CALENDAR 2016

Dates to remember...

TERM 4 DATES: Monday 03 October - Tuesday 20 December

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PICNIC:
Wednesday 7 December, 5.30pm-Picnic:
Performances from 6.15pm

PREP – YEAR 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM:
Mon 5–Thurs 8 and Mon 12–Thurs 15 December

YEAR 6 ROTARY STUDENTS PRESENTATION:
Monday 12 December

YEAR 6 GRADUATION:
Thursday 15 December

PRINCIPAL’S ATTENDANCE BREAKFAST:
(By Invitation only)
Friday 16 December at 8.15am

YEAR 5/6 LIFE SAVING EXCURSION:
Monday 19 December

FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL 2016:
Tuesday 20 December.
Final Assembly at 1.00pm
Dismissal at 1.30pm

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Knox Carols
Thank you to Sue-Ellen Shook and our dancers for their preparation and performances at the Knox Council Carols last Saturday. I have heard lots of great things about the night and I know many of our families enjoyed the night.

Parent Helper Morning Tea
Thank you to all the helpers who joined us for morning tea last Thursday. We had a lovely celebration. Again, we would like to say how much we appreciate the help and support we receive from our families. Our students are very fortunate to have such support.

Christmas Celebration
Everyone is looking forward to Wednesday’s performances, especially me! I love the Christmas celebration because it is the chance to sing carols and really feel the Christmas spirit. Picnic starts at 5.30pm and the performances begin at 6.15pm.

Parent Payments for 2017
Book packs are available at the office for collection from this week. If you would like to organise a payment plan please contact the office and speak to Lee-Ann.

Breakfast Club
We had our last breakfast club for the year last week. Thank you to all our helpers and we look forward to next year.

Library
We are completing our annual stocktake in the library. All books were due back last Friday. If you haven’t yours back please do so as soon as possible.

Transition
Our final transition session is on Friday. Students will be going to their new rooms and have a session with their new teacher. Students generally cope very well with change. Sometimes we find that parents find change more challenging than students! You can support your child through their transition to the next level by being positive about moving on, making new friends and classmates and working with a new group. Early next year you will have an opportunity to meet with your child and the teacher to discuss goals and if you need to make a time to talk to your new teacher you are welcome to. We look forward to a great session.

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Staffing for 2017
Tamara Zebisch has secured a class teaching position with us for 2017 and will be joining the 1/2 team. We are looking forward to working with her. Sharon Connolly, our much loved aide, will not be returning next year except for some volunteer work. Sharon has been a vital cog in our wheel in the senior school and we will miss her and her skills. Two of our aides, Nicola and Lisa, have been filling in when needed. They too will be finishing up this year and we wish them well for their futures.

Staffing for 2017 is as follows:
Sue Dean Principal
Acting Assistant Principal – Priscilla Salter (Cory’s secondment ends at the end of February)

**Foundation:**
Becky Locking
Louize Gonzales
Libby Flanagan

**Foundation/One:**
Chloe Brown

1/2
Lauren Iverach
Andrea McGrath
Claire Keltie
Julianne Wilson
Tamara Zebisch

3/4
Claudia O’Neill
Anita Sutherland
Jess Cichowicz
Mirren Alenson
Robyn Scanlon

5/6
Steph Fellows
Matt Sutherland
Georgia O’Brien
Lina Kabris

**Specialists**
Music – Louise Strauch
PE and Autobahn – Lara Atkinson
Japanese 1-4 and Enviro – Marian Collins
Art – To be advised and the Priscilla Salter upon Cory’s return
Intervention – Glenda Beard and Wendy Barr

**Breakfast for attendance**
Our final day to count attendance will be this Friday the 9th December. Mrs Salter and Mrs Dean will be cooking a sausage sizzle breakfast for students with an outstanding attendance record on Friday 16th December at 8.15am. Notifications will come out early next week. We will be having sausages and those students who may not be able to have sausages will need to provide their own breakfast but we would love to have them along.
**Prep Transition**

Congratulations to our prep staff for the fantastic information night they ran last week. Our students spoke about their prep experiences and were fantastic. Becky Locking is our 2017 coordinator and she organised a great session for our new and experienced families. The half day prep transition was held today. Our students were very excited to spend time with their new classmates and new teacher. The BBQ held at the end was also an opportunity for parents to meet with other new parents.

