

Ferny Creek PS Connections



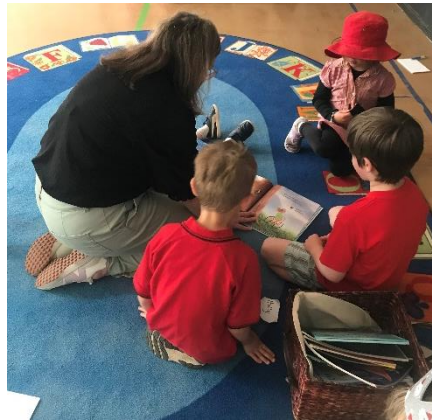
Together we make a difference

Friday 25th November 2025

Hi everyone,

Foundation Transition

Last week we were thrilled to welcome our new Foundation students for their very first transition session, and it was a wonderful success. The children arrived confidently and quickly settled into exploring their new classroom environment, engaging happily with the learning spaces and activities. It was a joy to see them forming early connections, engaging with teachers, and showing such natural curiosity. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and many shared how excited they are to return for their next fun session. They are especially eager to explore the outside playground, which they caught glimpses of on their visit! We look forward to continuing these positive experiences as we support a smooth and joyful start to their school journey.



Information Session for Foundation Parents

Our Parent Information Session today was a valuable opportunity to share all the key information our newest school families need as they begin navigating "big school." During the session, we walked through the essential details-daily routines, communication processes, learning expectations, support structures, and what to expect in the first weeks of Foundation. Parents were able to ask questions, seek clarification, and gain a clear understanding of how we work together to support each child's successful start. Just as importantly, the session provided a warm space for families to connect with the school and with one another, beginning to build the relationships that make our community so strong. We are grateful to all who attended and look forward to continuing this positive partnership throughout next year.

Stepping Up program

Today we held our first '**Stepping Up**' session, where all students moved into new learning spaces to begin becoming familiar with their 2026 peers and environments. The school was filled with a wonderful mix of curiosity and excitement as students explored new rooms, met new classmates, and experienced what learning will feel like next year. This initial session focused on building confidence, connection, and a sense of belonging, helping students feel prepared and positive about the transition ahead. In our **next 'Stepping Up' session on Tuesday 9th December**, students will have the opportunity to meet their 2026 teachers, further strengthening the smooth and supportive start we aim to provide for every child.





We are proud of how confidently students approached today's experience and look forward to continuing this important transition journey with them.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 students are buzzing with excitement as graduation draws closer! They have already begun working on their speeches and creating their memory posters, reflecting on their primary school journey and celebrating their growth. This is always a special time of year, and their enthusiasm and creativity are shining through. More detailed information about graduation will be sent home via Compass this week, and families can also look forward to receiving the beautiful, personalised invitations that are currently being crafted. We can't wait to share this milestone celebration with our graduates and their families.

2026 Classes

Our class formation processes for next year are now well underway, and I would like to sincerely thank the parents who emailed to share their thoughts about how we can best support their children through transition and into new classes and teachers. Your insights help us build a clear picture of each student's needs, strengths, and learning partnerships. As always, a great deal of thought, discussion, and professional consideration goes into forming classes that provide the optimal conditions for both learning and wellbeing. We carefully balance academic needs, social connections, behavioural considerations, and overall class dynamics to create cohesive, supportive learning environments for all students. Due to the complexity of this process, and our commitment to ensuring fair and balanced class groups, we are no longer able to accept any specific placement requests. We appreciate your understanding and trust as we work to create the best possible start for every learner in the new school year.

Have a great week,

Susan

Susan Vissenjoux – A/Principal



RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AND WORLD KINDNESS DAY

It's been a busy time in F/1J. We enjoyed a visit from Oreo, where we learned how to be safe around dogs. Last week, we celebrated World Kindness Day, by talking about and drawing some "Real-Life Kind Humans" in our lives.



CERES EXCURSION, VEGGIE PATCH & MORE



There have been a lot of events so far this term and 2S have had lots of fun!





FOUNDATION 2026

Welcome to Ferny Creek Primary School.

A place where every child is known, valued and nurtured.



Transition

Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am

18th November

25th November

2nd December

9th December

Parent information sessions will be run
concurrently with transition sessions on:
25th November
9th December



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Foundation/Grade 1

Arlo S: For always demonstrating 'kind on purpose' behaviour. You are a wonderful friend to many and go out of your way to include everyone, Arlo. Well done!

Evelyn C: For always displaying kindness to others and going out of your way to include everyone. Your 'kind on purpose' behaviour is wonderful to see. Well done!

Grade 2S

Rory G: For consistently displaying the school values and approaching task with a positive mindset. Wonderful work!

James D: For trying his best when writing fractions that matched his fraction pizza. Well done!

Grade 3/4E

Atila F: For working hard to make positive choices in class, your growing focus and effort are wonderful to see, particularly with creative tasks.

Alia R: For always trying your best, making consistently responsible choices and writing an excellent book summary. Well done, Alia!

Grade 3/4K

Elodie G: For always, every day, every minute, consistently displaying our school values – Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. You really **are** a STAR!

Brodie D: For having such a positive attitude towards his learning. He LOVES maths sessions and gets excited to read the non-fiction texts in our small reading groups.

Grade 5/6A

Sylvie S: For your heartfelt response to our Writers' Notebook seed – The Great Realisation. You addressed the themes of love and loss through uncertain times. Well done, Sylvie!

Jude F: For being such a kind and positive member of 56A. You consistently show friendliness and respect toward your classmates and teachers. Keep up the great work Jude!

Grade 5/6B

Frankie T: For being a consistent worker, an enthusiastic learner and reliable friend to others.

Ruby Y: For continuing to try her best and keep up to date with all learning tasks – well done Ruby!

IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The last day of Term 4 is
19th December with an early
finish time of 1.30pm



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.

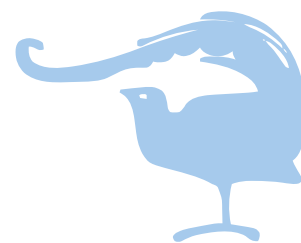
SUNSMART

For Term 1 and Term 4 we wear our named broadbrimmed hat at all times when outside.



Term 4 2025

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
October	06 First Day of Term 4	07	08	09	10 Grade 5/6 Excursion 
	13	14 School Council meeting	15	16 Parents Club meeting	17 Assembly Loud Shirt Day
	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28 School Production	29 Responsible Pet Ownership F-2	30	31 Assembly
November	03	04  Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	05	06	07  CERES Whole School Excursion
	10 Dental Van 	11 School Council Meeting	12	13	14
	17	18 Foundation 2026 Transition	19 Food Bank Fundraiser - Food Fight	20	21
	24	25 Whole School & Foundation 2026 Transition	26	27	28
December	01 Swimming 	02 Swimming Foundation 2026 Transition	03 Swimming	04 Swimming Parents Club AGM	05 Swimming
	08	09 School Council meeting Whole School & Foundation 2026 Transition	10	11 Community Breakfast Grade 6 Graduation	12 Grade 6 Big Day Out 'Stepping Up' Day at Wilson Botanical Gardens Working Bee Sunday 14th 
	15	16 Christmas Concert 	17	18	19 Last Day of Term 1.30pm finish



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