CALENDAR 2016

Dates to remember...

TERM 4 DATES: Monday 03 October - Tuesday 20 December

PREP 2017 TRANSITION: Session 4:
Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 November

1st WHOLE SCHOOL 2017 TRANSITION:
Wednesday 23 November

READING CHALLENGE BBQ LUNCH:
Thursday 24 November, 11.00am-12.00pm

2nd WHOLE SCHOOL 2017 TRANSITION:
Monday 28 November

PREP 2017 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT:
Wednesday 30 November, 6.00pm-7.00pm

PARENT HELPER’S MORNING TEA:
Thursday 1 December, 11.40am-12.30pm

3rd WHOLE SCHOOL 2017 TRANSITION:
Thursday 1 December

PREP 2017 HALF DAY AT SCHOOL & BBQ:
Tuesday 6 December

YEAR 7 2017 ORIENTATION DAY:
Tuesday 6 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 GRADUATION:
Thursday 15 December

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

PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Christmas Celebration
The school Christmas Celebration will take place on Wednesday 7th December from 5.30-7.00pm.
The year level performances will start at 6.15pm sharp and will run for approximately 30-40 minutes.
Please note that both sides of the steps in the Ellim-Atta centre are being used for the performances and all students will be seated in year levels there. There will be a floor level area for picnic rugs and then a chair area for our audience.

Year 3 Camp
Congratulations to all students on a terrific year 3 camp. The students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and the experiences of staying overnight. I really enjoyed hearing the stories of students and their successes completing activities. For some students it was their first time staying away from home. Thank you to all staff.

School Council
Last week School Council approved our Volunteers Policy. You will find this policy at the back of the newsletter and on the website.

Parent Payments for 2017
The Parent Payment forms came home last Friday. If you have any questions please contact Lee-Ann, or myself to discuss.

Fiso – Framework for Improving Student Outcomes
We had a very educational day working on our data literacy project last Friday. This day will form the basis of our work looking at assessment and its link to teaching and learning in 2017. Schools are introducing the new Victorian Curriculum next year and it is timely that we review our existing programs to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students.

Giving Tree – Footills Community Care
This year we will be running our Giving Tree again. Once our tree is up in the foyer families can bring in wrapped gifts with a tag indicating who the gift might be suitable for. Christmas can be a challenging time for some and we hope that our gifts may bring happiness to others. This is a lovely way we can model for our children the positives of helping others. If you can help out we would appreciate it. The tree will be up the first weekday of December.

Library
The Library will be closed for ALL borrowing from Friday 2nd Dec. ALL books must be returned asap. Please encourage your child/ren to look for any books that they have borrowed and return them to the Library as quickly as possible.

First Aid
Last week we had St John’s Ambulance in to run a brief first aid course at appropriate developmental levels for our classes. St John’s know that even basic first aid can save a life. It was a great experience for all and I would like to include the letter below from a parent thanking us for this opportunity....
"Dear Sue,

Just wanted to take a moment and say a big thank you for the incursion my children had today. I'm not sure if the whole school participated.

------------ has been practicing his DR ABCD since he got home and has just shown my husband what he learnt.

As a first aider myself I have kept my first aid qualifications up to date since I was 16 years old, including annual CPR refreshers and recently my girls attended a surf life saving camp where they also learnt the basis.

I believe it is necessary for all children to understand the concept and have never seen our school hold such a workshop.

Thank you"

Code Club

Congratulations to Steph and Matt Fellows and all our code clubbers for the acknowledgment of their work being declared the Code Club of the Year – Australia wide. The students have written an article in the newsletter and Steph will be attending the award ceremony with Matt tomorrow evening. What a fantastic achievement and we look forward to hearing more after the award ceremony.

Staffing for 2017

This time of year can see some staff movement at all schools and this includes Ferntree Gully North. Donna Krenn has been successful in gaining an art position with some leadership opportunities at Selby Primary. Donna has been a great contributor to our community and although she will be missed she is going on to a position where she will further develop her skills.

Bianca Davies will not be returning next year. Bianca will take this opportunity to expand on her teaching skills and learn how other schools operate.

Jacquie Hutchinson will be moving to James Cook PS. Jacqui has worked very hard at Ferntree Gully and has also contributed to our community extensively. Jacqui has been travelling a considerable distance to work at the school she loves, but has decided to seek some new experience at a school closer to home.

