CALENDAR 2015
Dates to remember...
TERM 4 DATES:
Mon 05 October – Fri 18 December

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 – Thursday 10 December

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

YR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY:
Tuesday 8 December

YR 6 ROTARY PRESENTATION NIGHT:
Wednesday 9 December at 5.30pm

AUTOBAHN NAO ROBOTIC INCURSION (2):
Friday 11 December

YEAR 6 GRADUATION:
Tuesday 15 December

YR 5/6 LIFE SAVING EXCURSION:
Thursday 17 December

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

FINAL ASSEMBLY: 1pm
DISMISSAL: 1.30pm

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Year 3 Camp this Thursday and Friday
This week our Year 3 students head off for a two day camp as a celebration of their growing independence and as preparation for further camping programs in the future.

Thank you to the teachers who are giving up time with their families to enable this opportunity.

Jo will be visiting the campers on Thursday afternoon; I’m sure they’ll be having a great time.

Thank you for Input over Last Few Weeks
Thank you to all the parents who have provided input for consideration during our class placement process that I’m sure you can imagine is detailed and complex. Staff are collecting input from students and beginning the process of placing students in the best possible class groupings for next year so that learning is maximised, both academic and social.

Year 3/4 Expo
Last Wednesday the Year 3/4s hosted an outstanding Expo to share their work with family, friends and other students. The quality of the presentations and the articulate manner students were able to speak about their chosen topics was impressive and valued by the visitors.

Throughout 2015 our Year 3-6 teachers have been working on improving the quality of our student work completed during Education Research Projects and Wednesday was a fitting celebration of the successes of our staff and students. Congratulations.
PRINCIPAL’S CORNER (continued from page 1)

2016 Year 6 Leadership Presentations
Visiting the 3/4 Learning Expo was impressive but the current Year 5s were not to be overshadowed, as they presented their 2016 leadership speeches on Friday to fellow Year 3-6 students and staff. The quality of the presentations and the preparations that had gone in to preparing their short pieces was an advertisement for our school and the ways in which we work with students to create people who are confident, considerate of others and prepared to take a risk. Well done to all the Year 5/6 staff who work with these students day in and day out for getting them to understand the complexities of the roles and how they can demonstrate they are a suitable candidate.

There are some very difficult decisions to make once the student voting has been tallied and all staff have had an opportunity to offer their insights in to who will make an admirable representative of our school and students.
Well done to everyone who was brave enough to put their hand up and consider taking on these important roles.

Air-conditioning Finished in time for the Heat Wave
Yesterday the installation of air conditioning was completed in the Art Room, 3/4K Classroom, 3/4A Classroom and 5/6F Classroom after the tireless fundraising work of GNPA and the community. Thank you to everyone who contributed and we should be able to benefit from it in the next few days as the weather warms up.

Remembrance Day Thanks and Poppy Sale
Thank you to all the staff and students who marked Remembrance Day with the appropriate level of respect last week and for the many people who wore and purchased poppies to support our fallen soldiers and their families.

2016 Budgets to School Council and Major Plans for 2016
Tomorrow night the Finance Sub Committee of School Council will present the budget preparations that have taken place for the 2016 school year. This budget takes considerable preparation to ensure we are achieving the best chance of student learning by balancing the needs for student welfare, the upkeep of school facilities and the continued development of the people who work within our school. Major projects to be flagged for next year include the setup of a mini-lab allowing even more student access to ICT, the relocation of the Bike Shed and the installation of outdoor learning spaces in the form of decking to link the portables with disabled access and communal gathering spaces.

Thank you to Lee-Ann in the Office for her many hours of work finalising the documentation.

The staffing side of the budget which is still to be finalised and is not a matter for School Council is nearing completion and I look forward to sharing with you some of the appointments shortly.
World Issue (An article from a nearby school)
Unfortunately there will be some students who would have been exposed to the events which took place in Paris last weekend. Whilst general advice when an event like this takes place suggests to emphasize how far away the events were and that we are very safe, the Department provides the additional advice:

- It is wise for you to monitor your child’s exposure to television coverage, print media and social media.
- Some children will want to talk about the tragic events and try to make sense of what they have seen and heard; other children will avoid any discussion around the events and will be reassured by routine and normality.
- Remember the importance of routine, sleep, exercise and healthy eating.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other. To further assist you at home you may find the advice of parenting educator Michael Grose @ https://goo.gl/EMAiuC helpful.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and peaceful week.

Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens

EGG CARTONS AND NEWSPAPER NEEDED FOR THE ART ROOM!

Hello Everyone,

If you could spare any empty egg cartons we would really appreciate them in the Art Room. We have been doing lots of construction and painting and our supplies are running very low. Also if you could collect your old newspapers and bring them to the Art Room it would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,
Kimberly Campbell and Prue Cunningham
Visual Art Team

ART SHOW TICKET REMINDER!!

Hello Everyone,

Just wanted to send out a friendly reminder that the Arts Concert will be on Tuesday the 1st of December and tickets for the Art Show are on sale NOW! Please fill in the notice stub and send it to school with your payment by Monday the 23rd of November. We would hate for anyone to miss out on seeing all the amazing art pieces the students have completed over the course of the year. If you have misplaced the notice that went home with the eldest in the family please see over the page, collect another copy from the office or download from Tiqbiz.