**AUTOBAHN 2017**

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Part 3 Miss Atkinson to review and select a restricted number of students, on a term by term, topic by topic basis.

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- x1 group year 1- 2 students
- x1 group year 3-4 students
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**Next Tuesday will be our final newsletter for the year!**

Have a great week!

Sue Dean

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**NOTE/CLARIFICATION REGARDING 2017 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOOL:**

Dear parents and carers,

Please note the Essential student learning items for 2017 has been set by School Council at **$210.00 PER STUDENT**.

Should you choose to pay a volunteer amount for the Library Fund (tax deductible), Grounds and Facilities fund or the School Assistance fund, these amounts are **PER FAMILY**.

Please call 9758 1662 to make an appointment with Lee-Ann O’Brien (Business Manager) to discuss payment options.
Junior School Council

We’re sure you’ll agree crazy dress day last Friday was a huge success! There were some fantastic outfits and hair-dos resulting in lots of smiling faces and laughter. It was great to see all students enjoying the day, and even some of the staff getting involved. Junior School Council would like to thank everyone for their participation in the events they have organised this year. This was definitely a fun way to end the year.

We had a very lucky student receive a special prize at assembly last week. All students from the Knox area who participated in Walk To School Month in October were put in the draw for a scooter to the value of $200. Out of all students in Dobson Ward, Mikybie Blake was the very lucky winner of this prize. We’re sure Mikybie will enjoy getting in some extra activity on her new scooter! Thanks to Knox City Council we have received some feedback on our participation in Walk To School Month in the form of a customised information sheet which you can see here.

Thanks to all of our very enthusiastic and hard-working members of Junior School Council this year!

READING RESOURCES STOCKTAKE:

As the end of the year draws near, we need to take stock of all our reading resources. Can you please help by ensuring all Classroom Reading books are sent back to your Classroom.

Teachers will need help with sorting their classroom books over this week, ready for the stocktake in the last few weeks of school. Please see your child’s teacher if you can offer some assistance with this through this week.

In addition to this, Mrs Barr will need LOTS of help to conduct the stocktake, beginning Wednesday 7th December. If you can spare some time, please drop in to see her any morning over the next few days.

Thank you,
Mrs Barr.
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Sincerely
Priscilla Salter
Sue Dean
Lara Atkinson
# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week: 
*(Ending Friday 02\textsuperscript{nd} December 2016)*

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<td>Cloe D</td>
<td>For being a great role model for her peers and standing up for what is right even when it is towards her friends</td>
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<td>Tate S</td>
<td>For speaking confidently in front of the Year 3-6 students for his Captains speech</td>
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<td>Molly K</td>
<td>For her courage to speak in front of 4 year levels and put herself out there</td>
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<td>Mikybie B</td>
<td>For showing courage and perseverance</td>
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<td>Ashley R</td>
<td>For using turn taking skills in class discussions</td>
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<td>Flynn B</td>
<td>For applying quick mental strategies when solving maths problems</td>
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<td>Blake C</td>
<td>For settling in so well in his new classroom</td>
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<td>Charlie H</td>
<td>For being brave and improving her confidence by sharing her narrative with the class and working hard to improve it</td>
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<td>Mikayla A</td>
<td>For her wonderful work with money and ways to make different amounts</td>
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<td>1/2K</td>
<td>Ebony-Rose D-P</td>
<td>For being a helpful member of our class. Thanks Ebs!</td>
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<td>Flynn E</td>
<td>For wonderful effort with measuring and ordering objects in the classroom</td>
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<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Kye P and Cooper C</td>
<td>Thanks for being the two brightest buttons in our class. You brighten our day!</td>
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<td>Chelsea S</td>
<td>Thank you for being such a hard-working and dedicated student. You’re a star!</td>
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<td>Josh M</td>
<td>For writing a very interesting dragon story</td>
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<td>Levi P</td>
<td>For working so hard towards his goal of neater handwriting</td>
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<td>Jordan P</td>
<td>For working hard in all class activities while making strong decisions!</td>
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<td>PREP F</td>
<td>Camden F</td>
<td>For helping Mrs Flanagan read Charlotte’s Web to the class. Your character voices are better than mine!</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Megan K</td>
<td>For running 1.2km with Miss A without stopping. Great effort!</td>
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<td>LOTE</td>
<td>Jett J-P</td>
<td>For his wonderful effort in learning the names of animals in Japanese</td>
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**LUNCH ORDERS:**