Giulia Cuzzila is also moving on to Mt Evelyn PS. Mt Evelyn also has a Kathy Walker approach and Giulia has taken this opportunity to see how other schools operate. She has only been here for a few months but has worked very hard to improve student skills in her classroom.

We wish all our staff good luck in their new positions and I admire their professionalism in seeking new experiences. It can be very challenging to leave a school that you have enjoyed so much but they will be able to experience many new educational settings.

Cory Pearce’s secondment is until the end of February so at this stage Priscilla Salter will remain in the office. She has done an amazing job and I know she will continue to support our students and their families. Juliane Wilson has also done a fantastic job in this area and she will return to the classroom full time next year.

We do of course have some new staff coming in. Robyn Scanlon is returning to Ferntree Gully North next year. She brings extensive experience in a range of areas including ICT. Andrea McGrath and Louize Gonzales have been teaching prep at Straithaird and Old Orchard Primary Schools respectively. Lina Kabris has been working in the middle years (years 5, 6, 7) at Boronia K-12 and brings a range of experience using data to inform teaching. I know everyone will join our staff in welcoming our new teachers.

Our classrooms for 2017 will include:

3 X Foundation (prep)
1 X Foundation/1
5 X 1/2
5 X 3/4
4 X 5/6.

Have a great week,
Sue Dean.
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.

WANTED!

Items for the Prep’s Tinkering Table.

The Prep children love discovering what makes things ‘tick’ and as such our ‘Tinkering Table’ is a popular learning area during Investigations. If you have any non-working items that you think the children could deconstruct, please remove cords and drop them off to Mrs. Flanagan’s room. Suitable items include clock radios, car stereos, computer keyboards, video/dvd players, clocks, etc. NO TOASTERS or anything containing glass.

Thanks, Mrs. Flanagan, Prep F

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE BBQ LUNCH:

The celebration sausage sizzle for the 2016 Reading Challenge is on Thursday, November 24th.

Classes will have an opportunity to formally thank their Challenge Classroom helper in the classroom between 11.15am and 11.40am.

Certificates will be handed out to all children who competed the challenge.

A special classroom achievement and encouragement award will be presented.

Classes will be called, one level at a time, after 11.15am, so that Challenge participants can collect their sausage in bread, and then eat in the classroom.

At the assembly on Friday, November 25th, Challenge Level awards and the Nick Wakeling award will be presented.

Reading Challenge honour role for participants having completed the Reading Challenge can be viewed at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/pre/Pages/2016honourroll.aspx

Thank You Everyone for your participation and we look forward to the 2017 Reading Challenge.

Mrs Barr.
Gully View

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week:
(Ending Friday 18th November 2016)

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<th>Class</th>
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<td>5/6S</td>
<td>Mr Sutherland</td>
<td>Chloe C For settling in well to her new school and being a welcome addition to our classroom</td>
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<td>5/6O</td>
<td>Ms O’Brien</td>
<td>Laith H For persisting with his work even when he has had difficulties in the yard</td>
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<td>5/6F</td>
<td>Mrs Fellows</td>
<td>Lucia P and Charla P For working on a tricky volume problem without giving up</td>
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<td>5/6D</td>
<td>Miss Davies</td>
<td>Liam W For always showing the strength to be sensible</td>
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<td>1/2C</td>
<td>Ms Cuzzilla</td>
<td>Angus R For his creativity and perseverance with his narrative writing. He has done an outstanding job</td>
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<td>1/2K</td>
<td>Ms Keltie</td>
<td>Ryleigh A For having a positive attitude to his learning and being a great helper in class</td>
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<td>1/2I</td>
<td>Miss Iverach</td>
<td>Cooper B For working independently so beautifully. Well done!</td>
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<td>1/2H</td>
<td>Mrs Hutchinson</td>
<td>Luke M For active listening, sharing and for being helpful</td>
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<td>1/2B</td>
<td>Miss Brown</td>
<td>Katie C For extreme helpfulness ☺</td>
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<td>1/2A</td>
<td>Mrs Alenson</td>
<td>Sam T For working very hard on his missing dragon poster</td>
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<td>PREP W</td>
<td>Mrs Wilson</td>
<td>Malak E For working so hard to become a fluent reader</td>
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<td>PREP L</td>
<td>Miss Locking</td>
<td>Cooper B For always doing his best work and joining in classroom discussions by putting his hand up to share his ideas</td>
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<td>PREP F</td>
<td>Mrs Flanagan</td>
<td>Molly S For working consistently hard to improve her reading</td>
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<td>P.E.</td>
<td>Ms Atkinson</td>
<td>Ashley B For demonstrating perseverance in running 1.21km with Ms A without stopping. Well done.</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.
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.
PREP GRANDPARENT’S DAY REPORTS:

