

Ferny Creek PS Connections



Together we make a difference

Friday 20th March 2026

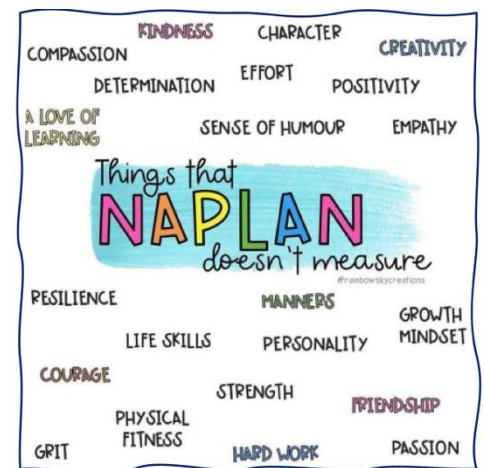
Hi everyone,

NAPLAN

Last week our grade three and five students commenced the National Assessment Program–Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This assessment is an everyday part of the school calendar. NAPLAN tests skills in Literacy and Numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

NAPLAN is made up of online tests in the four areas of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar & punctuation)
- Numeracy.



I am confident that our students have given their best effort with these assessments. It is now our time as the adults in their world to recognise that this test will only be able to give us some information, as there are certain things that can't be measured on a test, such as your persistence, leadership and creativity!

Clubs started today!

We are excited to be offering a range of **club opportunities** that provide students with choice, voice, and the chance to explore new interests in a warm and supportive environment. There is a real sense of enthusiasm across both **students and staff** as we come together to create these engaging learning experiences.

Our clubs span a variety of areas including **art, drama, coding, and games**, giving students the opportunity to engage in hands-on, creative, and collaborative experiences. These sessions allow students to work in different groupings, connect with a range of teachers, and build positive relationships across the school.

Through these experiences, students are encouraged to **develop creativity, strengthen problem-solving skills, and build confidence**, while also embracing and extending their existing passions. Staff are equally excited to share their interests and expertise, creating rich opportunities for students to learn in new and inspiring ways.

The clubs provide a valuable space for students to take risks, try new things, and learn alongside their peers in a fun and engaging way. We look forward to sharing more as the program continues to grow, and to celebrating the creativity, curiosity, and learning of our students throughout the year.



Outdoor spaces

You may have noticed some changes around the school as we continue to explore the exciting possibilities for our outdoor spaces. We are looking forward to hearing from all members of our community as we consider how these areas can best support student learning, play, and wellbeing.

We warmly invite you to take part in our upcoming **parent forum**, where you will have the opportunity to share your thoughts, ideas, and feedback. Details of this forum can be found below.

Of course, our students continue to enjoy and benefit from our beautiful grounds each day, and we are committed to enhancing these spaces, so they remain engaging, safe, and inspiring for all.



Billy Cart Derby

Thank you to all of you who came along and supported this fun tradition at Ferny Creek PS. There was certainly something for everyone this year with the addition of the bike course and the parent pram challenge. As always, a big shout out to all of our volunteers led by Marge Piper and the Parent's Club. Please enjoy some fun photos from the evening.

Cooking

As part of the expansion of our very popular Veggie Patch Program, Kitchen Garden and Cooking with Kristy has arrived at Ferny Creek PS! On the menu this week for our senior students was a delicious Zucchini Slice and the development of lots of valuable kitchen skills such as different types of knives for different purposes, how to chop an onion and estimating the weight of zucchinis to match the recipe. If you were around on Wednesday afternoon, your mouth would have been watering with the delicious smell wafting through the building. Enjoy the photos.

School Council

We are pleased to announce our 2026 School Council representatives:

Frank Packer, Ben Dean, Anthony Askew, Elynn Chew, Brendan Lawrence, Olivia Lyon, Kristy Foskett and Jodie Benedick.

Have a great week,

Susan

Susan Vissenjoux – Principal



2026 Swimming

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who competed in the 2026 Mountain District Swimming Championships!



Hi Families,

We are adding a fun new part to our assembly, we are introducing **Riddle of the Week!**

At each assembly we will announce a riddle to solve then prior to the next assembly, students can write down their answer along with their name and put in the **Riddle Box** in the office. At the next assembly, we will give the answer and draw out 3 names (with the correct answer) from the box to get a prize!

Thanks for joining in on the fun!

Baxter and Fletcher
School Captains

**THIS WEEKS
RIDDLE IS:**

What has a tongue,
but can't taste,
and a soul
that can't die?

Got thoughts on homework?
Ideas for the front playground?
We'd love to hear them.

FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT FORUM

TUESDAY 31 MARCH
6PM

Come along to our parent information night & forum and have your say in a relaxed, welcoming space.

We'll be chatting about homework, sharing ideas for improving the front playground, and talking through our vision for the future of the school.

