CALENDAR 2016

Dates to remember...

TERM 3 DATES: Monday 11 July – Friday 16 September
Prep 2017 Tours are underway: see website for details

AFL FOOTBALL GALA DAY: Wear your team colours! (No footy boots please)
Thursday 14 July

MID-YEAR REPORTS SENT HOME:
Friday 15 July

STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
(Student free day)
Wednesday 20 July, 12.00pm-8.00pm

HOUSE ATHLETICS:
Friday 22 July

YEAR 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP:
Monday 1–Friday 5 August

OLYMPIC TABLOID SPORTS DAY:
Friday 12 August

CURRICULUM DAY: (Student free day)
Monday 15 August

SCHOOL DENTAL FOLLOW UP VISIT:
Tuesday 16 August

WORKING BEE:
Saturday 20 August

YEAR 4 BIKE ED CAMP:
Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 August

GNPA FATHER’S DAY STALL:
Thursday 1 September

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Staffing
Caroline Meier from the 5/6 team unexpectedly finished up on the final day of the term. Caroline would like to spend more time with her family. We wish her well and thank her for her contributions. Georgia O’Brien will be taking the class for the remainder of the year and will work with the team to ensure a smooth transition.

Leonie Chuter also finished her time at Ferntree Gully North at the end of term. Leonie has done a great job at the school for a number of years and will be well known by many of our families. We thank Leonie for her dedication, care and hard work over many years and wish her well for a wonderful future. Lisa Norris will be working with us to round out the aide team.

Mirren Alenson is on long service leave this term and we thank Megan Casey for capably filling Mirren’s shoes for the term. Tamara Zebisch is also working in the 1/2 area whilst Jacqui Hutchinson is on leave for two weeks. Giulia Cuzzila is taking Japanese during Marian Collins’ leave.

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
These meetings will be held on Wednesday 20th July. If you haven’t booked your time please do so as soon as possible. These meetings are vital for our three way partnership to set goals around your child’s needs. All families are expected to attend.

House Athletics
House Athletics for years 3-6 will be held on Friday 22nd July. Please ensure your permission notice and money is returned as soon as possible. Rug up for the day.

We have two camps coming up this term. Year 5/6 to Canberra on Monday 1st August and Year 4 on Wednesday 24th August. Watch out for your paperwork and please organise your payments by the due date. Both camps offer a range of fantastic opportunities for our students. The Year 4 students will complete a Bike Ed course and school before the camp and this will give them an opportunity to further develop their skills.

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

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PRINCIPAL’S CORNER (continued from page 1)

Footy Cards
It’s footy card season again! I can still remember the trials and tribulations involved with footy cards from when my boys were at school. Please make sure that you discuss with your children appropriate swapping and perhaps any very special cards need to remain at home. Perhaps only swaps come to school. There is always the temptation to just ban cards, but swapping can provide opportunities for students to develop self management skills.

Have a great week,

Sue Dean and Cory Pearce

SCHOOL COUNCIL LIAISON
School Council is meeting next Wednesday the 20th of June. If you would like me to present an idea, comment or query on your behalf I can be contacted via the Tiqbiz app.

Marita Knutsen

DANCE SUCCESS IN THE HOLIDAYS!

I have been learning dance at Dancers Edge for just over 2 years. During the holidays I competed in two dance routines with my troupe, known as DE Destiny. DE Destiny has between 15 and 20 kids in it, including Scarlett H, Emma and Jon S and Courtney W from our School. We competed in Youth Hip Hop and Youth Jazz and managed to take first place for our Hip Hop Routine.

I find the dance competitions to be great fun but quite challenging at the same time with the need to stay perfectly in sync with every teammate and the music while performing in front of some rather large crowds – there are no second chances, once the music starts, it’s on.

Jack Baker, 5/6F

My dance troupe is called DE Diamonds (because we shine bright) and we competed against other dance troupes from dance schools across Victoria. There are 8 people competing in our dance troupe including Tyler F, Cierra S and I from FTG North Primary School. Diamonds came 3rd in our jazz dance and we were all very proud of how we performed. Our Jazz dance was done to the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party. I have danced for 2 years now and this was my first competition. I felt great.

