CALENDAR 2016

Dates to remember...

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

WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE:
Sunday 15th May 9am-12pm

ICAS TESTING: DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES:
(Selected Students)
Tuesday 17th May

SCHOOL OPEN MORNING:
Thursday 19th May, 9.15am-11.30am

GNPA SCHOOL DISCO:
Friday 20th May

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

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY:
Selected Students
Friday 27th May

LIFE ED GALA DANCE ACADEMY
PERFORMANCE:
Saturday 28th May

GNPA BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER:
Sunday 29th May

ICAS TESTING: SCIENCE:
(Selected students)
Tuesday 31st May

QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Monday 13th June

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Working Bee
The working bee will be held this Sunday from 9am-12noon. It is a while since we have had a working bee and the time has come for a general clean up. Some of the jobs are as follows:

Mulching
Removal of dead branches
Raking soft fall
Litter run
Clean out kerbs

Please come along and support our school in maintaining our beautiful grounds.

Open Morning and The World’s Biggest Morning Tea
We warmly invite you to our Open Morning on Thursday 19th May from 9.15-11.30am. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to see the workings of our classrooms. From 9.10am-9.30am students will be participating in their Play is the Way activities and then a range of classroom activities. At 11.30am we will be holding the World’s Biggest Morning Tea in the Japanese room. Staff will be putting on the morning tea to recognise the work the Cancer Council does. We would ask special visitors to bring a donation to this very worthy cause. We look forward to seeing you there.

Food Bank
From Term 3 we have been lucky enough to secure the support of Food Bank for our breakfast club which is held on a Thursday. We are very grateful for their support.

Education Committee
The Education Committee is a sub-committee of the School Council and meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Traditionally the Education Committee works on policies required for the school. This year we would like to expand our work to providing forums based on educational issues such as helping your child at home with reading. At the end of the Newsletter there is a list of potential issues that we might look at. Please fill in the tear off slips and nominate your first 3 preferences of areas you might be interested in so we can offer appropriate sessions. Please return the slip to the Office.

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

...cont/2.
Naplan
Students in years 3 and 5 will be completing Naplan testing this week. The testing covers writing, spelling and grammar conventions, reading and maths. These tests provide a snapshot only of student progress. The reports will be available later in the year and will come home through the school. Thank you to staff and students for their hard work and perseverance this week.

Babies!
Congratulations to Mrs Donker who had a healthy baby boy, named Joshua, born on the 20th April. Also congratulations to Jess White who had her second child, a boy named Baxter on 2nd May. Plus we are happy to announce that Lisa Maxwell is due to have a baby later this year! We wish all our teachers and their new family members happiness and health.

Have a great week,
Sue Dean and Cory Pearce

AUTUMN WORKING BEE

Sunday 15 May 2016
9am – 12noon

Come and lend a hand in the school grounds in preparation for Education Week!

We are hoping to do a general tidy up, mulching, pruning, ground gutters, litter, raking softfall in playgrounds etc.

So if you can come along even for a short time, bring along your gardening gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows etc.

Enquiries and/or RSVPs can be left at the office addressed to Fiona c/- Buildings & Grounds Committee.

We’d love to make our beautiful new school as beautiful as it can be before Education Week Open Morning and the more hands, the easier that will be.
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

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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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## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week:

