CALENDAR 2015

Dates to remember...

TERM 4 DATES:
Mon 05 October – Fri 18 December

YEARS PREP – 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM:
Monday 30 November – Thursday 10 December

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

PREP 2016 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT:
Thursday 3 December, 6.00-7.00pm

PREP 2016 HALF DAY TRANSITION:
Tuesday 8 December, 9.30am-1.30pm

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

YEAR 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


gully view

principal’s corner

working bee last friday
thank you to the families who stayed and assisted with the working bee last friday afternoon. we were able to complete a general tidy up ahead of the community night tonight. families who registered their attendance at the working bee (although i suspect there were more people there than this list) were:
the van heeswyk family
frost family
mercuri family
harper family
heywood family
loader family
crennan family

apologies to any other families who attended that were not registered in the sign in book and have not been formally acknowledged.

presentations at assembly last week
congratulations to the students who received special recognition at assembly last week and were presented with noteworthy awards.

- alex van heeswyk received the knox council dobson award for her work in the community and school in helping to install the nature trail and her never ending work in our school grounds.

- nick wakeling presented the endeavour award (presented each year to a graduating year 6 student) to talia ruighaver for her voluntary work with amaze to raise over $2000 for families of children with autism. nick usually presents this award at the graduation ceremony but will be attending his own son’s graduation this year on the same night as ours.

- the school achievement award for the premier’s reading challenge was presented to lachlan mactaggart, 1/2b for his attitude and effort in completing the challenge.

well done to all of these students for having their achievements publicly recognised at assembly last week.

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December Already – Art Show and Christmas Concert Tonight
Tonight we host our end of year Christmas Concert and Art Show. Thank you to the students who have contributed all of the artwork on display and performed the many Christmas songs that you will hear. The night has been coordinated by our Specialist Team of teachers and much thanks must also go to them and the rest of our staff.
Some of the Artwork you will see is quite exceptional for a collection of work completed by primary school students. I hope that you can get along to see it.

Reports and Class Placements being finalised
Thank you to our wonderful staff who are in the final stages of preparing formal End of Year Reports and Portfolios which will come home on Friday December 11\textsuperscript{th}. These documents take many hours of fine tuning and dedication by our staff and I thank them for the many hours of weekend and family time that they have spent preparing them.
In the envelope with the formal Reports you will also find confirmation of your child’s class placement for 2016. These placements also take many hours of work to consider all the different permutations and combinations and decisions are made with the best educational interests of all children as the first priority. Input has been sought from families and students and has informed but not dictated the placements that have been settled on. I am confident that we have made decisions that will see each of our students succeed to their full potential.

Hip Hop National Champions
Over the weekend several of our students competed in the National Cheer and dance Championships after placing in the State Finals recently. I am very happy to announce that the Hip Hop group from a local Dance Troupe took out the National Title and features many of our students. An Outstanding achievement and great reward for the many hours of rehearsal and preparation.
School Crossing Moved
I have been informed that after School Council writing to Knox Council following our school rebuild, that the school crossing at the North end of the school property will be relocated over the holidays to the bend just outside the Blue Building. This new crossing point allows a traffic island in the centre to be utilised. The new school crossing will be manned by two supervisors to ensure the safety of our students and families. I will provide the community of an exact map of the new plans and crossing points when it arrives.

Works during the Holidays
I have accepted a number of quotes for work to be done over the Christmas holiday period. Synthetic grass (a more realistic pile than on the sports areas) will be installed on the Green Building side of the Gully around the water tanks. Initially it was planned to grow real grass in this area however I don’t think with the high volume of foot traffic and compacted soil in this area that this will be possible.
I have also accepted a quote for over 130m2 of decking to be constructed linking the 3/4 Portables to enable access to all rooms and an outdoor teaching area. The decking is custom built to also allow a third portable to be dropped in to place as a perfect levelled piece should we require it in the future.
Both of these jobs are scheduled to be completed over the holiday period as well as the installation of more outdoor storage spaces.

Prep 2016 Info Night
On Thursday night at 6pm we will be holding our Information Night for our Preps who will be beginning with us in 2016. On this night they will find out which grade they will be placed in and will spend their half day transition day next week in the classroom where they will begin their schooling with the teacher who they will work with. At this time I can confirm that our Prep teachers for 2016 will be Mrs Julianne Wilson, Mrs Libby Flanagan and Miss Becky Locking.

Transition Day Next Week
Our 2016 Preps will join us for a half day transition on Tuesday on the same day that our current Year 6 students will go to their High School for the day. This is an exciting day for all as it heralds the dawning of a new day and experiences to come. We wish everyone good luck and hope they embrace the positive things that change can offer.

