

# Ferny Creek PS Connections



Together we make a difference

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026

*Hi everyone,*

What a busy and fun term it has been! We have had so many wonderful learning experiences and extra-curricular opportunities for our students, and it has been fantastic to see them making the most of everything our school has to offer.

A big thank you to our staff, students and families for all the energy and support you have brought to the term.

We are already looking forward to another fantastic Term 4, with our whole-school swimming program, Years 3–6 camp, and perhaps even a fun adventure on Puffing Billy for our junior students! There is plenty to look forward to.

For now, I hope everyone enjoys the break, gets some time spend time with family and friends, and most importantly, stays safe.

## Athletics Champs

A huge congratulations to all of our students who have competed at District and Division Athletics this term. Reaching this level is such a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of every student who tried their best, had fun and represented Ferny Creek PS so proudly.

A special congratulations to the students who have qualified to progress to the next level of competition. What an achievement!

We are also taking the opportunity to make sure we have a really clear understanding of the qualification requirements for future events. This is simply part of making sure the process is as clear and consistent as possible and certainly should not detract from what has been a wonderful experience for our students.

Thank you to the staff and parents who support these events and to Coby for the behind-the-scenes organisation.



## Ferny Creek PS Reading Challenge

We're excited to introduce our Ferny Creek Primary School Reading Challenge, which will kick off over the holiday break!

This is all about reading for fun. Visit your local library, swap books with friends, revisit an old favourite or choose something completely different.

There will be lots of ways to get involved, and at the end of the challenge we'll be celebrating a range of reading achievements across our school community.

Thank you to Emily for organising this challenge.

## Jump Rope for Heart

We have something exciting coming to Ferny Creek PS early next term!

We're getting ready to launch Jump Rope for Heart, a fun skipping challenge that will have our students moving and learning new skipping skills as well as raising money to support the Heart Foundation's vital work.

There will be lots of opportunities for students and families to get involved, have fun and work towards some fantastic fundraising prizes. We'll share all the details when we officially kick things off next term.



## Parent Forum

We'll be holding a Parent Forum early next term (October 19th) to talk about some important areas of school life, including our school vision and values, homework and uniform policies.

Most importantly, we want to hear from our community. This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas and feedback as we continue to shape the direction of Ferny Creek Primary School together.

*Have a great spring holiday break,  
Susan*

Susan Vissenjoux – Principal





# Did someone say lemons?!



During term 3, all of our students had the chance to create a delicious lemon dish! Everyone was keen to try the sour fruit, we zested, we squeezed and we tasted! What amazing chefs we are developing!



### Lemon Bars / Tarts

**Ingredients**

**Shortbread/Crust**  
 100g plain flour  
 100g butter (softened)  
 100g caster sugar  
 1 egg yolk  
 1 tsp vanilla extract

**Lemon Curd Topping**  
 100g butter (softened)  
 100g caster sugar  
 2 large eggs  
 1 tsp lemon juice  
 1 tsp lemon zest (from 2 lemons)

**Method**

**Preheat oven to 180C (350F). Grease a 20cm square tin with oil and line with baking parchment paper with a 2cm overhang.**

**Base:** Place flour, butter and sugar in a food processor. Blend until the mixture is crumbly. Press it into the tin and bake for 10 minutes. Let it cool.

**Curd:** Place butter, sugar, eggs and lemon juice in a bowl. Whisk until the mixture is smooth. Pour it over the base and bake for 20 minutes. Let it cool.

**Bake:** Bake for 30 minutes. Let it cool. Cut into squares.



# Reading Challenge



Dear Families,

We're excited to launch the Ferny Creek Reading Challenge, running from **Monday 28th September** until **Friday 30th October**. It's inspired by challenges like the Premier's Reading Challenge, and the goal is to help every student read more, discover new books, and build a lifelong love of reading.

Students choose their own books from home, our school library or the local library, as long as the book is at a suitable reading level for them.

