CALENDAR 2015

Dates to remember...

TERM 4 DATES:
Mon 05 October – Fri 18 December

OCTOBER IS ‘WALK TO SCHOOL’ MONTH!

PREP 2016 TRANSITION:
Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 October

GRDES 1/2M & 1/2A KOOLUNGA EXC:
Thursday 29 October

GNPA TOUGH GULLY RACING DAY:
Friday 30 October

MELBOURNE CUP DAY: (PUBLIC HOLIDAY)
Tuesday 3 November

PREPS GRANDPARENTS DAY:
Wednesday 4 November, 2.30pm-3.15pm

YEAR 3/4 LEARNING EXPO:
Thursday 5 November

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE BBQ LUNCH:
Thursday 5 November – lunchtime

GRDES 1/2L & 1/2B KOOLUNGA EXC:
Friday 6 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

AFTERNOON WORKING BEE:
Friday 27 November, 3.30-5.30pm

YEARS PREP – 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM:
Monday 30 November – Friday 11 December

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

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Planning and Staffing for 2016

Planning for 2016 is well underway with the advertising of teaching position roles and the lining up of tradesmen for work that will be conducted during the Christmas holiday period.

In 2016 we will be running with a 17 class model (in 2015 we have 16 classes and when I started here in 2010 we had only 12 classes!). Whilst we are attempting to control our bottom heavy growth, that bulge is now starting to move up through the school and we may grow again in 2017.

To cope with the logistics of this growth, After Care will now be moving into the space currently used as the 3/4K classroom (by Donna Krenn) and we will locate all of the 3/4s together with a deck that will connect all the portable buildings on the one level.

A mini computer lab will also be established in the odd shaped room that adjoins the current 3/4K classroom which will enable mass teaching sessions and hard wired access with a data projector.

At this time I can confirm the following staffing arrangements:

Frederick Lopez will not be returning to Ferntree Gully North and has accepted a position to remain at Kalinda PS.

Michelle Lively will not be returning to Ferntree Gully North and is remaining overseas with her new husband. She has resigned from her position.

Becky Locking will be returning to teach here full time next year.

As announced at Assembly last week, Lauren and Mark Donker are expecting their first child and so Lauren will go on Family Leave from the end of February so will not teach a class. Congratulations to the Donkers.

Jess White, who is currently on Family Leave, didn’t want to feel left out so she is also expecting another baby and will not return in 2016. Congratulations to Jess, Dan and little Owen.

The recruiting process for new staff is underway and we will update you with appointments when we can.

This 17 class model is based on the number of students we are anticipating to have at our school in 2016. If you are leaving the school or moving areas please let us know so that we can make these plans as accurate as possible.

Each year parents are invited to provide us with information (based on the learning needs of their child) that you would like us to consider in forming our 2016 class groupings. Whilst there is no guarantee that your child will end up in the class or with the children that you believe would be the best placement, all information provided to me in writing is taken into consideration when we get to the very difficult task of placing students in class groups.

The window of opportunity for parents to provide this information has now begun. Please provide any information you would like us to consider in writing addressed to me (Cory) via the School Office before November 13th.

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Tough Gully with a Horse Racing Twist
This Friday students will participate in the 2015 edition of the Tough Gully Fun Run event, timed to coincide with the Spring Racing Carnival and pick up on the horse racing theme. Students are invited to wear horse racing attire or costumes but to bring a change of clothes if they are planning on entering the wet area of the course. Thank you to GNPA for coordinating this event and for sending home sponsorship forms to help the school to fundraise money that can contribute further to our outdoor learning spaces. We are receiving quotes for the installation of air-conditioning into some of the BER classrooms which was a past target of GNPA fundraising efforts. If anyone is able to assist GNPA on the day in any capacity please leave your details at the Office.

School Council Visit by Bob Stephens
In response to a letter from our School Council President, Meagan Baker, to Education Minister James Merlino about the leadership uncertainty of our school since the departure of Stuart Edwards two years ago to an Acting regional position, Bob Stephens the Deputy Regional Director of the Department attended the School Council meeting held last week.

Bob was able to outline the process going forward. By the end of 2015 the Acting position that Stuart currently holds will be advertised and filled as a Substantive position. That will mean that either Stuart will then return here as Principal if he is unsuccessful or that the Principal position for Ferntree Gully North PS will be advertised in early February for a start date of Term 2 2016.

Although that timeline is less than ideal for the start of another school year and for the decisions that need to be made now in planning for 2016, at least the school now has a timeline for when this issue will be resolved. Thank you to Bob who made the time to meet with School Council and answer many questions about this and some funding of schools questions that Council were given the opportunity to raise. This kind of public relations and accessibility work is something that has been missing from the Department in recent years and Bob is a great representation of some of the fantastic and experienced people who are guiding public education in Victoria.

Gully North Coding Club (by Stephanie Fellows)
To coincide with the Grade 5/6’s study of ICT this term, they have started up a code club which operates every Thursday morning from 8:15 - 9:30am. The club is being run by Mrs Fellows and her husband Matt, who works as a software engineer. Due to a higher than expected level of interest, a decision was made to offer places to all interested grade 6 students. These 12 students began last week and have already eagerly started learning the basics of computer programming, using a program called Scratch, to create games and animations.

Grade 5/6 Breakfast and Study Club (by Stephanie Fellows)
Earlier this year the Grade 5/6’s ran a breakfast club as part of their study of health. They found it to be helpful in encouraging students to eat breaky and they noticed an increase in concentration levels back in the classroom, as well as a boost in student morale. With the hard work of one of our dedicated parents Sam Lowe, we have been awarded a grant to help us fund the club for the remainder of this term and next year. It runs every Thursday from 8:15 - 8:50am. Students who attend also use the time to work on their homework, complete unfinished work from class or read a book. Thank you for your work in securing this grant Sam and offering another opportunity for our students to engage in school.
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**Day before Cup Day**
A few people have enquired whether there is school this Monday before Melbourne Cup Day. The answer is that we will be here and it is a normal school day. We used our final Curriculum Day for 2015 on our Spelling Professional Development day at the end of Term 3.

