2015 CALENDAR DATES

OCTOBER

Tue 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
Wed 4th  Hot Food Day
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
        Gr 5 Leadership Day
Thur 17th  Last day students - 3.30pm dismissal
Fri 18th  Last day teachers

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

• Bank Books
• Receipts
• Special Food Day order form
• Life Ed Notes

SCHOOL COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING

Our school council met earlier this week and continues to support and develop progressive programs to improve the outcomes of our students. Discussions for October centred on:-

• Support for the Chaplaincy Program with Alison McDonald with funding coming for the second half of this year and an application for next year.
• Support for upcoming Term 4 programs including Preparation for Puberty, First Aid in schools, BioLab, Donegans Farm, prep 2016 transition program and Life Ed.
• Our school has received a grant of $6600 in Equity funding from the DET to address issues of disadvantage in our school. The amount reflects the level of disadvantage identified by the Department’s scale including student family orientation and results at our school. The funding will go towards improving student outcomes.
• Congratulations to Mr Calnin and the Green Team (with Heidi Fogg) who have brought about an 18.4% decrease in our energy bill after implementing recommendations to help us become more energy efficient. This figure has been achieved in 3 months with expectations being 20% for 12 months. Great work!!
• NAPLAN results whilst being positive on student performance dipped slightly for the first time in 6 years. Soundwaves spelling continues to show a positive benefit but we will watch the 2 cohorts from this year to make sure we bring back the expected improvement.
• Ratification of the Parent Payment and SunSmart Policies to reflect Department guidelines.
• A review of the delivery of instrumental music at our school. Feedback from parents involved would be very much appreciated.

We thank council for their deliberations and support of the programs that keep Fyans Park at the very forefront of primary education in our region.
Rides are Booked
Get ready for two new big rides. For the first time ever at Fyans Park we have the Cha-Cha and Tea Cups joining our all-time favourites, the Giant Slide and two Jumping Castles - one each for big and little kids, and the Animal Farm.

Show Bag coming out next week
We are putting together a show bag with all the information you need for the Fair. It will include info booklet, booking forms, lucky noodle jar and cake plate. It goes home next week with the kids, so keep an eye out for it.

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

Who can make the Best Cake?
Mr Crossett is about to find out!
Calling all Budding Bakers .... Great Aunt Gloria .... Chefs ..... Keeper of the Family Recipe ..... the next MasterChef and all good old fashioned cooks. Get out your whisk and wooden spoons, grease those cake tins and blast up the oven. Start dreaming of your masterpiece. We’re all preparing for the Inaugural Best Cake Comp.
At the Christmas Fair we’re going to find out which Fyans Park student and which grown up is the BEST CAKE MAKER EVER (well ....... until next year!)

Grade 3/4/5 Stall
The students are working in teams and have plans to make their stalls bigger and better than last year. They are looking for supplies of coloured wool, picture frames and gardening gear. Please help out if you can.

Our Sponsors
A big thank you to our Platinum and Gold sponsors who have come on board this year

PLATINUM
- Wilsons Quality Real Estate
- Bellbrae Estate

GOLD
- M.C. Herd Meat Wholesalers
- Aviva Dental
- Fry Built Contemporary Construction
- Villawood Properties

50th Year Celebrations
www.facebook.com/FyansParkChristmasFair
As part of Project Based Learning at Fyans Park Primary School, the Years 3, 4 & 5 students are working together to form small businesses. Each business will be responsible for running a stall at the Christmas Fair.

With only 5 weeks to go, students are busy planning, drafting, creating and pricing items to sell. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom and Lionel from the Leopold Men’s Shed who have given up much of their time to work with the children to create amazing woodwork items to decorate and sell. We would also like to thank Justin Flanagan from Calco Timber for donating wood supplies.

If you would like to follow our progress, please visit our blog


We would love any feedback you can give us. We will keep you updated via the newsletter each week on the products we are making and any donations we are seeking. We look forward to seeing you at our stalls at the Christmas Fair!
ARTY NEWS ..........

We are proud to announce that we were winners at this year’s Geelong Show.

Grade 56C’s Can Do art work was awarded third place and our school exhibit “Rapt in Wool” received the Encouragement Award in the Over 200 Student category.

