

Ferny Creek PS Connections



Together we make a difference

Friday 26th June 2026

Hi everyone,

Celebrating Our Student-Led Learning Conferences

Our Student-Led Learning Conferences were a wonderful celebration of learning, and it was a pleasure to see so many families joining us to share in this special experience.

Across the school, students proudly showcased their learning and reflected on their achievements and growth. It was fantastic to see our students taking ownership and agency over their learning, sharing not only what they have learned but also how they learn best and what they are looking forward to achieving next.

The conferences highlighted the rich and diverse learning opportunities we offer at Ferny Creek Primary School. From literacy and mathematics to inquiry learning, science, the arts, physical education and our many hands-on learning experiences, students were eager to share the experiences that make learning at our school so engaging.

Thank you to our dedicated staff for the support they provided to students leading up to the conferences. Your guidance helped students develop the confidence and skills to present their learning so proudly.

Thank you also to our families for taking the time to attend, listen, encourage and celebrate your child's learning journey. Your interest and partnership play such an important role in supporting student success.

Finally, congratulations to every one of our students. Standing in front of parents and sharing your learning takes courage, and many of you stepped well outside your comfort zone. You approached the experience with confidence and enthusiasm, and you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves.

As we come to the end of another wonderful term and Semester 1, I would like to take a moment to thank our entire Ferny Creek Primary School community for your ongoing support, kindness and partnership throughout the year.

Semester Reflection

It has been a busy and rewarding six months filled with learning, growth and memorable experiences. Our students have embraced every opportunity with curiosity and enthusiasm. It has been a pleasure to see their confidence grow, new friendships flourish and our school values shine through in so many ways.

To our incredible staff, thank you for the care and dedication you bring to our students each and every day. To our families, thank you for your ongoing involvement and support

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming all students back for another exciting term of learning.

A reminder that Term 3 begins on Tuesday 14 July.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and relaxing holiday break.

Susan

Susan Vissenjoux – Principal



**Mud Day 2026 was, once again, a huge success.
What a fantastic way to end the term!**

**STUDENT FREE DAY
MONDAY 13TH JULY 2026**

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK VICTORIA

A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required for all parents and carers who volunteer at school to help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students. It is a legal requirement in Victoria for anyone who works or volunteers with children in educational settings.

The WWCC is a screening process that checks a person's criminal history and any relevant professional conduct findings to determine whether they are suitable to work with children. Having this check in place helps the school maintain a safe, supportive, and trusted environment where all students are protected while learning and participating in school activities.

Requiring a WWCC also ensures that schools meet their duty of care obligations and comply with child safety legislation and the Child Safe Standards.

We highly recommend all parents to get a Working With Children Check so that you can all continue to support us with school and community events.

How to Apply for a Working with Children Check (WWCC)

You can apply through Services Victoria via the link below.

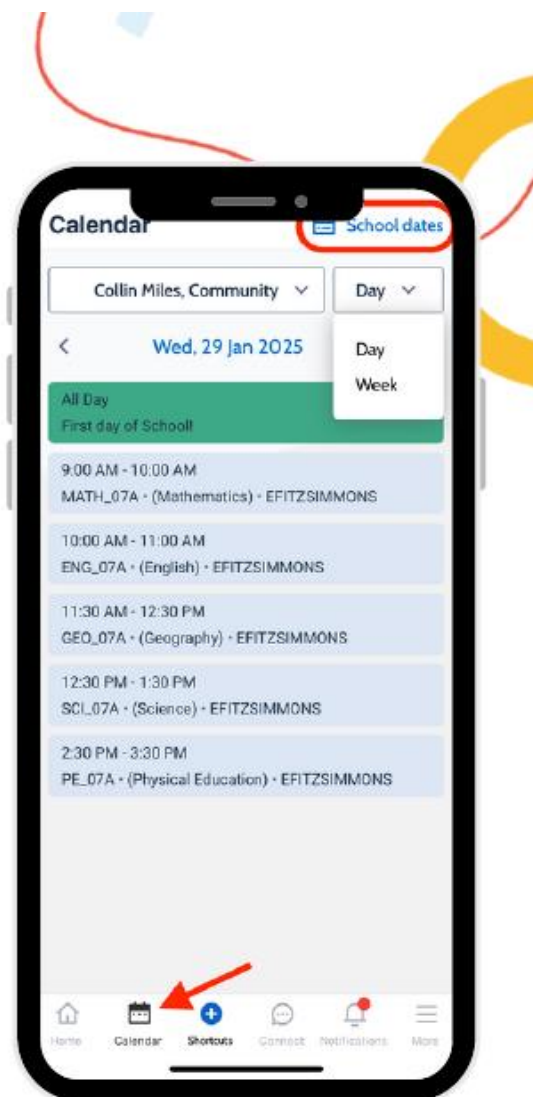
<https://service.vic.gov.au/find-services/work-and-volunteering/working-with-children-check>



View important school dates and upcoming events

Keep track of important dates and upcoming events happening at your school by checking the Calendar.