**Afternoon Working Bee:**
School Council have designated the afternoon of Friday 27th November as the Working Bee for Term 4. The time slot is 3.30pm-5.30pm and saves us all coming out on a Saturday or Sunday morning! Notices will be distributed soon so if you can help out, please mark this date in your diaries.

Have a great week,

Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens
TOUGH GULLY TIMETABLE:

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Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week: (ending Friday 23 October 2015)

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<td>5/6D Miss Davies</td>
<td>Lachie B</td>
<td>For showing maturity and dedication when revising his writing</td>
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<td>5/6F Mrs Fellows</td>
<td>Levi McC</td>
<td>For being a brave member of our class by sharing his work and thoughts</td>
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<td>5/6H Mrs Hutchinson</td>
<td>Zac B</td>
<td>For showing honesty and courage in managing conflict</td>
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<td>3/4A Mrs Sutherland</td>
<td>Alex V H</td>
<td>For being such a compassionate member of 3/4A by always lending a hand to those who need it. Thank you</td>
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<td>3/4K Mrs Krenn</td>
<td>Hud E</td>
<td>For excellent writing this week</td>
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<td>3/4O Ms O’Neill</td>
<td>Bonnie D</td>
<td>For persevering with Maths strategies and demonstrating her understanding</td>
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<td>3/4Z Miss Zebisch</td>
<td>Sebastyn B</td>
<td>For his enthusiasm towards ERT, and interesting words in Reading</td>
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<td>1/2A Mrs Alenson</td>
<td>Cameron V H</td>
<td>Creating a colourful poem using interesting adjectives</td>
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<td>1/2B Miss Brown</td>
<td>Lachy P</td>
<td>For writing a creative and thoughtful shape poem! Well done :)</td>
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<td>1/2C Cichowicz</td>
<td>Ethan G</td>
<td>For great enthusiasm and participation in maths this week to work on his addition strategies</td>
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<td>1/2M Mrs Casey</td>
<td>Ethan R</td>
<td>For writing a shape poem in Investigations</td>
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<td>1/2L Miss Maxwell</td>
<td>Tilly H</td>
<td>For taking the time to revise her poem and choosing interesting adjectives to communicate her ideas</td>
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<td>Eve E</td>
<td>For persisting with her counting during Numeracy sessions and seeing positive results</td>
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<td>Sarah M</td>
<td>For asking interesting questions at our Ambleside excursion</td>
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<td>Mia R</td>
<td>For her unbelievably, fantastic use of describing words</td>
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<td>Matthew S</td>
<td>For using thinking strategies to plan his class sharing and add interesting details</td>
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<td>Art Mrs Cunningham</td>
<td>Erin P</td>
<td>For working conscientiously in Art each and every week. Super effort Erin!</td>
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<td>Art Mrs Campbell</td>
<td>Zoe S</td>
<td>For her outstanding initiative at being aware of others and their needs -- you are amazing!</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Jackson B</td>
<td>For fabulous participation and energy during our singing lessons</td>
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<td>P.E. Miss Atkinson</td>
<td>Molly H</td>
<td>For being brave after tripping in P.E.</td>
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<td>LOTE Options Mrs Salter</td>
<td>Ashlin S</td>
<td>For going above and beyond this week: an excellent start to online language learning</td>
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SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
10.45AM
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YEAR 3/4 LEARNING EXPO

Dear Parents,

We are holding a Learning Expo on Wednesday 11th November from 2.45-3.15 to showcase students hard work and progress. In particular there will be a focus on Writing in the form of Information Reports. The Expo will take place in your child's regular classroom. Personal invitations will be written by and sent home with your child in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Level 3/4 Team.

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Welcome to OSHC,

Dear Parents and School staff,

Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:

1. Children in Prep are walking to OSHC as a transition from Prep to Year 1 for this Term.
2. For safe arrival of children from Year 1 onwards to CSHC. Let the child, teacher or school reception and coordinator know if you are running late.
3. Please let the Coordinator know by calling and leaving a message if the child is registered for After School Care and they will not be attending.
4. It is a good idea to enrol your child online 48 hrs prior to attending after school care if your child has any allergies or medical condition. Alternately, you are welcome to come and speak to the Coordinator a day or two prior for any medical conditions.
5. Come into the program with your child and meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
6. Feedback and suggestions are welcome, so let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
7. Encourage your child to talk to the Educators if there is something in particular your child would like to do when they are in our care.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible, for you and your child.

If you have any questions about the program please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in After School Care first hand.

Program Details

The children have been enjoying the OSHC program this week. The program has included a number of interactive games including Zoo, Junior Scrabble, and Beat the Dragon a mathematical team building game. We have also been involved in numerous outdoor, arts and crafts and cooking activities.

At OSHC in Term 4 we will be participating in the Junior Global Citizenship Program. The children will have the opportunity to make Board Games and Jigsaw Puzzles to send to South Africa. Literacy and numeracy are essential skills that children need to succeed in their everyday lives. However, in South Africa there can be more children in a classroom than the amount of educational resources available. This is why as part of the Camp Australia Junior Global Citizenship Program we are creating literacy and numeracy games to send over to the children in South Africa attending the Southbarka’s After School Care Program.

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

Juhi Aghicha – Camp Australia Coordinator

GSHC Number: 0423794680
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?

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- How anxiety affects teens
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7pm Tuesday November 10 at Blackburn High School
60 Springfield Road, Blackburn

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