This is about building a school community together. Where parents, carers, and staff all have a voice. Whether you've got big ideas or just want to listen in, you're more than welcome.

The more voices, the better
Hope to see you there!

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REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED



2026 Billy Cart Derby





Cooking at Ferny Creek!

This week our grade 5 and 6 students excitedly made zucchini slice using zucchinis from our veggie patch and eggs from our chickens! Everyone tasted the final product, and most went back for seconds! Next week the 5/6s will share their reflections of the activity at assembly.

Each Wednesday, a different year level will have the opportunity to get involved in cooking and will bring home the recipe to cook again at home with you all!



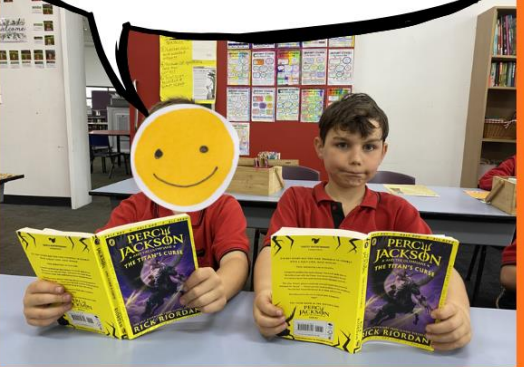
The Middle Years Reading



By exploring different library books we have been investigating how stories are created and what makes them interesting. This helps us to come up with our own big ideas and create stories.



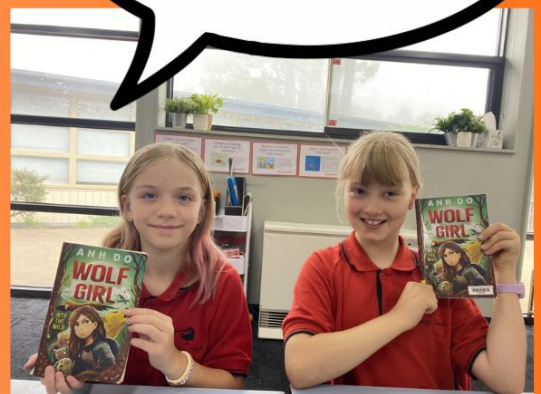
Percy Jackson really keeps you on edge until the last page
- Ray



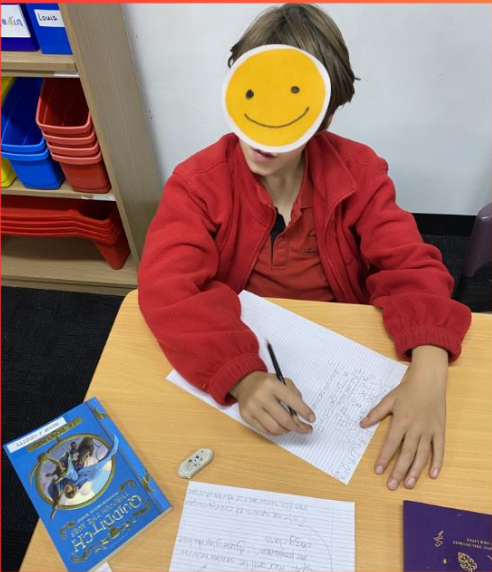
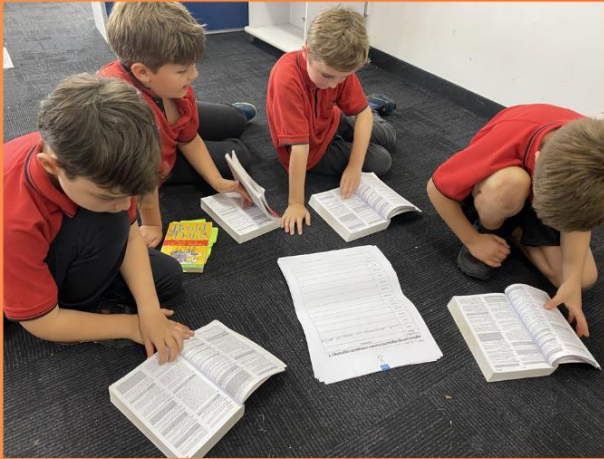
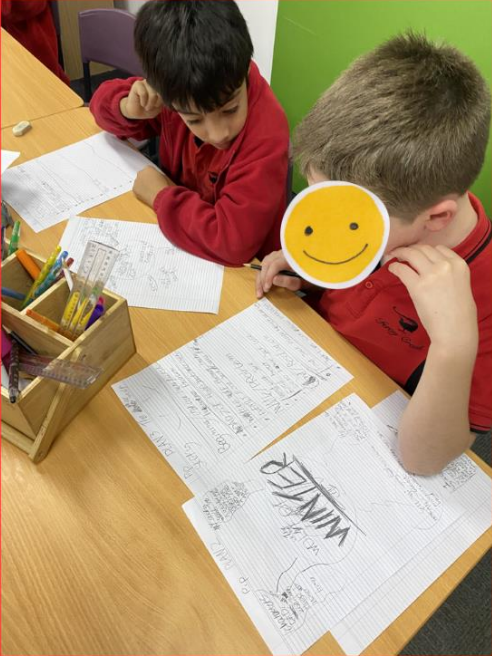
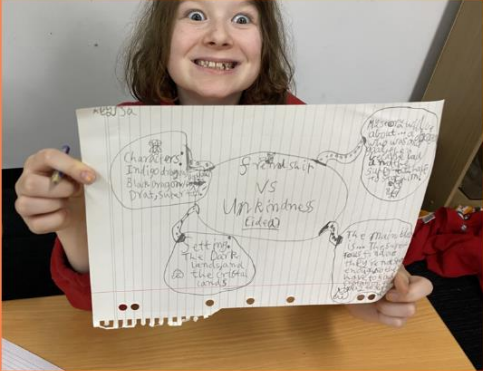
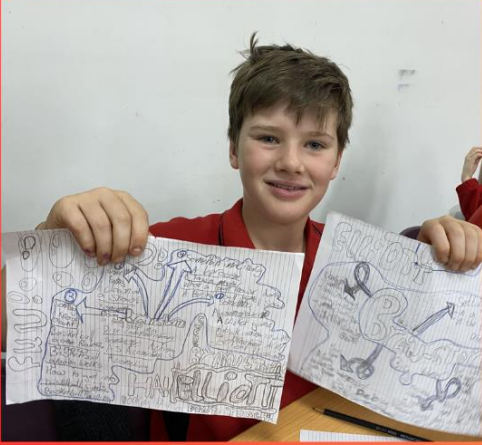
Dog Man is a great book for kids and to have in the classroom! - Remy
My favourite character is Little Petey because he is really cute and funny at the same time. - Eddie