Thank you and we can’t wait to see you on the night!
Kimberly Campbell, Prue Cunningham, Louise Strauch, Christen Anderson and Sue-Ellen Shook.
The Arts Team
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.**
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week:
(ending Friday 13 November 2015)

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<td>Brodie M</td>
<td>For being appreciative and remembering to say Thank You</td>
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<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Alex P</td>
<td>For persisting with some tricky maths questions and trying his best to</td>
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<td>Mrs Fellows</td>
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<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Laura J</td>
<td>For working so hard on her leadership speech</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Ashley C</td>
<td>For his persistence when working on presenting his information report</td>
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<td>3/4K</td>
<td>Lucy P</td>
<td>For an outstanding display at our Expo</td>
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<td>For such a successful Expo Presentation to their families and during</td>
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<td>3/4Z</td>
<td>Lochlan E</td>
<td>For his hard work when finishing his report to present at our Expo</td>
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<td>Miss Zebisch</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Ava S</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Hannah K</td>
<td>For approaching every day with a positive and enthusiastic attitude and</td>
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<td>Miss Brown</td>
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<td>always trying her personal best. Well done! 😊</td>
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<td>1/2C</td>
<td>Baily McD</td>
<td>For putting in a great effort in Maths this week and challenging himself</td>
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<td>Cichowicz</td>
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<td>so he could improve his division skills</td>
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<td>1/2M</td>
<td>Mia A</td>
<td>For encouraging and complimenting her class mates</td>
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<td>Lachlan C</td>
<td>For setting difficult challenges for himself in Numeracy and impressing</td>
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<td>Miss Maxwell</td>
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<td>our class with his amazing thinking!</td>
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<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Isabelle W</td>
<td>For her enthusiastic approach and great questioning during our excursion</td>
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<td>Mr Sutherland</td>
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<td>Prep D</td>
<td>Jarryd M</td>
<td>For being a kind, helpful buddy to our new visiting Preps</td>
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<td>Prep F</td>
<td>Millie C</td>
<td>For the positive attitude she demonstrates in all aspects of her learning</td>
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<td>Mrs Flanagan</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Henry W</td>
<td>For having the courage to challenge himself beyond what he can do easily</td>
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<td>Mrs Wilson</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Anna H</td>
<td>For always striving to accomplish her best. Well done Anna!</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Charlie L</td>
<td>For good sportsmanship during a game of Badgers Creek</td>
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Announcements

👉 GNPA Suggestion Box
We have a new feedback box in the office so now it’s even easier to give us your fundraising ideas & feedback if you can’t make it to the meetings! We really appreciated everyone’s ideas and if you want help organizing your idea please leave your contact details and idea and we can help. We are currently planning for next year’s fundraisers and would like some new inspired and creative suggestions so please use this new box as an outlet for your inspiration! Please drop your great ideas and contact details into the box before the December 4th meeting date. Thanks GNPA

👉 Identity Direct
Identity direct are one of our passive fundraising programs, so if you need labels or any personalized items for the new year to use on uniforms, books, lunchbox, bags or anything else, please have a look at their website. If you make an order please use the schools code below so the school can benefit from the funds raised. These items even make great gifts for the kids and with Christmas coming up a personalized item is always cherished.

Identity Direct (34310)

👉 Tough Gully Racing Carnival
Thank you to all the students for their fantastic fundraising efforts, this year we have raised $3655! That is magnificent and has given a great boost to fundraising efforts this year, we are well on the way to achieving the sun shade for the school playground.

👉 New sheds installed
Some people may have seen the new sheds near the 1-2 rooms. They are a great addition to the school and are being used to store all the wonderful new Earn and Learn equipment from this year’s sticker collection.

Events calendar

Wednesday 18th November
👉 School banking
Deposit Day

Friday 4th December
👉 GNPA Meeting
9:10am
Zagame’s
(last meeting for this year)
New members welcome

Tuesday 8th December
👉 Prep Parents BBQ
1.30pm in BBQ area for 2016 Prep parents and children

👉 Save The Date
Friday 18th March 2016
👉 Movie Night Fundraiser
Family Night with a picnic and a movie - come along early with dinner, find a perfect spot on the green, enjoy a meal and see a family film starting at 7.40pm. Tickets will be available in term 1 but please look out for further information. Ticket prices will be $22 per family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children) and additional tickets will be available at a low price.
Working with Children Card

We know not all parents can attend our meetings and many parents ask, ‘What can we do?’

We love volunteers and we would like to encourage as many people as possible to get a Working With Children Card.

They can be completed online and are free for volunteers.


Prep Parents BBQ and Volunteer request

We would like to ask as many of our prep parents in particular to get their Working with Children Card. We are asking for current prep parents to help with the traditional prep family BBQ run by current prep parents, and we would really appreciate as many as possible current prep parents to volunteer to help. If you are a current prep parent and can help run the BBQ on the 8th of December from approx. 12.30 – 3pm, please let the office or a member of GNPA know.

Christmas hamper donations

“Christmas days all wrapped up”

We are asking for donations towards our annual Christmas raffle. If you could please donate anything with a Christmas feel, maybe some yummy (non-perishable) snacks, like puddings, treats, soft drink etc. Or some Christmas decorations/gifts. We would also like a few Christmas themed bags or a nice basket to help with the assembly of the items. Just think of some small item that you might like! Our aim is to provide a first prize to take the hassle out of Christmas day. Christmas day will be all wrapped up in one prize. We will combine all the donations into several lovely hampers for drawing at assembly. A number of raffle tickets will be sent home soon and for the small price of $1 per ticket you can go in the draw to win a hamper! Please leave all donations at the office and we thank you in advance for participating!
YEAR 3/4 EXPO:

LIFE CYCLE OF A BEAN

LIFE CYCLE OF A CHICKEN

BIRDS OF PREY!
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

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Join Graham Crichton from the Ferntree Gully CFA for an informative session on general home fire and bushfire safety.

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