Junior Rotary Presentations on December 9th
On Wednesday December 9th our Year 6 students who have completed the Junior Rotary Program will be showcasing some of the work they’ve done and sharing some of their learning. We have a long association with this program as students explore their world and learn about differences they can make in the community as they become independent fully fledged members of the local area. Well done to all of the students who have completed the program and their families and teachers who have supported them.
If you would like to find out more about the program or your child is thinking about completing it in the future, please come along to the presentations and showcase at 5.30pm on Wednesday December 9th in the 5/6 Building.

Dismissal on Friday December 18th
A reminder that school will conclude at 1.30pm on Friday December 18th with the final Assembly and farewell to our graduating Year 6 students starting at 1.00pm.
Parents please come in to the school grounds to collect your children on this day rather than meeting them at the car, as the reduced speed limits on Forest Road do not take effect until 2.30pm. School staff will be manning the crossings to ensure people get across the road safely and we encourage all community members to use the pedestrian crossing lights to model safe road crossing.

December 1st already – time for Christmas trees!
Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens
SCHOOL END OF YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

END OF YEAR CANTEEN SALE!
All items are half price for the last 2 weeks of Canteen. (Please note the Canteen WILL NOT be open on the last day of Term: Friday 18 December).

Moosies: ........................................... 0.50c
Zooper Doopers: ..................... 0.30c
Juicies........................................... 0.25c
Popcorn........................................... 0.40c
Plain popcorn........................... 0.25c
Yoghurt straps ......................... 0.10c
Ovalteenies................................. 0.25c

This offer is for the next 2 Fridays ONLY! (4th and 11th December)

HELPERS WANTED PLEASE!
Wendy Barr is in need of Parent helpers for assistance in Stock taking of Junior Reading Resources: If you can help please leave your contact details at the Office as soon as possible. Wendy will be in touch!
Many thanks!

UNIFORM SHOP AND SALES:
Parents please note: the last day for Uniform Sales before school commences in 2016 will be Thursday 28th January 10.00am-12noon. Orders for new families can be placed using Credit Card (NO CASH) at the Prep information night on Dec 3rd and can be collected on the half day transition day on 8th December.

Thank you!
Sally Sealey, Uniform shop volunteer coordinator

HELPERS NEEDED FOR ENVIRO CENTRE CARE OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!
If you can spare a day or a week or sometime during the Summer holidays to assist with watering, maintaining the plants, feeding and tending the chickens and guinea pigs, please leave your details at the Office.
Many thanks,
Marian Collins
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week: (Ending Friday 27 November 2015)

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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Sam F</td>
<td>For applying Maths strategies learnt in Clinic groups</td>
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<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Olivia E</td>
<td>For finding the courage to speak more often in front of the class, including to tell a joke</td>
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<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Ashley B &amp;</td>
<td>For your honesty for handing in money found on the ground</td>
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<td>Reece O</td>
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<td>3/4A</td>
<td>Luke A</td>
<td>For showing strong teamwork skills during group work this week</td>
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<td>Jack B</td>
<td>For being an outstanding role model in the classroom. You always strive to do your very best</td>
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<td>Finn H</td>
<td>For excellent work in all areas of Literacy</td>
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<td>Meaghan N</td>
<td>For her persistence with slides, flips, turns and symmetry</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Mia S</td>
<td>For writing and presenting a convincing argument for our class debate</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Ryleigh A</td>
<td>For being such a wonderful role model in our classroom. You are such a delight to have in the classroom</td>
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<td>Addison J</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort in writing this week preparing a speech and using her voice to persuade the audience in her debate</td>
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<td>Clay M</td>
<td>Working hard within a group to develop and finish a narrative told through a film</td>
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<td>1/2L</td>
<td>Noah K</td>
<td>For having wonderful patience and demonstrating great teamwork</td>
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<td>1/2S</td>
<td>Lucy P</td>
<td>For persistence and courage when writing debates</td>
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<td>Prep D</td>
<td>Mia H</td>
<td>For being brave and having a go at writing her own poems this week</td>
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<td>Katie C</td>
<td>For consistently demonstrating compassion to all of her classmates</td>
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<td>Prep W</td>
<td>Billy T</td>
<td>For writing an excellent reflection on his learning during Numeracy!</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Molly H &amp;</td>
<td>For their amazing cutting skills used in the completion of their version of Henri Matisse ‘The Dance’</td>
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<td>Jayden N</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Jayde McC</td>
<td>For her brilliant initiative at helping others – you are amazing!</td>
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View the Premier’s Reading Challenge Honour Roll and watch the video message from popular authors!

Premier’s Reading Challenge Certificates will be handed out in grades, this week.

