



Tuesday, 8th March 2016
Newsletter number 06

CALENDAR 2016

Dates to remember...

TERM 1 DATES:

Friday 29 January – Thurs 24 March

GNPA AGM: (all welcome)

Friday 11 March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY:

Monday 14 March

BASKETBALL CLINICS:

Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 March

FINAL DAY OF TERM 1:

(2.30PM FINISH)

Thursday 24 March

GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY:

Friday 25 March

TERM 2 DATES:

Monday 11 April – Friday 24 June

FIRST DAY OF TERM 2:

Monday 11th April

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Principal Appointment

In the past week, the Provisional Principal Appointment to replace Stuart Edwards has been announced to the community. A letter was distributed on Friday to all families with the announcement, that we will be joined by Susan Dean as the Principal of Ferntree Gully North Primary School from the beginning of Term 2.

I would like to thank the community, the staff and the wonderful students for their support of me as Acting Principal over the last two and a-bit years.

This is a wonderful school, enhanced by;

- our fantastic new facilities
- a strong culture of high expectations of achievement and connectedness
- the amazing people who work each day to support the development of our students in so many different ways

I am proud of the work we have achieved over the last few years in trying times of uncertainty.

Thankyou to all who made this possible and congratulations to Susan. I am sure she will feel welcomed when she begins with us after Easter.

Prep 2017 Tour Program

If you have a child starting school next year or know of someone in the local area who is due to begin life as a school parent, we will begin our Prep 2017 School Tours program in Term 2.

By clicking on the following link to our website (<http://ferntree.vic.edu.au/enrolment-information/>) or keeping your eyes out when dropping off at Kinder, you will be able to see when tours are available and find instructions on how to book in to one. There is also a poster on display at the Office with tour times.



Excellence:

High expectations of the whole school community

Respect:

For self and others

Resilience:

Engaging in challenges and learning from mistakes

Integrity:

Choosing a course of action that contributes to the greater good

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER (continued from page 1)

World's Greatest Shave Friday

We have again some very brave students (both male and female!) and a female parent who are going to shave their heads as part of the 2016 World's Greatest Shave. This has become a bit of a tradition over the years and I am very happy to be helping some students shave their heads for awareness and fundraising for the Leukaemia Foundation.

Information from the World's Greatest Shave Website:



"Today, 34 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma, and they'll turn to the Leukaemia Foundation for help.

Although survival rates are improving, blood cancers are the third biggest cause of cancer death in Australia.

Getting sponsored to shave, colour or wax the hair on your head, chest or face, is an extraordinary way to help families facing the challenge of blood cancer and to help Australia's best researchers.

The money your sponsors give you will go towards research, which is needed to discover kinder and more effective treatments for blood cancer.

Your sponsorship will also support families when they need it most, providing people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma with a free home-away-from-home near hospital during their treatment.

It will also mean we can transport them to appointments and provide as much practical assistance and emotional support as we can, all free of charge.

The Leukaemia Foundation receives no ongoing government funding, so supporting this event makes our Vision to Cure and Mission to Care possible"

<http://worldsgreatestshave.com/?gclid=CMTE9NOCsMsCFdgjvQod3mIGeg>

Due to the number of students who wish to partake this year we will be beginning the head shaving at 2pm outside the Specialist Building (the Red Building). If you would like to come along and take some photos as the hair comes off and to support the students it all begins just after 2pm, with the students presented at Assembly from 3pm.



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER *(continued from page 2)*

Upcoming Events to finish Term 1

- Our Gully North Parents Association (GNPA) offers a fantastic opportunity for new families to connect to school and to learn about how you can contribute to making our school an even better place than it is already. All parents are welcome to join GNPA whether they are existing parents who now have a bit more time or new parents who are looking to make a connection – The GNPA AGM will be held this Friday from 9.05 in the OSHC Room.
- The 3/4 Learning Expo for Term 1 will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday March 16th at 2.45. Students will share their work in the area of Design, Creativity and Technology, having worked on construction and building. Come and hear about some of their work on the 16th.
- GNPA Twilight Movie Night – On Friday 18th March GNPA are hosting the first Twilight Movie Night. All families are invited to come and relax on a Friday night on the synthetic grass and enjoy a screening on the large inflatable screen that will be brought in. Check out the GNPA section of the Newsletter for more details about the night and how to purchase tickets.
- School Council AGM – The AGM of School Council will be held on Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm in the Staffroom. If you would like to find out more about the governance of the school please come along.
- Term 1 Finishes Thursday 24th at 2.30 – School for this term finishes on Thursday the 24th at 2.30 with an Assembly at 2pm. The Friday is Good Friday, followed by Easter which is why we are finishing on a Thursday.



So much for the weather cooling down!
Cory Pearce and Jo Stevens

ICAS Assessments

Ferntree Gully North PS is once again offering participation in ICAS assessments in 2016. This testing can help benchmark, track and monitor learning progress. It can help identify potentially gifted students and allow us to work together to identify areas where your child can work to reach their full potential. Your investment in education is valuable and we want to help your child achieve the best results.

