

## DIARY DATES

### December

Mon 7—Fri 11

Yrs 2/3/4 Swimming program

Tues 8

2016 Foundation Transition  
Yr 6 Secondary Transition Day

Wed 9

School helpers morning tea

Thurs 10

Xmas Concert

Fri 11

Year 6 FARM trip

Tues 15

Fairhills has the X Factor  
Start 1:30pm finish approx. 3pm

Wed 16

Year 6 Graduation

Thurs 17

Yrs 5/6 Water Adventure Program

Fri 18

Last Day of Term 4  
1:30pm dismissal

### 2016

#### January

Wed 27

Curriculum Day (Pupil Free)  
Book pick up Yrs 1-6  
Hours: 9am-4pm

Thurs 28

Yrs 1-6 First day of school

Fri 29

On-line assessment Preps 2016

#### Curriculum Days

Wed 27 January  
Thurs 25 February  
Wed 18 May

#### School Council Meeting Dates

Mon. 14 December

#### Instrumental Music Program

Tuesday Piano/Singing  
Tuesday Guitar  
Friday Chess

#### Uniform:

Beleza School Uniforms  
Shop 5, Mountain Gate Ferntree  
Gully (see amended hours)  
Phone: 9753 5788

## School Values

**Honesty**

**Integrity**

**Respect**

**Confidence**

**Acceptance**

**Responsibility**



## Friday 4th December 2015



Rickett's Point Excursion



Year 6 Bike Hike

### Mrs Beaurain's Blurp

**Classes 2016:** all students have completed their individual sociograms to indicate *learning partners* for next year. *Learning partners don't have to be this year's classmates.*

A reminder: classes at Fairhills Ps are organised using the following criteria:

personalised learning needs

group dynamics

learning partners – using observations made during the whole school transition process and suggestions given by students in their sociograms

considerations – family requests (siblings etc)

**Whole School Transition 2015:** Tuesday 08 DECEMBER will continue the Fairhills PS whole school transition program. Students move through different groups with different staff over these sessions. If possible given that staff can apply to work in a different school for 2016 and staffing changes can occur at any point, students will meet the 2016 staff at some time during the last week.

During transition students will be in practising groups. The teacher in charge of the sessions will change for each session and is **NOT** the 2016 teacher.

The purpose for our whole school transition is a chance:

to be ready confident and organised for 2016

to get to know other students

to remember past leaning partners and friends

to think about learning partners for 2016

to find out information and expectations for 2016

After each transition ask your children about what makes a good learning partner.

The 2015 Year 4 students will be meeting their 2016 buddies on Tuesday 08.

**Students & Families leaving at the end of 2015:** If your child/ren **IS / ARE NOT** in the 2015 Year 6 group *please let the office staff know* if you will not be at Fairhills in

# Student Awards



FD: Rhys—For trying hard to concentrate on his learning



3/4H: Tas—For an excellent talk about the development of film



4/5W: 'Music Award' Great enthusiasm during singing. Fantastic dance moves to go



FD: Grace—A great start back after a long break



4/5W: Ruby—For having a great community spirit and always helping without being asked



1/2S: Yannis—'Reading Award' Using his voice to sound like a storyteller when he reads



2/3T: Jordan—For an excellent effort to concentrate during listening times. Keep up the great work!



5/6K: Jason—For being a hard working and cooperative student as well as a friendly class member



1/2S: Kailei—'Language Award' Very good listening & actively participated in the learning games. Kailei has been making a great effort on learning a new language



FD: Ariel—For always trying hard to improve her writing and spelling



4/5W: Teahlia—For writing an excellent Tanka poem about her Pop



3/4H: Mitchell 'Sports Award'—For participating with such enthusiasm and actively listening during PE



2/3T: Max—For trying really hard to improve his handwriting and making good choices. Well done!



5/6K: Hannah & Bailey—For showing initiative and creative thinking skills in organising our talent quest this year!



FD: Sam 'Reading Award' - For fantastic reading of a book he had never seen before



FR: Daniel—For working incredibly hard all week



3/4H: 'Library Award' - The whole class having no overdue books in their book boxes



3/4H: Allira—For a big improvement in attitude and for a great effort this week



FD: Diesel 'Music Award' - For using his beautiful singing voice during Performing Arts and being a pleasure to have in the classroom



2/3T: Karylle 'Language Award' - For very good listening and sitting nicely all the time

2016. This information is crucial so that we can plan 2016 classes and organise resources for next year. Thankyou for your prompt notification.

