

Ferny Creek PS Connections



Together we make a difference

Friday 7th August 2026

Hi everyone,

2027 Foundation Enrolments

We are excited to be welcoming our new Foundation students as we progress the enrolment process for next year. Information about our Transition to School program held in November can be found on our website with further details to be emailed to enrolled families.

If you have submitted an enrolment application for FCPS, you should now have received an enrolment offer via email, which needs to be accepted before next steps. If you have not received your offer, please contact the school.

Clubs Are Underway!

Our Semester 2 teacher-led clubs officially began today, and it was wonderful to see the excitement across the school as students attended their first sessions. Students have enjoyed choosing a club that reflects their interests, and for many, stepping outside their comfort zone to try something completely new.

Our clubs provide valuable opportunities for students to build friendships across year levels, explore new interests, and experience success beyond the classroom. We hope they continue to enjoy these sessions throughout the year and thank our staff for sharing their talents and passions to make these opportunities possible for our students.



Mud Kitchen

Today we officially opened our brand-new Mud Kitchen, and our students have been very excited to begin exploring this wonderful new learning space.

Mud play provides children with rich opportunities for hands-on learning. Through open-ended play, students develop problem-solving skills, creativity, communication, cooperation and confidence as they design, build, mix, investigate and create. It also encourages connection with nature and supports sensory exploration, curiosity and a sense of wonder.

We are excited to see the many wonderful creations and imaginative recipes that will emerge from this space.!



Our students enjoyed a fantastic morning of 'good, clean fun' today with Mat from the AFL. Laughter echoed right across our outdoor spaces as students enthusiastically took part in a range of engaging games and activities. It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, building their skills and, most importantly, having fun together.

Today's session was the perfect lead-in to our AFL after-school program, which begins on **Monday**. There is still time to register if your child would like to join in. Please see the flyer below for all the details.



Whole School Athletics Day

We are excited to be holding our **Whole School Athletics Day** next **Tuesday**. This promises to be a highlight of the school calendar and provides every student with the opportunity to participate in a range of athletics events in a fun, supportive environment.

Whether students are aiming to achieve a personal best, enjoying the experience with their friends, or competing for the opportunity to represent our school at the next level, Athletics Day is about so much more than winning. It is an opportunity to demonstrate resilience, perseverance, teamwork and good sportsmanship while challenging themselves to have a go and celebrate the success of others.

We encourage all students to wear their **house colours**, show pride in their team and, most importantly, participate with enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

Parents are invited to join us to support and celebrate our students.

Celebrating Our Sporting Teams

Congratulations to our School Soccer Team on their wonderful effort at the District competition last week. We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented our school, demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

We would also like to wish our Tee Ball Team the very best of luck for their rescheduled District event on Thursday. We know our students will represent our school with pride, give their best effort and enjoy the opportunity to compete. Good luck to all involved—we look forward to hearing about your day!



Exciting Events and Must-Know dates

There is always something exciting happening at our school, and we are looking forward to sharing a range of wonderful events and opportunities with our students and families in the coming weeks.

These events are also a wonderful opportunity for families to be involved in our school community. We invite you to join us where possible and share in your child's experiences.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events and continuing to build strong connections between our school, students and families.

August

- Tuesday 11th - Whole School Athletics Day starting at 11.40am
- Thursday 13th Tee Ball team at District event
- Wednesday 19th Science Open Morning and 'Dress Like a Scientist Day'
- Monday 24th Book Week Activity Day with an author visit and dress up like a book character parade

September

- Tuesday 1st Art Show 4.30-6
- Friday 4th Father's Day Breakfast
- Tuesday 15th Junior excursion - Where is the Green Sheep?
- Friday 18th Footy Activity Day and special lunch

Have a great week,

Susan

Susan Vissenjoux – Principal



Term 3 Learning Focus

Art

What an exciting term we have planned for art!

On the 1st September, we will be holding an **art show** where we all get to dress up and walk around to appreciate the talented students of our school and local artists—see flyer attached!

To start the term, our whole school are creating mosaics. The F-4s will create their mosaics using paper and the 5/6s are creating their mosaics with tiles.

Students will be experimenting with photographing subjects around the school using the Ipad.

We will finish the term learning a choreographed dance!

Auslan

This term we will work on expanding our Auslan vocabulary. We have started off the term learning health and sickness signs which students enthusiastically shared at assembly last week!

Over the rest of the term, we will be communicating in Auslan the different activities we do, we will review animal signs and how to describe them. We will also learn new signs of objects inside the home as well as in nature. With each sign students are aware of HOLME linguistic strategies (Handshape, Orientation, Location, Movement with Expression).

 **national science week 2026**
15 - 23 August

Seeds of Science

Nurturing knowledge for all



Dear Families,

*Science Week (15-23 August) is fast approaching. This year's theme is "Seeds of Science: Nurturing knowledge for all". We will be celebrating this across the school in various ways, including a whole school **'Dress up as a Scientist'** day on August 19th. We would also like to invite **any Scientists in our community** to consider presenting an experiment or demonstration to the whole school, year levels or individual classes. If this is something you might be interested in, please get in touch ASAP.*

Save the Date!

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

Friday 13th 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
to reserve your spot!

**MONDAY 24TH
AUGUST
AUTHOR VISIT**

**WHOLE
SCHOOL
PARADE**



SYMPHONY OF STORIES

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

24TH - 28TH AUGUST

BOOK WEEK LIBRARY NIGHT 24TH AUGUST

YOU ARE INVITED TO
AN EVENING OF
Art
FERNY CREEK PS
ART SHOW

Join us for a special evening celebrating the
creativity, imagination and artistic talents
of our students

Enjoy a gallery-style exhibition showcasing a
stunning collection of artworks created by our
young artists and immerse yourself in our
interactive displays.

