

Together we make a difference

Tuesday 18th March 2025

Hi everyone,

School Council Election

Our recent election process for our School Council concluded filling 1 parent rep position (2 years) and 2 Department of Education employee positions (2 years). However, we do still have 3 parent rep positions to fill, to whom will be co-opted at the first School Council meeting on Tuesday 25 March 2024. On Tuesday 25 March at 6:00pm we will host our Annual General Meeting which will then be followed by our first School Council meeting for 2025. As is the case for every School Council meeting, you are all welcome to attend!

Student Attendance and Absences

Parents/carers are required to ensure their child attends school every day and have an obligation to contact the school of their child's absence. Parents/carers should inform the school in advance of known upcoming absences, or on the day of absence as soon as practicable. In addition, in order to implement this requirement, it is essential that parents/carers provide schools with their most up-to-date contact details.

If your child is absent, please let us know of this absence either via Compass or calling the Office. This is a legal requirement and attendance is monitored closely.

We thank you in advance for ensuring that your child is at school by 8.50am to ensure that they have time to settle and be 'ready to learn' when the formal learning begins at 9am.

We encourage you to consider taking your family holidays during the formal school holiday breaks. However, should you be planning a family holiday during the term, please inform the school in writing via Compass or email as soon as your plans are confirmed.

http://www.fernycreekps.vic.edu.au/documents/policy-docs/FCPS%20Attendance-policy-docx.pdf

Working With Children Checks

We warmly encourage and welcome the support of families at Ferny Creek Primary School, through offering volunteering opportunities such as support in class, excursions and camps. In light of our Child Safe Policy, we require you to have a Working with Children Check if you would like to volunteer in any capacity. This check can be obtained from

http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/ You only need to obtain a volunteer check and must list Ferny Creek Primary School as the place you will be volunteering as we receive a list of those checks. Once you have done this, we need you to present your card to your child's teacher and to the front Office so that your details can be checked against our register that we have received from the Department of Justice. Your Working with Children card must be always displayed when

volunteering in the school and attending excursions. When volunteering we ask that you sign in at the front Office.

All volunteers will be required to undertake induction and training in child safety and wellbeing.

School website

We have begun the process of updating the Ferny Creek Primary School website. Over the coming weeks, you may notice some changes to the layout and content to our website. We will ensure that this is process is carried out as efficiently as possible to limit any inconvenience. Should you have any difficulty accessing anything via your usual links, please contact the school office. Thank you for your patience as we revitalise a very important communication source.

