

Ferny Creek PS Connections



Together we make a difference

Friday 19th September 2025

Hi everyone,

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the amazing **community spirit** that makes our school such a special place. This term has been filled with wonderful opportunities for our students to thrive **beyond the classroom**, connect with families, and experience learning that links strongly to both our community and real life.

One highlight was our spectacular **Mud Day**, where we welcomed some of our future students alongside our current students for an afternoon of messy fun, laughter, and connection. The smiles on the children's faces (and the mud on their clothes!) said it all – and a special thank you goes to the CFA, who seemed to enjoy adding to the fun as much as the students did.



Today's **Footy Day** gave us another chance to come together, with students celebrating the end of term through activities with their teachers before joining together for a **picnic** to finish the day. Events like these remind us of the joy and value of learning, playing, and celebrating together.





We are also incredibly proud of our **athletics champions**, who represented our school at the District Athletics Day. Each competitor gave their very best, and we are thrilled to share that **three of our students, Freya, Sophie and Asher, will now progress to the next level** – a fantastic achievement!



Looking ahead, Term 4 is already shaping up to be an exciting and memorable one. Preparations are well under way for our **whole-school production**, *The Time Travellers*, and it is clear from rehearsals that we have some real stars in the making! The enthusiasm and energy from our students has been wonderful to see, and a huge thank you goes to the staff and parents working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure every performer looks the part on the night. Families are encouraged to look out for information about how you can contribute a special **message of encouragement** to be included in the production program for your child. Alongside this, Term 4 will also keep us busy with **swimming lessons, our whole-school transition program, and a range of end-of-year celebrations** as we mark 2025 and prepare to farewell our amazing Year 6 students.

Now is a great time to check that we have your most up-to-date contact details. Please also make sure that **Compass notifications are active on your phones**, as Compass will continue to be our main form of communication with families.

Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and enthusiastic students for another wonderful term. I wish you all a safe and restful break, and I look forward to the exciting learning opportunities that Term 4 will bring.

Have a great school holiday break,
Susan

Susan Vissenjoux – A/Principal





FOOTY day







Working Bee Update – Sunday 14 September

A huge thank you to all the amazing families who attended our school working bee on Sunday. Together, we tidied the school grounds, collected rubbish, weeded, refreshed the veggie patch (ready for the next planting), and organised the gardening shed.

Our special project this term was continuing work on the Outdoor Educational Hub. Our amazing family volunteers made fantastic progress, completing the drainage and laying the foundations for the garden bed wall. We will continue to see this wall completed over the next month and then proceed with our fundraising efforts for the development of this space.

It was wonderful to see our community spirit in action, with parents, staff, and students working together to care for and improve our school environment.





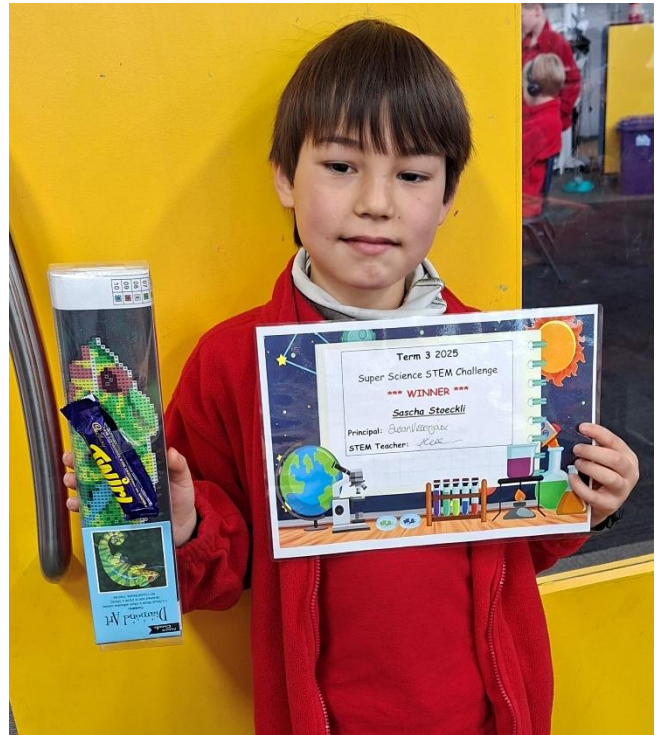
Father's Day Footy



STEM News

Congratulations to **Sascha Stoeckli** from 2S for being our very first 'Super Science STEM Challenge' **WINNER** for Term 3.

