PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

BREAKING NEWS!!!!!!!

This Friday will be our final, full assembly. We will be starting at 2.45 to announce 2017 Captains and farewell our staff. We hope you can join us for this special time. The assembly on Tuesday 20th will be for our farewell to our senior students. It will start at 1pm. Final dismissal will be at 1.30pm. Out of Hours Care will start at 1.30pm.

Farewells

We bid farewell to a number of students/families and staff. We wish all students and staff a wonderful future and although we will miss them they are going on to exciting new places. Enjoy!

Staff:
Donna Krenn, Drew Meede, Jacqui Hutchinson, Giulia Cuzzilla, Bianca Davies, Julie Dowd, Lisa Norris and Nicola Sweet.

Student Families:

Bolton family, Briant family, Browne family, Davey family, Davies family, Eggert family, Franken family, Franklin family, Halabi family, Harrison family, Hartnett family, Holloway family, Holt (A) family, Holt (C) family, Hughes family, Jackson family, James/Keogh family, Lesueur family, Mason family, McCallum family, McEwen family, Moore family, Morrison family, Newbigin family, Priestner family, Tynan family, Van Vegten family, Walker family, Whiteman family, Zammit family.

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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Graduation
Good luck to all our graduating students for their event on Thursday night. This is a very special night celebrating their seven years of primary school. We congratulate them on their hard work and perseverance. It is very rewarding to hear our students describing what a difference school makes in their lives and how they feel equipped to face their futures. We are very proud of our graduating class and we wish all our year 6 students and their families a wonderful future.

Rotary Presentations
Last night our Rotary Program students were congratulated on completing their programs. Congratulations to all students on their dedication and to our staff who made it possible. We are very lucky to have this program. We would like to thank Ferntree Gully Rotary Club for their support.

Parent Payments for 2017
Thank you to all our families who have made their payments and collected their book packs. The book packs are available at the office for collection. If you would like to organise a payment plan for your fees please contact the office and speak to Lee-Ann.

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

Transition
We had a fantastic transition session on Friday where all students went to their 2017 classrooms and spent time with their new teacher. Of course there was great excitement but I was thrilled to see our students being so positive about the future. Well done and we look forward to a terrific 2017.

Attendance Breakfast
Our attendance breakfast will be held this Friday. Please return your slip to the office by tomorrow if can come. Congratulations to these students maintaining such a high attendance for the year. See you there.

Merry Christmas
Julianne, Priscilla and I would like to wish all our students and families a very Merry Christmas. We hope this festive season brings you joy. Have a restful break and recharge the batteries and have some fun. Thank you to families who have made donations to our special Christmas tree showing kindness to those who may not be facing a happy holiday season.

Don’t forget we encourage families to use our school grounds during the holiday break. This helps keep the school secure. We thank you for your support.

On a more personal note I would like to thank our wonderful students and their families for making me welcome at Ferntree Gully North. Our school is a fantastic school that endeavours to build the skills of all students and create a holistic education to enable our children to go forward in the world with positive outlooks and skills to enable a happy and successful life. I look forward to continuing our work together in 2017.

2017
School resumes for staff on Monday 30th of January. The office will be open from 8.30am. Students from years 1-6 resume classes on Wednesday 1st February. Preps begin on Thursday 2nd February.
Next Tuesday 20th December School Finish Reminder

A final reminder of the different time for the end of year this Tuesday 20th December: with Assembly at 1pm and dismissal at 1.30pm.

Please note that we request you meet your children in the school grounds if they need to cross Forest Road 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 supervise 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.

Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season,
Sue Dean, Priscilla Salter and Julianne Wilson.

2017 BOOK BAG COLLECTION

Dear parents and carers,

The Office banking and reconciling of 2016 finances need to be completed by the end of the school day on Tuesday 20th December. Since this final day of the year finishes at 1.30pm, the Office will be very busy that day. If you intend to pay Parent contributions and collect book bags before the end of the year, please try to do so by Monday 19th December to help avoid any delays. Thank you.

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

CANTEEN FINISHED FOR 2016

Dear families,

Please note the Canteen is now closed for the remainder of the year. There will be no over the counter food sales this Friday.