*(Ending Friday 06 May 2016)*

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<td>Charlie K</td>
<td>For showing tolerance and compassion throughout challenging situations this week</td>
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<td>Zoe W</td>
<td>For demonstrating kindness towards her classmates</td>
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<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Lucia P</td>
<td>For showing strong leadership skills during Maths lessons this week and in Sport</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Ben F</td>
<td>For showing focus and determination in finishing his picture story book</td>
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<td>3/4S</td>
<td>Isabelle W</td>
<td>For influencing the behaviour of others in a positive way. Thank you!</td>
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<td>3/4O</td>
<td>Flynn B</td>
<td>For showing great effort and persistence with writing tasks</td>
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<td>3/4M</td>
<td>Tyler F</td>
<td>For his fantastic Narrative texts. Well done 😊</td>
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<td>3/4C</td>
<td>Phoenix G</td>
<td>For making some fantastic decisions this week and bringing a much better attitude to school. Great work!</td>
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<td>Angus R</td>
<td>For always trying his best and making fantastic improvements in Writing! Well done!</td>
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<td>1/2K</td>
<td>Cooper B</td>
<td>For utilising our class resources to make improvements to his writing. Well done Coop!</td>
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<td>Chloe W</td>
<td>For consistently using her good manners and making other people feel great 😊</td>
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<td>Cooper C</td>
<td>For striving for his personal best in Maths this week</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Tristan O</td>
<td>For writing a creative and interesting narrative. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Willow U</td>
<td>For taking great care in the presentation of her work</td>
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<td>PREP W</td>
<td>Malak E</td>
<td>For being brave and speaking clearly and with volume when she was focus kid</td>
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<td>Cannon H</td>
<td>For being brave and using sounds to write his words in Writing</td>
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<td>PREP F</td>
<td>Camden F</td>
<td>For working so hard on making strong choices. Great job Cam!</td>
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<td>ART</td>
<td>Cooper B</td>
<td>For working cooperatively in Art and creating a beautiful Mother’s Day artwork</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Kadyn A</td>
<td>For making it through to Divisional Tennis</td>
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<td>LOTE Options</td>
<td>Laura J</td>
<td>For working consistently and assisting others this week</td>
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<td>SPECIAL:</td>
<td>Phoenix B</td>
<td>For being an excellent role model and a kind and helpful buddy during our Prep / 5/6 writing session</td>
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GULLY NORTH
PARENTS ASSOCIATION

May 2016

Events calendar

Wednesday 11th May
❖ School banking
   Drop in your bank books

Friday 13th May
❖ GNPA Meeting
   9:05am
   (Canteen annex, Next to the enviro center)
   New members welcome

Friday 20th May
❖ Disco
   5-6:30pm P-2
   6:45-8:15pm 3-6

Sunday 29th May
❖ Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

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Give it a try! Have a look at the table and decide which form of membership is best for you.

You will save money!

Online Ecard, giftcards for Woolworths save 5% on your shopping, lots of other ecard offers and many more great offers, including dining, hotels, movies, extra value emails with great extra discounts including random gold class deals for that ‘night out’ we all need!
Click on the Hyper link or type it into the browser and have a look. Quick, easy and you will most definitely be happy. If you have thought about this every time you see one, this is your opportunity to save. If you love a bargain or are a savvy shopper you will find this book very useful. Now for those that don’t want to feel like they are using coupons there is a Gold card section just for you to have a look at with a great little card to scan, or on your phone to save you money without looking like it - there is something for everyone, and thank you to those who have already purchased through the school.

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**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser Volunteers required**

Dear Mums and/or Dads,

GNPA will be holding a Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser on the 20th May 2016 at Bunning Scoresby. We are looking for volunteers to run it for the day; it will be in shifts so you won’t be there all day. So, if you have a few hours to spare, please fill up the form below and we’ll be in touch with you.

**HELPERS’ NAME:** ____________________________ **CONTACT NO:** ______________

**PLEASE CIRCLE THE TIME YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP:**

8AM-10AM  10AM-12PM  12PM-2PM  2PM-4PM  4PM+ (to help with clean up)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE. THANK YOU!**

Note: Forms can be completed in the app using the GNPA feed and saved as pdfs and sent to the school via email to ferntree.gully.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au add subject as mothersday volunteer or alturtatively feel free to write the information on paper and sent to the school throught your child.
School Disco
Friday 20 May 2016

Preps – Year 2 Disco 5pm – 6.30pm
Year 3 – Year 6 Disco 6.45 – 8.15pm

Entry $5 Includes DJ, One Glow stick and One Snack
Extra glow sticks and snacks can be purchased

Grades Prep, 1 & 2 will rock it out from 5:00pm – 6:30pm
Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 hit the dance floor from 6:45pm – 8:15pm

FORMS COMING HOME THIS WEEK!

