

# FERNLEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3 – Week 10

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## Dates to Remember in 2015



### TERM 3

#### September

15<sup>th</sup> Spelling Bee WRPS

18<sup>th</sup> Assembly 2pm-3pm

Afternoon Tea 3pm

**LAST DAY TERM 3**

#### October – Term 4

5<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday

6<sup>th</sup> October **STUDENTS RETURN**

### Student Banking

Wednesday

Munch and Sip

Every Day

Office Days

Monday, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.

Dates and times may Change

### BELL TIMES

9.30am - Class

10.30am - Fruit break

11.40am–12.25am-Lunch

2pm – 2.30pm-Afternoon Tea

3.30pm - Home



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the last week of term. It has been a busy and eventful term with many and varied opportunities for learning. Last week was no exception, with a visit from the Taronga Zoo mobile unit talking about our threatened species. The students were able to see and handle a number of our Australian critters including a very friendly echidna, a diamond python, stick insect, shingle back lizard and cute possum. The important message from the visit was how we can improve and look after the environments of these creatures. If given an opportunity ask your child what they learnt from the visit – you may be surprised!



This week we have 2 representatives, Ayla and Lilly S, attending Wyrallah Road School for the Premiers Spelling Bee. We wish both girls good luck.



On another important topic – end of term presentation will be held on Friday of this week at school starting at 2pm. It is envisaged that the presentation will go for an hour with ½ hour for an international flavoured afternoon tea. Students in yrs 3-6 will be cooking up a 'spread' during the day to complement their cool country reports they have been working on.

For those parents who have not already paid their school contributions, there is still time to be in our lucky draw (for theme park ticket,) which will also be on Friday.

Next term all students return on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October (Monday is a public Holiday). The term will run for 10 weeks with students finishing on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December.

To all those travelling and those staying at home I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Sue Austin  
Relieving Principal





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 5 Tips to help with screen time at home?

Are you having trouble getting your child off technology and television?

Try some of these ideas to reduce the amount of screen time your child has each day.

- Go screen free for week days
- Try technology free Tuesdays or Imagination Wednesdays
- Restrict times when your child has access such as "no screens before dinner"
- Issue 2-5 year olds with two half hour screen time vouchers a day, and 5 – 18 year olds with four half hour screen time vouchers for recreational use a day. Once they're used, no more screen time!
- Restrict access by not allowing any screens in the bedroom, this has lots of other positive outcomes such as better sleep as well.

### Road safety is an important issue for our students and their families.

As the school holidays approach, it is timely to remind our school communities about the importance of being safe road users. Whether that's as a pedestrian, passenger or cyclist everyone has a responsibility for helping children stay safe in the traffic environment.

Please see the information sheet in this newsletter.



### EARN & LEARN STICKERS

Wednesday will be the last day to send in any stickers you may still have. We need to collate all stickers and have them bundled up ready to post. Thank you to all the families & friends that saved and sent in stickers.



### STUDENT BANKING

A big thank you to Sarah Vaughan who has volunteered as a parent helper - assisting with student banking.

**LAST DAY TERM 3**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**TERM 4**  
**STUDENTS RETURN**  
**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

## ThemeParks.com.au Our School Ticket Sale



Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit [ThemeParks.com.au/promocode](http://ThemeParks.com.au/promocode) and enter our promocode "CPC615" to gain access to these ticket offers.

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.**

If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

- **It's the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**

It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

- **Click clack front 'n back every person for every trip.**

Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

- **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**

Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

- **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.**

This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

**The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.**

**Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out an about.**

**Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.**

You can find out more at:

[Safety Town](#)

[Department of Education](#)

[Transport for NSW](#)

Have a safe holiday break!

