

# Ferny Creek PS Connections



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Together we make a difference

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

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*Hi everyone,*

## **Parking safely**

Thank you to our families and community members for your continued attention to traffic management around the school. By choosing to park in designated street areas and car park spaces, you are helping us work together to keep all students safe as they travel to and from school. Please be mindful that there are no standing or parking zones adjacent to the crossing to ensure clear visibility. We also ask that you continue to support our expectations by ensuring students enter and exit only via the pedestrian gate and use the supervised crossing. Please remember there is no pedestrian access through the staff-only car park or the double gates. We know we can rely on you to reinforce our shared values of responsibility and safety within the community. We would also like to acknowledge the valuable work of Jo, our crossing supervisor, and remind everyone that she has the right to feel safe and respected in her workplace at all times.

## **Uniforms**

We are noticing a growing number of unnamed and unclaimed jackets and hats being left around the school each day. We ask families to support us by clearly labelling all uniform items, making it much easier for lost belongings to be returned. Parents can also actively support this by encouraging children to check for their belongings at the end of each day and take responsibility for locating them before leaving school. Taking care of personal items is an important part of our school value of responsibility and a key expectation for all students. When uniforms are left around, it not only makes it difficult to reunite items with their owners but also creates an untidy environment. We want all students to take pride in themselves, and in our school, by looking after their belongings and keeping our spaces neat and respectful.

## **Parent Forum**

Thank you to the parents who attended our forum on Tuesday. It was clear that we have a passionate and supportive community who are committed to working in partnership with our dedicated staff to achieve the best possible outcomes for our Ferny Creek students. We appreciated the thoughtful contributions and collaborative spirit shown throughout the session. Please take a moment to enjoy the artwork created as part of the forum, which reflects our shared vision and hopes for our students.



## Beach Day

Our whole school Beach Day has become a much-loved annual tradition that brings our community together in a truly special way. Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play in the sand and water, explore the beach playground, and engage in a variety of activities including ball games, chatting with friends, and walks along the pier. The playground, in particular, sparked wonderful ideas and inspiration that students have brought back to school. We also deeply value the presence of our families who were able to join us on the day, strengthening the sense of community and shared experiences that make our school so special.

## Thank you

We would like to sincerely thank our families for their understanding and support of our staff during the recent stop work day. It was greatly appreciated. We value the strong partnership we share with our community, and your support helps us continue to provide the best possible learning environment for our students.

*Enjoy the Easter holiday break.*

*Susan*

Susan Vissenjoux – Principal





# BEACH DAY





## Riddle of the Week!

At each assembly we 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 is owned  
by you,  
but is used more  
by other people?

# 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
			
<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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will use kind and positive language</li> <li>• I will keep my hands and feet to myself</li> <li>• I will follow the directions of all adults</li> <li>• I will always display excellent manners</li> <li>• I will be kind and helpful</li> <li>• I will respect others privacy in the toilets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will display whole body listening</li> <li>• I will respect everyone's right to learn</li> <li>• I will wait for my turn to speak</li> <li>• I will ask permission to leave the learning space</li> <li>• I will be kind and respectful in online environments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will look after the school environment</li> <li>• I will include others</li> <li>• I will share equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will walk with quiet voices and quiet feet</li> <li>• I will stay on the paths and avoid walking on the gardens</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will look after all of my own belongings</li> <li>• I will look after all school equipment</li> <li>• I will put all my rubbish into the bin</li> <li>• I will always tell the truth</li> <li>• I will keep the school clean and tidy</li> <li>• I will report any problems to an adult</li> <li>• I will hand in my personal devices to the office</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will be prepared, organised and ready to learn</li> <li>• I will be on time</li> <li>• I will use all learning resources appropriately to help me learn</li> <li>• I will follow all class routines</li> <li>• I will keep all learning spaces tidy</li> <li>• I will reset learning spaces at the end of a session</li> <li>• I will sit on the floor or chairs safely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will move to class when the music plays</li> <li>• I will remain outside unless I have permission to be inside</li> <li>• I will follow the direction of any adult on play support</li> <li>• I will return any borrowed equipment</li> <li>• I will play in the designated areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will line up quickly and quietly</li> <li>• I will walk safely in and around spaces</li> <li>• I will go straight to the office or toilet and straight back again</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will choose the best strategy to help me be 'ready to learn' or 'ready to play'.</li> <li>• I will always put in my best effort</li> <li>• I will try even when it is hard</li> <li>• I will be happy for other people's successes</li> <li>• I will accept my mistakes and the mistakes of others</li> <li>• I will acknowledge a genuine apology when it is offered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will try my best with all my learning tasks</li> <li>• I will 'have a go' before asking for help</li> <li>• I will ask for help if I need it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will agree to and play by the rules of games</li> <li>• I will accept the rules of the game even if it doesn't go my way</li> <li>• I will be flexible when playing with others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I will accept that I cannot always be the line leader or choose my spot in the line</li> </ul> 