For this challenge students had the opportunity to participate in a **16 question** Science challenge that covered topics related to interesting science facts that we have explored throughout the term during STEM sessions.



Sascha answered all 16 questions correctly.

Well done, Sascha!

The Legendary Paper Run CHALLENGE!!



Lego AHOY Creativity & Fun



Watch out! Earthquakes & Tsunamis coming.....



Playful 'Shadow Puppet' Shows 'Shadows & Light' Learning Experience



A BIG Froggy
thank-you to
Wesley Askew
for our
WONDERFUL
Tadpole Jar



Read and Shine

This term our students in [The Read and Shine](#) program have been working hard to grow their skills and confidence as readers and writers. The program has been full of fun, engaging activities that support literacy learning in a positive way.

Students have been strengthening their decoding skills through games and activities that make breaking down words enjoyable and rewarding. To help to build fluency tone and expression when reading aloud students have participated in Reader's Theatre, where they take on different roles and bring stories to life.



In addition to reading, we have been learning new spelling rules and putting them into practice in our writing. Students are also working on improving their handwriting, focusing on neatness, consistency and pride in their presentation. Have a look at the wonderful handwriting from one of our Grade 1 students in the photo below.

The progress students have made so far has been great to see, and we are very proud of their efforts. [The Read and Shine](#) program is all about building skills step by step in a multi-sensory way, while keeping learning enjoyable and motivating.



As shown in the photos attached, students have eagerly participated in each session, collaborating with their peers and applying their new skills in practical, hands-on ways. [The Read and Shine](#) program continues to be a valuable part of our school's literacy support, helping every child shine in their learning.



Performing and Visual Arts

It's getting close now! Rehearsals are coming along nicely, and all the kids are getting super excited! The count down is on to October 28!

In Visual Art the senior students have been working hard on creating digital backdrops and the juniors have been designing costumes and stage designs. It's been a very busy but fun term!





This is your opportunity to leave an encouraging NOTE or AD for your Ferny Creek star(s) in the program for the upcoming production, "The Time Travellers"!

Text Message in the program	\$5
Full colour ad in the program	\$15

- ☐ **Text Message** Please keep to a maximum of 150 characters, including spaces and make sure you put your star(s) name in and who it's from.

Write your message below, or send it in an email to fcpsparentclub@gmail.com

- ☐ **Advertisement** Put whatever you want in your Star Notes advertisement. Some suggestions: pictures of the family, pet, favourite artist or cute photo of your star as a youngster. Or just colourful drawings and messages.

The ad will be in full colour and will be 90mm x 55mm.

Option 1: Hand draw or cut and paste your ad in this box and we'll scan it in.

Option 2: Design the ad using any online software (like Canva). Use a blank business card template and save as a JPG file. (No Word files accepted.)

Option 3: Trust us to design it! Send us the photo you want to use and the text you want and we'll put it together. (Sorry we're not able to send proofs before print.)

Send final art or requests to:

fcpsparentclub@gmail.com

Paper copies of this form are available at the office.
Return this form to the office with payment.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS OCT. 10TH!



FOUNDATION 2026

Welcome to Ferny Creek Primary School.

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



Transition

Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am

18th November

25th November

2nd December

9th December

Parent information sessions will be run
concurrently with transition sessions on:

25th November

9th December



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FCPS Expected Behaviours Matrix



We are Respectful
We treat people, places, and things with kindness, care, and fairness



We are Responsible
We make good choices, take care of our things, and do what needs to be done without being reminded.



We are Resilient
We have a go, keep going when it's hard, and bounce back from challenges.