Every student who reaches their target will be recognised at our whole-school celebration event with a certificate. Most importantly, we hope this challenge helps your child discover a book, or a whole shelf of books that they genuinely love.

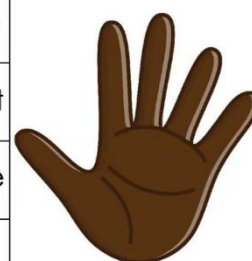
## Helping choose a 'just right' book

A good way to check if a book is at the right level is the Five-Finger Rule. Open to any page and put up a finger for each word your child finds tricky. 2-3 fingers means it's a good challenge; 4-5 fingers means it might be better as a book you read to them instead.

## 5 FINGER RULE FOR READING

1. Choose a book that you want to read.
2. Open the book up to any page and begin reading.
3. Put one finger up for every word you do not know or cannot pronounce.
4. Use the guide below to decide if the book is the just-right choice for you!

|     |            |
|-----|------------|
| 0-1 | Too easy   |
| 2-3 | Just right |
| 3-4 | Challenge  |
| 5+  | Too hard   |



### Signs the book may be too hard

Frequent frustration or sighing  
Skipping pages or avoids picking the book back up  
Reading is very slow and effortful

### Signs it's a great fit

Reads with reasonable fluency and expression  
Can retell what's happened so far  
Wants to keep reading or talk about the book  
Picks it back up without being asked

## Helpful questions to ask your child

- What's happening in the story so far? Can you tell me in a sentence or two?
- Is there a character you like or dislike? Why?
- Was there a word on this page you didn't know? What do you think it means?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

## Junior readers:

Students who are not yet up to reading a book independently are encouraged to read with an adult. This can also be counted towards their overall score.

## Student reading log:

Students will be provided with a reading log to complete. Once a 'just right book' has been selected and read, please sign your initial. This can also be completed by a classroom teacher if the book has been read at school. Here's exactly how it works.

## Step by step

1. After your child finishes, write the book title and author in the next empty row.
2. Add the date your child finished it.
3. Ask your child to rate it out of 5 stars — this is just for fun and helps them notice what they enjoy.



# Student Reading Log

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| Name:                      |  |
| Year level / class:        |  |
| My target number of books: |  |

Record each book as you finish it. Ask a family member or teacher to initial your log at the end of each week.

[illegible]

[illegible]



**Welcome to Ferny Creek Primary School.**

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



## Transition

**Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am**

10<sup>th</sup> November

17<sup>th</sup> November

24<sup>th</sup> November

Parent information sessions will be run concurrently with each transition session.



**Ferny Creek Primary School**  
34 School Road, Ferny Creek

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# Save the Date!

Our biannual **Ferny Creek Festival** will be held on

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 3:30- 6:30pm**

## **Parent Representative**

We are looking for a person from each class to be our **parent representative** and liaise with the festival committee, class teacher and parents from the class.

## **Community Stalls**

We are also currently looking for expressions of interest if you or someone you know would like to hold your own **stall** (\$35 per stall). We welcome a variety of goods, including cards, crafts, clothing, woodwork, oils, candles, spices, soap, and more.

We also welcome second-hand stalls (though no toys/books as we are managing our own stall).

Please contact the office on  
[fernycreek.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:fernycreek.ps@education.vic.gov.au)  
to reserve your spot!

