**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER**

**Welcome Back**
Welcome back to everyone for a (much warmer) Term 4. I hope that all families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday period and have come back with recharged batteries for a busy Term 4. This term there are many events planned which will mean that Christmas is here before we know it!

**Upcoming Term 4 Highlights**
- Transition for our 2016 Preps begins next week
- Regional Athletics Competition
- Year 5/6 Summer Sport Round Robin
- Year 3 Overnight Camp
- Robotics Autobahn Program
- Construction Build Day
- P-4 Swimming Program
- Year 5/6 Swimming Safety Day
- Tennis and Cricket Clinics
- Election of our 2016 Student Leaders
- Arts Show
- Horse Racing themed Tough Gully
- Year 6 Graduation
- Autobahn Outdoor Design Ideas appearing the yard
- All the other things that inevitably come up....

**Young Writers Competition Results**
After careful consideration (and lots of reading) results of the Young Writers Competition held during Book Week will be announced at Assembly on Friday. I will feature some of the writing in next week’s newsletter as well as the names of those awarded at Assembly on Friday. Thank you for the enthusiasm of so many students to share their thinking.

**Family Plans for 2016**
If you are planning on moving house or have other plans that may mean you are not returning to Ferntree Gully North next year, we would appreciate knowing so that we can consider it in the planning stage. Please advise the Office.

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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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Education State Announcement and Principal’s Briefing
On Monday September 14th, Minister Merlino made his speech launching Victoria as the Education State. You may have noted some coverage of this in the media, however it coincided with the revolving door at Parliament House in Canberra which meant it did not receive a lot of coverage. You can find out more about the details of the announcement and government plans for the Education Department by visiting http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate/Pages/default.aspx

On Thursday morning I am attending a Principal Briefing on the Education State and will be better informed about the details of the plan and also what it means for Ferntree Gully North Primary School.

Have a good first week back. Think we’ll definitely need our hats!

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 were sent home yesterday 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
Announcements

**GNPA MEETING THIS WEEK**
At our meeting this week we will be discussed lots of upcoming events for this term and some for next year: *Fine Tuning the Tuff gully Fun run, (coming soon) and next year: a ‘Movie night on the green’ idea for families to attend.*
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!*

**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 bookings after this date can be accepted)
- **Contact:** Rachel MacTaggart 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 incl tea, coffee & beautiful homemade slices

Events calendar

**Wednesday 7th October**
- **School banking Deposit Day**

**Friday 9th October**
- **GNPA Meeting**
  9:05am
  (New portable, Next to OHSC Centre)
  New members welcome

**Friday 9th October**
- **World Teachers Day**
  Bring a small gift for your teacher to show how much you appreciate them and a small snack plate for the staff room to share.

**Friday 23rd October**
- **Mango Fundraiser**
  Order now for you and some friends so when you see the trays everyone else has you won’t be disappointed

**Friday 30th October**
- **Tuff Gully Racing**
  Racing Carnival Themed Fun Run, Wear a creative hat and run for your school to raise funds.
World Teachers Day

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

GNPA would like to suggest that the children bring a handmade card and small gift (homemade or even a small amount gift card eg. rapture café) or anything you feel appropriate to show their teacher how much they appreciate them on...

This Friday 9th 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 for all their amazing work in the school and for the outstanding effort all staff have put into this year. Thank you.

Tuff Gully Racing Carnival 30th October

Sponsorship forms will be sent home this week! Please ask family, friends or anyone you feel may wish to sponsor you to run in this year’s Gully run.

It will be the best ever event with a Racing Carnival theme with runners wearing creative hats to fit the theme. Come in the clothes you want to run in and bring uniform to change back into after the race.

We’re asking that children bring a spare change of uniform; they may get dirty while running and will wish to change clothing. (Note: No water will be used on this year’s course but children may get hot and dirty while running and may require a change of clothing.)

Mango Fundraiser

(This was so successful last year we’re doing it again, so don’t miss out)

This Mango Fundraiser specialises in "Kensington Pride" mangoes. The Kensington Pride mango is renowned as the best in the world with the most pleasant flavour 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 14 to 20 mangoes in each tray.

Each tray of fresh mangoes are $25.00.

Orders are due by 23th October

Payment to be made with the order and delivery is expected in November. Buying directly from the farmer means being in touch with your environment and conscious of seasonality. The mangoes are usually ready for harvesting by mid-November.
Fresh North Queensland Mangoes, Direct from the farm to you!

NOTE: Payment to be made with order.

Order Form

Yes we would love to take Total _______ Box/s @ $25 Each
Payment to be made $ ________________
Family Name ___________________________
Class ________________________________

Tray sizes are from 14 to 20 mangoes 7kg total per tray.

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Remember to offer this to your family, co-workers, friends and neighbors.

Please return this form and payment to The Office By 23rd October 2015
In conjunction with Drummond Street Services, we present

**Parenting teens who worry too much**

Does your teen worry so much that they struggle to enjoy life like their peers? Are you feeling lost on how to help them deal with their anxieties?

You are invited to this FREE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT facilitated by Drummond Street Services.

The session will cover a range of topics including:

- How anxiety affects teens
- Learning different strategies to use and how to support your teen to cope better
- Understanding when and where to go for further support

7pm Tuesday November 10
at Blackburn High School
60 Springfield Road, Blackburn

Bookings essential for catering purposes.
Go to [http://www.trybooking.com/3DLE](http://www.trybooking.com/3DLE)
RSVP by Friday 6th November.

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**Cub scouts aged 7 to 10**
Meet on Thursday nights 7:00 to 8:30

**Scouts aged 10.5 to 14**
Meet on Monday night 7:00 to 9:00

3 Nights for Free
We also have payment options
Gully View

ILLOURA ECIS INC. invites you to their fundraising TRIVIA NIGHT!

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

SATURDAY
17TH OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FOR 7PM START

THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
MOUNTAIN HWY, THE BASIN

TICKETS $20.00
$15.00 EARLYBIRD PRICE
FOR BOOKINGS BEFORE 2nd OCTOBER

TICKETS AND TABLE BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE AT ILLOURA HOUSE OR
ROSIE ON 97587991

BYO NIBBLES
DRINKS HUMOUR
LOTS OF GAMES
DRESS UP IF YOU DARE!
FUN
LOTS OF PRIZES

Discovery Day
Sat 28 November
10-2
Ferntree Gully village

discover the gully
Come Play
Junior Table Tennis
Grading Friday 9th & 16th October

Every Friday night during school terms, we conduct 2 sessions of Junior Pennant.

Beginners are placed into the earlier session. All players will be able to play 2 singles matches and a doubles match.

Session 1: 6.00pm-7.30pm Session 2: 7.30pm-9.45pm

Players will be placed into a team of two players based on playing ability at the start of a season, where you will get to play against other similar standard players over a season. This is available for anyone from ages 7 to 11 years of age.

(Except contact us even if you have missed the start date)

For any further information, please contact:
Greg Bristowe on 0411 237 351

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Kilsyth Sports Centre
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[Melways Ref. Map 51-H7]
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