The 2015 online Honour Roll is now available. It celebrates the achievements of those children who completed the PRC.

You can also watch a special video message from some of Australia’s favourite authors congratulating students on taking part in the PRC. It includes some words and barks of encouragement from Morris Gleitzman, Graeme Base, Eoin Colfer and Ursula Dubosarsky - among others - as well as Lachlan the Reading Dog.

The video is available on YouTube and the Department’s FUSE site should you wish to show it at assembly, in your library or class, or as part of any PRC celebrations.

Special thanks to Penguin Random House Australia, Lachlan the Reading Dog, Marlies, Diamond Valley Library and authors Graeme Base, Morris Gleitzman, Eoin Colfer, Gabrielle Wang, Christopher Richardson, Ursula Dubosarsky, Adrian Beck and Will Kostakis for making this video possible.

To view the honour roll, see: Honour Roll

Watch the special video message:
This is a message from the Ferntree Gully North Clean-up Crew. We go around the school cleaning up your litter.

We've cleaned up 6 garbage bags full to the brim of unwanted litter in just one day. So if you see any litter please pick it up and always eat on the deck.

We would like all parents to encourage their children to have wrapper free lunchboxes, so that there is no litter in the yard.

“If we can clean, why can’t the school and rest of the world.”
“Rubbish bins aren’t the problem we are.”
“Do the right thing - put it in the bin!”

Kind regards,

The FTGN Clean-up Crew
Zoe Franklin, Charlie Robb, Emma Lowe, Laura Jackson,
Emma Sealy and Tanisha Doyle.
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.

🧬 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.

🧬 Identity Direct

Identity direct are one of our passive fundraising programs, so if you need labels or any personalized items for the new year, 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. These items even make great gifts for the kids with Christmas coming up a personalized item is always cherished. Please see flyer Identity Direct (34310)

Events calendar

📅 Wednesday 2nd December

📅 School banking Deposit Day

📅 Friday 4th December

📅 GNPA Meeting

9:10am

Zagama’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 term 1 please look out for further information. Ticket price will be $22 per family, Inc. 2 adults and 2 children additional tickets will be available at a low price.
Em Christmas hamper donations

“Christmas day’s all wrapped up”

We are asking for donations towards our annual Christmas raffle. If all donations could be dropped in by Tuesday the 8th of December, it would be greatly appreciated.

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 theme 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 hustle 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 the 2nd last assembly for the year, Friday 11th December.

A number of raffle tickets will be sent home soon, for the small price of a $1 per ticket you can go in the draw to win a hamper! Please leave all donations at the office and we thank you for participating!
Identity direct has everything you need not only for school, but also for Christmas! If you haven’t had a look at what they have on offer, there is a catalogue at the office, or you can simply look online www.identitydirect.com.au If you purchase online through identity direct and enter this

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It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1000 over 2 years.

Our normal dental care continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth (must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concession card holder, or in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff on 9757-6200 at Knox Social and Community Health if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

The Oral Health Team, Knox Social and Community Health
1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757-6200

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Montrose Orangutan Market
5th December 2015
9am – 3pm

Come along to the Market and help raise money for the Orangutans, whose habitat is being burnt out in Indonesia.

There are lots of stalls including - Soaps Up handmade soaps, Chari Creations handmade baby clothes & accessories, Ragtime Gal handmade quilts and repairs, Phoenix Trader, Inspiration at home organic herbs and spices, Forever Living skin care, Tupenware...and lots more...every stall is unique no double ups.

Montrose Town Hall, Corner Canterbury Rd and Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd Mountro.
The market will be inside the town hall.

All Proceeds are going to Orangutan Outreach and Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program.

STILL NEED GIFTS?
First 20 people to arrive, get a free Show bag.

Santa's will be there, and pictures with Santa are only $10.

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Japanese Students in urgent need of a Host Family

There are many Japanese exchange students, boys and girls aged 15, 16 or 17, who are hoping to be placed with a family here in Victoria. They are part of a leadership group especially picked for their social and academic qualities, so are really looking forward to being a member of a family. If you feel that you and your family could be at all interested in hosting one of these students for three months, please contact their coordinator, Klaus Schumann, on 03 97584279 to express your interest, or send me an email. You would need to be able to afford to have the student you choose at meal times and provide them with a bed, share room or own. There is no payment involved. It is hoped that the relationship you develop with your new family member will be a lasting one. The student will be able to pay for school books, subject levies, transport, entertainment, food when they’re out, and so on. They arrive beginning of February and need placement before Christmas. Hope to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann
Southern Cross Japanese Exchange Student Coordinator
klaus.schumann@hotmail.com
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