Have a great week, Susan

Susan Vissenjoux Acting Principal















SHARING OUR OF LEARNING

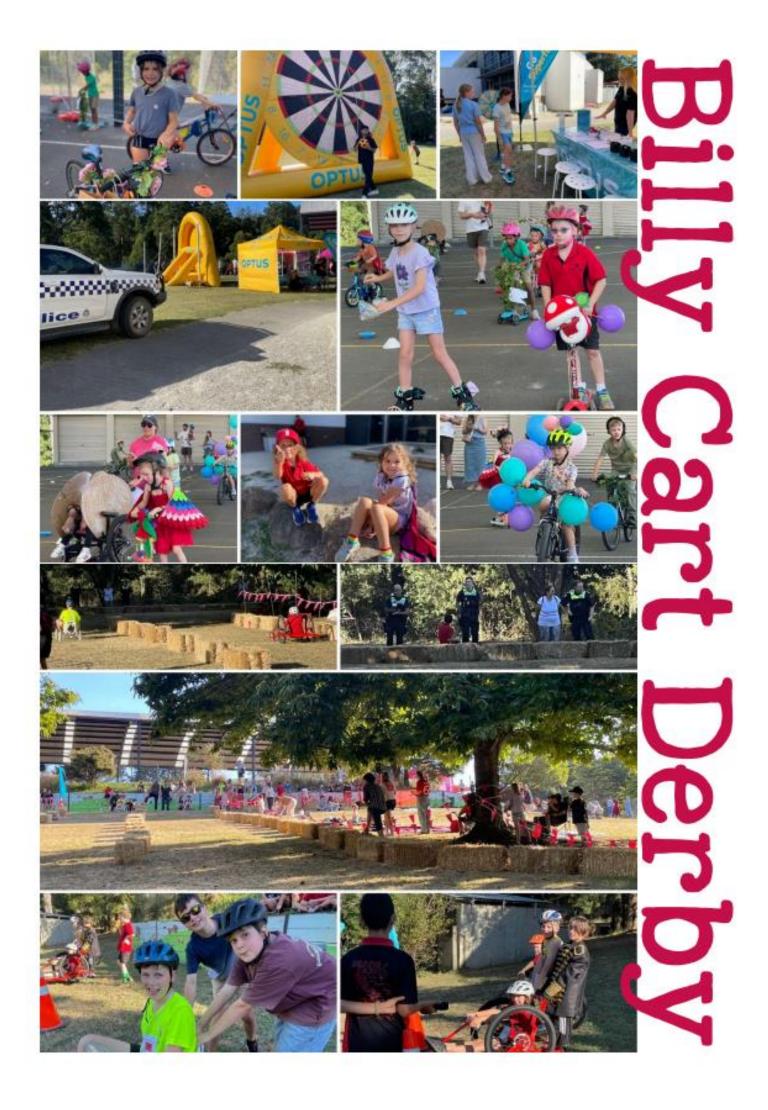
Junior School Snapshot

We have had a busy and exciting Term 1 so far in the Junior School. Our Foundation students are starting to settle into the routine of being at school and the Grade 1 and 2 students are having fun in their new grades/year levels. We have also begun our F-2 Veggie Patch sessions where students have started to investigate lifecycles, mini beasts and seasons, as well as how to look after our garden through watering, weeding and harvesting.



Club Lorne Surf Stars Education Camp







Ferny Creek Primary School is celebrating

Harmony Week

on Wednesday 19th March.

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

Students can wear orange or any free dress outfit that represents them or your family.

Let's come together as a community that is better and stronger when we all feel connected and valued.

Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun from 9am-10am when we will be working on activities that will focus on creating a sense of belonging for everyone.





Easter Ordering 2025

TO OUR ORGANISATION!



Scan me to order!

Simply order your Hot Cross Buns on their website www.bdfundraisingonline.com

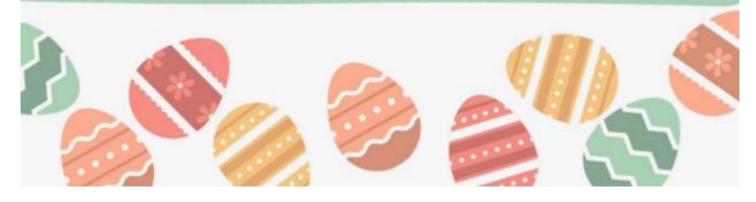
by Wednesday 22nd March

and your items will be delivered to the School for your collection on

Wednesday 2nd April

When ordering online, please make sure you select School and enter your Child's name & Class

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too!





Watch out for raffle tickets & extra details coming home in schoolbags soon.

Extra tickets will be available at the office.



Foundation/Grade 1

Xavier W: For demonstrating all 3 school values every day. Respectful listening, Responsible learning and Resilience every morning!

Bridie H: For working hard to become a more responsible learner and respectful listener! Keep it up Bridie!

Grade 2S

Tao S: For consistently trying his best and making good choices to help him focus during learning time. Keep up the great work!

Lucien D: For applying feedback to improve his handwriting and challenging himself to extend his learning. Well done!

Grade 3/4E

Holly P: For a fantastic start to the year! I have loved reading your detailed writing responses and seeing the great care that you have taken with presentation during our narrative writing unit.

Patrick M: For a fantastic start to the year! We are proud that you adopted strategies to help you stay calm and deal with particular situations.