1. Click on the 'Calendar' icon
2. Use the arrows on the left and right to navigate to a different day or click on the calendar icon and select the day you want to view
3. Change the calendar view by clicking the arrow next to 'Day'
4. Click on 'School dates' to see important school dates



This term in PE, students have been enjoying a fantastic variety of sports and games! We ‘kicked’ things off with **soccer**, developing passing, dribbling, and teamwork skills, before mixing things up with the always-popular **crab soccer** — a hilarious and energetic twist on the classic game that had everyone laughing while still working hard. We had some great results in District and Division Cross Country – well done to all the kids involved! As we wrapped up the term, students had the chance to finish on a high note by choosing their favourite game to play — a well-earned celebration of all the effort and enthusiasm they’ve brought to PE this term!

PE FUN!



This term in Design and Technology, students have been wonderfully creative! Across the school, students designed and crafted their very own **lanterns** in preparation for the much-anticipated **Belgrave Lantern Parade** — a magical community event that brought our creativity to life after dark. Our junior students also took on the exciting challenge of designing their **ultimate playground**, imagining, planning, and presenting their dream outdoor spaces with fantastic detail and enthusiasm. It has been a term full of making, problem-solving, and big ideas!



DISCOVERY LAB





Wow, what a **FANTASTIC** return to the Veggie Patch we have made this Term. From the smallest of Foundation students to the biggest of our Grade 6's we

have all worked in teams to pull weeds, water freshly prepared garden beds, rake paths and plant seeds ready for a new cycle of learning, growing, caring and harvesting.



Rain, hail or shine our resilient Ferny Creek students along with the help and guidance of Beck Sanderson, some very noisy cockatoos and a group of curious hens, have made a remarkable start on our beautiful Veggie Patch and we are excited to see it take shape and flourish throughout Semester 2.



Join the ICAS 2026 Academic Competition.

The fun and inspiring challenge for bright young minds.

We're proud to offer ICAS 2026 to our students – a national competition that challenges their thinking, motivates them to excel, and celebrates their academic skills.

How ICAS helps our students succeed

- Develops critical thinking and problem solving through fun academic challenges
- Recognises academic achievement like we do in sport and the arts
- Provides insights that help educators and parents identify strengths and areas of growth.

Who can participate in ICAS?

ICAS offers a comprehensive suite of subjects for Year 2 to 12 students.

Dates and pricing

Each subject costs \$21.95 per student, except Writing which is \$25.95



Digital Technologies
3 – 7 August



Science
17 – 21 August



Writing
3 – 7 August



Spelling Bee
17 – 21 August



English
10 – 14 August



Mathematics
24 – 28 August



If your child is interested in taking part, speak with their teacher to find out how they can get involved.

[icasassessments.com](https://www.icasassessments.com)



Janison.



Phyllis
Year 4



We've been keeping busy at OSHC and making the most of the colder weather!

Winter Watercolour Gallery

The children have been creating some beautiful winter-themed watercolour paintings, which are now proudly displayed in our Winter Watercolour Gallery. It's been lovely seeing all the different ideas and creative styles come to life.

Hot Chocolates by Popular Demand

One of the biggest suggestions on our Winter Suggestions poster was hot chocolates, so we surprised the children with warm hot chocolates one morning. Needless to say, they were a huge hit and won't be the last!

Foosball Fever

Our Foosball Leader Board continues to grow and has become one of the most popular parts of the program. The children have loved the friendly competition and are always excited to see who can climb the ladder.

TheirCare Post

The children have also been busy writing letters and messages through our TheirCare Post Box. This has been a lovely way for children to keep in touch with Denise, our previous Coordinator, and share their thoughts, stories and drawings.



Garden Exploring and the Bay Leaf Project

We've been spending time outdoors exploring the garden and collecting bay leaves, which the children have been washing and drying as part of our Bay Leaf Project. The children have enjoyed learning about plants and where herbs come from, a big thank you to all the families that donated some jars, and we're looking forward to seeing where this project leads next.

Thank You Breakfast Club!

Recently, the children created special thank you posters for our community hero's and presented one to our wonderful Breakfast Club parents. It was great to be able to recognise and thank them for all they do for our school community, and the children were very proud to present it.