# WHAT ZONE ARE YOU IN?

| BLUE                                                                                                                                                                       | GREEN                                                                                                                                                                        | YELLOW                                                                                                                                                                                    | RED                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                           |                                                                                             |                                                                                                         |                                                                                       |
| <b>I FEEL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ Tired</li> <li>♥ Slow</li> <li>♥ Bored</li> <li>♥ Sad</li> <li>♥ Sick</li> </ul>                                   | <b>I FEEL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ Focused</li> <li>♥ Ready to learn</li> <li>♥ Calm</li> <li>♥ Happy</li> </ul>                                        | <b>I FEEL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ Frustrated</li> <li>♥ Worried</li> <li>♥ Excited</li> <li>♥ Silly</li> <li>♥ Not in control</li> </ul>                            | <b>I FEEL:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ Elated</li> <li>♥ Mad/Angry</li> <li>♥ Terrified</li> <li>♥ Out of control</li> <li>♥ Yelling/Hitting</li> </ul> |
| <b>I CAN TRY...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ Getting a drink</li> <li>♥ Walking</li> <li>♥ Talking to a friend</li> <li>♥ Reading a happy story</li> </ul> | <b>I CAN TRY...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ Helping others</li> <li>♥ Remembering goals</li> <li>♥ Finishing work</li> <li>♥ Expected behaviours</li> </ul> | <b>I CAN TRY...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ Walking</li> <li>♥ Counting to 10</li> <li>♥ Drawing the problem</li> <li>♥ Talking to a teacher or trusted adult</li> </ul> | <b>I CAN TRY...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♥ Deep breaths</li> <li>♥ Finding a safe space</li> <li>♥ Exercise</li> <li>♥ Talking to teacher</li> </ul>   |

## FCPS Expected Behaviours Matrix



**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



**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



**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

### In all settings

### In Learning Spaces

### In outside spaces

### Moving between spaces

- 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

- 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

- 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



# COOL? CLOUDY? HOT? SUNNY?

Whatever the weather, use the 5 SunSmart steps to protect your skin and eyes. Check the SunSmart app each day to see the times you need to use sun protection.

- Wear **clothing** that covers your skin
- Use SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant **sunscreen** every 2 hours

- Wear a **hat** that shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck
- Use **shade**
- Wear **sunglasses** labelled AS 1067



SunSmart is a Cancer Council Victoria program supported by VicHealth.

For more information  
[sunsmart.com.au/parents](http://sunsmart.com.au/parents)  
or call 13 11 20



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## SHERBROOKE LITTLE ATHLETICS

Saturday mornings  
October to March



Registration opens in September  
[www.sherbrookelac.org.au](http://www.sherbrookelac.org.au)

Sherbrooke Little Athletics is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organisation for boys and girls aged 5-17 years, providing a fun, friendly and affordable way for children to get active and involved in sport.

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For more information, visit [www.sherbrookelac.org.au](http://www.sherbrookelac.org.au) or contact us at

[sherbrooke@lavic.com.au](mailto:sherbrooke@lavic.com.au)

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 SKILLS  
 CONFIDENCE  
 COMMUNITY

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**JUNIOR REGISTRATION DAY**  
**SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPT** | **1PM - 3PM**  
**TALASKIA RESERVE**

**CRICKET BLAST**  
 BLASTERS AGES 5-7  
 HAVE FUN  
 LEARN THE BASICS  
 MAKE NEW FRIENDS

**JUNIOR CRICKET**  
 AGES 8-10  
 DEVELOP SKILLS  
 PLAY WITH FRIENDS  
 BE PART OF A TEAM

**AGES 11-14**  
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 GROW YOUR GAME  
 REPRESENT YOUR CLUB

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 70 YEARS OF ADVENTURE,  
 FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY

**You are INVITED!**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2026**  
**2PM - 5PM**

**WHERE:**  
**FERNY CREEK SCOUT HALL**  
 21 Clarkmont Road,  
 Ferny Creek VIC 3786

HISTORIC DISPLAYS | AFTERNOON TEA | BBQ

**Scouts AUSTRALIA**

FURTHER INFORMATION & RSVP:  
[owen@mydesignnnet.com](mailto:owen@mydesignnnet.com)

## Goodbye term three!!

It has been another busy and enjoyable term at TheirCare, filled with creativity, learning and child-led experiences.

