

# Ferny Creek PS Connections



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Together we make a difference

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

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*Hi everyone,*

## Celebrating World Teachers' Day

Last week we proudly celebrated **World Teachers' Day**, a time to recognise and thank the incredible teachers who make our school such a special place. Every day, our teachers go above and beyond to support and nurture our students, always keeping their wellbeing and learning at the heart of everything they do.

This year's celebration came at a perfect time, as our teachers have been deeply involved in bringing our magnificent school production to life. From writing scripts and choreographing dances to creating props, managing costumes, organising rehearsals, photos and tickets, they have worked tirelessly both on the stage and behind the scenes. Most importantly, they have supported and encouraged our students throughout the entire journey.

World Teachers' Day gave us the opportunity to say a big '*thank you*' and to treat our teachers (and all staff) to some well-deserved pampering and appreciation. It was a small way to recognise their dedication and the countless ways they make a difference every single day.

Please join me in celebrating and thanking our wonderful teachers for all that they do. Not only for all their extra efforts around our community events but for the care and commitment they bring to our school community each and every day. We are so fortunate to have a team who genuinely love coming to work to help every student be the very best they can be.

## Keeping Contact Details Up to Date

As we move into the warmer months and the start of fire season, it's important that we are able to contact families easily during the school day. Whether it's due to illness, an urgent reminder, or the need for excursion consent, having accurate and current contact details helps us keep you informed and your child safe.

Please take a moment to ensure that the school has your **most up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses**, and that you have listed **at least two additional emergency contacts** who can be reached if you are unavailable. It's also a great idea to let us know in advance if you'll be uncontactable on a particular day. We also understand that family

circumstances can change, and we ask that you keep us informed about any shared care situations so that we are able to support you with positive communication.

We encourage all families to have the school phone number in your contacts and ensure Compass notifications are enabled on your devices, so you don't miss any important updates or alerts.

A friendly reminder that if anyone other than a parent or carer is collecting your child from school, we must have prior permission. This helps us ensure every child's safety at all times.

## CERES excursion and National Recycling Week

On Friday, our students enjoyed a wonderful excursion to **CERES Environmental Park**, where they explored the beautiful grounds and took part in engaging hands-on sessions focused on **recycling, reusing, and working towards zero waste**. The visit coincided perfectly with **National Recycling Week**, providing a fantastic opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of how everyday choices can help care for our planet.

The CERES educators inspired students to think about how they can make a difference at school and at home, from sorting waste and reusing materials to reducing packaging and making thoughtful choices about what we buy and use.



We encourage you to chat with your child about their experience and to actively support our sustainability journey as we continue to embed more environmentally responsible practices. A simple way to get involved is by helping your child prepare a 'nude food' lunchbox; one filled with healthy brain food and little or no packaging. Thank you for supporting the small changes that can lead to big impacts.

## Event organisation

As we near closer to the end of the term, we are preparing for our end of year activities, as well as planning our community events for next year. We are grateful for any parent support, and I know our Parent's Club and Buildings and Grounds Committee can always find something for you to help out with. Please contact the office if you are able to support us with any of our upcoming events, including Year 6 graduation and the 2026 Billycart Derby.

*Have a great week,*

*Susan*

Susan Vissenjoux – A/Principal















# FOUNDATION 2026

**Welcome to Ferny Creek Primary School.**

*A place where every child is known, valued and nurtured.*



## Transition

**Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am**

18<sup>th</sup> November

25<sup>th</sup> November

2<sup>nd</sup> December

9<sup>th</sup> December

Parent information sessions will be run  
concurrently with transition sessions on:  
25<sup>th</sup> November  
9<sup>th</sup> December



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### Foundation/Grade 1

**Eloise D:** For being an incredibly RESPONSIBLE member of our class, who always demonstrates to others how to look after personal belongings, as well as the classroom.

**Emma G:** For the incredible persistence she has shown when walking. You are so fast now and have mastered stepping down out of the classroom with very little help!

### Grade 2S

**Charlie D:** For consistently displaying the school values and taking on feedback to improve his work. Well done!

**Beau H:** For always offering to help others inside and outside of the classroom! Keep up the wonderful work!

### Grade 3/4E

**Esther M:** For making great learning choices and always trying your best. Keep up the great work Esther!

**Patrick D:** For consistently showing perseverance and challenging yourself during our cube conundrum investigation. Keep up the hard work!

### Grade 3/4K

**Felix B:** For always being resilient and trying his best with all his learning tasks. Well done, Felix!

**Mason P:** For consistently being responsible by being prepared, organised and ready to learn for each session. Well done, Mason!

### Grade 5/6A

**Baxter L:** For doing what no other student has ever done in the history of Rapid Fire, throwing the vortex from one end of the basketball court into the basketball ring at the opposing end, not once but twice! Baxter you are an instant 'Hall of Famer.'

