CALENDAR 2015

Dates to remember...

TERM 4 DATES:
Mon 05 October – Fri 18 December

REMEMBRANCE DAY:
Wednesday 11 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 5/6 LEARNING EXCURSION:
Thursday 17 December

END OF TERM/FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL 2015:
Friday 18 December

FINAL ASSEMBLY: 2pm
DISMISSAL: 2.30pm

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Anzac Ceremony
Yesterday I had the pleasure of attending the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Tim Neville Arboretum organised by the Boronia RSL.

Each year schools are invited to send a student delegation to participate in the ceremony and once again our School Captains Jackson and Abbey along with our School Vice-Captains Talia and Jake attended to represent Ferntree Gully North. The returned service men and women and the various other official delegates appreciate and value the participation of students and their families and we are proud to continue to be part of the event. Thank you to Mrs Donna Krenn who is part of the organising committee and coordinates the various schools who participate from the area and to the families that made their children available on the day.

On Wednesday, the official date of Remembrance Day, we will mark the occasion with the traditional Minutes silence and Last Post at 11am.

Working Bee
The Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee of School Council is coordinating a Working Bee on Friday November 27th for a few hours in the afternoon. If you are available to help for a little while to beautify our school grounds ahead of our end of year picnic and Art Show please come dressed to pull weeds and do small clean up tasks to make our new school facilities look even better. The Working Bee will run till 5.30 which still allows for families to get home for dinner and bed at a reasonable time. Stay tuned for a flyer that will be circulated soon.

2016 Captain Speeches
I am looking forward to hearing from our prospective student leaders on Friday when they present speeches for our 2016 Captaincy positions. Good luck to all those who have shown the dedication and bravery to prepare a presentation to their peers, younger students and teachers.

School Captains, School Vice-Captains and House Captains will be announced before the end of the year to enable a handover process from our 2015 Captains.

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
GNPA Shopping Tour Sunday - a great success!
On Sunday GNPA hosted their pre-Christmas Shopping Tour which was a resounding success from a financial point of view and also from a community spirit and social point of view. If you look in the GNPA section of the newsletter you will hear about the facts and figures of the day but I was just as pleased to hear that some new parents to the school participated and were able to make new friendships and connections to the school.

Air-conditioning Installation on Thursday
The fundraising coordination of GNPA has enabled us to go ahead with work to install air-conditioning in the new Art Room and both the 5/6F and 3/4A classrooms as well as to relocate the system from the canteen annexe in to the 3/4 K classroom.
This has been a long term project as we waited to see the areas of greatest need for cooling once the new school build and the old school demolition had taken place.

Thanks GNPA and the community for making this possible.

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.

School Contributions 2016 (Reprint ahead of separate documentation coming home)
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 in to 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 establishment of the mini computer lab which is currently being established.
Student Input in to 2016 Class Placements (Reprint from previous Newsletters)
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.

Confirmation of Grade Structure for 2016
I am now able to confirm our grade structure for next year. We are in the process of sorting teachers for these grades but I can confirm we will be running with a 17 class structure.

| Prep x 3 | Year 1/2 x 6 | Year 3/4 x 4 | Year 5/6 x 4 |

I will continue to update the community with teaching appointments once they have been made.

Pedestrian Access Reminder
Reminder please for families walking to school to use the newly installed pedestrian gate and not the driveway to enter the school grounds from the Boronia end of the school. The driveway and carpark at that end are used for disabled access and deliveries and it is unsafe for children to be playing in that area and walking through that gate. We don’t want anyone to get hurt.

Aerial Photo of our New School
This great photo from overhead was taken of our new school a few weeks ago.

Keep those Tough Gully sponsorships coming in please!

Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens
IT'S NEARLY HERE!!!

THE ARTS SHOW IS COMING...

This year we are combining the Annual Art Show with our Family Christmas Concert Night.

Come along on Tuesday 1st December at 5:30pm.

We will be holding a Christmas Concert at 5:30pm sharp at the assembly area in the Gully, then wander through the Specialist Building and view the magnificent artworks that your children have created throughout the year!