During Ready, Set, Grow!, children planted seeds in reused containers, created labels and explored what plants need to thrive. They eagerly watched for sprouts, cared for the school chickens and discussed sustainability. Children also helped arrange our new lounge and reading area, developing shared expectations to keep it welcoming and comfortable for everyone.

Our Movie and Documentary Week encouraged children to share their interests and help guide the program through educational videos, discussions, games and creative activities.




SPRING 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM  
**BOOKINGS OPEN**  
 Book now! [TheirCare.com.au](http://TheirCare.com.au)

It was wonderful to hear that children have been using our TheirCare cookbook at home, building their confidence and knowledge in the kitchen! The child-requested colouring competition has been a highlight. Children created scorecards, judged entries across different categories and celebrated last week's winner, Attila. This week's Charizard picture has attracted even more enthusiastic entries! Other favourites included our new non-fiction books and Spider-Man puzzle, Yahtzee, foosball, Bey-blades, costumes & role play, basketball and dodgeball. Thank you to all our children and families for your ideas, feedback and support throughout the term. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing and happy school holiday break and look forward to seeing you next term!

Warm regards,  
 Rob and the Ferny Creek TheirCare Team

### CONTACT SERVICE:

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# WHO CAN I TURN TO FOR HELP?

We are always here to support you and your family. Please know that our door is always open, and we encourage you to reach out if you have any questions, concerns or simply need a chat.

In addition, the support services listed below are free or bulk billed.

| SERVICE                       | FOCUS                                                                                                                                  | CONTACT DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                         | OPERATING HOURS            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Nurse-on-call</b>          | Expert health advice from a nurse                                                                                                      | 1300 60 60 24                                                                                                                                                                           | 24 hours/7 days            |
| <b>Kids Helpline</b>          | Telephone counselling service for people aged between 5 and 25                                                                         | 1800 55 1800<br><br>Interactive webpage for children aged 5-12<br><a href="http://www.kidshelpline.com.au/kids">www.kidshelpline.com.au/kids</a>                                        | 24 hours/7 days            |
| <b>Parentline</b>             | Parents and carers with children from birth to 18 years                                                                                | 13 22 89                                                                                                                                                                                | 8am – midnight/7 days      |
| <b>Headspace Knox</b>         | For young people experiencing mild to moderate mental health or life challenges                                                        | <b>9801 6088</b><br>2 Capital City Boulevard, Westfield Knox Ozone, Wantirna South, Victoria 3152                                                                                       | 9am – 5pm Mon - Fri        |
| <b>Griefline</b>              | Support for experiencing loss and grief                                                                                                | 1300 845 745                                                                                                                                                                            | 8am – 8pm/7 days           |
| <b>Medicare Mental Health</b> | Support from mental health professional                                                                                                | 1800 595 212                                                                                                                                                                            | Mon – Fri:<br>8.30am – 5pm |
| <b>Lifeline</b>               | Crisis Support, Suicide prevention                                                                                                     | 131114                                                                                                                                                                                  | 24 hours/7 days            |
| <b>Beyond Blue</b>            | Confidential counselling, advice, and programs to help people dealing with anxiety, depression, and suicide prevention                 | 1300 224 636<br>Or online chat<br><a href="https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/talk-to-a-counsellor/chat">https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/talk-to-a-counsellor/chat</a> | 24 hours/7 days            |
| <b>Orange Door</b>            | Confidential support service for children, young people and families who need help with family wellbeing, parenting or safety at home. | 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)                                                                                                                                                             |                            |
| <b>MensLine</b>               | Supports men dealing with mental health, family and relationship problems, anger management, stress, and suicide prevention            | 1300 78 99 78                                                                                                                                                                           | 24 hours/7 days            |
| <b>13YARN</b>                 | Crisis support telephone service in Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people                                         | 13 92 76                                                                                                                                                                                | 24 hours/7 days            |

# UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Ferny Creek Primary School. All our uniform pieces can be purchased on site.



