### CALENDAR 2016

**Dates to remember...**

**TERM 4 DATES:** Monday 03 October - Tuesday 20 December

**DIVISIONAL ATHLETICS (Selected students)**
Wednesday 5 October

**PREP 2017 TRANSITION:** Session 1
Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 October

**SUMMER SPORT:** Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 12 October

**GNPA HALLOWEEN DISCO:**
Friday 21 October

**PREP 2017 TRANSITION:** Session 2
Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 October

**MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY:**
Tuesday 1 November (No students at school)

**PREP 2017 TRANSITION:** Session 3
Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 November

**YEAR 3/4 EXPO:**
Monday 14 November, 2.45pm - 3.30pm

**YEAR 3 CAMP TO LOG CABIN RANCH**
Thursday 17 - Friday 18 November

**READING CHALLENGE BBQ LUNCH:**
Tuesday 29 November, 11.00am - 12.00pm

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### PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

**Welcome Back**

For all parents can you remember what it was like as you went into term 4 of your first prep year? I can! The year is whizzing by and summer is approaching. I welcome everyone back and I know you will have an exciting term 4. Stay tuned with the newsletter for key dates. Megan Ganter has started her time here replacing me whilst I am on leave. Feel free to come and have a chat, make an appointment or say hello at before or after school duty.

**Child Safe Standards**

Ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children and young people is our highest priority. We know that our school is a safe place for our children and that Ferntree Gully North PS staff, School Council, and our community work hard to protect all students from abuse and neglect. The Department of Education (DET), together with the Victorian Registrations Qualifications Authority (VRQA) published new Child Safe Standards at the start of this year. These standards are the result of recommendations from the final report of the Victorian Parliament’s Betrayal of Trust inquiry. These Standards were introduced through Ministerial Order 870 and build on the existing processes and commitment to student safety in schools. On 1 September 2016 all schools received a request from the VRQA to undertake an online self-assessment and make a declaration about the extent to which they meet the new Standards. Schools then have until 28 September 2016 to respond to the VRQA, unless an extension has been sought. All schools are required to be fully compliant by the end of the 2016 school year.

We have developed a further range of policies to comply with these standards on top of the existing policies. At this stage we are partially compliant and will be passing the remaining policies at our October School Council meeting. Once ratified these policies will be available on our website and will be published in the school newsletter.

We have a number of policies in the school that support compliance covering the following areas:

- Student Engagement and Inclusion including Bullying and Harassment
- Duty of Care
- Critical incident
- Mandatory reporting
- Working with Children Check
- Volunteers
- Photography and Filming
- eLearning
- Concerns and Complaints
- On site supervision of students
- Camps
- External providers
- Professional Learning
- Privacy
- Communications Procedures and Schedule

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**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)

2017
As we move into term 4 we will be starting to work on class composition for 2017. This can cause some concern for parents. Please be assured that staff spend a considerable time working on class construction to enhance the educational opportunities for all students. Class groupings are formed around mixed gender ability and creating classes of equitable numbers. Children are asked for an indication of whom they might fit best with. Teachers consider whom students work well with and will work to meet the needs of all students. Teachers are allocated to classes in the final stages.

If you feel there is an issue that would affect your child’s placement please put this in writing to me or Megan Ganter by Friday October 21 to enable us to take this into consideration. Parents are not able to request particular teachers, however we recognise that there may be circumstances we are not aware of that we may need to know about. We will of course make classes that provide the best educational opportunities for all students.

Tree Maintenance
Last term we had an arborist come in to check our trees as part of our ongoing maintenance. As a result of the report we had some tidying up work done in the holidays to make sure our playground is safe and to maintain the longevity of our trees and the environment.

Tiqbiz
Tiqbiz is a great form of communication between the school and parents. I have heard from a number of parents that they have been having difficulty with the app. There is an update that parents need to access. If you are having any trouble with this please contact Julia in the office. She is happy to help anyone having trouble with the update.

Hats this week
Hats are compulsory and much needed to keep our students safe. Don’t forget to put them back in your bags. Many thanks to all the families who have made sure their children are already wearing their hats.

Autobahn
At this stage Autobahn will be on hold for term 4 as Priscilla Salter works in the office during term 4. We look forward to Autobahn continuing in 2017.

Have a great week,
Sue Dean.

PLEASE NOTE SLIGHT CHANGE TO BELL TIMES FOR RECESS in Term 4

New times:

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JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS:

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION:
We are holding a photography competition to support some of our students in Rotary. As part of their community service they are supporting the RSPCA and we’ve decided to help them by having a pet photography competition. Please see the attached flyer for full details and encourage your child to embrace their inner photographer! The Junior School Council have approached local businesses to support this event by donating prizes. Unfortunately we have not had much luck, so if your workplace is able to make a donation for a prize it would be greatly appreciated.

WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH (OCTOBER):
Beginning this term is Vic Health’s walk to school month. We participated in this event last year which encourages students to make healthy travel habits by walking, riding or scooting to school for the month of October. We had fantastic participation from our students last year and are looking forward to strong participation again this year. Further details can be found at http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au/ and information sheets will come home today. If your child is usually driven to school, we encourage you to cut your drive short and walk some of the way. Alternatively, if students are unable to walk to school, we encourage them to do some laps around the oval before school or at lunchtime or recess.

Thanks, Jess.

