CALENDAR 2015

Dates to remember...
TERM 3 DATES:
Mon 05 October – Fri 18 December

OCTOBER IS ‘WALK TO SCHOOL’ MONTH!

PREP 2016 TRANSITION DATES:
Wed 14 and Thurs 15 October

EMR ATHLETICS: (Selected students):
Thursday 15 October

AUTOBAHN NAO ROBOT INCURSION:
Friday 16 October

CRICKET CLINICS, YEARS 3-6:
Monday 19 October

GNPA MANGO ORDERS DUE:
Friday 23 October

Year 6 ROTARY EXC: HINDU TEMPLE:
(Selected students)
Tuesday 27 October

GNPA TOUGH GULLY RACING DAY:
Friday 30 October

MELBOURNE CUP DAY: (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
Tuesday 3 November

YEAR 3/4 LEARNING EXPO:
Thursday 5 November

Year 6 ROTARY EXC: DANDENONG MARKET:
(Selected students)
Friday 6 November

GNPA SHOPPING TOUR:
Sunday 8 November

TENNIS CLINICS:
Monday 16 – Wednesday 18 November

YEAR 3 CAMP:
Thursday 19 – Friday 20 November

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Polished Man
All males in our school community are invited to join Matt Sutherland and myself in the Polished Man awareness campaign. You may be aware of the campaign advertised previously with Chris Judd as the face of Polished Man or with Josh Gibson as the 2015 ambassador.

The Aims of Polished Man:
Statistics show that 1 in 5 children globally will experience violence or sexual assault by the time they turn 18. This is a confronting (and disgusting) figure. Most of these will occur at the hands of an adult male known to the child.

The aim of the Polished Man campaign is to raise awareness of this fact and also for men to make a statement against other men and to symbolically show kids that they are on their side and will help to protect them.

Men are challenged to paint one finger nail on each hand between the 1st and 15th of October and use the opportunity that is raised by other people noticing and commenting to spread the message that violence against children is not OK.

Matt and I have some lovely painted nails on each hand (mine are metallic purple) and we invite male members of our community to join us. There is nail polish at the front counter and adult males are invited to come in with their children and pick a colour to join us and drop a small donation in the money box.

Are you man enough to cop some ribbing from your friends so you can speak out about violence against children?

Young Writers Competition Results
Last week at Assembly I announced the award recipients for the various categories of our Young Writers Competition. The quality of work that you will observe in the excerpts on the following pages will give you an idea of how difficult it was to make decisions about the award winners. There were over 250 entries in the various categories with many notable submissions.

Thank you to all the entrants for their enthusiasm and the quality of the work they shared.

All entrants are able to collect their stories from the Office.

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YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION RESULTS (cont. from page 1)

Prep – Year 2
The Author Superpower (Voice, Fluency and Conventions to Control Reading)
• Award
  “The Brown Spider” by Kurtis B
  Excerpt: “When I was walking home, I said to my mum “A big spider came out at Hassan. Hassan was scared.” “Then what were you doing?” said mum. “I was being brave”.

• Honourable Mention
  “The Terrible Storm” by Oliver I
  Excerpt: “The thunder crashed. The lightning flashed. The rain poured and the storm clouds darkened”.

The Detailer (Presentation Format and Illustrations)
• Award
  “The Enchanted Wood” by Blake B and Abigail R

• Honourable Mention
  “Australian Spiders” by Jackson M
  “How to Make Friends” by Zoe E

The Word Smith (Outstanding Use of Vocabulary)
• Award
  “Lego Cops and Robbers” by Josh Z
  Featuring expressions such as “There were robbers sprouting from every corner...... desperate to catch them...... to an abandoned train yard...the ultimate police helicopter”

• Honourable Mention
  “The Princess and the Dragon” by Tilly H
  Story she read out to us at assembly a few weeks ago

The Creator (Original Idea for Writing)
• Award
  “Interrupting Girl” by Sally L
  A story about a girl who just wouldn’t let her mum tell a story.

• Honourable Mention
  “The Snake Fight” by Cooper B
  Excerpt: “I am going to see the venomous snake”

  “The Dragon and the Castle” by Matias O
  Excerpt: “The dragon was not happy because he was tired. The king, queen and knight were always so noisy in the castle”

  “Two Little Monkeys” by Jerome B
  Excerpt: “swinging across the river until they accidently got scared and fell in”

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YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION RESULTS (cont. from page 2)

“The Adventure Brothers” by Lachlan C
Excerpt: “The dragon of doom was strong but they survived and dug their weapons into the dragon of doom’s body”

“Little Eagle” by Georgie C
Excerpt: “Little eagle wanted to fly. Little eagle tried and tried but he could not fly. He looked at the cliff. He wanted to jump off the cliff.”

