PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

School Finishes Thursday
A reminder that Term 3 concludes for students on Thursday with an Assembly at 3pm followed by dismissal at 3.30pm. On Friday, staff will be at school working on Spelling in preparation for the end of the year and next year.

Term 4 commences on Monday October 5th (which is also the first Monday of Day Lights Savings, with the clock change happening on the last Saturday night of the holidays).

Footy Day
On Wednesday we will celebrate our annual Footy Day, with students encouraged to wear their team colours and show their support ahead of the upcoming end to the 2015 AFL season. We will conduct a parade of teams and supporters at 3pm and I invite members of the community to attend.

On this day we have a themed lunch available and this year for the first time the options included a Shepherd’s Pie. The inclusion of this was off the back of a letter I received from two Year 5 students that was also addressed to School Council, requesting that we add this option to the normal canteen menu.

After putting these boys (Josh and Rory) in touch with our new canteen provider Tina, they have been apprentice chefs helping to prepare the shepherd’s pie orders for the footy day lunch. Success of the sales today and the feedback from the customers who trialled the pie will determine whether it becomes a regular item on the canteen menu.

Thanks to the boys for their initiative and to Tina for being willing to trial their idea.

State School Spectacular
You may have seen in the paper, or on the weekend news, highlights of this year’s State School Spectacular which was held on the weekend at the tennis centre. This year’s show, celebrating the talent of students enrolled in state schools in Victoria featured many past Ferntree Gully North students and one of our current students Cameron, who starred as Cindy in our recent Production. Sue Ellen, the lead choreographer from our Dance and Performance Academy was also involved this year as she has been in the past.

The Victorian State School Spectacular is broadcast later in the year on TV if you keep an eye out for the broadcast details.

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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Minister’s Announcement about The Education State
A bit over shadowed by the leadership spill and change in Prime Minister on Monday night, State Education Minister James Merlino on Monday made announcements related to Victoria as the Education State. Exactly what this all means to schools and particularly to Ferntree Gully North Primary School remains to be seen but will hopefully lead to greater transparency in decisions and funding to schools. I will work closely with School Council as it unfolds and will update the community through the newsletter.

Staff Leave
Safe travels to Julianne Wilson and Donna Krenn who are travelling to Europe on the holidays and will be back in Week Two of Term 4. Louise Strauch will be on long Service Leave for the first seven weeks of Term Four and Jo Stevens will be on leave for the first three days of next term. I am sure these staff members will come back fully recharged and ready to go to finish out the year.

Staff Wedding on Holidays
Congratulations and best wishes to Matt Sutherland and Anita Ancona who are getting married on the holidays (yes, to each other 😊). May they have a long and happy life together. We will mark the occasion at Assembly on Friday with a special event. Shhhh.

Thank you for a Busy Term
Thank you to the community for your support during a busy term and wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable holiday. Hopefully this includes some sunshine!

See you all back with your hats for Term 4.
Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens

OCTOBER IS ‘WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH’!

Our school will be taking part in VicHealth’s Walk to School month this October. The program aims to encourage Victorian primary students to walk, ride or scoot to and from school to kick-start healthy walking habits that can lead to good health for life. It is a free program that involves teachers tracking students’ achievements throughout October, after which students will be in the running for fantastic prizes.

Information sheets will be sent home this week and posted on Tiqbiz to provide you with more information. The program will start at the beginning of term four so please encourage your child to participate in any way they can.

Miss J Cichowicz
CSEF FUND (Camps, Sport, Excursion fund)

The first funding from the CSEF payment has now been received and, where successful, it has been allocated to your student’s school account.

For parents who applied before the end of term 2 and were successful, the credit is available for your student. You have received an amount of $125 per eligible child. This amount can be used for each individual student and is for Camps, Sports and Excursion/Incursions only. This amount will be carried forward into the new school year if it has not been allocated to Sports/Camps/Excursions this year.

The CSEF payment will sit against each individual student as a credit. It cannot be shared between other family members. You may only use this credit as a form of payment towards Camps, Sports and Excursion/Incursions.

Ferntree gully North PS is still open for 2015 CSEF applications. An extension date has been applied and we will be accepting CSEF applications until September 18th 2015.

If you think you may be eligible for this funding and have not lodged your application, please come to the office or simply complete the CSEF form in this edition of the Newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please come and see me in the office.

Thank you,

Lee-Ann O’Brien
Business Manager
CSEF Application Form 2015 – Ferntree Gully North PS

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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Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy) Year level

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 (the department) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• the department will use information I have provided to the DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to the DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid unless I withdraw it by contacting the school or the department.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from the department 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.