By Riley H

Today we learnt a history lesson about the then and the now of the olden scol days. I learnt they got desks and inches and they got the milk and food. Sometimes the whole school was in one hot meal.

By Jack G

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By Jacinta G

On grandparent’s day we played a bow flie. My grandparent found it quit challenging. I helped them persist.
For those of you who don’t know, Mrs Fellows and her husband Matt Fellows have been running a Code Club with ten grade 6 children. We meet once a week to learn how to code/program and then we put those skills to the test by making fun little games. This term we are creating a digital newsletter called ‘Under the Gumtree’ for the kids in 5/6 to demonstrate all the skills we have learnt throughout the year. The newsletter will only be available for the 5/6s at first and hopefully expanded in a couple of years. This year we are so privileged to be awarded **Code Club of the year out of 1,500 clubs across Australia which includes over 50,000 children.** We would highly recommend trying to be a part of Code Club in Grade 6. It is a great learning experience for those interested. Thank you Mrs Fellows and Matt for teaching us this year, we couldn’t have asked for better teachers.

*Written by Amy Holt and Emma Lowe  
*Under the Gumtree Journalists

**Found:**  
Green and black framed children’s glasses. Please collect from the Office if these are yours. Thank you!

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL:**  
Junior School Council has organised a ‘crazy dress day’ for next Friday the 2nd of December. This day has been organised as a community spirit event and a celebration for all the hard work students have put in this year. It is not a fundraiser. Students can wear crazy hair, mismatched clothes or something else that’s a little bit odd. Please ensure it is not too crazy as there is still learning to be done! The whole school will be doing Crazy Walks as their Play Is The Way game so parents might want to stick around to watch the fun. We’re looking forward to seeing everyone in their crazy outfits. 
Junior School Council.
Prep Parents BBQ and Volunteer request

We are asking for Current prep parents to help with the traditional Prep 2017 family BBQ run on Transition day please. We would really appreciate as many as possible to volunteer to help. If you are a current prep parent and can help run the BBQ on Tuesday 6th of December, please let the office or a member of GNPA know.

A current working with children’s card is required

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.


Shopping Tour

GNPA would like to thank all those from Gully North who attended the shopping tour on Saturday and all the friends and family who came along and also spent up big! We raised over $950 towards the shade sail! It was another fun and successful tour and many thanks to Rachel Mactaggart for organising the event.
Passive Fundraisers

Wanted to let everyone know… if you wanted any sporting stuff for Christmas this is your day to go get it at a great price, also the school gets store credit too… as long as you sign up and nominate Ferntree Gully North P.S.

REBEL SPORT KNOX - CLUBS & SCHOOLS

Thank you for your loyalty with Rebel Sport Knox during 2016. We would like to invite you to our exclusive VIP Christmas shopping day

20% off STOREWIDE

ONE DAY ONLY 9AM-9PM
FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

*Conditions apply. Available only at Rebel Sport Knox. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Non-refundable.*
Christmas hamper donations

“Christmas day’s 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. Just think of some small item that you might like!

Also if you have a spare Christmas-themed bag or a nice basket to help with the assembly of the items we would love those too!

Our aim is to provide a first prize to take the hassle out of Christmas day. If all donations could be dropped in by Tuesday the 13th of December, they are all greatly appreciated.

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,
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

Hosted by Foothills Community Care
in partnership with local Ferntree Gully friends
www.foothillscare.org.au
GNPA has secured a time for exclusive access to The Cadbury Factory Staff Shop. There are limited spots available. Leave your name & contact number at the office by Friday 25th Nov. Names will be chosen at random and contacted by Mon 28th November. Max. 25 people.