“The Flower Princess” by Mia H
The story of a princess and trying to get rid of her hiccups

Year 3 – 6

The Author Superpower (Voice, Fluency and Conventions to Control Reading)

• Award
“Dentist Disaster” by Darcy R
Excerpt: “As I sit down the chair squeaks and wobbles, the dentist has problems of his own as he picks up a bunch of tools with blood on them and runs them under water. He smiles; his problem is gone and becomes mine.”

• Honourable Mention
“So It’s a Haunted House” by James L
Excerpt: The transition from Chapter One to Chapter Two:
End of Chapter One
“Please believe me”, he cries. “Come and have a look”, he moaned to his mum
Chapter Two
“Oh my Gosh!!” They screamed at the hand that grabbed them and went back inside. “It’s dark in here”, said the boy. He remembered he has matches from the fire place.

The Detailer (Presentation Format and Illustrations)

• Award
“The Blood Pool” Illustrated by Reece O and Written by James C
A somewhat disturbing comic strip about a zombie apocalypse

• Honourable Mention
“Beneath the Woods” by Mikybie B
A story of the Holocaust and the use of illustrations to help tell the story

The Word Smith (Outstanding Use of Vocabulary)

• Award
“The Forest of Lycaon” by Caelan J-L
Excerpt: “Moonlight shone through the skeletal white branches of dead trees giving a ghostly white glow to everything underneath and woodlice slowly ate away at the bone white trunks that stretched into many branches now rid of its once beautiful leaves. The Forest was now devoid of life, toad stools had turned black and sickly, dried up streams held the corpses of a dead fish.”

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YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION RESULTS (cont. from page 3)

• Honourable Mention
“Then and Now” by Abbey H
Excerpt: “Water drips from a yellow monstrosity, sitting in the middle of the waste land. Some are sad to see a valuable part of society missing. Others are glad to see a change.”

The Creator (Original Idea for Writing)
• Award
“Letter to Mrs Mingos at Wantirna” by Talia R

• Honourable Mention
“Letter to Prime Minister Tony Abbott” by Zoe F
“Why Do I Have to Drink Water?” by Victoria K
“The Box” by Harry D

Zone Athletics
Congratulations and well done to the students who competed last week at the Zone Athletics after finishing first or second at the District event recently. As you work your way up through the competition levels there is a notable graduation in the seriousness and competitiveness of the students competing from across the eastern suburbs.
Students who competed last week in the Zone Finals were:

Students who have qualified for the Regional Finals (the last stage before the State Championships)
Tate S, Ruby W, Ashlin S, Julia C

Year 5/6 Summer Sport Today
Today our Year 5/6 students competed in the Summer Sport Round Robin at various venues and schools in the local area. I will feature some of their results in next week’s Newsletter.
On School Tours, I often get asked (usually by dads) whether there are still sport competitions between schools and the answer is we do, just that the format is a little different because Councils now try to restrict the wear and tear on ovals through overuse. Ferntree Gully North competes in sports such as Football, Cricket, Volleyball, Tennis, Softball, T-Ball, Rounders, Netball, Basketball and Hockey. This breadth of sporting opportunities usually begins in Year 4 or Year 5.

Upwey High Science Incursion
Thankyou to the two Science teachers from Upwey High (Mrs Rawson and Mrs K) who visited our school yesterday and did some dissection work with our older students looking at both the safe use of equipment (such as scalpels) and also some of the ethical, technical and procedural tasks involved in dissecting a bulls eye. Our students were captivated with this opportunity they received.

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Prep 2016 Transition Starts this Week
On Wednesday and Thursday we formally welcome our future students who have enrolled here to begin Prep in 2016. Amongst them will be many brothers and sisters who often have felt ready to start some time ago, as well as many new families who are beginning their experience of school and have chosen to share that experience with us. Welcome to all tomorrow morning and I trust they will receive a warm and friendly welcome to our school community.

