**PRINCIPAL’S CORNER**

**Approaching the End of the Year**

It is hard to believe that next week is the final week of school for 2015 and that soon it will be Christmas and time for a well-earned break for staff and students. Please be reminded of different times for next week with Assembly at 1pm and dismissal at 1.30 on Friday.

Please note that we request you meet your kids in the school grounds if they need to cross Forest Rd as the reduced speeds do not begin until 2.30pm. The safest route to cross will be via the Pedestrian lights and school staff will man the Crossing points. It is a busy road and we ask you to be extra vigilant in ensuring everyone gets off to a safe holiday.

**Knox Carols Last Saturday**

Last Saturday night our Dance and Performance Academy students, as well as some former students and other familiar adult faces performed as part of the Knox Carols by Candlelight show behind Woolworths on Burwood Hwy. Well done for the excellent show they put on. I had both my sister’s family and my brother’s family in the audience and they enjoyed the show with their kids. Well done.

**Giving Tree**

Again this year, as in the past, we have a Giving Tree set up in the foyer of the Office to support families in the local area in purchasing gifts for the children to open at Christmas time. I invite all families to consider purchasing a small gift to wrap with a label and age range that can then be given to a needy family in the Ferntree Gully area. In the past the generosity of our school community has been much appreciated and I am hoping it will be the same this year as we support those in need. Please place your gift under the tree in the foyer.

**Christmas Concert and Art Show**

What a fantastic community event last week to celebrate the end of the year and the work of our students. Thank you to all the people who attended and supported. A Special thank you to the teachers who coordinated the event – Christen, Prue and Kimberly and to all the other staff who helped on the night.

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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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Transition Day Today
Today our Year 6 students attended their new Secondary Schools as part of the State wide Government School Secondary Transition Day. We expect to see all the students come back with many excited stories tomorrow about how much they’re looking forward to next year and the next chapter of their lives. At the same time today we have welcomed our new Preps for next year who attended school for half the day and spent time in their new classes, in the correct room and with their classroom teacher for next year. There were many excited new students and many slightly disappointed parents who I think were secretly wanting their kids to make a bigger deal about leaving them to come to school.

Reports, Portfolios and Grade Placements Home Friday
This Friday, Second Semester Reports, the Student Portfolios that have been used to help prepare these formal Reports and grade placements for next year will be sent home to all families.
Congratulations to students for the successes that are celebrated in these Reports and the considerable amount of ‘learning growth’ that has been demonstrated by many different students in many different areas of their education. Placements into classes for the new year are always a challenging task undertaken by staff that is informed by both parent and student feedback and we have ensured that every child will have every opportunity for success and is in the environment that will promote it. Thank you to Staff for their many, many hours spent formulating our new classes.

Year 3/4 Students Featured in Paper
The front cover of this week’s Leader newspaper features a story involving our Year 3/4s response to a recent letter from a reader about chicken hatching programs in schools. Well done to 3/4O for responding in writing to clarify that schools have plans for after the hatching and that these kinds of activities provide excellent learning opportunities. Another example of writing for real life and with a real purpose rather than just writing a recount about what you did on the weekend!
2016 Teaching and Support Staff

After final rounds of interviewing and appointing staff late last week, I can now confirm our staffing profile for 2016. We welcome a number of new staff as we continue to grow in size and they come with experience and expertise that will benefit our school, community and most importantly students.

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Farewells
Thank you to the staff who have worked at our school in 2015 who will not be returning next year. Each of them has made a positive impact on the lives and learning of our students and we wish them well in their future careers. Thank you to Tamara, Megan, Faith and Viv.
Thank you also to Donna who will be returning to her Art teaching position in 2016 after stepping in to a classroom at the last minute to replace a staff member who left in the last week of school last year.
Lauren Donker will continue here for the month of February before going on Family Leave to have her baby.
A number of positions have been flagged as ‘Term 1 at this stage’ and this is due to the ongoing situation related to Stuart’s secondment to the Department. I have been assured this will be resolved in Term 1 next year and I will update you as soon as I can with details.
You may also note that we have defined and created positions to address areas raised through our School Review in 2015 so that we can continue to offer and improve the educational experiences of our students. Priscilla Salter will be taking on an increased student data tracking role and we welcome Kerryn Leister in a role to help examine and continue to improve our Maths programs across the school.
I am extremely happy with what we have been able to plan for next year given the limited bucket of money that schools are allocated each year by the government. The contributions which families make enable all these staffing and program decisions to ‘come alive’ for the benefit of each of students and families. Thank you to those families that have already sorted them out for the 2016 school year.

