

Ferny Creek PS Connections



Together we make a difference

Friday 5th December 2025

Hi everyone,

It's hard to believe we have already reached the end of the school year. What a successful and transformative year it has been for our school community - full of growth, connection, and countless moments of pride. I am incredibly grateful for the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the enthusiasm of our students, all of which have contributed to such a strong year. As we celebrate our achievements, I am also very much looking forward to building on this momentum and making next year even better.

Community Breakfast

We warmly invite all families to join us for our **Community Thank You Breakfast on Thursday morning**. This is our way of expressing our gratitude for the incredible support, generosity, and partnership shown by our school community throughout the year. Please see the flyer below for all the details and we look forward to celebrating together and saying thank you in person.

Christmas Concert

We are delighted to invite all families to our Christmas Concert on **Tuesday 16th December at 5.30pm**. This will be a wonderful celebration of the year, featuring performances from all our classes, a special appearance from our **Parent Band**, and even a surprise item from our staff. Families are encouraged to **bring a picnic** and enjoy a relaxed evening together on the grounds. Snacks and drinks will also be available for purchase on the night. We look forward to seeing you there!



Stepping Up Session and Activity Day

Next week marks our **final transition sessions in preparation for 2026**. On **Tuesday morning** all students—including our new Foundation children—will spend time engaging in learning with their **2026 cohorts and teachers**, helping them build confidence and familiarity ahead of the new school year. Then on **Friday**, we will enjoy a whole-school **Activity Day**, where students will celebrate with their 2025 classmates and also participate in fun activities with their new 2026 classes. These sessions are designed to support smooth transitions, strengthen connections, and build excitement for the year ahead.

Food Fight Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has raised money for Foodbank through this fun initiative. We also congratulate the students who have won exciting prizes as a result of their strong fundraising efforts. Now for the fun! Our Food Fight fun will now be on **Wednesday 17th**

December at 2.30pm. Students should come dressed in a white t-shirt, ready for some colourful fun!

Reports

Student academic reports will be available on **Compass** from **Thursday 18 December**.

The English and Mathematics sections of the report are based on teacher judgments of your child's progress against the **Victorian Curriculum achievement standards**. These judgments draw on a wide range of evidence, including classroom assessments, observations, work samples and ongoing monitoring of learning.

We recognise that learning growth looks different for every child. At times, students may make more than a year's worth of progress, while at other times their growth may be steadier or plateau. This is a normal part of learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support of your child throughout the semester.

Staffing

We are happy to be welcoming Lisa back to Ferny Creek PS for 2026. At the same time, we will be farewelling Sarah as she takes up an exciting opportunity at Selby PS. We sincerely thank Sarah for her contributions over the past two years and wish her every success in the next chapter of her career.

Final Assembly and Early Dismissal

Please join us for our **final assembly on Friday 19th December** at 12.45pm when we celebrate and farewell our year 6 students and introduce our new school leaders for 2026. A reminder that we have an early dismissal time of 1.30pm at the conclusion of the assembly.

Have a great week,

Susan

Susan Vissenjoux – A/Principal





Oh what fun it is to
learn:
**STEM, STEM,
STEM, STEM, STEM**



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Community Breakfast INVITATION

Thank You

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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of a wonderful year together, we would like to warmly welcome you to a 'Thank You' Community Breakfast to celebrate and acknowledge our incredible school community.

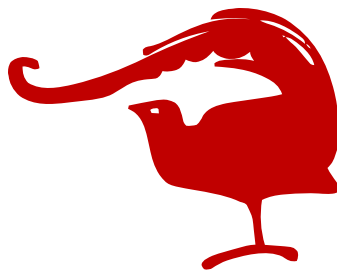
Throughout the year, our families have contributed so generously to school events and community projects. Your willingness to help, volunteer, participate and work alongside us has created a truly positive and supportive environment for our students and we have been genuinely overwhelmed by the many offers of assistance that have made such a difference.

As a token of our appreciation, our staff will be hosting a yummy breakfast to say thank you for everything you have done.

THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER 8.30am

Please come and join us for a relaxed morning to celebrate what we have achieved this year. Your partnership means so much to us.

Warm Regards,
Susan and the Staff of Ferny Creek PS





Sassafra Ferny Creek CFA Carols on the Mountain

**FERNY CREEK RECREATION RESERVE
PARKING AT 100 HILTON RD SASSAFRAS
13 DECEMBER 2025 | GATES OPEN 6PM
GOLD COIN DONATION ON ENTRY
sassafrafcfa.org.au**



Ready to try something new?

Try Cubs Free for 3 Weeks!

Ferny Creek Scout Group is welcoming new members to unlock adventure and start their Scouting journey!

Cubs (ages 8–11) meet every Monday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm at 21 Clarkmont Rd, Sherbrooke.

Get ready for 2026! It's going to be huge!

Think canoeing, bike trips, camping, Cuboree, and heaps of exciting adventures. Cubs kick off on Monday, February 2 with a party at the Olinda Pool!

For more information or to join, please email

gl.1stfernycreek@scoutsvictoria.com.au

or contact Sven | 0416 456 272 or David | 0417 527 833



Ferny Creek
Scout Group



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scoutsvictoria.com.au



Ferny Creek
Scout Group

Fresh Cut Christmas Trees

Pre-order now to secure your tree for 2025, and then relax!

\$70 per Tree

For 1.8 to 2.4 metres (6 to 8 feet), normally \$80 to \$100



Collect Your Tree on Saturdays and Sundays 10AM to 4PM

Ampol Tremont

100 Mount Dandenong Tourist Rd,
Tremont VIC 3785

December 6 & 7

Bunnings Bayswater

225 Canterbury Road,
Bayswater VIC 3153

December 13 & 14

Choose your own tree from our freshly cut selection!