Although the concert is free, there is a $5 charge for all adults 18 years and over to enter the Art Show. This includes a glass of champagne, beer or can of soft drink on arrival – children under 18 are free. All proceeds go directly back into resources for the Art Program.

Also available for purchase will be:
* BBQ sausages
* soft drinks
* icy poles

Please return your ticket order and money to school by Monday 23rd November.

Can't wait to see you at The Arts Show!

Sincerely,
Kimberly Campbell, Prue Cunningham, Louise Strauch, Christen Anderson and Sue-Ellen Shook.

The Arts Team

THE ARTS SHOW 2015

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: __________________

Please supply __________________ tickets at $5 per ticket

$ __________________ enclosed

Preference of drink/s – please circle: Beer Champagne Soft drink

** Tickets will be sent home with your child prior to The Arts Show
## Gully View

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week: *(ending Friday 06 November 2015)*

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<th>Class</th>
<th>Student</th>
<th>Reason</th>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Murry T</td>
<td>For offering his thoughts and contributions in class</td>
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<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Madi H</td>
<td>For making her classmates feel comfortable with her beautiful smile and laugh</td>
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<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Tom S</td>
<td>For avoiding distraction and making the most of learning time today</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Jasmine B</td>
<td>For displaying great tolerance and compassion this week. Thank you!</td>
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<td>3/4F</td>
<td>Jaxson L</td>
<td>For excellent formatting of his work using Word</td>
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<td>3/4G</td>
<td>Jon S</td>
<td>For demonstrating consistently accurate spelling of some really tricky words!</td>
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<td>3/4Z</td>
<td>Campbell C</td>
<td>For his report on the factors affecting living things in the Gully</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Callan B</td>
<td>For demonstrating wonderful stamina during read to self – keep up the good work!</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Diego G</td>
<td>For showing great persistence in every part of his learning this week. Well done! 😊</td>
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<td>1/2C</td>
<td>Zali T</td>
<td>For conducting an interesting experiment during Investigations and following up with some great art work</td>
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<td>1/2M</td>
<td>Luke B</td>
<td>For persevering when things are difficult and recognising his successes</td>
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<td>1/2L</td>
<td>Brody H</td>
<td>For doing an outstanding job on his number portfolio task! Fantastic effort</td>
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<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Willow U</td>
<td>For creating and sharing an amazing Limerick poem with the class. Well done!</td>
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<td>Prep D</td>
<td>Ava X</td>
<td>For being courageous when trying new things this week</td>
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<td>Prep F</td>
<td>Josh M</td>
<td>For showing Courage during our Play is the Way Rhythm games</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Ella B-S</td>
<td>For working so hard at helping others to make strong decision through her words and actions</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Lachlan T</td>
<td>For having a positive attitude when trying something new! Super effort Lachie!</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Jarrah F</td>
<td>For outstanding skill in paper weaving during Art this week. Great work Jarrah!</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Dean M</td>
<td>For making strong choices in P.E.</td>
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GNPA
Announcements

**Tough Gully Racing Carnival**

**Massive THANK YOU to parent helpers:** Megan Anchen, Sandra Masson, Leanne Steen, Jemma Williams, Bernadette Diprose, Tracy Gemmell, Mandy Mecuri, Fiona Van Heeswyk, Zoe Ruighaver, Tania de Marco and various parents who came to support their children who also helped whilst cheering. Thanks to GNPA members Rachel Mactaggart, Michelle Harper, Jo Shepherd, Briony Kendall, Katherine Crennan & Nat Harvey for all their hard work organising & on the day. Big thanks to Tamara Cassap for sourcing all 365 icypoles!

Special thanks to the teachers who ran to support their students. Extra thumbs up to Mr Sutherland for his super speed and Mrs Casey for her super stamina! Well done!

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

**Shopping Tour**

WOW!!! What a great day, and so successful for the GNPA and School community, we would like to thank Rachel Mactaggart and Pearl McMaster for all their hard work organizing this magnificent event, and for all those who attended. We know they had fun! This event raised approximately $1200 for the school community. We hope to be able to do it again and let those who missed out take up this great opportunity to have fun with friends and do some shopping at the same time.
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.