THURSDAY BREAKFAST CLUB:
The provision of a Breakfast Club for all Grade 3-6 students has been supported by a grant from the Knox City Council’s Incidental Community Grants program.
**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION:**

**RSPCA**

**Action For Animals!**

**Event:**
**Picture Purrfect Pets**
We're having a photography competition to raise awareness for the RSPCA. Take a snapshot of your pet or an animal to enter. Judges will be looking for creativity, originality and good photography.

**When:**
Entries are due Friday 14th October.
Winners will be announced Friday 21st October.
Winning entries will be displayed in the office.

**Where:**
Entries can be submitted in three ways:
- Print and hand in to Miss Cichowicz
- Provide a copy on USB to Miss Cichowicz
- E-mail to the school at ferntree.gully.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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This fundraiser has been coordinated by:

Junior School Council is running this competition to support Julia and Hannah with their Rotary community service to raise awareness for the RSPCA. The RSPCA’s mission is to prevent cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection. The RSPCA runs 40 shelters and employs around 1,000 staff. It costs more than $100 million each year to deliver all of their services which help improve the lives of Australian animals. Most of this money comes from public donations and fundraising initiatives, as well as business partnerships, grants and RSPCA patrons.
World Teachers Day

This wonderful day is to show appreciation for our great teaching community and the exceptional staff of Ferntree Gully North P.S and is coming up this Friday.

GNPA would like to suggest the children bring a handmade card to show their teacher how much they appreciate them.

Friday 7th October

We would also love as many families that are able to please send a lovely treat (sweet or savoury) for the teachers and staff to have for morning tea as a very big thank you to them for all their amazing work in the school and outstanding effort all staff have put into this year. Thank you.
Mango Fundraiser

(People love this fundraiser so, we're doing it again: don't miss out!)

This Mango Fundraiser specializes in "Kensington Pride" mangoes. The Kensington Pride mango is renowned as the best in the world with the most pleasant flavor and smoothest flesh.

Each tray of mangoes weighs approx. 7kg and is packaged in a colourful tray. The number of mangoes in a tray depends on the size of the mango. Tray sizes are from 12 large to 23 small mangoes in each tray.

Each tray of fresh mangoes are $25.00.

Orders are due by 24th October

Payment to be made with the order and delivery to be expected in November. Buying directly from the farmer means we protect our environment and are conscious of seasonality. The mangoes are usually ready to begin harvesting by mid-November.

Shopping Tour
19th November

This is a Fun day out with friends, getting all those Christmas gifts early, whilst enjoying being driven around to some great outlets.

Get some friends together and you won’t be disappointed. More information coming soon....
Disco

Save the date
Halloween Disco
Friday 21st October 2016

Passive fundraisers
Don't forget to ask for your 'hogs bucks' next time you eat at Hogs breath

The Good Guys in Bayswater.
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Hogsbreath Knox
Entertainment book
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Identity Direct: think Christmas gifts, a birthday that may be coming up or you might just need some new labels! Have a look and don't forget the Code when making your order (34310)

entertainment

These books can be purchased any time of year
You can also purchase copies from other states as gifts for family or friends
www.entbook.com.au/1b88310
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Gully View

![Image: Mango Fundraiser]

CUSTOMER ORDER FORM
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*Please note that while every effort will be made to deliver your orders to your School/Club/Organisation on the preferred delivery date, however the occasional delivery may be delayed due to logistical difficulties beyond our control. Your coordinator will notify you of any changes.

We would also like to give you advanced notice of a price change affecting 2017 delivery’s next season, there will be a small price increase for next year’s orders.
DON’T LOSE THIS NOTICE
Term 4 2016
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Knox Little Athletics Centre
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Tryout Day: Sat, 17 September 10.30am – 12 noon
Season starts: Sat, 24 September 8.30 am

Join other Ferntree Gully North students and sign up with

Dorset Club
@ Knox Little Athletics Centre
Team Managers: Tania Demarco/David Frost
Contact Tania: 0421 868 138, tandemarco@gmail.com
or David: 0402 900 419, cdfrost@tpg.com.au

No experience necessary – it’s all about doing your personal best!
Free Training is available for all events.
Meets take place on Saturday mornings with some twilight meets (Friday/Sunday) during the season

Ages: U6 – U16
Proof of Age required for new registrations

Knox Athletics Track
Bunjil Way, Knoxfield
Enter via Cnr Ferntree Gully & Scoresby Rds

2016/2017 Season starts soon
(Sep 2016 to Mar 2017)

BEAR CAVE EARLY REGO

BOYS & GIRLS
Early Registration
Day For 2017
@ Batterham Reserve

Friday 7th October, 2016
5.30pm till 7.00pm

Under 9’s born 2009/10 (April) through to Under 17’s.

For further details contact:
President Brent Thompson - 0408 000 810 or
Registrar Lara Ferguson - 0437 336 172 (Boys)
Registrar Lyn Heine - 0419 170 081 (Girls)

DADS MATTER

Are you a dad who would like to be able to:
• Better understand the importance of dads in their child’s life?
• Have rules and consequences that work?
• Talk to their children so they will listen?
• Develop your relationship with your children?
• Get your head around what your children need from you?

Join other Dads in discussing these & other issues

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KIDS HELPING KIDS

Want something for kids 3 to 12 years old to do this Sunday 9th of Oct?

Kids Fun Run with Thomas at Gembrook Train Station

Kids get to run with Thomas, a free showbag, certificate and best of all they have fun, get exercise and are helping other kids (funds raised goes to the Cerebral Palsy Education Centre)

Registration is $20 per child, there are also train rides on Thomas for $5

Register online at www.kidsfunrunwiththomas.org.au

Please support this great event!

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