Dear parents,

There are occasions when the item ordered in your child’s lunch order is not available and a replacement item/flavour is given. If you do not wish for this to happen, or if you have a specific request as a replacement, please write this clearly on your lunch order paper bag. If an item cannot be provided, your money will be returned or the item replaced as requested.

Thank you

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**GARDEN HELPERS NEEDED!**

Garden Club is seeking helpers! We have a long list of summer jobs and it would be great to have help from one or many from our school community to help our school grounds look as good as our new buildings do!

Jobs include painting our donated outdoor seats, muching of garden beds and weeding. We can usually be found at the school on a Monday and/or Friday and sometimes weekends if the jobs require. If you would like to help or find out more information regarding some of these jobs, please leave your details at the office addressed to Fiona Van Heeswyk, c/- Garden Club.

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**ENVIRO CENTRE HELPERS/MINDERS OVER THE HOLIDAYS:**

If there are any families who would be willing to assist in the care of the Enviro Centre and chooks over the Summer holidays please leave your name, contact details and dates available at the Office. Mrs Collins will be in touch with you to arrange a Roster.

Many thanks,

Marian Collins.

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**Uniform Shop 2016 Closure**

The last day of trading for the uniform shop will be Friday December 2\textsuperscript{nd}. For any uniform requirements after this date, please leave an order at the office. We will be open for prep 2017 transition only on December 6\textsuperscript{th}.

**Uniform Shop 2017 Opening**

We will reopen for 2017 on Tuesday January 31\textsuperscript{st} from 11am – 1pm. We will also be open from 8.45am – 9.15am on Wednesday February 1\textsuperscript{st}.

Usual trading will start on Friday February 3\textsuperscript{rd}.

For any enquiries, please contact Sally Sealey either via the office or through facebook.
GNPA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!
Tickets were distributed yesterday and cost $1.00 each. Please return your ticket stubs with your money to the Office as soon as possible. If you would like to purchase more tickets they are available at the Office.

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.

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 13th of December, they are all greatly appreciated.

If you could please donate anything with a Christmas feel, maybe some yummy (non-penishable) 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 16th 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 participating!
2016
15th Annual
Ferntree Gully Community
Christmas Day Lunch

You are invited to a FREE Christmas Day Lunch
Sunday December 25, from 12.00 noon

Food, drinks, entertainment,
Presents from the Christmas Angel,
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Sat/Sun 17th & 18th Dec

Selling at this site
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Sat 3rd Dec
Sat/Sun 17th & 18th

Look out for us at Ferntree Gully Woolworths
We will also be selling Trees there on several weekends

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Please contact Tony on 0409 881 926 or
tonycostanza@rowville.org.au for one on one sessions.

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STUDENTS FROM OUR DANCE ACADEMY PERFORMED LAST SATURDAY AT THE KNOX CAROLS IN FERNTREE GULLY. CONGRATULATIONS! Special thanks to Marita K, Tamara C and Sally S for helping our backstage.

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