• Some personal information may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

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 __/__/____
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week:
(ending Friday 11 September 2015)

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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Miss Davies</td>
<td>Caelan J-L For a dedicated approach to all subject areas</td>
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<td>Mrs Fellows</td>
<td>Nathan V V For making strong decisions about his learning to ensure he gives his personal best</td>
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<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Mrs Hutchinson</td>
<td>Charlie L For your quiet and focused work during ERT time</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Miss Ancona</td>
<td>Jack N For displaying good teamwork during Maths sessions when working in small groups</td>
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<td>3/4K</td>
<td>Mrs Krenn</td>
<td>Mikybie B For working hard all week</td>
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<td>3/4O</td>
<td>Ms O'Neil</td>
<td>Kieren L For trying so hard this week to use soothing thoughts when things get tough</td>
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<td>Miss Zebisch</td>
<td>Harrison M For his enthusiastic attitude towards learning tasks this week</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Mrs Alenson</td>
<td>Scarlett S For working so hard on her production recount</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Miss Brown</td>
<td>Diego G For being motivated to do whatever it takes to further understand his understanding and knowledge. Your efforts don’t go unnoticed. Well done!</td>
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<td>1/2C</td>
<td>Cichowicz</td>
<td>Dylan McM For being a fantastic role model to our class – always giving his best effort, helping others and showing good manners</td>
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<td>Mrs Casey</td>
<td>Mia A For writing an interesting recount of the school production</td>
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<td>Miss Maxwell</td>
<td>Leah S For working hard to learn her Blue Words and for always trying her best!</td>
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<td>Mr Sutherland</td>
<td>Jake F For sharing his understanding of making a mental image confidently with the class</td>
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<td>Prep D</td>
<td>Mrs Donker</td>
<td>Kye P For his effort and improved concentration in Read to Self</td>
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<td>Prep F</td>
<td>Mrs Flanagan</td>
<td>Millie C For her positive attitude and for always trying her best</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Mrs Wilson</td>
<td>Adrian B For being his own master and making strong decisions without adult help</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Mrs Cunningham</td>
<td>Julien R For his positive attitude in Art and for always trying to do his best. Great work Julien!</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Mrs Campbell</td>
<td>Caleb A For insightful creativity in designing his own Kabuki mask. Great work Caleb!</td>
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A MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS FROM THE STAFF AT FTGN PS:

Thanks for the Thanks!

Throughout the past week we have received many emails, gifts, treats, morning teas and lovely comments and verbal appreciations for the Production. So now we would like to say that we greatly appreciate your appreciation and especially love hearing how proud and surprised parents felt at their children’s achievements.

For us it is so rewarding to watch the children on stage, with their faces shining with pride, when they understand that all the hard work they have done has resulted in something very special. Equally rewarding is seeing the many ex-students who come along to help backstage or just to watch because the FTGN production holds such fond memories for them that they want to be a part of it all over again.

Perhaps the best feeling of all though is the knowledge that our Production is a time when every parent, student and staff member must work together – from rearranging already busy lives to get the kids there three nights in a row to teaching dances, creating costumes, coaching actors and everything else in between – the show just could not happen without the cooperation of our entire school community – and that creates a buzz you just can’t buy!

So thanks for the thanks – it means a lot to us all.
At our meeting last week we discussed lots of upcoming events for next term and some for next year. There was lots of discussion about the Tuff gully Fun run, coming soon and next year a Movie night on the green at school for family’s to attend. Our next meeting will be first week back after the holidays and we would love to have some of your ideas on how to make upcoming events the best they can be. We hope to see you there!

Thank you

We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with the manning of this year’s father’s day stall; we really appreciated your help and thank you for your time.

Shopping Tour

• When: Sunday 8th November
• Pick up/Drop off: Ferntree Gully North Primary School
• Time: 7am - 5pm (approx)
• Lunch: BYO lunch (can also be purchased at food court)
• Cost: $35 per person*
• RSVP and full payment: 16th October (no payment after this date will be accepted)
• Contact: Rachel Maclaggart 0407 858 298
  Or Pearl McMaster 0412 915 345

Shopping tour includes:

• Coach
• Access to 12 outlets
• Raffles and prizes on the coach
• Friendly and informative hostess
• Morning tea inc tea, coffee & beautiful home made slices

Friday 9th October

GNPA Meeting
9:05am
(New portable, Next to CHSC Centre)
New members welcome

Friday 30th October

Tuff Gully Racing (TBC)
Racing Carnival
Themed Fun Run,
Wear a creative hat and run for your school to raise funds.
Upcoming:

- World Teachers’ Day
- Shopping Tour
- Movie Night: Early Next Year
- Tuff Gully Racing Carnival (TBC)

Passive fundraisers

Over the holidays don’t forget, Ferntree Gully North Primary School. These are the words we would love you and your family and friends to use when next shopping at our one of our schools-linked Fundraiser Companies.

- The Good Guys in Bayswater
- Rebel Sports Knox
- Identity Direct (34310)

$10 Any session, any day these school holidays
2nd Hour $2!

Book 2 hours Birthday Parties Now!
Run by dedicated party hosts, exclusive access zone-by-zone, starting from $27pp with food and drinks included.