**Booklists:** have been distributed. You have a copy of the booklist TO KEEP and a second copy which had to be returned to school **MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2015**. Payment is NOT required until **WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2016**.

**Pre loved uniforms:** any clean second hand uniforms to be donated can be brought to the front office - thanks.

**Fairhills X FACTOR:** it's the time of year for this VERY prestigious event ! ALL entries need to be handed into the office for Hannah and Bailey 5/6K by WEDNESDAY 09 DECEMBER. **NO LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted.

**Parent Helpers' Morning Tea:** in appreciation of your assistance at our school this year, Fairhills PS staff would like to invite you to a Morning Tea to be held in the new hall at 11.00am Wednesday 09 DECEMBER. Enjoy the last two weeks of the 2015 school year.

From the School Council: **School Council process:** School Council approval needs to be given and two authorizations have to be made by approved School Council members **PRIOR** to buying any items to be used by the school. Please be aware that any community members without the appropriate authorization and without School Council approval **will not** be reimbursed for any purchases. Any such purchases will be considered as donations to the school.

## 2016 School Council approved Pupil Free Curriculum Days:

- TERM 1 - Wednesday 27 JANUARY (staff commence)  
Thursday 25 FEBRUARY: week 5 – Lyn WATTS—no students are required at school
- TERM 2 - Wednesday 18 MAY: week 5 - Lyn WATTS—no students are required at school

The fourth School Council approved Curriculum day and date is yet to be determined

**Christmas Concert:** Thursday 10 December—don't miss this great community event with a special guest, the Sing Australia choir and individual class songs. Please make sure that your child/ren are dressed in black/dark clothes—with their special class Christmas gear. 5:45—7:30pm—singing starting at 6:30 **ALL WELCOME**  
Looking forward to seeing you there



**Year 6 Bike Hike:** well done everyone for today's brilliant effort! Thank you Mrs WALDRON Mrs McDONALD MRS Neroli SAULTRY Mr Gary SAULTRY Rhys Mrs KEENAN and Mrs Natalie PEAKE and the families waiting at Jells Park. This is a fantastic end to the 2016 Bike Ed program.

**Last weekend:** Jacqui achieved an amazing personal goal! She set a goal, worked to achieve it, pushed herself beyond what she thought was possible, used positive self-talk and kept going even when people told her that she couldn't or when it hurt. Jacqui also found out the importance of being healthy in body and mind and of being prepared. It is amazing that in this

event 40% of people do not finish. Jacqui also found out that is much more of a mental battle than a physical challenge. *So what did Jacqui do?* **Jacqui ran 160ks in 42 hours and 20 minutes through the Victorian Alps and she didn't get lost!!!!!!!**

Jacqui is going to share her experience with each grade over the next two week.

FANTASTIC EFFORT JACQUI—we are all very proud of you—what an achievement!!!!!!!

Enjoy the last two weeks

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### **Aussie Kids Rock**

Unfortunately our fabulous band we had performing for our students in the last week of term, has had to postpone. The lead singer and guitar player broke his ankle. Good news however, we have re-booked Aussie Kids Rock to perform in the last week of term 1, 2016.

If you have paid, you will be issued a credit note and will not have to pay again in 2016. All families will be asked to sign a permission slip in 2016, regardless of whether you have given permission this year.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Mrs Cheryl SMITH

### **Student's Say**



#### **Rickett's Point excursion by Alisha 2/3T**

I liked going to Ricketts Point because I liked getting wet, but I didn't like falling into the water. I liked touching sea creatures, but I didn't like going near the crab. I liked touching the seaweed, but I didn't like slipping on it. I hated the smell but I got used to it.

#### **Rickett's Point by Bridget 2/3T**

All of Foundation D, 1/2S, 2/3T and the other year 3s went to Rickett's Point to explore sea life. When we got inside the classroom we got everything ready

and headed off to the bus.

All of Foundation D, 1/2S went on a bus together and all of 2/3T and the other 3's went on a bus together. It took about 15 minutes to get to Rickett's Point.