# Sensory Space Fundraiser – April

This April, Ferny Creek Primary School is part of the **Grill'd Local Matters** program at **Grill'd Knox**.

We're raising funds to continue to create a dedicated **sensory space**—a calm, supportive area where students can reset, regulate emotions, and return to learning ready to thrive.

If you're visiting Grill'd Knox this month, please consider placing your token in our jar. Every token helps bring this important space to life.

Thank you for supporting our students' wellbeing.



# 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.

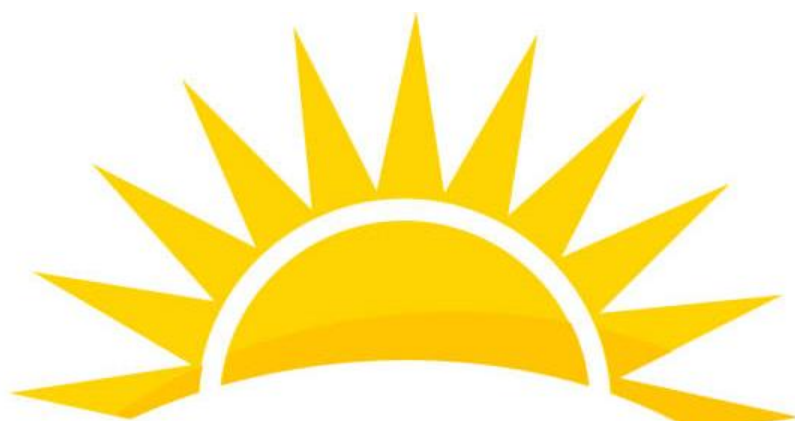
- Wear clothing that covers your skin
- Use SPF 30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen every 2 hours
- Wear a hat that shades the head, face, eyes, ears and neck
- Use shade
- Wear sunglasses labelled AS 1067

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State Government

SunSmart is a Cancer Council Victoria program supported by VicHealth.

For more information  
[sunsmart.com.au/parents](http://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.



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
<b>TOPS</b>					
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			
<b>JUMPERS</b>					
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			
<b>PANTS</b>					
Mesh Shorts	6,8,10,12,14,16	\$14.00			
<b>JACKETS</b>					
Waterproof Jacket – Fleece Lined	6,8,10,12	\$55.00			
<b>ACCESSORIES</b>					
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			
				<b>TOTAL</b>	

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 20<sup>th</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> 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](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 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 2 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
April	<b>20</b> Student Free Day	<b>21</b> Term 2 begins for students	<b>22</b> ANZAC day service for student leaders 	<b>23</b> Breakfast Club	<b>24</b> Assembly
	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> FCPS Open Morning	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Breakfast Club	<b>01</b>
May	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b> FCPS Cross Country Carnival  Breakfast Club	<b>08</b> Mother's Day Celebration
	<b>11</b> Book Fair SCHOOL PHOTO DAY	<b>12</b> Book Fair	<b>13</b> Book Fair	<b>14</b> Book Fair Breakfast Club	<b>15</b> Book Fair
	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Breakfast Club	<b>22</b> District Cross Country (selected students only)
	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Student Free Day	<b>29</b>
June	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b> Breakfast Club	<b>05</b>
	<b>08</b> Public Holiday	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Breakfast Club	<b>20</b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  MUD day Last day of term early 2.30pm finish



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# 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 <b>CANCELLED</b>	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 	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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