Broad brim  
Grades F-2



Bucket hat  
Grades 3-6



## FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Collected: \_\_\_\_\_

| Uniform Shop Item                | Size Range                           | Prices  | Size | Quantity | Sub Total |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|------|----------|-----------|
| TOPS                             |                                      |         |      |          |           |
| Polo T-Shirt Short Sleeve        | 4,6,8,10,12,14,16                    | \$26.50 |      |          |           |
| Polo T-Shirt Short Sleeve        | Adult S, M, L                        | \$26.50 |      |          |           |
| JUMPERS                          |                                      |         |      |          |           |
| Polar Fleece Full Zip            | 6,8,10,12,14,16                      | \$40.00 |      |          |           |
| Polar Fleece Full Zip            | Adult S, M, L                        | \$40.00 |      |          |           |
| Polar Fleece Black Vest          | 6,8,10,12,14                         | \$34.00 |      |          |           |
| PANTS                            |                                      |         |      |          |           |
| JACKETS                          |                                      |         |      |          |           |
| Waterproof Jacket – Fleece Lined | 6,8,10,12                            | \$55.00 |      |          |           |
| ACCESSORIES                      |                                      |         |      |          |           |
| Brimmed Hats ( Prep – 6)         | S, M, L                              | \$15.00 |      |          |           |
| Bucket Hats (Grades 3-6)         | M, L, XL                             | \$15.00 |      |          |           |
| Girls Winter Pinafore            | 6,8,10                               | \$52.00 |      |          |           |
|                                  | 12,14                                | \$56.00 |      |          |           |
| School Bags                      |                                      | \$45.00 |      |          |           |
| Book Bags                        | Free for Foundation and new students | \$20.00 |      |          |           |
| Second hand uniform items        |                                      | \$5.00  |      |          |           |
|                                  |                                      |         |      | TOTAL    |           |

Uniform shop orders can be placed at the office.

Please clearly label all clothing items including shoes.

# IMPORTANT DETAILS

## CURRICULUM DAYS

There are no Student Free days scheduled this term.



## 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 Wednesday's 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

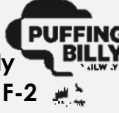
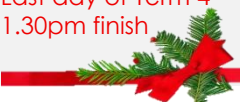
For Term 1 and Term 4 we wear our named broadbrimmed hat at all times when outside.



# Term 4 2026 Draft



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|          | Monday                                                                                                                  | Tuesday                                                                                                               | Wednesday                                | Thursday                                                                                                                                                        | Friday                                                                                                                          |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| October  | 05<br><b>JUMP ROPE for HEART</b>                                                                                        | 06                                                                                                                    | 07<br>Upwey High School band performance | 08<br>Breakfast Club                                                                                                                                            | 09<br>G3/4 District Basketball Assembly      |
|          | 12                                                                                                                      | 13                                                                                                                    | 14                                       | 15<br>Breakfast Club                                                                                                                                            | 16                                                                                                                              |
|          | 19<br>Parent Forum                                                                                                      | 20                                                                                                                    | 21                                       | 22<br>Breakfast Club                                                                                                                                            | 23<br>Assembly                                                                                                                  |
|          | 26                                                                                                                      | 27                                                                                                                    | 28                                       | 29<br><b>PUFFING BILLY</b><br>Puffing Billy Excursion F-2 <br>Breakfast Club | 30<br><i>FCPS Reading Challenge concludes</i>                                                                                   |
| November | 02                                                                                                                      | 03<br>Melbourne Cup Public Holiday  | 04                                       | 05<br>Breakfast Club                                                                                                                                            | 06<br>Assembly                                                                                                                  |
|          | 09                                                                                                                      | 10<br>Foundation 2027 Transition                                                                                      | 11                                       | 12<br>Breakfast Club                                                                                                                                            | 13<br><b>FERNY FUN FESTIVAL</b>            |
|          | 16<br>Grades 3-6 Summit Camp         | 17<br>Foundation 2027 Transition                                                                                      | 18                                       | 19<br>Breakfast Club                                                                                                                                            | 20<br>Assembly                                                                                                                  |
|          | 23                                                                                                                      | 24<br>Foundation 2027 Transition                                                                                      | 25                                       | 26<br>Breakfast Club                                                                                                                                            | 27                                                                                                                              |
|          | 30<br><br>Whole school swimming week | 01                                                                                                                    | 02                                       | 03<br>Breakfast Club                                                                                                                                            | 04<br>Assembly                                                                                                                  |
| December | 07                                                                                                                      | 08<br>Whole school Transition                                                                                         | 09                                       | 10<br>Grade 6 Graduation<br>Breakfast Club                                                                                                                      | 11<br>Grade 6 Big Day Out                                                                                                       |
|          | 14                                                                                                                      | 15<br><b>Christmas CONCERT</b>     | 16                                       | 17                                                                                                                                                              | 18<br>Last day of Term 4<br>1.30pm finish  |