	In all settings	In Learning Spaces	In outside spaces	Moving between spaces
We are Respectful We treat people, places, and things with kindness, care, and fairness	- I will use kind and positive language - I will keep my hands and feet to myself - I will follow the directions of all adults - I will always display excellent manners - I will be kind and helpful - I will respect others privacy in the toilets	- I will display whole body listening - I will respect everyone's right to learn - I will wait for my turn to speak - I will ask permission to leave the learning space - I will be kind and respectful in online environments	- I will look after the school environment - I will include others - I will share equipment	- I will walk with quiet voices and quiet feet - I will stay on the paths and avoid walking on the gardens
We are Responsible We make good choices, take care of our things, and do what needs to be done without being reminded.	- I will look after all of my own belongings - I will look after all school equipment - I will put all my rubbish into the bin - I will always tell the truth - I will keep the school clean and tidy - I will report any problems to an adult - I will hand in my personal devices to the office	- I will be prepared, organised and ready to learn - I will be on time - I will use all learning resources appropriately to help me learn - I will follow all class routines - I will keep all learning spaces tidy - I will reset learning spaces at the end of a session - I will sit on the floor or chairs safely	- I will move to class when the music plays - I will remain outside unless I have permission to be inside - I will follow the direction of any adult on play support - I will return any borrowed equipment - I will play in the designated areas	- I will line up quickly and quietly - I will walk safely in and around spaces - I will go straight to the office or toilet and straight back again
We are Resilient We have a go, keep going when it's hard, and bounce back from challenges.	- I will choose the best strategy to help me be 'ready to learn' or 'ready to play'. - I will always put in my best effort - I will try even when it is hard - I will be happy for other people's successes - I will accept my mistakes and the mistakes of others - I will acknowledge a genuine apology when it is offered	- I will try my best with all my learning tasks - I will 'have a go' before asking for help - I will ask for help if I need it	- I will agree to and play by the rules of games - I will accept the rules of the game even if it doesn't go my way - I will be flexible when playing with others	I will accept that I cannot always be the line leader or choose my spot in the line 

Jam on top ...



... or jam below?



We're firefighters, so we're not smart enough to solve this question of the ages.

But you can help us by hopping into free scones, jam & cream at the fire station as part of our Get Fire Ready day.

*Join us at the station on **SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER** from 11am until 2pm-ish for a cup of tea and a scone ... and a chat about preparing for the coming bushfire season. That's something we DO know about.*

Bring the kids, check out the trucks, watch us train and ask as many questions as you can think of!

(And, yes, the scones are a bribe ...)

***Sassafras-Ferny Creek Fire Brigade**
21 Clarkmont Rd, Sassafras*





BECOME A TIGER THIS SUMMER

REGISTRATION/LAUNCH DAY
FRIDAY OCTOBER 3RD 5-6PM

PROGRAMS ON OFFER

WOOLIES BLASTERS

SUPER 7'S

FAST 9'S

UNDER 12'S

WANT MORE INFO? CONTACT BEC AT:



JUNIORS@UPWEYCC.COM.AU



IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The last day of Term 3 is
19th September with an early
finish time of 2.30pm



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

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 Draft



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	06 First Day of Term 4	07	08	09	10
	13	14 School Council meeting	15	16 Parents Club meeting	17 Assembly Loud Shirt Day
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28 School Production	29	30	31 Assembly
November	03	04 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday 	05	06	07
	10	11 School Council Meeting	12	13	14
	17	18 Foundation 2026 Transition	19 Food Bank Fundraiser - Food Fight	20	21
	24	25 Whole School & Foundation 2026 Transition	26	27	28
December	01 Swimming 	02 Swimming Foundation 2026 Transition	03 Swimming	04 Swimming Parents Club AGM	05 Swimming
	08	09 School Council meeting Whole School & Foundation 2026 Transition	10	11 Grade 6 Graduation	12 Grade 6 Big Day Out
	15	16 Christmas Concert	17	18	19 Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July	21 STUDENT FREE DAY	22 First Day of Term 3 Kids ROAR Program	23 School Nurse - Foundation	24	25 Schools Tree Day 
	28 Kids ROAR Online Parent Information Session	29 School Council	30 International Day of Friendship 	31	01 Assembly 100 DAYS CLOSER TO MY DREAMS GRADE 5!
August	04	05 130 years since FCPS opened	06 Learning Conversations	07	08
	11	12 	13	14	15 Assembly
	18 Book Week Opening of our new library 	19 PJ and Story Night 	20 Athletics Day 	21 Book Week Parade and Raffle 	22
	25	26	27	28	29 Assembly
September	01	02	03	04	05 Father's Day Celebration 
	08	09	10	11 	12  Working Bee Sunday 14 th 
	15	16	17 Division Athletics 	18	19 Grade 3/4 Post-box Walk Whole School Football Day  LAST DAY OF TERM



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