Well done everyone!

Mrs T

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 😊.

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/wG91WdaVu505 to help us decide what to sell at our stall.
Debating - Team 1

This year debating was very fun and our team thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. We would definitely recommend it to any student coming into Grade Six. Our team consisted of Ella, Charlotte, Matilda and Louis. We participated in 4 debates against other schools, which were Geelong Grammar, Westbourne Grammar, Belmont and Lara. We enjoyed every minute of these debates. In the first 2 debates our team got the topic a few weeks before the debate, but in the last 2 debates our team got half an hour to write and prepare our speeches. The first debate was against Geelong Grammar. Our topic was that cyclists should have to pay for a license and registration. We were the affirmative team and we did very well considering it was our first ever debate but we unfortunately lost by one point. In the next debate against Westbourne Grammar our topic was ‘That Social Media causes more harm than good’. Again, we did brilliantly, and this time the result reflected how well we did - we won by one point. Our third debate was a secret topic. We were very nervous as this was the first time we had done an actual secret topic. We were against Belmont and were the affirmative team on the subject ‘That students should pack their own school lunch’. In secret topic debates, you are given half an hour to write your speech without research or books of any sort, then you have to debate against the opposition. All members of our team spoke well and convincingly, and we won by 2 points. Our final debate, against Lara, was again a secret topic. We spoke the best we ever had, but were unlucky to lose by one point. Overall, debating was a great experience, and we had loads of fun doing it, as well as learning lots from it. We want to thank all of the 5/6 teachers for helping us with the debating.
By Louis and Ella

Debating - Team 3

So far it has been an exciting year for us. We had a big surprise when we found out we were on the debating team, we were a little bit behind with just 1 week before our first debate, ‘Cyclists should have to have a license to use the road’. Chloe, Sophie and Kayley won their Debate at Grovedale Primary School. The next debate was ‘Social media causes more harm than good’. Amelia, Annabella and Erin won their debate as well. After this was the secret topics where we got 30 minutes to plan and practice our debate. We won both of these debates against Wallington PS and Bannockburn PS. Because we won all 4 debates, we were lucky enough to make the finals. Last week we participated in the Semi Finals at Hamly Banks Primary School against Bellbrae PS. Chloe, Annabella and Sophie debated and did such an amazing job that they won! We will be participating in the Preliminary Finals next week and will keep you updated on our progress.
Debating - Team 2

Debating this year was both a privilege and honour to be a part of. Our team (Maggie, Iris, Coco, and Perri) participated in 4 debates over the time and enjoyed every one of them. Along the way we picked up new skills and tips which we were able to implement in other debates. Our first debate was against Geelong Grammar. Our topic was 'That cyclist should pay for registration'. Considering it was our first ever time debating we did extremely well and won our debate. It was great fun. Our second debate was just as good, even though unfortunately we lost by 1 point. The topic was 'That Social Media causes more harm than good'. We were against Westbourne Grammar. We really enjoyed visiting this school and even though we didn’t win we still had an amazing time. The next debate was a secret topic so we had 30 minutes to prepare our arguments. It was extremely nerve wracking but all the practise definitely paid off. Again we lost by just one point however it was extremely close and we had some more improvements we could take on board. Our final debate was by far the best, winning easily. Once again it was a secret topic but we worked together as a team and put forward many strong arguments. Well done to Coco who was awarded Best Speaker 3 times in a row and also to Iris for winning a Best Speaker award as well. Altogether, congratulations on an amazing debating season Team 2. We would like to thank all of the 5/6 teachers for helping us along the way. Without you we wouldn’t be able to have this amazing opportunity. We would also like to thank any students, teachers and parents who supported us along the way.

By Iris and Debating Team 2
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
Term 4, Week 3 - 22nd of October 2015

We Can ALL be Junior Global Citizens!

Hi Families,

This term in O.S.H.C is “No Hat, No Play” Children will be encouraged also to put sunscreen on before going outside, we will be following the Sun Smart policy, “Seek, Slip, Slop, Slap” Seek shelter, Slip on a shirt, Slop on sunscreen and Slap on a hat!!

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. This term we will be making jigsaws and making some literacy and numeracy games to send to the children in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

To view the children receiving their gifts last year and more about the program, head to 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 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