As always, thank you to our families for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing more Winter Wonders with you over the coming weeks!

Rob

Coordinator – Ferny Creek PS OSHC



Winter Holiday Program is coming!

With a packed program this is one holiday season you won't want to miss! Disney on Ice, Toy Story 5, marine life incursions, a talking dinosaur activity, karaoke, ice skating – these are just some of the amazing things planned!!! *Bookings open soon!*

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PARENTS IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR TICKETS
FOR A NIGHT OF EPIC TUNES AND SOME
SERIOUS COMPETITION

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All funds raised from ticket sales go straight
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DON'T MISS OUT (SOLD OUT LAST YEAR)
BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!
AND LET'S SHOW SOME LOVE FOR
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ALL 18+ WELCOME - BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

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Ferny Creek Primary - permission_slipped
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WHAT ZONE ARE YOU IN?

BLUE	GREEN	YELLOW	RED
			
I FEEL: ♥ Tired ♥ Slow ♥ Bored ♥ Sad ♥ Sick	I FEEL: ♥ Focused ♥ Ready to learn ♥ Calm ♥ Happy	I FEEL: ♥ Frustrated ♥ Worried ♥ Excited ♥ Silly ♥ Not in control	I FEEL: ♥ Elated ♥ Mad/Angry ♥ Terrified ♥ Out of control ♥ Yelling/Hitting
I CAN TRY... ♥ Getting a drink ♥ Walking ♥ Talking to a friend ♥ Reading a happy story	I CAN TRY... ♥ Helping others ♥ Remembering goals ♥ Finishing work ♥ Expected behaviours	I CAN TRY... ♥ Walking ♥ Counting to 10 ♥ Drawing the problem ♥ Talking to a teacher or trusted adult	I CAN TRY... ♥ Deep breaths ♥ Finding a safe space ♥ Exercise ♥ Talking to teacher

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 Learning 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 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 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

In outside spaces

- I will look after the school environment
- I will include others
- I will share equipment

- 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 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

Moving between spaces

- I will walk with quiet voices and quiet feet
- I will stay on the paths and avoid walking on the gardens

- 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 accept that I cannot always be the line leader or choose my spot in the line



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	\$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

Term 3 Student Free Day is scheduled for:

Monday 13th July



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 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 3 2026 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
July	13 Student Free Day	14 Term 3 begins for students Interschool Sport Gala Day	15	16 Breakfast Club	17 Assembly
	20	21	22	23 Breakfast Club	24
	27	28	29	30 Breakfast Club	31 Assembly (Parent band performing)
August	03 AFL after school program begins	04	05	06 Breakfast Club	07
	10	11 FCPS Athletics Carnival 	12	13 Breakfast Club	14 Assembly
	17 SCIENCE WEEK 	18 SCIENCE WEEK  School Council	19 SCIENCE WEEK 	20 SCIENCE WEEK  Breakfast Club	21 SCIENCE WEEK 
	24 SYMPHONY OF STORIES Book Week BOOK WEEK LIBRARY NIGHT 	25 Book Week	26 Book Week District Athletics (select students)	27 Book Week Breakfast Club	28 Book Week Assembly
September	31	01 ART SHOW 	02	03 Breakfast Club	04 Father's Day Celebration Breakfast
	07	08	09	10 Breakfast Club	11 Assembly
	14	15 Where is the Green Sheep? - Junior excursion 	16 Division Athletics (select students)	17	26 AFL FOOTY DAY! Last day of term early 2.30pm finish 



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Term 2 2026



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April	20 Student Free Day	21 Term 2 begins for students	22 ANZAC day service for student leaders 	23 Breakfast Club	24 Assembly
	27	28 FCPS Open Morning	29	30 Breakfast Club	01
May	04	05	06	07 FCPS Cross Country Carnival  Breakfast Club	08 Mother's Day Celebration Cross Country backup plan 1
	11 BOOK FAIR School Photo Day	12 BOOK FAIR Cross Country backup plan 2	13 BOOK FAIR	14 BOOK FAIR Breakfast Club	15 BOOK FAIR
	18	19	20	21 Breakfast Club	22 District Cross Country (selected students only)
	25	26	27 National Reconciliation Week	28 Student Free Day	29
	01	02 Division Cross Country (selected students only)	03	04 Breakfast Club	05
June	08 Public Holiday	09	10	11 Breakfast Club	12 GLOW DISCO 4.30-6pm
	15	16	17	18 Breakfast Club FOUNDATION 2027 OPEN NIGHT	19
	22	23 Student Led Learning Conferences	24	25	26  MUD day Last day of term early 2.30pm finish



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