

Ferny Creek PS Connections



Together we make a difference

Friday 4th April 2025

Hi everyone,

I would like to say a very big thank you to the students, staff and families of Ferny Creek PS for a wonderful term. There has been a positive vibe throughout the school, and I appreciate the efforts of everyone as we work together to ensure that our students are 'winning'. I am sure that you share my optimism for this continued positive collaboration as we move into Term 2.

It was lovely to finish the term with our Easter Hat Parade this morning. It was clear that families have been immersed in crafting over the last week and the results were stunning. Please enjoy the photos of our winners, student leaders and our special guest, Mr E Bunny.

I have enjoyed meeting with families over the last few weeks to discuss students in more detail. This will result in individual goals being set and personalised programs being implemented for next term. I thank you for your time and encourage all parents to contact the office if you would like to make an appointment with me.

It was lovely to see Anni who has been enjoying her leave this term. She visited staff and students yesterday to let them know that she is excited about moving on to her next adventure. We thank her for all the wonderful work she has done at our school, and we wish her well for the future.

Our school calendar is still in draft form as our teachers finalise planning for Term 2. I know that there are some exciting events being organised and we will add them as soon as details are confirmed. I do ask that you note down the **two student free days** for next term: **May 14th and June 10th**. You can also access the live calendar vis Compass.

There will be some maintenance and gardening works happening over the next two weeks. Please feel free to enjoy the grounds during this time but please be mindful of the staying away from the areas where work is taking place.

I hope that you have a very safe and relaxing holiday break, and we look forward to seeing you back at school on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Susan

Susan Vissenjoux
Acting Principal







ANZAC DAY APRIL 25, 2025

Dawn Service

06:30 AM

Ferny Creek Memorial
Cnr Sherbrooke Rd & Mount
Dandenong Tourist Road

Gunfire Breakfast follows service
at Ferny Creek Scouts Hall
Gold Coin Donation appreciated

March & Service

10:30 AM

Sassafras Village Green

Sub-Branch open following
service for BBQ and Drinks

Teamwork
Community
Commitment
Responsibility
Respect
Confidence

Junior Volunteer Development Program

The Junior development program is for boys and girls aged 11 up to 15 years and offers a variety of activities teaching life skills and fire understanding/safety.

The development program helps children get a better understanding of the CFA while developing personal skills and community awareness through social, recreational and educational activities.

Activities can include

practical firefighting drills first aid training communication skills
leadership development team work fire safety awareness
Fire brigade competitions and championships

There is no cost to join!

For more information contact your local CFA

Sassafras Ferny Creek: sfcfbsecretary@outlook.com

Upwey: upwey_juniors@upweycfa.org.au

For more information visit:

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-with-cfa/junior-volunteers>

| Fun | Friendship | Firefighting skills |

The junior program is supervised by Junior Leaders who are volunteer members of the brigade
(all leaders hold a Working with Children Check)





Easter

Egg Hunt in Sassafras Village

MUSIC | GAMES | SHOPPING | FOOD



Saturday, April 19th
11 am - 3 pm

Save the date – exciting things are coming!
We're planning something special... stay tuned!

Great Easter Hunt!

EXPLORE THE VILLAGE, COLLECT STAMPS AND TREATS ALONG THE WAY, AND END YOUR ADVENTURE AT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY HALL, WHERE A SPECIAL BONUS PRIZE AWAITS! 🎁

AFTER THE HUNT, STAY AND ENJOY A MAGICAL EASTER CRAFT SESSION WITH OTHER LOCALS—PERFECT FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER!

LET THE HUNT BEGIN!

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
**SASSAFRAS and FERNY CREEK
COMMUNITY GROUP**

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IMPORTANT DETAILS

CURRICULUM DAYS

The first day of Term 2 is

Tuesday 22nd April.

Term 2 student free days are
14th May and 10th June.



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 your school which 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 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 2025 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	21 Easter Monday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	22 First Day of Term 2	23 Ferny Creek Primary School Anzac Ceremony 	24	25 ANZAC Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	28	29	30	01	02
May	05 Whole School Event – "Being Brave"	06	07	08 Book Fair 	09
	12 Education Week	13 Last day of Book Fair	14 Student Free Day	15	16
	19	20	21	22	23 District Cross Country
	26	27	28	29	30
June	02	03 Division Cross Country	04	05 School Photos	06
	09 Kings Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10 Student Free Day	11	12 Region Cross Country	13
	16	17	18	19	20
	23	24	25	26	27 Working Bee  Sunday 29 th June
	30	01	02	03	04 Last Day of Term 2.30pm Dismissal
July					



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