Wolf Girl is an interesting book and I love dogs! - Esther
It's interesting because new dogs get introduced, the characters are great! - Lacey



Creating our plans



STEM:

STEM has roared into action this term, with students first learning all about teamwork and the expectations needed to succeed in STEM lessons. We then *moved* (pardon the pun!) into exploring **forces**, using cars as our exciting context — from Formula 1 and monster trucks to billycars.

Students have designed and begun constructing their very own **model-sized cars**, which will soon be put to the test in races to see whose design performs best. We can't wait to see these creations in action!



Physical Education:

In PE, students kicked off the term with cooperative games and team challenges, helping to build positive teamwork skills while establishing clear expectations for safe and respectful participation.

We have now shifted our focus to developing **hitting, catching, and throwing skills** through modified tee-ball and cricket games.

Students are demonstrating great enthusiasm, teamwork, and skill development as they learn through fun, active play.



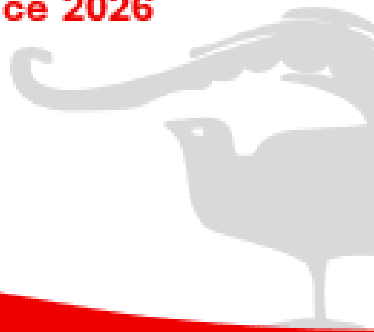
Grade 5/6

Ferny Creek Primary School

Trust Licence 2026

Name:

Signature:



2026

I agree to:

- make positive and sensible choices
- always demonstrate our school values
- follow the FCPS behaviour expectations
- use Friendology language and strategies
- be a role model for younger students
- do as I am asked

What is a Trust Licence?

The Trust Licence is something you earn as a Year 5 or 6 student. It shows that you consistently demonstrate our school values of:

- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Resilience**

Having your Trust Licence means staff trust you to make positive choices, follow our school values, behaviour expectations and Friendology language, as well as being a role model for younger students.

When You Have Your Trust Licence

You may have special privileges such as:

- More choice about where you sit and who you sit with (within agreed times and areas)
- More choice about the way you learn
- Greater independence during appropriate times
- Being recognised as a senior role model in our school

These privileges are earned through consistent positive behaviour.



Bakers Delight
FERNTREE PLAZA

Easter Ordering 2026

BAKERS DELIGHT FERNTREE PLAZA WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE SOME DELICIOUS HOT CROSS BUNS WITH \$2 FROM EVERY PACK SOLD BEING DONATED BACK TO OUR ORGANISATION!



Scan me to order!

Simply order your Hot Cross Buns on their website
www.bdfundraisingonline.com

by Friday 20th March

and your items will be delivered to the School for your collection on

Friday 27th March

When ordering online, please make sure you select *Ferny Creek Primary School* and enter your Child's name & Class
Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too!



FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Colour Fun Run

THURSDAY
2
APR

FERNY
CREEK PS
OVAL

COLOUR RUN
BEGINS
1.30PM

\$10
PER STUDENT



WE WOULD LOVE FAMILIES TO JOIN US FOR THE FUN!
AND DON'T FORGET TO DRESS FOR MESS!

Ferny Creek Primary School's Sixteenth Annual

9AM AT THE UNDERCOVER BASKETBALL COURT



THUR 2 APRIL

EASTER Fancy Hat Parade

**CREATE YOUR OWN
FANCY HAT TO WEAR
AND LOOK OUT FOR
OUR SPECIAL GUEST
AT THE PARADE!**

**JUNIOR & SENIOR HAT
PRIZES UP FOR GRABS**

- Recycled Materials
- Natural Environment
- Easter Themed
- Most Creative

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.





MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>




WHAT ZONE ARE YOU IN?

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

FCPS Expected Behaviours Matrix



	In all settings	In Learning Spaces	In outside spaces	Moving between spaces
We are Respectful <i>We treat people, places, and things with kindness, care, and fairness</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will look after the school environment I will include others I will share equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will walk with quiet voices and quiet feet I will stay on the paths and avoid walking on the gardens
We are Responsible <i>We make good choices, take care of our things, and do what needs to be done without being reminded.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>We have a go, keep going when it's hard, and bounce back from challenges.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will accept that I cannot always be the line leader or choose my spot in the line 

BADMINTON SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A fun introduction to badminton for young kids!

Date: Thursday April 9th, Friday April 10th, Thursday April 16th & Friday April 17th

Time: 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Location: Kilsyth Badminton Stadium

Ages: 5-12

Equipment provided

Price: \$20 per session



Join us for a fun and active school holiday program designed specifically for beginners. Sessions are run by former Australian badminton players and consecutive Victorian State Representatives, Kashmira and Andrew Paulet. Kashmira has proudly represented Australia at the Youth Commonwealth Games and the Australasia Pan Pacific Games, while Andrew has captained multiple Victorian junior and senior national teams. This gives young players the chance to learn from experienced competitors in a supportive and engaging environment.

Bookings enquiries:
Kashmira Paulet: 0407 937 207
Andrew Paulet: 0427 694 134



SUNSMART REMINDER

Just a reminder that **all** students and staff are expected to wear a named broad brimmed hat during any outside activities from the beginning of Term Four until the end of April.

Teachers will be reminding students that without an approved hat they will be directed to remain in the undercover basketball court area.

Ferny Creek Primary School encourages all staff and students to apply **SPF50 or SPF50+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen daily** whenever UV levels reach 3 and above. Sunscreen should be applied before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours.

Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own SPF50 or SPF50+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen to school.



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

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State Government

SunSmart is a Cancer Council Victoria program supported by VicHealth.

For more information
sunsmart.com.au/parents
or call 13 11 20

SUNSMART



UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Ferny Creek Primary School. All our uniform pieces can be purchased on site, from our uniform shop on Monday from 8.50am – 9.30am.



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	\$22.50			
Polo T-Shirt Short Sleeve	Adult S, M, L	\$25.00			
JUMPERS					
Polar Fleece Full Zip	6,8,10,12,14,16	\$40.00			
Polar Fleece Full Zip	Adult S, M, L	\$43.00			
Polar Fleece Black Vest	6,8,10,12,14	\$34.00			
PANTS					
Mesh Shorts	6,8,10,12,14,16	\$14.00			
JACKETS					
Waterproof Jacket – Fleece Lined	6,8,10,12	\$55.00			
ACCESSORIES					
Brimmed Hats (Prep – 6)	S, M, L	\$12.00			
Bucket Hats (Grades 3-6)	M, L, XL	\$12.00			
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

Student Free Day is scheduled for 20th April.



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 1 2026



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
	25	26	27 Grade 1-6 Students first day	28	29 Foundation first day (Parents tissues and treats)
February	02	03	04	05 Twilight Picnic 	06
	09	10	11	12 Breakfast Club begins Parents Club AGM	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23 Foundation students attending full days	24 Mountain Biking Swimming CANCELLED	25	26	27 Assembly
March	02	03	04 Meet the teacher conversations 	05 Billy cart family workshop 	06 Clean Up 
	09 Labour Day Public Holiday	10 Student Free Day	11 Naplan begins	12	13 Billy Cart Derby 
	16	17	18	19	20 Bakers Delight Easter Bun orders close
	23	24 School Council AGM	25 Whole School excursion to the beach TBC	26	27 Collect Bakers Delight Easter Buns 
April	30	31	01	02 Easter hat parade and raffle Colour Run Last day of term early 2.30pm finish 	03 Good Friday Public Holiday



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