2016 School Leaders Announced Friday
On Friday at Assembly we will announce our 2016 School Captains, School Vice-Captains and School House Captains. This is after a very rigorous process involving speeches, student votes, teacher recommendations to the School Leadership Team and then a final decision. The quality of speeches made by prospective leaders was outstanding and demonstrated how articulate the students are about behaviour and role modelling, which must be (to a large part) attributed to both Play is The Way and the work of our teaching staff to prepare them for leadership. Congratulations to all the students who were brave enough to self-nominate and put their hand up.

Dates for the Rest of 2015
As we run up to the final week, there are many things planned for the end of the year:

This Week
- Wednesday December 9th – 5/6 Learning Expo and Junior Rotary Presentations
- Thursday December 10th – P-4 Swimming Program Finishes
- Friday December 11th – Autobahn Robotics Incursion, 2016 Leaders Announced and Reports, Portfolios and Grade Placements sent home

Next Week
- Monday December 14th – Parent Helpers Morning Tea and final School Council meeting
- Tuesday December 15th – Year 6 Graduation
- Wednesday December 16th – Transition afternoon to new classes
- Thursday December 17th – Attendance Award Breakfast, 5/6 Surf Life Saving Day and 3/4 Christmas Picnic
- Friday December 18th – Last Day Assembly (1pm) and Dismissal (1.30pm)
- Saturday December 19th – Everyone collapses and has a sleep in!

Thank you to all our staff for all their work at this busy time of the year
Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens
SCHOOL END OF YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS:

END OF YEAR CANTEEN SALE!
All items are half price for the last day of Canteen (11/12/15). (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 this Friday ONLY! (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!

PAST STUDENTS’ ACHIEVEMENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL:
We are always happy to hear about the progress and achievements of our past students, and congratulations go to the following students who attend Belgrave Heights Christian College for their efforts this year:

Abby Jones: Yr 7 Academic award
Chris Deidun: Yr 10 Academic award and Science award
Molly Davies: Yr 7 Diligence and Visual Art award
Spencer Dam: Year 8 Christian leadership award.
Stacey Cresswell: Year 8 Food Tech award

PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE:
TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER IS THE LAST DAY FOR SCHOOL BANKING THIS YEAR!
**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week:  
*(Ending Friday 04 December 2015)*

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<td>For persisting with challenging maths tasks</td>
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<td>Gosia P</td>
<td>For being brave and making the most of her last day of school even though she is disappointed about missing out on the last week</td>
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<td>Zoe H &amp; Emma L</td>
<td>For making such good use of your writing time</td>
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<td>Jack P</td>
<td>For his speed and efficiency when changing at swimming this week</td>
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<td>Sean S</td>
<td>For consistently doing the right thing</td>
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<td>Jack T</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort with swimming, especially when treading water</td>
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<td>Iambein T-L</td>
<td>For her excellent worth in shape, doing slides, flips and turns</td>
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<td>Oliver I</td>
<td>For working with dedication to write a very informative diary about his holidays</td>
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<td>Chloe W</td>
<td>For being such a positive role model in our class. Thank you for coming every day with a beautiful smile. You’re a star! *</td>
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<td>Mikayla A</td>
<td>For a fantastic effort in writing this week, working really hard on some new poetry pieces</td>
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<td>Bella P</td>
<td>For being brave and doing her classroom job so well</td>
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<td>Cooper B</td>
<td>For working really hard in reading and writing sessions. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Trey B</td>
<td>For his very detailed labelled diagram of an Angler fish</td>
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<td>For his sensational effort in delivering a speech at the Prep Information night, even though he didn’t feel well.</td>
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<td>Adrian B</td>
<td>For being an enthusiastic and caring member of Prep W</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Sam M</td>
<td>For always being a helpful student!</td>
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Announcements

Christmas hamper donations

“Christmas day is all wrapped up”

We are still hoping for more donations towards our annual Christmas raffle.
If all donations could be dropped in by Thursday 10th of December, they are all greatly appreciated.
Late donations will of course be gratefully accepted and made into separate hampers before the raffle is drawn. All donations welcome!

