

Ferny Creek PS Connections



Together we make a difference

Thursday 28th May 2026

Hi everyone,

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2026

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open, and we're excited to be taking part!

All children from birth to Year 10 are welcome to join in. This year's Challenge theme is **'Stories to discover. Stories to tell'**. Stories can inspire and challenge us and help us grow. They open our eyes to new worlds and new ways of thinking.

The number of books read can be varied for everyone's needs. All children who complete the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former premiers.

Students will receive their logins from their teacher while there is also a paper record sheet option.



Student Reports for Semester 1 and Student-Led Learning Conferences

Later this term, we will be holding Student-Led Learning Conferences, where students will have the opportunity to share their learning progress and achievements with their teacher and their parents.

These conferences place students at the centre of the conversation about their learning and provide an important opportunity for families to engage in meaningful discussion about progress, goals, and next steps.

Student reports for semester 1 will be published on Compass to coincide with the student led conversations. The format will look a little different due to industrial action banning written comments.

National Reconciliation Week

This week sees the beginning of National Reconciliation Week, a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how we can contribute to reconciliation in our everyday lives.

National Reconciliation Week encourages us to reflect on the past while working together towards a more respectful and united future. It provides valuable opportunities for students to develop empathy, understanding and appreciation for the world's oldest continuing cultures.

As part of our learning about history, we will be discussing the significance of Country, learning about important historical events, and exploring ways we can show respect, inclusion and understanding within our community.

Taekwondo

Recently, our students and staff have thoroughly enjoyed participating in Taekwondo sessions as part of our focus on health, wellbeing and positive connections. These sessions have provided a wonderful opportunity for students to engage in mindful movement while developing confidence, coordination, self-discipline and resilience.

Taekwondo promotes the importance of caring for the mind, body and spirit. Through breathing, balance, movement and focus, students have been encouraged to slow down, concentrate and develop greater self-awareness. Mindful movement activities such as these can support emotional regulation, reduce stress and build positive habits for overall wellbeing.

The enthusiasm from both students and staff has been incredibly positive, with many participants eager to challenge themselves, learn new skills and encourage one another. It has been wonderful to see students demonstrating perseverance, respect and teamwork throughout the sessions while also having fun and staying active.

Programs such as Taekwondo help foster healthy lifestyles and remind us of the importance of physical activity, mindfulness and positive wellbeing practices within our school community.



Family Contributions

A gentle reminder to families about the importance of family financial contributions, which help support the wide range of resources, programs and learning opportunities available

to our students throughout the year. These contributions assist us in continuing to provide engaging and meaningful experiences for all children.

We sincerely thank the many families who have already made payments and supported our programs. If you require any assistance accessing payments through Compass, please contact the office and we will be very happy to help.

As we continue with our exciting Kitchen Garden program this term, we kindly ask families to ensure the Kitchen Garden payment has been completed, as this supports the materials, ingredients and ongoing activities involved in the program.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and students.

School Photos

This year, we are excited to introduce a new style of school photography that better reflects the Ferny Creek PS philosophy and the individuality of our students. Rather than the traditional formal class photo approach, our school photographer has used a more natural and personality-focused style that captures students as they truly are.

This style of class photo allows each child's unique personality, expression and character to shine through in a relaxed and authentic way. Students are photographed individually and then combined to create a beautiful class image. There is far less pressure on children to maintain the "perfect smile" all at the same moment which creates a calmer and more positive experience for many students.

We know that for some children, traditional whole-class photography sessions can feel overwhelming or stressful. The new approach allows for greater flexibility, comfort and support, helping students feel more at ease and able to participate successfully. We believe this style celebrates our students in a way that is inclusive, respectful and reflective of the caring and child-centred environment we value at Ferny Creek PS.

We look forward to sharing these special memories with families and hope you enjoy seeing the genuine personalities and spirit of our students captured through this new approach.

