**CAL endaR 2015**

**Dates to remember...**

**TERM 4 DATES:**
Mon 05 October – Fri 18 December

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

**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE BBQ LUNCH:**
Thursday 5 November – lunchtime

**GRADES 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

**YEAR 3/4 LEARNING EXPO:**
Wednesday 11 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

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT & ART SHOW:**
Tuesday 1 December 5.30-8.00pm

**YR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY:**
Tuesday 8 December

**AUTOBahn NAO ROBOTIC INCURSION (2):**
Friday 11 December

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION:**
Tuesday 15 December

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**Gully View**

**Tuesday, 03 November 2015**

**Newsletter number 34**

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**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER**

**Tough Gully Thank you**

Thank you to GNPA for their hard work and creativity in organising last week’s Tough Gully Horse Racing themed event. The students certainly had a ball challenging themselves to try and complete as many laps as possible in the allocated time for their year level and many students made the effort to dress up to help them get into the spirit of the day. Thanks GNPA.

A reminder to now please collect the sponsorship money that you may have been pledged by friends and family and return it to school so it can be added to the total.

So far this year the work of GNPA in raising funds to benefit our students and families has enabled extra pathways and access gates to be added, the installation of the cubby house in the Prep Outdoor Investigation Area and the purchase of a new super-sized BBQ for school events such as the Premier’s Reading Challenge BBQ this week.

Efforts over the past few years have now meant that air conditioning has been booked for installation in four classroom spaces within the next few weeks.

At the beginning of next year GNPA will update the community on their targets for 2016 which include the installation of a shade sail over the junior sized playground behind the Green Building. Funds raised through Tough Gully will help give them a head start on this expensive operation. Thank you GNPA and thank you to all of the community who support the events they co-ordinate.

**Reading Challenge BBQ**

GNPA will be back in action on their new BBQ this Thursday to recognise and celebrate those students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge with a special BBQ lunch.

Thanks to Wendy Barr for once again coordinating all the students and parent volunteers in the administration of the Reading Challenge and thank you to the parents who logged the books online so that our students’ achievements could be recognised.

Congratulations to the students who completed the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Enjoy the BBQ.

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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)

School Contributions 2016
At the October School Council meeting, Parent Contributions for 2016 were proposed by the Finance Sub Committee and ratified. The amount set by School Council has taken into account recent Departmental direction in relation to the cost of schooling, the availability of the Camps and Excursions Fund to eligible families and the need for equity in taking into consideration the range of family circumstances in our school community. Soon a letter will come home outlining all of this and the details associated with decisions and policies.

Parent Contributions have been set for the 2016 school year as $200 per child or $100 per child with the presentation of a valid Health Care Card. There still remains the option to make a voluntary contribution (Library Fund donation) to the school for improvements like the completion of the mini computer lab which is currently being established.

Student Input into 2016 Class Placements
Over the next few weeks we will be beginning to formulate classes for 2016. In the past, this process has involved student input which has come to be known as ‘friend requests’. The formulation of classes is a very difficult process for schools as we balance out the learning needs of every individual student whilst also keeping an eye on the bigger picture of balancing out the classes and the range of individuals that make up each classroom.

Teachers have intimate knowledge of our students and the needs and best interests of them as learners, both on an individual level and whole class level.

Students will again be given the opportunity to provide us with input about who they believe they work well with and think they would benefit from being in a class with next year but please be aware that this input is not the most important part of the decision making process and it may be that none of the people they suggest are in their class for 2016. Social development needs will be filtered through the knowledge and expertise of our teachers. Whilst not all students will be ‘friends’, all students are expected to be ‘friendly’ towards each other and student relationships change and develop often in short time frames.

Parent Considerations (Reprint from previous Newsletters)
Planning for 2016 is underway with class structures being planned 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 in to 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.

2016 Teacher Update
Further to my notes last week about teachers returning from leave to our school next year I can now announce that the following teachers who are on contract will be returning to teach at Ferntree Gully North PS in 2016; Libby Flanagan, Chloe Brown, Jessica Cichowicz and Jacqui Hutchinson.

There will be further announcements in the coming weeks as there are a number of positions for 2016 advertised at the moment through the Department recruitment processes.
2016 Student Captaincy Positions
Last week I spoke to all of our current Year 5s to begin the process for the selection of our 2016 School Leaders. We discussed what it means to be a leader, how you show leadership and even how you show yourself to have leadership potential and a profile. Based on the quality and maturity of some of the questions and conversations that took place I am confident that we will have a difficult choice in finalising who are the right people for the job.

Captaincy applicants will make speeches to the current Year 3, 4 and 5 students they wish to represent which will inform the decision confirmed by staff and the School Leadership team. We wish all the applicants good luck in preparing their speeches and nominating themselves for these important roles.

Remembrance Day Service
This coming Sunday (November 8th) I will be accompanying our School Captains and Vice Captains to the Memorial Service at the Tim Neville Arboretum. We attend this event each year for Remembrance Day with these students representing our school and community. This open event begins at 10.45 for anyone who would like to attend.

Enjoy the bonus time with your family on Cup Day.
Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens
**Announcements**

dıs Gully Racing Carnival

**Thank you**

We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped with the manning of this year’s Tough gully racing carnival; Most Helpers were there from early in the day to set up and manned the race all day! What an Effort! Thank you so much - we really appreciated your help and thank you for your time.