If you could please donate anything with a Christmas feel, maybe some yummy (non-perishable) snacks, like puddings, treats, soft drinks etc… or some Christmas decorations/gifts. We would also love 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 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 This week, Friday 11th December

Raffle tickets have been sent home and 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!

Events calendar

Wednesday 9th December
- FINAL School banking day for 2015
- Deposit Day

Friday 11th December
- Raffle Tickets Due
  At the office by 3pm

Friday 11th December
- Christmas Raffle
  Drawn at assembly 3.10pm

- 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.
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 unique code: 34310
our school will also receive 20% commission!!
Order before 15th December for pre Christmas delivery!

Ferntree Gully North Primary School
Gully View

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- Clothing  - Furniture
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- Electrical

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YOUR CHILD DESERVES THIS CHANCE
THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY

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PIANO ON KEYBOARD LESSONS
$16.50  HALF HOUR  lesson

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Phone 9761 9058
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Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will NOT incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Scheme.

NO FEES — YOU WILL BE BILLED

On January 1st 2014, the government introduced the new Child Dental Benefit Scheme. Families who receive Family Income Support Package or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter outlining their eligibility.

It entitles all eligible children aged 0-11 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1,000 over 3 years.

Our usual dental care continues to operate for 12-17 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth. You must be a holder or dependent of a health care or pensioner concession card holder. (More info 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 9377 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
1005 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone 9377 6200

Gully View

Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

1st
Ferntree Gully Scout Group

Christmas
Tree sales
9.30am - 4pm

Cnr Burke Rd and Burwood Hwy
Opposite Knox Ford

Cnr Stud Road and Burwood Hwy
Near Knox City

Selling at this site on:
Sat/Sun 28th & 29th Nov
Sat/Sun 5th & 6th Dec
Sat/Sun 12th & 13th Dec
Sat/Sun 19th & 20th

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Various sizes available $50—$70 approx. ($10 per ft)

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Morning Tea &
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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@foothillsicare.org.au

Hosted by Foothills Community Care in partnership with local Ferntree Gully friends
www.foothillsicare.org.au
Ferntree Gully North Primary School OSHC, 8th December 2015

Welcome to OSHC,

Dear Parents and School staff,

Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:

1. Children in Prep are walking to OSHC as a transition from Prep to Year 1 for this term.
2. For safe arrival of children from Year 1 onwards to OSHC, let the child, teacher or school reception and coordinator know if you are running late.
3. Please let the Coordinator know by calling and leaving a message if the child is registered for After School Care and they will not be attending.
4. It is a good idea to enrol your child online 48 hrs prior to attending after school care if your child has any allergies or medical condition. Alternatively, you are welcome to come and speak to the Coordinator a day or two prior for any medical conditions.
5. Come into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
6. Feedback and suggestions are welcome, so let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
7. Encourage your child to talk to the Educators if there is something in particular your child would like to do when they are in our care.

We're here to make After School Care visits the best experience possible for you and your child. If you have any questions about the program please feel free to drop by, meet the team and see what happens in After School Care first hand.

Program Details

In the lead up to Christmas the children will have opportunities to work on various Christmas themed activities including making pop-up cards and decorations. We have already started on our Christmas display! Which you are welcome to check out on the OSHC glass window! We will also be constructing a cookie gingerbread house in the coming week.

Last Day of School

On the last day of School for term 4 the After School Care Program will run from 1:30 pm to 6:00pm.

Holiday Club

Bookings are now open for the January School Holiday Club. For more information or to book go to www.campaustralia.com.au

To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

Juhu Agnihotri – Camp Australia Coordinator

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