Luke Baker 3/4C
FREEDOM DAY

As some of you know I am taking Long Service Leave for Term 3. Chris and I are heading to the remote aboriginal community of Kalkaringi (500 kms west of Katherine). My son and his partner are back in Melbourne now, but for the last two years Megan has taught Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 girls at the Kalkaringi school and David became the canteen manager, cooking for 120+ children.

The reason for our journey is to take part in the Freedom Day Festival on 19th – 21st August, which is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Wave Hill Walk Off. 1966, two hundred Gurindji, Malginin, Mudburra and Warlpiri people took their belongings and walked from old Wave Hill station, due to appalling working and living conditions. The Walk Off was the start of Land Rights with the Gurindji being the first community in Australia to be given some of their land back. The strike lasted for eight years and ended when Gough Whitlam came to Kalkaringi and gave the Gurindji a pastoral lease over their land. The Gurindji are very proud of their role in the history of Land Rights, but being isolated want to get their message across to the rest of Australia.

Before David came back to Melbourne, he was asked by the Gurindji Aboriginal Corporation to design interpretive signage for a 21km tourist walk along the Walk Off route and do the “branding” and website graphics for the Freedom Day Festival. If you want to find out more about Freedom Day and the Walk Off, the web site is www.freedomday50.com.au. There is also more information on ABC Splash. However, it is not until you stand on the Jimparrak site (Wave Hill) where the Walk Off started, see children’s marbles still lying in the dirt and listen to the story that you realise how incredibly brave they were.

The country is beautiful with stunning gorges and waterholes and I feel very fortunate that I have been able visit the community, learn about the Gurindji culture and spend some time in the school. Although remote schools are very well resourced, I don't think most people would realise what teaching in remote schools involve. Children often cannot attend due to flooding in the wet or on cultural/sorry days. Teachers have to cater for a large range of abilities in every grade, as well as English being a second language. They have to travel a 1000km round trip to attend Professional Development days in Katherine, while CRT’s often have to travel thousands of kilometres in a term. Activities and other programs that we take for granted at our school are few and far between due to the remoteness. The school also has to respect and work within the framework of the Gurindji laws and traditions. Skin relationships are as strong if not stronger as family relationships and this will influence how the children deal with incidents in the playground and social interactions.

The Gurindji Corporation's slogan for the festival is: "ngumpin, kartiya karru-la jintaku-la, blackfella, whitefella unite as one".

Have a great Term 3 everyone and I’ll see you when I get back.

Mirren Alenson
Gully View

Gully North Parents Association

JULY 2016

Events calendar

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

Friday 15th July
❖ GNPA Meeting
   9:05am
   (Canteen annex, Next to the enviro centre)
   New members welcome

Thursday 1st September
❖ Father’s day Stall
   Selection of great gifts for Dad and cards from 50c – $5

Saturday 10th September
❖ TV Trivia Night
   It has been 60 years of TV so come along and enjoy a great night of trivia! We know you want to! With all new electric button answer pads to make your night as fun as possible.

Upcoming events for the year

Cadbury’s and soap Drive
   (Coming soon)

Father’s day stall
TV Trivia Night
Mango drive
Halloween Disco
Shopping Tour
Christmas Raffle

TV Trivia Night

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2016
Fairhills High School
Start recruiting people now, from work, social groups, family etc. to fill your table

GNPA Meeting

Meeting this Friday the 15th. We will be discussing many fundraising items on the go and our upcoming event, the ‘TV TRIVIA NIGHT’, plus making decisions about this great event. If you have an idea 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.

Please note the change of venue to the canteen annex.
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for that night out we all need.

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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.
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card to scan, or on your phone, to save you money without looking like it, there is something for everyone!
Thank you to those who have already purchased through the school.

