at 4:00pm)
Contact?  Church Office (ph. 9762 1277) or David Deilth (m. 0412 433 237).

Intimo Lingerie are partnering with Share the Dignity in their mission to provide homeless and at-risk women with the basic necessities of sanitary items and bras, hoping to one day put an end to the indignity associated with homelessness.

Do you have pre loved Bra's in good condition that are just sitting in your lingerie drawer? Have you considered donating them to this initiative?

My name is Katie Todd and, as an independent Intimo Lingerie Stylist, I am a Collection Agent for this partnership. I will be placing a collection point at Ferntree Gully North Primary School. Why not bag up your Bra's and drop them in the bin located in the office for me to collect.

Please help me in giving a little bit of dignity back to women in need.

If you have any questions please contact me on 0499 528 769 or katie.todd@intimo.com.au.
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