Includes disco fun, a glow stick and snack! Extra glow sticks & snacks are available to purchase for 50 cents each. Please bring your own named water bottle.

$5.00
ENTRY Per child
**Ferntree Gully Nissan: Great Community Raffle**

It’s Time to start returning Tickets! This Raffle is great for the school as 100% of sales are returned to the school and prizes are donated by the FTG Motor Group. We would love to sell all tickets this year and need any unsold tickets returned ASAP. *There is a new car as the major prize AND as second prize, and wouldn’t it be great to see one of our own school community members win?! Tickets are due back soon. Thank you for your participation.*

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**GNPA MEETING**

**Meeting this Friday the 13th:** We will be discussing many fundraising items on the go and our upcoming event, the School Disco, plus making decisions about this great event. If you have an idea or suggestion, please come and share it with us: we love to hear them.

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.

**DISCO Volunteers required**

Every year we have an overwhelming response for parent helpers for our discos. We thank everyone who wishes to help with these events, but unfortunately we are unable to have all the willing helpers participate on the night. In these cases we pick names at random including GNPA members and inform the volunteers whose names are chosen. **If you would like to “put your name in the hat” to help with the school disco please leave your name and contact details with the office and we will contact you if your name is drawn**, after Friday’s meeting. Or even better, feel free to attend the GNPA meeting this Friday to share your ideas!
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 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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THE EDUCATION STATE

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Ferntree Gully North P.S

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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)

OR

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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<th>Student ID</th>
<th>Date of birth (ddmmyyyy)</th>
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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.

- this consent, once signed, remains valid at all 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 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/or 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
Ferntree Gully North Primary School

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GNPA Community event:
Parents/carers please note: this is not a school-organised event, but a GNPA organised Community get-together. Parents please supervise your children at all times.

STAY & PLAY IN MAY

Do your kids always want to stay that little bit longer after school and play with their friends?

Do you want to meet more parents, but are always in a rush?

Well then, Stay and play in May!!

Stay for 5 minutes or 20, up to you!!

When: Thursday 12th May, Wednesday 18th May, Tuesday 24th May, Monday 30th May

Possible Forums for Education Committee May 2016

The Education Committee is a sub-committee of the School Council. We would like to run some educational forums for parents during the year. Please have a look at some options below and number your first 3 preferences of the areas you are interested in.

Return this slip to the office to help us design appropriate sessions.

☐ Play is the Way (Social Skills development)
☐ Play Based Learning (Inquiry, Kathy Walker play)
☐ Café Reading
☐ Maths
☐ How to Help Your Child at Home with Reading
☐ Number
☐ Science
☐ Other areas of interest to me are: ________________________________
LEARNING MUSIC IMPROVES RESULTS IN OTHER SUBJECTS

eg Mathematics

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Phone 9761 9058
Ferntree Gully North Primary School OSHC, 9th May 2016

Welcome to OSHC, Term 2, Week 5

Dear Parents and School staff,

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

1. Prep children are picked up from respective classes and walk to OSHC with a team member from camp Australia.
2. For safe arrival of children from Year 1 onwards to OSHC. Let the child, teacher or school reception and coordinator know if you are running late.
3. Your child felt after their first visit.
4. Encourage your child to talk to the Educators if there is something in particular your child would like to do when they are in our care.
5. It is great to have a chat with your child for being in line of vision of Team members at all times during BSC/ASC to maintain safety of the child.

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.

Program Details

We all made special handmade gifts for our mothers and other special people in our lives. In Before and After School Care the children made choices to create gifts including pop up cards, origami gift boxes, earrings, bracelets or necklaces. We also made Vanilla cupcakes Gluten and gluten-free gift. Mothers and special person in their family some children made our own jewellery boxes from recycled materials and decorating glass jars. Next week we are planning to make hand puppets with filling and creating a story involving the puppets. Some last week’s activities pictures on next page.

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

You can register your child online on Camp Australia website it is easy and free.

Juhi Aghicha – Camp Australia Coordinator-OSHC- Number: 0423 764 880

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