Tree stands also available for \$35



Order Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHBOC> or scan the QR code
For enquiries please contact Terry Lambert 0408 338 988



Dear Ferny Creek families,

This year we are excited to participate in giving grocery items to **Holy Fools** who are creating hampers to give to those in need.

When shopping this week, we'd love it if you could please add an item(s) from the list below and send along with your child to school.

Our Grade 5/6 house captains will be coming around to grades each day next week to collect the groceries.

Please send all groceries to school by Friday 12th December.

Any questions? Please ask the 5/6 house captains, Kristy or Colene.

Thank you all for your generosity.



Join Us in Spreading Cheer with our 2025 Appeal for Community

Christmas Hampers

Version 1.5 OCTOBER 2025

Last year, thanks to your incredible generosity, we were able to create and distribute 275 hampers! These weren't just handed out at our Christmas Lunch – they also made their way to eight different organizations across the Yarra Ranges, who then shared them with their clients in need. Your support made a real impact!

This year has been especially tough for many, with inflation, rising fuel prices, and the soaring cost of living continuing to bite. Now imagine facing these challenges while also dealing with social isolation, family worries, and the pressure of providing extra food and Christmas gifts – particularly if children are involved. For those on a low income, including people experiencing homelessness, this time of year can be especially overwhelming.

Christmas should be about family and community, but for many, it's becoming harder to celebrate. **That's where we step in – and where we need you to help make a difference.**

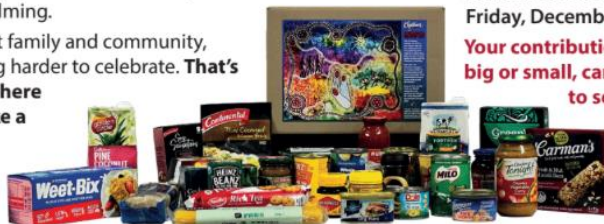
Every year, we rally together to create and distribute Christmas

Hampers to support individuals and families who are struggling in the Yarra Ranges. **Our goal this year is to once again assemble 200 hampers to meet the growing demand in our community.**

We're inviting you to join this meaningful effort by donating items from our suggested list to help fill these hampers.

Collection will run from October 16th to Friday, December 12th.

Your contribution, no matter how big or small, can bring joy and relief to someone in need this Christmas. Let's make this festive season brighter for everyone!



Instructions: Print out 100% (A4) and fold or cut in half. Tick off the items as you shop.

Fold or Cut Here

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My 2025 Christmas Hamper Shopping List

We are collecting the following **non-perishable food** from **16th October** through to **12th December, 2025**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Long life milk 1 ltr | <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned fruit or fruit salad 170g - 400g |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long life custard 1 ltr | <input type="checkbox"/> Puddings, jelly & cake mixes 85g - 500g |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tea, coffee, drinking chocolate and/or Milo 50g - 200g | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuts, pretzels, chips 50g - 200g |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rice, pasta, noodles, couscous, & lentils 50g - 1kg | <input type="checkbox"/> Biscuits, shortbread 90g - 250g |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast cereals 250g - 450g | <input type="checkbox"/> Crackers, baked goods 90g - 250g |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muesli bars, & fruit bars 100g - 250g | <input type="checkbox"/> Dried fruits 50g - 200g |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich spreads e.g. peanut butter, vegemite, nutella, and cream cheese 150g - 250g | <input type="checkbox"/> Soft drinks, cordial & fruit juices 1.25ltr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned meats 200g - 350g | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas cakes, fruit mince pies, christmas puddings 110g - 900g |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tinned vegetables 125g - 420g | <input type="checkbox"/> Other non-perishable 'luxury' food you would buy for your family this Christmas 50g - 500g |

Tick items off as you collect them

Only donate food that are listed, as we cannot use homemade food for the hampers.
 'Use by' and 'best before' dates – pay attention to the dates of what you give. 'Use by' date items should not be donated after expiration, as they may be unsafe to consume. While, 'best before' date foods can be given away after it's passed, provided the food is not damaged, deteriorated or perished.

Some Ideas for Shopping

1. Buy 1 or 2 or more items everytime you shop.
2. Focus on buying multiples of every item for one point.
3. Get your neighbours, family and friends involved and together collect every item to make up a hamper or two!



Look for the purple collection bins!

Donated Goods Can Be Dropped Off At



Holy Fools' Felix House
19 Hutchinson Street, Lilydale



Holy Fools' ARC (Activity and Resource Centre)
Room 32, Rear Wall, Undercover Carpark, Chirside Park SC

Saturdays only 12pm to 3pm
And other times - check with us

Bendigo Bank

226 Main Street, Lilydale
2/35-39 Wray Cres, Mount Evelyn



Chirside Park Shopping Centre Management Office

And many other locations TBA



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



Ferny Creek Primary School
34 School Road, Ferny Creek

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IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The last day of Term 4 is
19th 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

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	06 First Day of Term 4	07	08	09	10 Grade 5/6 Excursion 
	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 Responsible Pet Ownership F-2	30	31 Assembly
November	03	04 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday 	05	06	07 CERES Whole School Excursion 
	10 Dental Van 	11 School Council Meeting	12	13	14
	17	18 Foundation 2026 Transition	19	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 Community Breakfast Grade 6 Graduation	12 Grade 6 Big Day Out 'Stepping Up' Day at Wilson Botanical Gardens Working Bee  Sunday 14th
	15	16 Christmas Concert 	17 Food Fight Fundraiser	18	19 Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish



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