Grade 3/4K

No stars this week

Grade 5/6A

Rose G: For pushing yourself out of your comfort zone on Club Lorne Surf Camp and overcoming the challenges that come with being away from home. You were an AWESOME member of camp Rose, and you should be VERY proud of yourself! **Edie W:** For the wonderful work you have been doing in your Writers Notebook. Your latest response – The Golden Key – was a wonderful fusion of art and writing and you made great use of dialogue and word choice to engage the reader.

Grade 5/6B

Jessica N: For having a positive attitude towards new learning and being willing to 'have a go' at new things.

Alexander W: For settling in well and being a great student in the class with his behaviour, attitude and effort. Keep it up Alexander.



PLAY BASEBALL THIS WINTER

We invite you to our 'Come and Try' days at Gilbert Park,
Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield on:

Sat 22 March: 10-11:30am Thur 27 March: 5-6:30pm

Tee Ball: Ages 4-8

Rookie Ball: Ages 8-11

U/13: Ages 11-12 | U/15: Ages 13-14

U/17: Ages 15-16

YOU'RE INVITED TO COME & TRY





DECISTED HEDE

Sausage Sizzle Provided!

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND BUT WISH TO DISCUSS FURTHER, PLEASE CONTACT BEL SADLER AT JUNIORS@KNOXBBC.COM.AU OR 0439 733 731



ARE SEEKING PLAYERS

Under 10, Under 11 & Under 13 Mixed Teams

all train at Belgrave Oval Wednesdays 5.30pm

Come along to training, try it out, bring a mate!

FREE Training Top, Shorts & Socks



email belgravejfc@outereastfn.com.au for more information

Yarra Ranges Council

School Holiday Activities

Autumn 2025





Same but Different: A Trilogy The Memo Healesville

Fri 11 Apr – Sat 12 Apr 2025 Recommended for ages 15+



Dad and Me Movie Night: Scoob!

Montrose Town Centre Thu 10 Apr 2025 | 7.00pm For children aged 3-8 years



A Toast to Melba

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum Weds - Sun | 10am - 4pm | Free entry On Display until Sun 29 Jun Recommended for all ages



Melba's Vintage Playroom

Yarra Ranges Regional Museum Weds - Sun | 10am - 4pm | Free entry On Display until Sun 29 Jun Recommended for all ages











Yarra Ranges Council

School Holiday Activities



Autumn 2025 - Calendar



Let's Make Playdough

- 10am-11.30am | Seville
- · Age: 2-5 years
- · Booking required.



Ruccis Circus workshop

- 10am-11am | Ages 3-8 years
- 11am-12pm | Ages 8-14 years
- Belgrave
- · Booking required.



Soccer Clinic

- 10am-12pm | Mooroolbark
- · Age: 5-14 years
- · Booking required.



Leaf printing

- •10am-11am | Lilydale
- · Age: 3-8 years
- · Booking required.



Let's Build Lego-quiet play

- 9.30am 10.30am | Mooroolbark
- · Age: 2-8 years
- Booking required.



Joyride Pump Track

- 2pm 3pm | Coldstream
- · Age: 8-14 years
- Booking required.



Potterv

- •1.30pm 3pm | ECCOSS
- · Age: 8-14 years
- Booking required.



Scan to explore more events and book now!

For more information





1300 368 333 www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/schoolholidays