Book online to secure your session.
Online booking code: TERM3
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Valid from 19/09/15 until 4/10/15

JumpDeck
123 Lewis Rd Knoxfield
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www.jumpdeck.com.au
Science in the Park
PrimeSCI! School Holiday Science Workshops

Rainforest Explorers Thursday 1st October
Find out more about the flora and fauna living in our National Parks. Learn to identify freshwater aquatic invertebrates and discover more about what affects the health of our freshwater habitats.

Session times: 10:00am – 12:00pm (Prep – Year 2); 1:00 – 3:00pm (Years 3 - 6)

All Dinosaurs Great and Small Wednesday 30th September
Be a palaeontologist for the day! Learn how modern animals teach us about the behaviour of prehistoric creatures and make your own fossil replica to take home.

Session times: 9:30 – 11:00am (Prep – Yr 2); 12:00pm – 1:30pm (Yrs 3 – 4); 2:30 – 4:00pm (Yrs 5-6)

Dandenong Ranges National Park: Cnr Burwood Hwy & Mt Dandenong Tourist Rd,
Upper Ferntree Gully VIC 3156

COST: $25 per child per activity       BOOKING: www.trybooking.com/IVTE
CONTACT: primesci@monash.edu or (03) 9905 1370

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

Join our FREE Jets Cadets program and learn all the skills you need to start playing.

The “Jets Cadets” is a 3 week program that we run here at Chandler Park designed for children 12 and under who have an interest in playing basketball.

We will supply the courts, basketballs and experienced coaches. All your child will need are runners and a drink bottle.

We would love for you to come along and join in the fun. This program will start on Monday 5th October, 2015 and continue for the next 2 Mondays. You are welcome to come on any of the 3 Mondays.

Location: Boronia K-12 stadium
(Rangerview Rd Boronia)

Time: 4:30-5:30pm

To help us plan for the number of coaches we will need, can you please register by calling and letting us know your child’s name and age.

To register or simply ask any questions please contact:
• Bill Notley on 0447 469 699
• Or
• David Perkins on 0421 834 412

Your Family is invited to take home a big brother or big sister!

Give your children a wonderful opportunity to have a warm and amusing ‘big brother or sister’ live as part your family for a few months. Specially selected international exchange students, including from Europe, are arriving in February next year to live with our local families, learn and share cultures for a limited period of time for 3, 5, or 10 months. Discuss with your family and call Dept. of Education-registered Southern Cross Cultural Exchange on 1800 500 501 (toll free) or email scceastl@scce.com.au www.scce.com.au
FOR SALE: St Joseph’s College Uniforms For Sale
I have a variety of uniform items for sale; Please contact Heather on 9778 3221
KNOX COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
September School Holiday Entertainment 2015

Acanti Dance Theatre presents
Kojo and the Ananse Tales
Wednesday 23 September 11am
Thursday 24 September 11am
All Tickets $10
An amazing new show for kids
drawing on African folklore
and fusing slapstick comedy,
dance, music and acrobatics
to tell the colourful story of
Kojo Ananse.
It’s fun, fast-paced and loaded
with dynamic energy.

Sleeping Beauty
Tuesday 29 September
11am & 1:30pm
Show length ~ 60mins
$19 Adult, $15 Child/Conc
or all tickets $15 when
booking online
PROMAC productions brings
this classic fairy tale into the
twenty first century with great
songs and comedy for all ages.
Complete with fun characters
such as comic kings, gruesome
ghouls, forest animals and fairies,
this show will delight young
audiences.

Venue: Knox Community Arts Centre Cnr Scoresby Rd & Mountain Hwy, Bayswater
Bookings: 9729 7287
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JUNGLE EXPLORERS

Cost: $2 per day

Who: Kids - prep to grade 6

When: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th
of September

Where: Ferntree Gully Baptist Church
17 Hunter street, Ferntree Gully

Free BBQ lunch on Friday! All welcome!!

Registration and info:
Lynne 8711 8409
Tony 0406 686 715

CRICKET SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING

St Johns Tecoma Cricket Club is a local family based club situated in Upper Ferntree Gully. This year we are running our junior program consisting of Milo In2Cricket. Under 10s & Under 14s.

“Our aim at St Johns Tecoma CC is to provide all junior players at our club an enjoyable and fun filled experience, while learning important skills such as leadership, teamwork, co-operation, communication, sportsmanship & fair play.”

MILO & JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY

WHEN: Friday 18th September
TIME: 5.30 – 6.30pm
WHERE: Talaska Reserve, Cnr Edward St & Talaska Rd, Upper Ferntree Gully

Information will also be available on the day for any parents that may be looking to either play or assist with your child’s team.

If you are interested in joining but are unable to attend on the day please contact Dean Palandrini on 9762 1111, 0419 911158 or dean@palandrinisurances.com.au for further information.

Free event for children (5-14yrs) at Lillydale Lake

KIDS come & TRY fishing

Register on the day

All gear provided

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Ph 9739 5728
www.yvff.com.au

Saturday 19th September
9am to 4pm
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IN-SCHOOL TIME

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