When people got out of the bus they seemed to hate the smell of Rickett's Point. We went to the picnic area and we had our fruit and our snack. Our tour guide showed us types of seaweed like Sea Lettuce, Sea Grapes and lots of others.

We went down to the sea and the rock pools, we saw a lot of washed up seaweed, and in the rock pools there were thousands of sea snails on the rocks. The water in the rock pools were really warm.

Some people found little crabs and someone found a big crab. We also found a Jellyfish. There was Seas Grape Island which is a land with just Sea Grapes all over.

When we were going to the picnic area we saw a big Pelican it took about 5 minutes to get back to our picnic area. We ate our lunch and had a little play.

We went back to the sand and we made sea animals with what we can find like seaweed and shells and others you could find. There were Starfish, Dolphins, Sharks and others in the sand.

When we finished we went to our area and got on the bus back to school. When we got back, we talked about what happened at Rickett's Point. It was a great day.



### **Parents & Friends Association News**

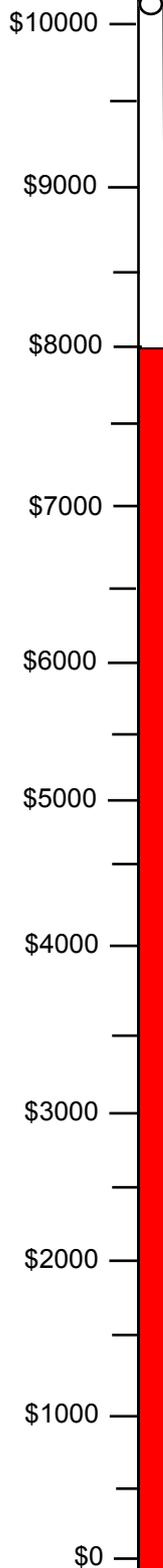
**Donations:** Thank you to everyone who has already donated items for our Christmas raffle. If you would still like to donate please drop items off at office on Monday.

**Raffle Tickets:** Please return as soon as possible, the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 10th December at the Christmas Carols.

**School Banking:** With the year coming to a close there will be no school banking on the 16th December. The last day will be Wednesday 9th December. All rewards ordered this week will arrive in the New Year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to you continuing school banking next year with a new theme.

Marcia & Kerri

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**BELEZA—School Uniforms**  
Please note Trading hours at our Mountain Gate Store will be changing until further notice.  
The new trading days and hours will be as follows.  
Ferntree Gully/Mountain Gate  
Shop 5, Mountain Gate Shopping Centre  
1880 Ferntree Gully Rd, Ferntree Gully VIC 3156  
Phone: (03) 9753 5788  
Mon: 9:30am to 5:30pm  
Tues: 9:30am to 5:30pm  
Weds: **CLOSED**  
Thu: **10:00am to 6:00pm**  
Fri: 9:30am to 5:30pm  
Sat: 9:30am to 12:30pm

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**SHERPA News**

<b>Sherpa Kids FAIRHILLS</b>				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24	Dec 25
<b>Pyjama Party</b> 	<b>Holiday Fun</b> 	<b>Last Day Party</b> 	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Service Closed 	<b>Christmas Day</b> Service Closed 
<b>Pyjama Party</b> Today's activities include: Wear your PJ's! Building cubbies Pillow case races Bring your DVDs from home Popcorn and snacks	<b>Holiday Fun</b> Today's activities include: Gingerbread houses Holiday brownies Salt dough decorations Greeting cards Designing your own wrapping paper	<b>Last Day Party</b> Today's activities include: Party games Donut Challenge Limbo Pass the Parcel Lots of yummy food!!	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Service Closed 	<b>Christmas Day</b> Service Closed 

Join Sherpa Kids fun filled Vacation Care Program. Please refer to the activities outlined in this brochure. To confirm your booking, please complete and return our Enrolment Form and Vacation Care Booking Form. Service is open from

- Bullies Are:**
- NOT COOL
  - NOT FRIENDLY
  - NOT POPULAR
  - NOT RESPECTED
  - NOT WELCOME
  - ALL OF THE ABOVE

**Every face has a place**

**Fairhills Primary School is opposed to Bullying in all its forms...Be a Bully Buster!**