Autobahn Canstruction Year 5/6 Build Day and Term 4 Robotics Focus
After many sessions preparing and practising for the big day and consultation with resident handy man (and retired engineer) Paul Wilson, our older Autobahn students will compete in the Canstruction Build Day at Foodworks in Boronia on Wednesday. Without giving away the secrets of what they will be constructing out of cans of food, you may have caught a glimpse through the window in to the LOTE Room of some trial builds at the end of last week. We will feature some photos of the finished product and some of the work of other participating schools shortly. After the build day all of the constructions will be dismantled with the cans of food then being forwarded to the Foodbank for distribution to needy families.

On Friday the Term 4 Autobahn program, which has a focus on robotics and software programming, will begin with an incursion complete with a working robot. Thankyou to Priscilla for organising both these events and there will be more news to come.

World Teachers Day Thank you
Thank you so much on behalf of all our staff for the wonderful surprise we uncovered in the Staffroom on Friday morning. The generous morning teas supplied and the handwritten notes of appreciation, certainly made our staff feel valued. Thank you to all those families who took the time to send something along and to GNPA for the thoughtful and creative centre pieces.

Fundraising Dollars Collected by GNPA
Thank you to GNPA for their efforts in coordinating various fundraising events which provide the school with money to do some of the things that are considered by the Department as ‘extras’ and also for drawing the community together from a ‘spirit’ point of view with events such as the Student Disco. So far this year the fundraising money collected by GNPA has enabled the installation of extra footpaths for family access at the front of the school and for the creation of a new gated entrance towards the Green Building which means the student and family risk from traffic has been reduced. Shortly the extra outdoor seating and tables that GNPA have organised through Knox Council will arrive and be installed and we will install new outdoor storage sheds to house some of the Autobahn outdoor design equipment and P-2 Investigation equipment that currently has no home. You may have also noticed the cubby house that has arrived in the Prep area which has been installed with GNPA raised funds. The use of all the valuable funds that GNPA raises is being spread widely, to maximise the impact that our families are having on the creation of our outdoor environments to bring them up to the standards of our fantastic new buildings. Thank you to Nat and GNPA for all their hard work and thank you to the community for supporting them and having an impact on our school and what we can do for our students.

Have a great week,

Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens
Announcements

كه GNPA MEETING LAST WEEK
At our meeting last week we discussed upcoming events for this term and some for next year. Obstacles for the Tough Gully Fun Run, coming soon. The exciting shopping tour and all the Fun this event will be, also what the funds raised so far will be used for in the school. For example, some new storage areas for the children. 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 next time!**

케 Tough Gully Racing Carnival 30th October
Sponsorship forms have been sent home. Please ask family, friends or anyone who 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 and 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 want to change their clothing.)*

كه Thank you
We would like to thank everyone who brought something for last week’s morning tea for World Teacher’s day and all the effort GNPA Helpers and Katherine Crennan made in organising and Hand making such wonderful little gifts for all the staff.

Events calendar

**Wednesday 14th October**
 cocina School banking
 cocina Deposit Day

**Friday 24th October**
 cocina Mango Fundraiser
 Orden now for you and some friends so when you see the trays everyone else has you won’t be disappointed!

**Friday 30th October**
 cocina Tough Gully Racing
 Racing Carnival Themed Fun Run, Wear a creative hat and run for your school to raise funds.

**Sunday 8th November**
 cocina Shopping Tour
 Fun day out with friends, getting all those Christmas gifts early, while enjoying being driven around to some great outlets.

**Friday 13th November**
 cocina GNPA Meeting
 9:05am
 *(New portable, Next to OHSC Centre)*
 New members welcome
Shopping Tour
LAST CHANCE TO SECURE YOUR SEAT! PAYMENT DUE THIS FRIDAY AND NO EXTENSIONS ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE MAKE YOU’RE BOOKING ASAP SO YOU WON’T BE DISAPPOINTED.
Child seat anchors are available so you can bring your seat and children free of charge and don’t forget to ask a friend to come with you; This will be a great day and you won’t want to miss it.

- **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 MacTaggart 0407 858 298
  Or Pearl McMaster 0412 915 345

**Shopping tour includes:**
- Coach
- Access to 12 outlets (see flyer for more information)
- Raffles and great prizes on the coach
- Friendly and informative hostess
- Morning tea inc tea, coffee & beautiful homemade slices

Mango Fundraiser
(This was so successful last year were 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 24th October

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

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.
Ferntree Gully North Primary School

Gully View

Ferntree Gully North Parents Association

SHOPLING TOUR 2015

Ferntree Gully North Parents Association invite you to enjoy a wonderful day of great bargains and fun!