Passive fundraisers

The Good Guys in Bayswater:
Identity Direct (34310)
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Entertainment

These books can be purchased any time of year but this is the best time to get the most value. 11 months left to use and save

You can also purchase copies from other states as gifts for family or friends

Identity Direct: We’re half way through the year and you may want to start thinking about Christmas gifts, a birthday that may be coming up or just may need some new labels. Have a look and don’t forget the Code when making your order (34310)

FERNTREE GULLY NORTH PS: These are the words we would love you and your family and friends to use when next at one of our schools listed Fundraiser Companies. Every dollar helps and these companies support schools by donating money or goods to our school.

GNPA
DO YOU HAVE CHRONIC PAIN?

Be Strong, Live Well With Pain
Do You Want To Achieve More And Suffer Less? We Invite You To Join Us At This FREE Event.

GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Dr Paul Bergamo, Chiropractor. Bergamo Chiropractic & Nutrition Centre, will be speaking about the integrative approach to chronic pain care & the importance of nutrition.
www.bergamohealth.com.au

Carolyn Gray, podcaster from Holistic Wellness for Life and psychology student, is speaking on how understanding Acceptance and Commitment Therapy can benefit in managing pain. www.holisticwellnessforlife.com

Carole Kirwood, mindfulness teacher at The Mindful Gap, is discussing how mindfulness can assist in our experience of pain.
www.themindfulgap.com.au

Wendy Steward, health coach and podcaster at Wendys Way, will share her story on how to be kind to yourself and make change happen in small, achievable steps.
www.wendysway.com.au

Luke Sweet, Physiotherapist from Back In Motion, Wantirna is talking all about the importance of keeping moving and giving suggestions for some gentle exercise.

Mandy Mercuri, chronic pain survivor and self pain management advocate, will share her inspiring story of overcoming years of chronic back pain by using a total lifestyle approach incorporating mindset, movement & healthy eating.
www.takeholdofpain.com

Representatives from Synergy Life Pilates, The Wellness Barn, Bergamo Chiropractic & Nutrition Centre are providing “hands-on” exercises, free spinal screenings, advice & information for all attendees!

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Be Strong, Live Well with Pain Forum for National Pain Week
When: Thursday 28th July from 1:30pm - 4:30pm
Where: Orana Neighbourhood House,
62 Coleman Road, Wantirna South VIC 3152
Please RSVP for catering purposes - mandy@takeholdofpain.com / 0435 066 375
The Feelings Toolkit
Helping Your Kids Cope in a Chaotic World
For Parents and Carers of Children Aged Up to 12 Years

- Do your kids worry?
- Do they feel anxious or upset?
- How do you feel about feelings?
- Do you have a way to talk to your kids about feelings?
- How do you help kids deal with strong feelings?
- Discover how our thoughts play a part in feelings and how to make good use of them.

Come along to share your experiences, learn new strategies, and talk to other parents.

When: Tuesday 20th, 23rd, 30th, August
Time: 7pm to 9pm
Where: Parkside Community House, 37 Duntroon Street, Parkside
Cost: FREE of Charge
Bookings: Essential - Anglicare Ferntree Gully
03 9735 6134 or 0400 500 204

Tuning Into Kids
February 2017

Who?
Welcoming Australian families from all walks of life, Host families come in all shapes and sizes: some have kids, some live on farms, some have horses for pets, some love rollerblading!

What?
Volunteer Host Student Program. As a not-for-profit WEP, we must offer maximum support for your family, who are our family.

Where?
We have wonderful students arriving in Australia in February 2017. Some will be here for eight weeks, some for one semester, some for a year!

How?
This is an amazing opportunity to open your heart and home to the world! You'll get to rediscover your own backyard, travel from the comfort of your own chair while winning your family dynamic!

Contact us for more information or a free info pack!

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Gully View

Wed 27 July
10:30am
5-7 The Avenue
Ferntree Gully

Ferntree Gully Library + CFA Funtime Storytime

Join Sue & Rusty Arnold (Library) and Graham, April and Alan (CFA) for a fun story, a fire safety show and songs, craft activities, plus a look at the fire trucks!

Bookings essential
PH 9800 6455 or online
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