2015 CALENDAR DATES

OCTOBER
- Thur 15th: Geelong Show Art Exhibit’n (Thu-Sun)
- Fri 16th: International Dress Day - for Melaku
- Mon 19th: School Council 7.00pm
- Tue 20th: Gr 5/6 P4P Parent Info session 7pm
- Wed 21st: Geelong Cup Public Holiday
- Thu 22nd: Gr 2 Rube Goldberg presentation
- Thu 27th: Gr 5/6 Kanga Cricket - T20 Blast
- Wed 28th: Gr 4 P4P Girls & Mums session 4pm
- Thu 29th: Gr 2 Count Us In - Costa Hall
- Fri 30th: World Teachers Day

NOVEMBER
- Mon 2nd: Gr 5/6 O & S - Bio Cats excursion
- Fri 6th: Gr Prep - Donegan’s Farm
- Mon 9th: Life Ed Gr P-4 (Mon-Fri)
- Gr 5/6 C - Bio Cats excursion
- Thur 12th: Prep ’16 Transition session #1 2.30pm
- Fri 13th: Student Progress Reports home
- Mon 16th: School Council 7pm
- Thur 19th: Prep ’16 Transition session #2 2.30pm
- Mon 23rd: St Johns First Aid Gr 5/6
- Tue 24th: Prep ’16 Transition #3 5.30pm
- Fri 27th: 50th Anniversary Christmas Fair
- Mon 30th: Prep 2016 Information Night 7.30pm

DECEMBER
- Fri 4th: Prep ’16 Transition #4 2.30pm
- Tue 8th: Prep 2016 Family BBQ 6.00pm
- Fri 11th: Student Progress Reports home
- Mon 14th: Gr 6 Graduation
- Tue 15th: Gr 6 Day Out

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
- Bank Books
- Receipts
- Christmas Fair donation flyer
- Gr 2 Music Count Us In Excursion
- Book Club - Money & Forms due back Friday October 23rd

SCHOOL COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING
The next meeting of the Fyans Park Primary School Council will be held on Monday 19th at 7.00pm. Would all councillors please take note. A Finance Committee meeting will precede this at 6.30pm.

GEELONG CUP HOLIDAY
A reminder that that next Wednesday 21st October is a holiday for schools in the Geelong Area. This gazetted holiday will see all government schools in our area closed for a regional holiday.

2015 XMAS FAIR—6 weeks to go!!!
Our Xmas Fair for 2015 is only 6 weeks away!! No need to panic because our organising group are on top of things with some vigorous planning. Rides have been booked, entertainment organised, stalls gearing up, lucky noodle boxes ready to be filled, and preserves bottled.

Check out our updates each week in the newsletter for new stalls and products at the fair and things we may need to help us give you the community the best fair possible.

Thanks again and remember to keep up to date with all Xmas Fair log on to our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/FyansParkChristmasFair

Are you able to help out on the day? Maybe help us set up or take down after the Fair?
We have a roster of helpers and are always in need of more so if you can help out please contact the organisers.

Thank you
On Monday 12th, the Year 1 went on an awesome excursion to Ashton’s house to look at his garden. Ashton organised a tour of his garden and we saw lots of vegetables and fruits. Some of the fruits and vegetables that we saw were passionfruit, apple trees, broad beans, carrots, pumpkin, potatoes, blackberries, strawberries and tomatoes.

Some interesting facts we learnt were:

- If you water carrots too much they don’t grow very big and sometimes grow curly;
- One potato can make lots and lots of potatoes;
- If you put duct tape around the trunk of a tree it will stop insects crawling up;
- A pipe in the middle of compost bin helps air get down into the soil.

We saw Ashton’s water tanks which collected water from the shed roof. They had pipes connecting the 3 tanks so when the water overflowed it went to the next one. At the end, Ashton’s parents gave us a piece of watermelon to eat. Before we left each Year 1 got some parsley from the garden to take home. We had lots of fun!

By the Year 1
The Nature Kids - Christmas Fair Stall

The Grade Threes, Fours and Fives are running stalls at the Christmas Fair and 'The Nature Kids' business is asking for donations of gardening items. If anyone can donate any of the following things please see Lewis in the 3/4 Department or Miss O'Donnell.

- Small pots
- Tube stock pots
- Potting mix
- Quick growing seeds
- Seedlings (closer to the Christmas Fair like vegetable seeds, flower seeds etc.)

If you have a spare few minutes, could you please complete our survey at http://goo.gl/forms/nG9Wdau505 to help us decide what to sell at our stall.