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# Term 3 2026



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|           | Monday                                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                     | Wednesday                                                      | Thursday                                                     | Friday                                                          |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| July      | <b>13</b><br>Student Free Day                                                                | <b>14</b><br>Term 3 begins for students<br>Interschool Sport Gala Day       | <b>15</b>                                                      | <b>16</b><br>Breakfast Club                                  | <b>17</b><br>Assembly                                           |
|           | <b>20</b>                                                                                    | <b>21</b>                                                                   | <b>22</b>                                                      | <b>23</b><br>Breakfast Club                                  | <b>24</b>                                                       |
|           | <b>27</b><br>School Council                                                                  | <b>28</b>                                                                   | <b>29</b>                                                      | <b>30</b><br>Breakfast Club                                  | <b>31</b><br>Assembly (Parent Band performing)                  |
|           | <b>03</b><br><b>100 DAYS</b><br>OF JUNIOR SCHOOL<br>AFL after school program begins          | <b>04</b>                                                                   | <b>05</b>                                                      | <b>06</b><br>Breakfast Club                                  | <b>07</b>                                                       |
| August    | <b>10</b>                                                                                    | <b>11</b><br>FCPS Athletics Carnival<br><b>POSTPONED</b>                    | <b>12</b>                                                      | <b>13</b><br>Breakfast Club                                  | <b>14</b><br>Assembly                                           |
|           | <b>17</b><br>SCIENCE WEEK<br>FCPS Athletics Carnival                                         | <b>18</b><br>SCIENCE WEEK<br>School Council                                 | <b>19</b><br>SCIENCE Open Morning and Dress as a Scientist Day | <b>20</b><br>SCIENCE WEEK<br>Breakfast Club                  | <b>21</b><br>SCIENCE WEEK                                       |
|           | <b>24</b><br>SYMPHONY OF STORIES<br>Book Week Parade, Activity Day & BOOK WEEK LIBRARY NIGHT | <b>25</b>                                                                   | <b>26</b><br>District Athletics (select students)              | <b>27</b><br>Breakfast Club                                  | <b>28</b><br>Assembly                                           |
|           | <b>31</b>                                                                                    | <b>01</b><br>ART SHOW                                                       | <b>02</b>                                                      | <b>03</b><br>Breakfast Club                                  | <b>04</b><br>Father's Day Celebration Breakfast                 |
| September | <b>07</b>                                                                                    | <b>08</b>                                                                   | <b>09</b>                                                      | <b>10</b><br>Grade 5/6 District Basketball<br>Breakfast Club | <b>11</b><br>Assembly                                           |
|           | <b>14</b><br>Dental Van                                                                      | <b>15</b><br>Where is the Green Sheep? - Junior excursion<br>School Council | <b>16</b><br>Division Athletics (select students)              | <b>17</b>                                                    | <b>18</b><br>FOOTY DAY!<br>Last day of term early 2.30pm finish |



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