Lunch orders will still be available this Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Monday 19th December.
Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week:  
(Ending Friday 09th December 2016)

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<td>For showing great leadership by helping others solve problems</td>
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<td>Bailey S</td>
<td>For going into Transition for next year with a positive mindset and great attitude</td>
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<td>Amy H</td>
<td>For her dedication in taking on extra responsibilities and supporting her peers and teachers</td>
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<td>Mackenzie R</td>
<td>For being an inspiration and role model to other students by completing his first triathlon</td>
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<td>Riley Mc</td>
<td>For excellent use of ICT for homework tasks</td>
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<td>Archie N</td>
<td>For his terrific participation and knowledge in our water safety program</td>
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<td>Lucy P</td>
<td>For being really helpful and responsible. Thanks!</td>
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<td>Hayley V</td>
<td>For demonstrating persistence when tackling challenging maths tasks and for making outstanding progress in “being brave”</td>
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<td>Meisha S and Alana D</td>
<td>For being so kind and friendly to everyone</td>
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<td>Gabby S</td>
<td>For being really brave 😊</td>
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<td>Ayva S</td>
<td>For being brave and participating in so many activities this term</td>
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<td>Jackson M</td>
<td>For being such a hard-working student who always does his best</td>
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<td>Sally L</td>
<td>For always being kind and considerate to other children</td>
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<td>PREP W</td>
<td>Ella O</td>
<td>For independently pursuing her learning goals all week</td>
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<td>Cannon H</td>
<td>For his positive attitude towards his learning. Well done for trying your best</td>
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<td>Tilly D</td>
<td>For the joy she brings to our classroom every day!</td>
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<td>Matias O</td>
<td>For his sensible and caring contributions to solving a problem</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Laith H</td>
<td>For being a fantastic assistant and helper in PMP during the year</td>
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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.

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.

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL LIAISON
School Council is meeting for the final time this Wednesday. If you would like me to raise a query, comment or suggestion on your behalf I can be contacted via the Tiqbiz app.

Marita Knutsen
GULLY NORTH PARENTS ASSOCIATION

December 2016

Events calendar

Friday 16th December
❖ Christmas raffle
This week get you Tickets in so you have the chance to take home one of our amazing hampers!

Friday 24th March 2017
❖ Save the date
Family night and Movie

GNPA have had a very full year and would like to thank the whole school community for all their support in helping us with this year’s events. We are all very excited to hear that the new sun sails are going up during the holidays and next year we can start to fundraise for more great items on the schools behalf.

Passive Fundraisers

Over the holidays don’t forget, FERNTREE GULLY NORTH PS: These are the words we would love you and your family and friends to use when next shopping at our one of our schools linked Fundraiser Companies.

Rebel Sports Knox.
Hogs breath Café

We will be looking for more passive fundraisers in the new year, especially a new label company so if you know of any great passive fundraising opportunities please let a member of GNPA know or please come join us at a meeting, we would love to have your input.

A massive THANK YOU to the parent helpers for the Prep Parents BBQ! We hope all the new prep families feel welcome and will love our school and feel the community spirit we have built together over many years

GNPA MEETING

At our meeting last week we discussed lots of upcoming events for next year. We hope to see you there at our next meeting where we will be deciding lots of things for movie night, and may even pick the 3 movies to be voted for by the children. Please come along - we really love new faces and are happy for anyone with younger children to also attend. The kids have a great time playing together, so come along if you can and share your ideas and opinions on decisions to be made!
Christmas hamper donations

“Christmas day is all wrapped up”

We are asking for donations towards our annual Christmas raffle. If all donations could be dropped in by today the 13th of December by 3.30pm, they are all 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 16th December

Raffle tickets have been sent home. 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

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Sat/Sun 17th & 18th Dec

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New Knox City

Selling at this site
10 am - 4pm
Sat 3rd Dec
Sat/Sun 17th & 18th Dec

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

Various sizes available $50—$80 approx. ($10 per ft)

Don’t Miss Out!
Pre-order your Tree for pickup at one of our sites or for delivery in our local area ($10).
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