Kolour Kids - 3/4PBL

The Kolour Kids team are working hard preparing items to sell at this year’s Christmas Fair. They need your help! If you have any unused picture frames in any size and colour as well as any coloured wool at home, it would be greatly appreciated if you could donate these to the students in Grade 3/4/5. Please see Cooper in the 3/4 Department or Miss Castelow if you have any queries or you can leave any donations at the office. Thank you in advance 😊
CAVE HILL CREEK - GRADE 3/4 CAMP

Day 1

The 3/4 students and teachers went to Cave Hill Creek for their camp in Beaufort. We arrived at camp after a quick snack in Ballarat and found out our activity groups and who was in our cabins. We unpacked knowing that we could have an inspection anytime and gain points for our cabins. We met Nick who was a camp host and he played the didgeridoo. The activity groups were the Possums, the Kangaroos, Kookaburras, Cockatoos, Wombats and Goannas. We headed out for our first 2 activities. I remember Max and Cooper being sharp shooters and Sophie, Johnny and James climbing the wall like Spider-Man. When we got back it was getting dark so we had one of the best dinners in the world and had a cabin inspection where we happily earned points and sadly lost them. Mr Hambrook took us for an adventure walk around the property at night to see all the native animals.

Day 2

The next morning it was wonderful to hear the kookaburras and see the fog floating above the creek. We had breakfast and while we were eating there was a surprise cabin inspection. Most people’s favourite meal was the meatballs. Some people tried foods they had never had before. We celebrated Cinnamon and Chelsea's birthdays on camp which they will never forget. The activities that we did on camp were Bouldering/ Tug O War, Bush Cooking, Map Reading, Archery, Hut Building and Low Ropes. All the activities we challenging and involved working in teams. That night was concert night. It was great to relax, eat some lollies and watch our friends perform. Everyone was pretty tired after waking up early, so we fell asleep pretty quickly. Some people fell asleep during the mindfulness activity after the concert.

Day 3

We woke up to experience another awesome breakfast, and we remembered sadly it was the last day of camp. The 3/4 Department split in 2 groups and 1 half got a grand tour of the camp and the other half made their lunch. After that we swapped around. When we got back to school it was a great feeling seeing our parents and brothers or sisters. I would like to say a big thank you to the 3/4 teachers for organising and running the camp. A big thank you to Miss Ritchie, Mr Nelson who was in charge of the open fires, Helen, Mr Dodd, Mr Bates and Miss Driscoll. I can't wait for camp in two years.

Thank you.

By Hannah and Imi in Grade 3/4H
Walk to School Month
VicHealth’s Walk to School month is a free, easy and fun way for kids to get active this October. Students are encouraged to walk, ride or scoot to and from school to kick-start healthy walking habits that can lead to good health for life. Younger children are encouraged to walk with their parents and older children on their own (when their parents decide it’s safe) to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day.

*** ARTY NEWS ***
Throughout Term 3, students have been busy designing, making and creating wonderful artworks with wool for this year’s Geelong Show. They have learnt to weave, wrap, sew a variety of stitch types, thread and tie knots. This year’s display is ‘Rapt in Wool’.

Grade 5/6C also entered the ‘Can-do’ competition and called it ‘Mt Buller Snow School’. They created skiing snowman from tin cans.

If you happen to be heading to the Geelong Show from Oct 15th - 18th, pop into the Education Pavilion and see if you can spot your woollen artwork or tin can.

A BIG thanks to Jenni Dodd, Mandy Leigh, Anne Morell and Jodie Greenhill for volunteering to assist in the setup of our fantastic display.

Mrs T :)
ROLL UP ROLL UP!
ITS APRON TIME AGAIN...
AND THIS YEAR THEY
ARE OUR BEST YET

COTTON .................. $25.00
BLACK WITH WHITE LOGO
WHITE WITH GREEN LOGO

LINEN ...................... $30.00
OATMEAL WITH WHITE LOGO
BROWN WITH WHITE LOGO

DENIM ...................... $35.00
BLUE WITH WHITE LOGO

TEA TOWELS AVAILABLE TOO... $15.00
WHITE WITH GREEN PRINT

LOGO OPTIONS ARE
FYANS PARK SCHOOL LOGO
ARTWORK OF CHILDREN'S FACES

APRONS CAN BE ORDERED
AT THE OFFICE.
FORM AVAILABLE ONLINE
AT fyansparkps.vic.edu.au
OR ON SKOOLBAG APP

samples available at office
The Great Fyans Park Bake-Off

Who will be Fyans Park Baking Champion?

New this year, this event gives you the chance to flex your competitive baking muscle. The Bake-off off has two categories; kids and adults for the best cake and is open to everyone to enter for $2. We are lining up some fabulous prizes and judges. More details will be sent out soon, but in the mean-time head into the kitchen and start practising.

Books Books Books

It’s not too late to start spring cleaning and put aside donations for the Book stall. Each year Mrs Rippon and the Preps run the fabulous second-hand book stall. Items you can donate include:

- books, new or used
- magazines
- music CDs (originals, no ripped discs)
- DVDs (originals, no ripped discs)
- board games & jigsaws

Silent Auction

Can you make a donation for the silent auction or ask a friend or local business to donate?