Get to know other parents and friends of the school and grab some early Christmas gifts at the same time... or just spoil yourself!

All money raised for Ferntree Gully North Primary School - The more you shop, the more you raise.

Friends and family welcome, the more the merrier.

Please finishsip and return to office with payment by 16th October.
If we would love to attend the shopping tour.

Name:

Number of people:

Contact number:

Payment: _______________________

Paid via: Cash EFT Credit Card

Credit card details:

Name on card: _______________________ Phone: _______________________

Card No: ________________ Expiry date: _______________________

Authorized by: _______________________

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Please bring along a large, well labelled bag to hold all of your purchases

Note: Babysitters are permitted if the coach is fitted with anchor points for child restraints (BYO baby restraint) but there is limited availability so first in best dressed!

*Non refundable payment unless the shopping tour is cancelled.
Introduction to MINDFULNESS:- COURSE

Mindfulness can improve the mental, emotional, social and physical health and wellbeing. This introductory course explains some basic mindfulness meditation techniques, including breath awareness, body scan, mindful movement and how to incorporate mindfulness into daily life. We also discuss some simple coping strategies to deal with stress, pain and to assist in managing mood, emotions and feelings.

If you feel overwhelmed in this fast paced life and would like to learn ways to be more calm and present, come along and starting living with awareness.

Introduction to mindfulness course.
4 week course at Arrabri Community House.
Wednesdays 7-9pm from 21st October, 2015.
Bookings (03) 9294 7530

For more information, please contact:
Mandy Mercuri
Phone: 0435 066 375
Email: mandy@takeholdofpain.com
Web: www.takeholdofpain.com
Activities for the Children

- Speeches and cake cutting at 2.00pm
- Contribute to a memorial wall hanging
- Light refreshments available
- Catch up with old friends and educators

Goodwin Estate Preschool’s 35th Anniversary 1980 – 2015

Come along and help Goodwin Estate Preschool celebrate 35 years of providing Early Childhood Education in The Gully. Do you have some memorabilia you can share? Please drop it into the Preschool or email goodwinpreschool@gmail.com

GOODWIN ESTATE PRESCHOOL
28 Moreland Road
Blackburn VIC 3130
Ph: 9758 1662
Email: ferntree.gully.north.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

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 anxiety?

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
RSVP by Friday 6th November.

Blackburn High School
With thanks to Angiogenesis ParentCare for providing funding through their Parental Education Partnership Scheme.

Discovery Day
Sat 28 November
10-2
Ferntree Gully village

discover the gully

All Sorts Opportunity Shop

- Clothing
- Furniture
- Brick-a-Brack
- Books
- Electrical

Donations Received in Store

All Sorts Opportunity Shop - 208 Dorset Rd Boronia
Two Hands International - Bringing hope in India
ENROLMENTS TAKEN NOW for TERM 4 2015

KEYBOARD LESSONS AT SCHOOL IN SCHOOL TIME
SAVE $16.50 FREE LESSON if you ENROL NOW!
YOUR CHILD DESERVES THIS CHANCE
Enrol NOW in PIANO on KEYBOARD LESSONS $16.50 per half hour lesson
* Convenient – in school time
* Inexpensive
* Learn with Friends (max 3 per group)
* All equipment provided
* INDIVIDUAL Tuition

LIMITED VACANCIES
Phone 9761 9058

Ferntree Gully North Primary School
Gully View

MILO PROGRAM 2015/2016

Come Join The Fun At THE GRIFFINS!

Starts: Friday 23rd October 2015

- The MILO in2CRICKET program is designed for boys and girls from 5 to 8 years old
- Make lifelong friends
- Great exercise
- Family friendly
- Fantastic atmosphere and fun for the whole family.

2015/16 Membership
Just $80 per child which includes a player pack
To register go to:

2015/2016 PROGRAM FRIDAY NIGHTS 6:00PM – 7:00PM
What are you waiting for?
Come join the GRIFFINS!
Pickett Reserve, Ferntree Gully
All enquiries: Robert Amy 0401 449 943, robert.amy@hotmail.com.au
Joe Stroud 0433 622 295, josephstrooud85@gmail.com
Ferntree Gully North Primary School

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