What a great event and we really hope everyone enjoyed the day. The kids looked great and put a lot of effort into some of the great costumes that were worn.

Now it’s time to start returning your sponsorship forms and money. The due date for return of these forms is 13th November. Thank you to all those that collected for this year’s race.

**Passive fundraisers**

Reminder, ‘FERNTREE GULLY NORTH PS'; 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)

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**Events calendar**

**Wednesday 4th October**

- School banking Deposit Day

**Thursday 5th November**

- Reading Challenge BBQ
  The BBQ will be held during school time (lunch) and every child that was part of this challenge will have the opportunity to participate.

**Sunday 8th November**

- Shopping Tour
  Fun day out with friends, getting all those Christmas gifts early, whilst enjoying being driven around to some great outlets.

**Friday 13th November**

- Tough Gully Forms Due
  Please return your sponsorship forms and money ASAP

- GNPA Meeting
  9.05am
  [New portable, Next to OHSC Centre]
  **New members welcome**
### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week:

(ending Friday 30 October 2015)

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<td>Dean M</td>
<td>For showing incredible leadership skills</td>
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<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Courtney W</td>
<td>For encouraging others to get the best out of themselves in class and at Tough Gully</td>
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<td>Chloe Mason</td>
<td>For working hard to get the most out of clinic groups this week</td>
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<td>Mitchell S</td>
<td>For showing great persistence in every part of his learning this week. Well done!</td>
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<td>For excellent writing</td>
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<td>For working independently with enthusiasm on his Information Report on Wild Boars</td>
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<td>Scarlett S</td>
<td>For walking every day to and from school during Walk to School month</td>
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<td>Lachlan McT</td>
<td>For being such a wonderful role model in our class. You are such a kind classmate</td>
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<td>Addison J</td>
<td>For being a great team member during Play is the Way, cooperating with others and contributing ideas</td>
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<td>Miah C</td>
<td>For working hard on her ‘Friends of 100’!!!!</td>
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<td>Cierra S</td>
<td>For using her voice well to help our class succeed in the Jigsaw game and always acting in a positive way</td>
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<td>For trying her personal best and persisting during the Tough Gully Challenge</td>
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<td>Blake B</td>
<td>For always demonstrating Friendliness to his classmates</td>
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<td>For her fantastic effort in writing</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Ayla R</td>
<td>For listening carefully during instruction time! Well done Ayla!</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Chelsea S</td>
<td>For always working hard on her pieces of Art and helping others in any way she can. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>The Divisional Softball Team</td>
<td>For a great comeback in the 3rd innings to level the scores and force a fourth innings play off</td>
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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER
10.45AM
TIM NEVILLE ARBORETUM
DORSET RD FERNTREE GULLY

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
BORONIA RSL
FOLLOWING SERVICE

KNOX REMEMBRANCE DAY COMMITTEE
ENQUIRIES 0414 935 145
MELWAYS 73 K1

At the going down of the sun,
And in the morning.
We will remember them.
Dear Parents,

We are holding a Learning Expo on Wednesday 11th November from 2.45-3.15 to showcase student’s 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.
Friday
13 November
10:30 am

Ferntree Gully CFA
+ Library Fun Storytime
free event!

5-7 The Avenue, Ferntree Gully

Join Sue, Trudi and Rusty Arnold at the Ferntree Gully CFA for a fun Fire Station Storytime plus a craft activity and a close-up look at the Fire Trucks!

Bookings essential
PH 9800 6455 or online
www.yourlibrary.com.au
COMMENCING FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 5.30-6.30PM
WALLY TEW RESERVE (BEHIND WOOLIES)
REGISTER ON THE NIGHT OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE:
ferntreegully.vic.cricket.com.au OR CONTACT
PAUL WATERS PH 0417 773 916 ADMIN@WATERSPAINTING.NET.AU

FERNTREE GULLY CRICKET CLUB
MILO CRICKET
Commencing Friday 6th November 5.30-6.30pm
Wally Tew Reserve (behind Woolies)
Register on the night or visit our website:
ferntreegully.vic.cricket.com.au or contact
Paul Waters ph 0417 773 916
admin@waterspainting.net.au

The Basin 3-Year Old Group Inc.
385 Forest Road, The Basin 3154
Telephone: 9762 1854
Email: thebasin3yogroup@gmail.com
Facebook: The Basin 3 Year Old Kinder
ABN: 31 605 275 710 – A0022398C

We are taking enrolments for our 3-Year Old Program for 2016 — places limited

2 afternoon sessions per week
Tuesday and Thursday: 2.00 – 4.30pm
Call our Enrolment Officer — Chrissy on
0409-016-867 or email thebasin3yogroup@gmail.com
Ferntree Gully North Primary School

Gully View

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20 NOVEMBER
9am–5pm

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Payment methods: EFTPOS, cash, Visa, Mastercard and
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Bring this ad to the sale to receive 10% off your total purchase.

Are you looking for a fun-filled activity for your 5-to-8-year-old?
Joey Scouts can offer a range of activities, which will challenge, build-confidence, and make friends in a safe and caring environment.

Please contact:
Leanne Brockman
Joey Scout Leader—1st Ferntree-Gully Scout Group
0409-212-825

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Specializing in:
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Pergolas
Car ports
Renovations
Extensions
Any general carpentry

for a free quote (Former Gully North students)