Walk to School Month
Congratulations to all of the students who participated in Walk to School Month last month, hopefully you are feeling healthier as a result! We had fantastic participation across the school with fifty-five students walking to and from school every day in October. Well done! We hope that this is the start of healthier habits for all of our students, as physical activity is important for healthy bodies. If you are interested in learning more about being healthy, you can visit the VicHealth website at https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/. We didn’t have a whole school event due to the Tough Gully Carnival occurring on the last day of October, but that was certainly a great way to finish an active month. We will be celebrating at assembly this week with some prizes to give away to our fantastic walkers.

Miss Cichowicz
Friday 13 November
10:30am

Ferntree Gully CFA
+ Library Fun Storytime

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
2015
14th Annual
Ferntree Gully Community Christmas Day Lunch

You are invited to a FREE Christmas day lunch

Friday December 25, from 12.00 noon

Food, drinks, entertainment, Presents from the Christmas Angel, Transport can be arranged

@ St John the Baptist Parish Hall, 19 Forest Rd Ferntree Gully

To register for your free ticket phone: 8711 8677
Email: stephen@foothillscare.org.au

Hosted by Foothills Community Care In partnership with local Ferntree Gully friends www.foothillscare.org.au
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GIRLS AGED 8-14
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW FOR THE 2016 SEASON

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL GIRLSFOOTY@UTJFC.COM
OR CONTACT DEON 0408 700 424

BORONIA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.
PO Box 325
Boronia 3155

BORONIA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration Day
Sunday 15 November
11am - 1pm

Tormore Reserve, Tormore Road, Boronia

Sausage sizzle and drinks
Free Socks and Shorts for all NEW players

All Age Groups Welcome

U8  U9  U10  U11  U12  U13  U14  U15  U17

For more information please contact Ellisa Schmitzke (BJFC Secretary) on 0417 593 884

DEVELOPING SPORTING & SOCIAL SKILLS

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 - 4:30 pm
Call our Enrolment Officer - Chrissy on
0409-016-867 or email thebasin3yogroup@gmail.com
Swinburne Children’s Centres offer a fully funded kinder program for children who are 4 or turning 4 before the 30th April of that same year. The integrated kindergarten program is open to all families on a flexible option. The kindergarten curriculum is child-family focused and initiated, reflective of interests. The foundation of the program is to promote educational outcomes of the Victorian Early Years Learning Framework.

The educational curriculum within the kinder program is a play-based learning approach, with intentional teaching and inquiry-based investigation embraced. Key curriculum concepts such as early literacy, early numeracy and dispositional enhancement are imbedded in the program to promote maximum learning outcomes for children.

School readiness and skill building is focused predominantly on the development of social and emotional wellbeing, with children attaining a strong sense of self, community and autonomy.

**Addendum**

Swinburne Children’s Centre provides Rising Stars Creative Dance and Drama classes on a weekly basis. Educators throughout all services are trained to implement this unique program, following a set syllabus enhanced by children’s input. All centres have an extensive range of Rising Stars props, music and costumes.

**Contact us**

Croydon – 03 9725 4189
View Street – 03 9723 2470
Wantirna – 03 9887 1564

**Features & Services**

- Qualified, experienced, nurturing and friendly staff
- Purpose built educational facilities
- Creative and stimulating interest based programs
- Incursions and excursions planned to complement children’s discovery and learning
- Nutritious home cooked meals prepared by our cooks
- Children’s individual dietary, sleep and taking needs met
- Assessed as a provider of Government Funding
- Competitive daily and weekly fee structure

**All Sorts Opportunity Shop**

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

Donations Received in Store

All Sorts Opportunity Shop - 208 Dorset Rd Boronia
Two Hands International - Bringing hope in India

**Discovery Day**

Sat 28 November
10-2
Ferntree Gully Village

discover the gully
Fully qualified carpenters

Specializing in:
- Decks
- Pergolas
- Car ports
- Renovations
- Extensions
- Any general carpentry


for a free quote (Former Gully North students)