Wander through the displays, celebrate their
achievements and share in this special
community event and also enjoy
artwork by local artists

FAMILIES, GRANDPARENTS
AND FRIENDS ARE WARMLY WELCOMED



DRESS TO IMPRESS

Dress to Impress



REFRESHMENTS

Available for purchase
throughout the evening



DATE TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER



TIME 4.30 – 6PM



VENUE BLACK AND WHITE SPACE
BUILDING A





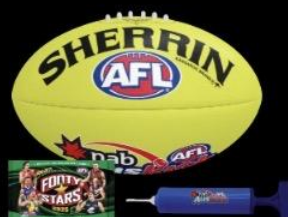
**ALL GIRLS
GROUPS
AVAILABLE**



GOOD CLEAN FUN

**FERNY CREEK PS
TERM 3 AUSKICK CENTRE**

Mondays | August 10th- 31st | 3:45pm - 4:45pm



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 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



Welcome to August!

Over the past two weeks, our children have been busy leading and shaping our program through their ideas, interests and suggestions. During our Our Community, Our Story week, the children explored what community means to them through collaborative discussions, artwork, games and storytelling.

Ball games, foosball, monster trucks, non-fiction books, chess and creative activities were all popular, while children also enjoyed preparing burritos, eggs on toast, pizza scrolls and smoothies together. They loved contributing ideas for future activities and were excited to see many of their suggestions come to life.

Our Kids in the Kitchen week has been a fantastic success! The children have shown growing confidence in preparing their own meals, learning kitchen safety, following recipes and trying new foods. Many proudly shared that they now feel more confident helping to cook at home, and their enthusiasm has inspired us to continue this as a regular part of our program.

We will also be creating our very own cookbook featuring the children's favourite recipes to share with families.

Looking ahead, we're excited to begin another child-led project after the children asked if we could grow some of our own food.

We have started collecting seeds from fruits, vegetables used during our cooking experiences, and we'll soon be planting them to create our own TheirCare Garden, with the hope of using our home-grown produce in future Kids in the Kitchen experiences.

It's wonderful to see the children's ideas continue to shape meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities every week.



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LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Book and Lyrics by **Howard Ashman** Music by **Alan Menken**

Based on the film by Roger Corman, Screenplay by Charles Griffith
Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director)
Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA Theatre,
David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organisation

Join us at **The Knox School Auditorium**

Thursday AUG 20 7:00pm	Friday AUG 21 7:00pm	Saturday AUG 22 2:00pm	Saturday AUG 22 7:00pm
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Directed by **Anna O'Byrne** Choreographed by **Holly Callinan & Caio McDonald**
Musical Directors **Nico Di Stefano & Melissa Claravolo**
Asst. Director & Choreographer **Max Bimbi**

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- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
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OPEN DAY

The AVENUE School

Thursday 3rd September 2026
3pm-6pm

Meet our team • Tour the school

Years 7-12* Flexible Learning Pathways

Discover a supportive, flexible learning environment where every young person is valued and empowered to succeed.

*7-10 registration pending

13-15 The Avenue, Ferntree Gully VIC 3156

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JOIN OLINDA CRICKET CLUB THIS SEASON!

Get the kids active, outdoors, and learning new skills right here in the hills! Online registrations officially open this August for boys and girls of all abilities.

TEAMS OFFERED THIS SEASON:

Woolworths Cricket Blast (Ages 5-10) - Starts November!

Super 7s (Great transition to match play)

Under 12s, Under 14s & Under 16s

Blasters Schedule: Saturday mornings, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

 Gear: No gear? No worries! OCC provides training and match equipment for beginners.

COACH WANTED: Our November Blasters program depends on finding a fantastic coach or parent helper. If you can volunteer to run these fun Saturday sessions, please reach out!

 Location: Olinda Recreation Reserve

 How to Register: Head to cricket.com.au this August and search "Olinda Cricket Club".

 Questions/Coaching Inquiries?

Contact Gary Boxell (Junior Co-ordinator) at gnu@linet.net.au

Also recruiting adults for senior men's and women's teams!

THE BATTLE IS ON!



Permission Slipped



TURNING THE VOLUME UP AND TAKING ON LOCAL SCHOOLS FOR
FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

WHO GRABBED A TICKET!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO ROCK OUT
WITH YOU ALL AND SEE WHICH
LOCAL SCHOOLS BAND TAKES
THE CROWN!

AUGUST 13

SOOKI LOUNGE

RELGAVE 7PM¹⁸⁺

SOLD OUT



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

FOLLOW US: @PERMISSION.SLIPPED

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

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



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 School Council	28	29	30 Breakfast Club	31 Assembly (Parent Band performing)
	03 100 DAYS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL AFL after school program begins	04	05	06 Breakfast Club	07
August	10	11 FCPS Athletics Carnival 	12	13 Breakfast Club	14 Assembly
	17 SCIENCE WEEK 	18 SCIENCE WEEK  School Council	19 SCIENCE Open Morning and Dress as a Scientist Day 	20 SCIENCE WEEK 	21 SCIENCE WEEK 
	24 SYMPHONY OF STORIES Book Week Parade, Activity Day & BOOK WEEK LIBRARY NIGHT 	25	26 District Athletics (select students)	27 Breakfast Club	28 Assembly
	31	01 ART SHOW 	02	03 Breakfast Club	04 Father's Day Celebration Breakfast
September	07	08	09	10 Breakfast Club	11 Assembly
	14	15 Where is the Green Sheep? - Junior excursion  School Council	16 Division Athletics (select students)	17	18 FOOTY DAY! Last day of term early 2.30pm finish 



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