**Alex E:** For taking the initiative to support a classmate with their Think Mentals once he had finished his work. Well done Alex for taking on the role of teacher and explaining the necessary steps required to complete each question.

### Grade 5/6B

**Juliet A:** For being a positive and enthusiastic member of the class – thank you Juliet!

**Mahalia S:** For being a clam, kind and responsible member of the class – thank you Mahalia!

# IMPORTANT DETAILS

## CURRICULUM DAYS

The last day of Term 4 is  
**19<sup>th</sup> December** with an early  
finish time of 1.30pm



## COMMUNICATION

Ferny Creek Primary School recognises the importance of the partnership between schools and families to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

Your child's teacher will offer you a range of opportunities to communicate with them including:

- ✓ Compass
- ✓ Email
- ✓ Formal meetings
- ✓ Before/After school chats

If you do not have Compass, please contact our school Office and find out how you can obtain the app. Compass will be used several times each week, so we want everyone to have access.

## FACEBOOK

Please like our Facebook page. This will be used by the school to inform families and the public of events and updates at the school. Feedback and discussion with parents/carers are welcome, but the school will not use Facebook for this purpose.

Please contact the school directly if you wish to discuss matters, as per our communication process. Only this Facebook page is endorsed by the Principal. Any other Facebook pages are not officially authorised representatives of the school.

## CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important the school has your most current emergency contact telephone details, home and e-mail address.

If you change telephone details or home e-mail address at any point, we ask that you update the school with your accurate contact details as soon as possible.

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

Please note that our school grounds are supervised by school staff at the following times:

- ✓ Before school from 8.45am
- ✓ Throughout recess and lunch
- ✓ After school from 3.30pm to 3.45pm

The school grounds are not supervised outside the above times.

While some families use the front playground as a meeting place, please know children must be supervised by an adult outside of these times.





# MORE IMPORTANT DETAILS

## OUT OF HOURS CARE



TheirCare provides adventurous and stimulating Before & After School Care Programs in a safe environment for all children. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Ferny Creek Primary School has partnered with TheirCare to provide this service to our school which includes quality care, booking flexibility, amazing programming for your children and commitment to deliver on our promise to our school community.

Operation Times:

Before School	7am-8.45am
After School	3.30pm-6.00pm

Service Phone Number:  
0419 958 268

How to Enrol:

Visit TheirCare website  
[www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au)

And click 'Book Now' in the top right-hand corner to register your child's details.

All families are strongly encouraged to register their child/ren for TheirCare as it is free to enrol, and while you are under no obligation to use this service, it does provide support for you in the event of an emergency. Plus, our students love attending this service! For further information about this program please contact TheirCare directly.

## LUNCH ORDERS

Lunch orders are available each Wednesday. There is an ordering system via the QKR app and orders must be placed by 8pm each Tuesday for Wednesdays lunch.

Late orders cannot be accepted.



## STUDENT SUPERVISION

**All bike and scooter riders are required to wear a bike helmet in Victoria.**

Approved helmets have the Australian Standards Mark TM (AS/NZS) 2063) and will be marked as suitable for cycling.

Children under the age of 12 may ride on footpaths as can a supervising adult. They are required to give way to pedestrians and to wheel their bicycles over pedestrian and children's crossings.

Bikes/scooters can be stored in our bike shed during school hours.

Also, by law everyone must wear a seat belt when travelling in a car in Australia.

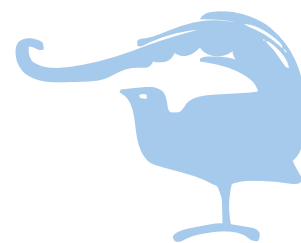
## SUNSMART

For Term 1 and Term 4 we wear our named broadbrimmed hat at all times when outside.





# Term 4 2025



Keep this handy calendar on your fridge for upcoming events at school.  
Check Compass, visit our website <http://www.fernycreekps.vic.edu.au/> or follow our Facebook page as this calendar is subject to changes.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
October	<b>06</b> First Day of Term 4	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b> Grade 5/6 Excursion 
	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> School Council meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Parents Club meeting	<b>17</b> Assembly Loud Shirt Day
	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> School Production 	<b>29</b> Responsible Pet Ownership F-2	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Assembly
November	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b> Melbourne Cup Public Holiday 	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b> CERES Whole School Excursion 
	<b>10</b> Dental Van 	<b>11</b> School Council Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Foundation 2026 Transition	<b>19</b> Food Bank Fundraiser - Food Fight	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Whole School & Foundation 2026 Transition	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
December	<b>01</b> Swimming 	<b>02</b> Swimming Foundation 2026 Transition	<b>03</b> Swimming	<b>04</b> Swimming Parents Club AGM	<b>05</b> Swimming
	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b> School Council meeting Whole School & Foundation 2026 Transition	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Grade 6 Graduation	<b>12</b> Grade 6 Big Day Out 'Stepping Up' Day at Wilson Botanical Gardens Working Bee Sunday 14th 
	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Christmas Concert 	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish



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