Great silent auction items include gift vouchers, original artwork, tools, kitchen appliances, games, sporting equipment and memorabilia, toys, pet supplies, clothing, jewellery and beauty supplies. Basically anything you would like to bid for is the way to go.

If you need an official letter to approach a business, please see Jan in the office and she can organise this for you.

Information Show-Bag

We are putting together a show bag with all the information you need for the Fair. It will be sent home in the coming weeks. Please take the time to check it out.

See you at the Fair!

~ Friday 27 November 4-8pm ~

We are delighted to acknowledge this year’s Platinum Christmas Fair sponsors
Enabling our children to enjoy safe and healthy travel to and from school

**Recommended for parents/carers with children up to 8 years of age**

**Presenter:**
Early Learning Association Australia

Just three decades ago, 70 per cent of children walked or rode to school – now only 30 per cent do...

All parents want their children to arrive at school safely and on time and most believe the best way is to drive them right to the school gate. This however can cause traffic and parking congestion outside school gates and create hazards for children as they hop in and out of cars or walk and ride to school.

We invite you to come along and hear about:

- the many benefits of using active travel to get to and from school
- why it is so important for young children to experience active travel
- how you can help develop your children’s essential road safety skills, supporting safe independent active travel when they are older
- fun activities, ideas, hints and tips to help your children stay safe and become independent road users

**LIMITED PLACES - GET IN QUICK!**

**Cost:** FREE!

3 sessions available, register through links below

**Session 1:**
**Venue:** Ocean Grove Pavilion  
**Date:** 13th October 2015  
**Time:** 5.45pm – 7.15pm  

**Session 2:**
**Venue:** Waurn Ponds Library  
**Date:** 15th October 2015  
**Time:** 5.45pm – 7.15pm  

**Session 3:**
**Venue:** The Arena (North Geelong)  
**Date:** 22nd October 2015  
**Time:** 5.45pm – 7.15pm  

**Catering:** A light supper will be provided

**Photographs** will be taken at the session. Please alert the photographer if you do not wish to be photographed.

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Walk to School is a VicHealth Initiative and proudly supported by Healthy Together Geelong and the Victorian Government.
INTERNATIONAL DAY 2015

On Friday the 16th October the Fyans Park SRC will be running an International Dress Up Day. We are raising money for our sponsor child Melaku. The International Day aim is to be able to raise awareness of our surrounding cultures and countries in hope to reunite them as one. Children may come dressed in the colours of a country’s flag or may dress up in something relating to that country. To come dressed up it is required that all children bring a gold coin donation. All shoes worn must be enclosed and students must have a sunsmart hat for recess and lunch play. If you choose not to participate can you please wear your School Uniform. We hope you support Melaku by dressing up for Fyans Parks International Day. Thank you for your continuous donations and support.

Ned, Sara and Coco

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

Metal activates when exposed to for example moisture, acid and salt. When this happens material such as foil can change color or small holes appear. Food exposed to this process ought not to be eaten. Plastics such as glad wrap, being very soft, signal plastic softeners have been used. Besides saving money and sending packaging to landfill you and your family can enjoy a BPA / metal free lunch. For inspiration please watch this short film on how to pack a litter free lunch. http://www.kidsfoodtalk.com.au/contents/en-us/d31_naked-wrapper-free-
Term 4 Week 1, 8\textsuperscript{th} of October 2015 - Welcome to Term 4!

Hi Families,

We hope you all had an enjoyable & safe holiday. This term in O.S.H.C is \textit{“No Hat, No Play”} Children will be encouraged also to put sunscreen on before going outside, we will be following the sun smart policy, \textit{“Seek, Slip, Slop, Slap”} Seek shelter, Slip on a shirt, Slop on sunscreen & Slap on a hat!!

Our tCAF activities this term will be all about becoming Junior Global Citizens, last year we made presents to send over to our sponsored school in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, we will be doing this again and sending hand made games and jigsaw puzzles to the children. Our Junior Global Citizenship program encourages children to explore their own values and share their opinions while respecting the opinions and values of others, by encouraging children to do this through our program, we are creating a base for a contributing global citizen that lasts a lifetime.

To view the children receiving their gifts last year and more about the program, head to \url{http://www.campaustralia.com.au/tcaf} Click on the How we change lives box and then scroll down to the International Level section and you'll see the video there.

We endeavour to ensure that all your child's medical and contact details are kept up to date as possible, to help us with this task we ask you to come and see us if there is any changes in your or your child's details. We want to make sure we can contact you if there is an emergency and ensuring that your details are correct is the best way to do this.

We encourage you all to enrol your child/ren with us in case of emergencies that are beyond your control and to ensure that we have access to your child’s details if needed. To enrol your child/ren go to \url{www.campaustralia.com.au}.

We have vacancies every morning and afternoon in O.S.H.C. don’t hesitate to book your child/ren in today!

Cheers & Keep Smiling

Jodie, Reena, Julie, Jacinta & Dawn