earlyyears@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

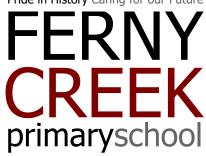


SWPBS Matrix Ferny Creek Primary School

Value	Learning Space	Outside	Movement
T. Harry	 I will follow staff instructions the first time. I will actively listen to the person speaking. I will speak in a positive manner to staff and peers. I will use good manners. I will accept the decision of staff. I will wait until the end of instruction to ask questions. I will apologise when I have hurt others. I will only call people by their preferred name. I will use appropriate tone, volume and language when talking to staff and peers. 	 I will follow staff instructions the first time. I will actively listen to the person speaking. I will speak in a positive manner to staff and peers. I will use good manners. I will accept the decision of staff. I will apologise when I have hurt others. I will only call people by their preferred name. I will use appropriate tone, volume and language when talking to staff and peers. 	 I will follow staff instructions the first time. I will actively listen to the person speaking. I will speak in a positive manner to staff and peers. I will use good manners. I will accept the decision of staff. I will only call people by their preferred name. I will use appropriate tone, volume and language when talking to staff and peers.
	I will always do my best.	I will give things a go.	I will always do my best.
RESILIER	I will regulate my emotions. When there is a problem that I cannot solve myself, I will tell a member of staff (once.)	I will try to regulate my emotions. When there is a problem that I cannot solve myself, I will tell a member of staff (once.)	When there is a problem that I cannot solve myself, I will tell a member of staff (once.)
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VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Pride in History Caring for our Future





School Road, Ferny Creek 3786 Phone - 9755 1522 Mobile - 0400 641 774 Email - ferny.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au

www.fernycreekps.vic.edu.au

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS 2025

Dear parent/guardian,

Ferny Creek PS is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of Ferny Creek PS voluntary financial contributions for 2025.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian curriculum and we want to assure you that all financial contributions are voluntary. Nevertheless, the ongoing financial support from our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education and resources for our students. This has made a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer.

Our school financial contributions have allowed us to support the iPad and Chrome Book program, provide additional literacy and numeracy resources, art, physical education, STEM and music equipment resources. Without the addition of financial contributions from families the additional resources for these programs for the benefit of the students, would be very much restricted.

Please find attached Ferny Creek Primary School's financial contribution schedule for 2025, which includes an overview of what your contributions will help us provide. Please note - there will be no individual book packs provided to students in 2025. All necessary consumable items will be supplied directly to classrooms in bulk and distributed to students as required.

For students in grade 3 to 6 it is expected they will continue to use the contents of their pencil cases from last year.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

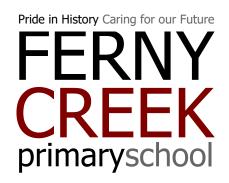
Yours sincerely,

Anni Smart

Frank Packer

Principal

School Council President





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STUDENT NAME	GRADE F-6
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Curriculum Contributions. Items and activities that students use, or participate	Amount
in, to access the Curriculum.	- XCII-II
 Classroom consumables, materials & Equipment ART - paint, crayons, canvas, glitter, coloured paper, card, clay, materials STEM - ingredients, books, shared classroom materials MATHS - numeracy blocks, calculators, textbooks, stationary, math's resource equipment LITERACY - Class sets, novels, readers, book boxes CLASSROOM - pens, pencils, textas, glue sticks, writing, graph and scrap books, highlighters, post it notes, folders, display books, scissors, rulers. Book bags SPORTS - equipment, affiliations LOTE - Auslan workbook 	\$ 100.00
Online subscriptions including: Mathletics, Firefly Maths Trek, PAT Maths, Think Mental Literacy Pro, Essential Assessment, Seesaw, Decodable Readers	\$ 90.00
Printing & photocopying of worksheets and learning materials	\$ 15.00
CT Devices – provision of devices for the shared classroom sets	\$ 15.00
SUB TOTAL	\$ 220.00
Other contributions – for non-curriculum items and activities	Amount
School grounds maintenance and improvements. Suggested \$ 80.00 per family	S
Tax deductible contributions	Amount
Library fund.	
A tax-deductible contribution to support the purchasing of learning resources e.g., book purchases, improving technology resources- iPads, Chromebooks and other equipment that supports student learning across the school.	s
Chromebook Lease/ Purchase Co-contribution YEAR 3-6 ONLY	\$ 75.00
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$



Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Ferny Creek PS offers a range of items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides in order to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

No Payment is required for these activities at this time. Permission forms and payment requests will be sent out to families throughout 2025.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities	
Optional school camp for Years 3 to 6 (No camps for 2024)	
Optional Interschool Sports program,	7111
Other optional incursions and excursions to be scheduled	
Optional Swimming program	

Financial Support for Families

Ferny Creek PS understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- · the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund to eligible Health Care Card holders
- Individual Payment Plans
- State School relief

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact: Jill Heathcote, Business Manager Ph: 03 9755 1522 | Email: ferny.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Payment methods

- Cash
- EFTPOS
- Direct Deposit to the school's bank account. CBA 063 414 A/C No 1002 2451
- Credit card

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Details as follo	ws:					
Name on Card:						
Card No:				Exp date:	/_	
Signature						

REFUNDS

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payment Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy and any other relevant information.



PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.

PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:



Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for noncurriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

 Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot
 pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

 Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

SUNSMART REMINDER

Just a reminder that <u>all</u> 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.





UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Ferny Creek Primary School. All our uniform pieces can be purchased on site, from our uniform shop on Monday from 8.50am – 9.30am.





FERNY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Student Name:	Phone No:			Class:		
Date Ordered:	Date Paid:	Date Collected		ed:		
Uniform Shop Item	Size Range	Prices	Size	Quantity	Sub	
TOPS	1.5 (1.5)		1. 30		A.E.	
Polo T-Shirt Short Sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,16	\$20.00				
Polo T-Shirt Short Sleeve	Adult S, M, L	\$25.00			1	
JUMPERS		71.				
Polar Fleece Full Zip	6,8,10,12,14,16	\$40.00		1		
Polar Fleece Full Zip	Adult S, M, L	\$43.00	1			
Polar Fleece Black Vest	6,8,10,12,14	\$34.00	1,134	1 1		
PANTS		1.7	1	1		
Mesh Shorts	6,8,10,12,14,16	\$14.00	3 11			
JACKETS			1			
Waterproof Jacket – Fleece Lined	6,8,10,12	\$37.00				
ACCESSORIES		7.7				
Brimmed Hats (Prep – 6)	S, M, L	\$10.00		17 17 1		
Bucket Hats (Grades 3-6)	M, L, XL	\$10.00			· .	
Girls Winter Pinafore	6,8,10	\$52.00	1 1			
	12,14	\$56.00				
School Bags		\$45.00				
				TOTAL		

The uniform shop is open on Monday from 8.50am – 9.30am.

Uniform shop orders can also be placed at the office.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The last day of Term 1 is Friday 4th April.



School finishes at 2.30pm.

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.

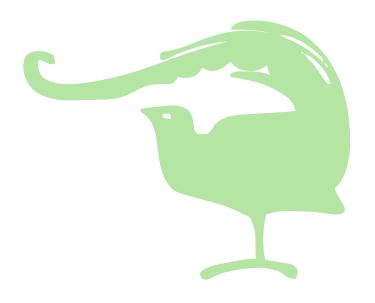
STUDENT SUPERVISION

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 partnewed with TheirCare to provide this service to your school whick includes quality care, booking flexibility, amazing programming for your children and commitment to deliver on our promise to your 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 righthand corner to register your child's details.

All families are strongly encourage 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.







FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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 background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & 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 trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid 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:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary 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.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx





PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse.

No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.

Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.





It's everyone's responsibility.

Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.

If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources www.education.vic.gov.au/protect











Term 1 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
February	03 Foundation First Day	04	05	06	07 Assembly
	10	11	12	13	14
	17 District Swimming Belgrave	18	Meet the teacher conversations	20 C LOUR RUN	21 Assembly
	24 G3/4 Camp	25	26 G3/4 Camp returns	27 Working Bee	28 11.30 Assembly Billy Cart Derby
March	O3 Autumn Foliage Fiesta free dress day	04	05	06 Student Free Day	07 Assembly
	10 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	11	12 G5/6 Camp Division Swimming Croydon	13	14 G5/6 Camp returns
		Naplan	Naplan	Naplan	Naplan
	17	18	19 Free Dress for Harmony Day	20	21 Regional Swimming Ringwood
	Naplan	Naplan	Naplan	Naplan	Naplan
	24 Book Club orders close Naplan	25	26	Whole School Excursion to Mordialloc Beach	28 Working Bee this Sunday
April	31	01	02	03	O4 Easter Hat Parade Last day of Term 2.30pm dismissal

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