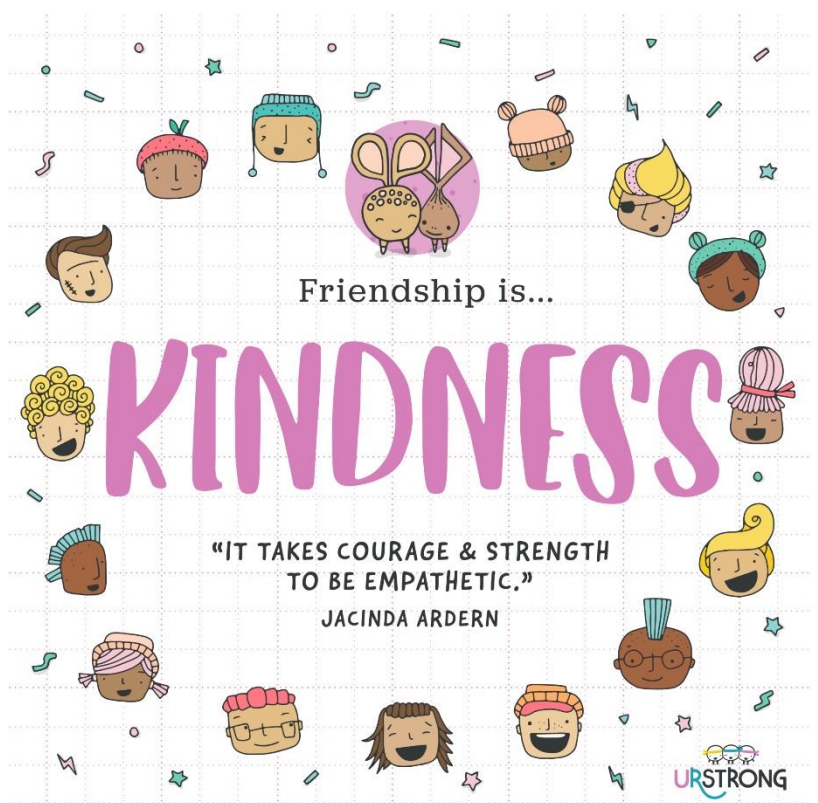
Have a great week,

Susan

Susan Vissenjoux – Principal



FRIENDSHIP NINJA





WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN 5/6

In the Grade 5/6 rooms we have been doing measurement in maths. We tried estimating how much something weighed. Sepp and I managed to weigh exactly 5kgs using various objects - Mason



Cross Country

The whole school ran around Ferny Creek for the Cross Country Day, some of the Grade 3-6's were trying out for District. - Attila



Blueback

We have been reading Blueback by Tim Winton. We have read the book, watched the movie and now we are writing a letter to the Editor. - Santi



House Captains

And lastly, congratulations to Noah, Sid, Sophie and Katy on getting our 2026 House Captain leadership roles. - Brodie

COLOUR RUN



We all had fun on the last day of Term 1 by participating in the Colour Run.

TAEKWANDO



We did Taekwando with Bob and Cam. It was fun and we were taught how to get out of someones grip, drop our weight and use our voices. - Penny A, Penny D and Frankie

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY



This week some of our students will be representing our school at the District Cross Country event. Good Luck to all of you .

TAKE ACTION

ALL IN

NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION
WEEK 2026
27 MAY – 3 JUNE

FOR RECONCILIATION

MAKE CHANGE

#NRW2026

RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU



25 YEARS OF
RECONCILIATION
AUSTRALIA

Victorian
**premiers'
reading
challenge**



*Stories to discover.
Stories to tell.*



To register, visit
vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge
The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the
Premier with the support of former premiers.



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At Ferny Creek PS TheirCare the children have enjoyed a range of creative, STEM and community focused experiences. Highlights included building a giant STEM roller coaster donated to us by Menzies Creek PS TheirCare service, encouraging the children to utilise teamwork and a lot of problem solving!



We are very grateful for the continued donations from our families and local op shops, including Lego home bricks and clothing items, which support imaginative play and our children who love jumping in puddles!

Thank you to all the children who supported our Community Heroes displays. The children loved celebrating important people in our local community and school environment.



The children have also been sharing ideas for new afternoon tea menu items and enjoying trying different foods each week. Board games such as Finger on the Trigger Trivia and Up-words have been very popular during indoor times.

White as Snow

WINTER 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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

SUPPORT FERNY CREEK PRIMARY'S VERY OWN PARENTS BAND

permission slipped

BATTLE IT OUT AGAINST OTHER LOCAL SCHOOLS

All funds raised from ticket sales go straight
back to supporting performing arts and music
programs at the participating schools.



tickets.oztix.com.au

DON'T MISS OUT (SOLD OUT LAST YEAR)

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

AND LET'S SHOW SOME LOVE FOR
"PERMISSION SLIPPED"





ALL 18+ WELCOME - BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

When booking, be sure to select
Ferny Creek Primary - permission_slipped
to make your support count!



FOLLOW US:
@PERMISSION.SLIPPED
@PARENTS_BATTLE_OF_THE_BANDS

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



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
	<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
	<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
	<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 

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 2 Student Free Day is scheduled for **28th May**.



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 2 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
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
June	01	02 Division Cross Country (selected students only)	03	04 Breakfast Club	05
	08 Public Holiday	09	10	11 Breakfast Club	12 GLOW DISCO (more information to come)
	15	16	17	18 Breakfast Club	19
	22	23 Student Led Learning Conferences	24	25	26  MUD day Last day of term early 2.30pm finish



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