Thursday 1st December 2016
10am Sharp.
323-351 Canterbury Rd, Ringwood.

Conditions Apply:
*** NO CHILDREN ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ***
No open shoes. No High Heels. No latecomers (must enter as one group).
Strictly no children can be onsite.
Ferntree Gully Primary School

Ferntree Gully CFA

Fire Calls 000

Open Day.

(Ferntree Gully Fun Day)

Saturday 26th November, 2016, 10.00 am to 2.00pm

- Discuss your home fire and bushfire safety plans.
- Talk to our experienced volunteer firefighters.
- SES demonstration of removing trapped persons from a motor vehicle 10.30 am and 12.00 noon.
- Children's CFA helicopter, free Balloons
- Ferntree Gully Library stall on the front lawn.
- Coasters and drink holders for the mums and dads.

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You are invited to a Mystery Host Tupperware Party supporting MOVEMBER

Who wants some FREE Tupperware? Lots of raffle prizes and giveaways for all attendees!

Join me to check out the Spring/Summer Catalogue range, what special offers are on for November, do some Christmas shopping from the Gift Giving Guide, grab a bargain from the Bargain Table and support Movember, the charity tackling men’s health on a global scale.

Tupperware are donating $2 for every party held during November PLUS I will be donating 10% of sales on the day to Movember.

Date: Saturday 26th November
Time: 10.30am-12.00pm
Where: 9 Blackwood Park Road, Ferntree Gully

Enjoy a tea or coffee with some morning tea. Come for a short time or the whole time!

Raffle Tickets for Host and Thank You Gifts

- 1 on arrival
- 1 for every $30 spent
- 8 if you spend over $150
- 5 if you bring a friend
- 5 if you bring an outside order
- 10 if you book your own demo

Who will win the $60 product voucher Thank You gift? Or the $5 Commuter mug on offer to Hosts only? The ½ price exclusive VentSmart Extra Large High? AND the Host Gift or Free Tupperware of choice will also be raffled.

What would you buy?

RSVP by Friday 25th November
Louise Greening – 0478684381
lougreening@gmail.com

SILVER LEVEL - Exclusive Fusion Grater (RRP $205)
$80 & 2 Divines

GOLD LEVEL - Exclusive Dream Picnics (RRP $305)
$130 & 2 Divines

FREE Tupperware of your choice
Varies with Sales & Demos
Ferntree Gully North Primary School

Gully View

Lunar Drive In

115 South Gippsland Hwy, Dandenong, 9706 9988

Trolls

Rogue One

Sing

Moana

Red Dog

Middle School

True Blue

The Worst Years of My Life

Gift Voucher

St. John’s Netball Club

Ferntree Gully

www.stjohnnetballclub.wordpress.com

FREE

Netball Clinic

St John the Baptist Netball Club would like to invite you to join in some fun and games at our Netball Clinics:

Dates: Tuesday, 22 & 29 November 2016
Time: 4.15 pm to 5.15pm
Where: St John the Baptist Primary School
       17 Forest Road, Ferntree Gully
Ages: 7-17 years (girls) 7-11 (boys)
What to bring: Runners, comfortable clothing and a drink bottle
Contact: Andrea on 0406 958 458 to reserve your spot or for more information
Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

1st Ferntree Gully Scout Group

Local Area Delivery $10
Christmas Tree Stands from $25

Cnr. Burke Rd and Burwood Hwy
Opposite Knox Ford

Selling at this site
9.30 am - 4pm
(Sold out and out of stock)
Sat/Sun 3rd & 4th Dec
Sat/Sun 10th & 11th Dec
Sat/Sun 17th & 18th Dec

Cnr. Stud Road and Burwood Hwy
Near Knox City

Selling at this site
10 am - 4pm
(Seasonal opening times)
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

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).
Call 0402 071 037

The Blue Dampierons
Twilight Festival
at Ferntree Gully Village

Friday 25th November 2016

Fun in the village
at Ferntree Gully Village

Saturday 26th November 2016

- Christmas Tree Exhibition // 11am - 2pm at the Village
- Christmas Market // 11am - 4pm at the Village
- Live Music // 11am - 4pm at the Village
- Children's activities // 11am - 2pm at the Village
- Face painting // 11am - 2pm at the Village
- Cafe // 11am - 4pm at the Village
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