Subject areas to be assessed are: Digital technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English & Mathematics. There are set fees for each assessment. If fewer than 3 entries are made in a subject, an entry fee equivalent to 3 entries must be paid. FTG Nth PS will monitor the numbers for each test and advice closer to the test dates if any extra payment or changes need to be made.

To learn more about ICAS, refer to:

www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas2016

If you would like to enrol your child into any of the assessments, please collect a parent letter and consent form from the school Office. Please note that all entries must be in at school no later than Friday 11th March and that late entries cannot be accepted.

Jo Stevens
Assistant Principal



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Week:

(Ending Friday 4th March 2016)

Class	Student	Reason
5/6S Mr Sutherland	Charlie R	For his honesty and reflective thinking when setting personal learning goals.
5/6M Ms Meier	Tanisha D	For her responsible and invaluable help in the Enviro Centre this week.
5/6F Mrs Fellows	Zoe H	For having the courage to be honest about her learning and start working towards her goals.
5/6D Miss Davies	Brock M	For his creative and thoughtful sizzling starts to his writing.
3/4S Mrs Sutherland	Harry M	For thinking about his learning and setting appropriate learning goals.
3/4O Ms O'Neill	Jayden N	For being a helpful, mature and considerate class member.
3/4M Mr Meede	Luke A	For being a wonderful support person in the classroom.
3/4C Miss Cichowicz	Lincoln B	For putting lots of thought and effort into his bridge design and ensuring his model is accurate.
1/2M Miss Maxwell	Charlie L	For always putting in extra effort into what she does and being a wonderful role model to others! Well done.
1/2K Ms Keltie	Max D	For his enthusiastic approach to our skip counting task. Keep up the good work Max!
1/2I Ms Iverach	Blake B	For making a great effort to improve his reading. Well done
1/2H Mrs Hutchinson	Ayva S	Well done on independently using a dictionary during writing.
1/2B Miss Brown	Jimmy M	For making strong choices about where he is sitting to ensure he is doing his best!
1/2A Mrs Alenson	Zara B	For finding interesting ideas to write about.
PREP W Mrs Wilson	Alivia D	For working so hard and making strong decisions.
PREP L Miss Locking	Tom F	For sounding out his words in his writing.
PREP F Mrs Flanagan	Luca T	For teaching Prep F the brand new Numeracy game of "Dice Actions".
ART Mrs Krenn	Brodie-Jaye S	For a wonderful Tree of Life.
LOTE Options Mrs Salter	Jye W	For his participation in our music guessing game this week.



2016 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is soon to open and Ferntree Gully North is excited to be participating.

The Challenge will be open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by September 14.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the attached privacy and consent form. Please ensure that each child has their own form. There will be spare forms in the office or classrooms. All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Challenge Classroom Helpers

As it takes time to enter the students into the Challenge data base, on the website, we need one parent classroom helper for each class. Training will be available (TBA). Basic computer skills are required. Helping would involve maybe 1 hour per week, in a time that suits you (and in consultation with the grade teacher). You will need to have a current 'Working with children' check. Fill in form below, if you can help.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Wendy Barr (Reading Recovery Teacher)

2016 Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

Helper Nomination Form

I would be interested in being a Grade Challenge helper, for the grade/s listed below:

Parent's Full Name (Print): _____

Parent's Day-Time Phone Contact: _____ / _____

Parent's email Contact: _____

PREFERRED GRADE: _____ **NAME OF CHILD:** _____

PREFERRED GRADE: _____ **NAME OF CHILD:** _____



Victorian Premiers' reading challenge

Welcome to the annual Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge. Reading is an essential life skill for everyone and the Challenge encourages families to be actively involved in supporting children to read. The Challenge invites children and young people to read a set number of books and record their efforts online. It's a great way to get them talking about reading with friends and family, and to push themselves to read as many books as they can. Join the Challenge today and discover new authors, get expert tips, book recommendations and more. Participation is free. To find out more about the Challenge and access the booklist visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Like us on Facebook to share tips, literary articles and recommended reads www.facebook.com/VicPRC



2016 Privacy and Consent Form (Schools and Early Childhood Settings)

*By signing this document, you agree to the **TERMS and CONDITIONS** outlined below. These include consent for your child to participate in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge and for their name to appear on a certificate of completion and for their name to appear in the online honour roll. Please note that the child's name only will appear on the certificate and online Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list.*

Child's name (Please print): Date of Birth:

School: Grade Name (Eg: 1/2A):

Year level: Yes ☐ No ☐ I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour Roll

Parent/guardian name (please print):

Parent/guardian signature: Date:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Definitions: *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training, *Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

1) Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

2) Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school or early childhood setting will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the early childhood setting or school to the Department. The Department will then:

- Use the information to register your child and to generate an online account (through which school age children can record the books that they read);
- Publish your child's name and year level on its online Honour Roll located at: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as school name.
- Give the name of your child to Finsbury Green Pty Ltd ABN 52 007 743 151 who will then disclose to a 3rd party for the purpose of printing Certificates of Achievement.

3) Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on: privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au.

If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au or (03) 9637 3624.

This original has been printed in black and white on recycled paper to reduce cost and environmental impact.





Parent Library Helpers Needed

If there is anyone who is interested in contacting books or assisting in the library on a Monday afternoon please email Belinda Gillie Kemmer on gillie.kemmer.belinda.l@edumail.vic.gov.au. Any help would be greatly appreciated!



How to order School Photos

Aussie School Photos take multiple images of each student on photo day to provide you with more choice and greater value.

Order forms and envelopes will come home to you usually 2 weeks in advance of photo day.

There are 3 methods available when ordering photo packs:

1. Place your order on- line **prior to photo day** using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your prepayment order form.
2. You can **complete the pre payment order form**. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child **hand it to our photographer on photo day**.
3. You can choose to wait for 5 working days to go **on-line** to VIEW the images and CREATE a package to suit. **Please tick the 'order later on-line' box on order form and hand to our photographer on photo day.** Orders must be placed within 14 days of photo day to avoid postage charges.
4. If you **do not** wish to purchase photos, please tick '**not buying photos**' under pack selection and have your child **hand envelope to our photographer on photo day**.
5. **SIBLING PHOTOS**. Will be taken on a pre paid basis. Consent/pre payment forms provided for the eldest child who should be instructed to present it with payment to our photographer at time scheduled for sibling photos. Check with school office for Sibling photo times.

www.schoolphoto.com.au

All queries should be directed to the photos@schoolphoto.com.au

Customer Service: 97076655.

Library Open Lunchtimes Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 11.45 – 12.20

The Library will be open at lunchtimes 11.45 – 12.20 on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursdays starting this week. This allows students a quiet place to spend their down time should they choose to visit. Students can read, write, draw, play computer or board games.





GULLY NORTH PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Ferntree Gully North Primary School

March 2016

Events calendar

Wednesday 9th March

❖ School banking

Drop in your bank books.

Friday 11th March

❖ GNPA Meeting

AGM 9:05am

(OHSC Centre)

New members welcome

Friday 11th March

- ❖ Pre order Picnic and
Flick Ticket orders
Due

Friday 18th March

❖ Picnic 'n a Flick
on the Green"

Family Night with a picnic and a movie, come along early with your dinner. Find a perfect spot on the green, enjoy a meal and see a Big hero 6 at 8pm. Pre order Tickets available now, please look out for further information, pre-purchase Ticket price is \$22 per family, and additional tickets are available at low price.



Movie Night

Movie Night is fast approaching.

This is the last week to get your pre purchased tickets

(tickets can be purchased on the night at individual prices)

get your tickets NOW, Friday 11th March is the closing date for ticket orders and for your chance to win the VIP Movie Experience Package which includes:

- ❖ A couch to sit on in a VIP area in prime viewing position
- ❖ Footstools for optimum comfort
- ❖ Free popcorn and drink for each person on the winning ticket
- ❖ Butler service provided by Mr. Cory Pearce
- ❖ You **MUST** include a contact number on your order form to be eligible.

All pre-purchased ticket wrist bands will be sent home on Tuesday 15th March, with the oldest child

All families are welcome to bring chairs and any comforts you can carry.

If there is rain the evening will be postponed to another date to be appointed. (We don't see this as a problem as it is NOT going to rain!! 😊)



GNPA AGM Meeting This Week

*This is your
personal
invitation to come
join us for our
monthly meeting*

The Gully North Parent's Association meets once a month to support the school by organizing fundraising and social events. We welcome all parents to join or offer to volunteer when available.

Our meeting this week will be the AGM where all positions are open and nominations are welcome. Why not come along, we would love to see some new faces. If you can't make it, feel free to send another family member along or just let us know your availability so we can call on you in the future for upcoming events.

We hope to see you there!

Easter Raffle donations please

We are asking for donations towards our annual Easter raffle. If you could please donate anything with an Easter feel, maybe some yummy chocolate, a toy or snacks. Just think of some small item that you might like! We will then combine all donations into some lovely hampers for drawing at the final assembly this term.



*A number of
raffle tickets
are being sent
home soon,
for the small
price of \$1
per ticket. You
can go in the
draw to win a
hamper!*

**Please leave all donations at the office
and we thank you in advance for
participating!**





Let's meet at the movies!

"Picnic 'n a Flick on the Green" - A Fundraising event for Playground Shade

Sails at FTG North PS

Bring your own Picnic dinner and Come and be part of the school Community! Enjoy our first outdoors experience as you picnic on the green. As the sun goes down, a family friendly PG movie will be screened onto a GIANT 9m x 7m screen Complete with stereo sound.

WHEN and WHERE:

FRIDAY 18th MARCH from 6.30pm for our picnic and 7.30pm for the movie.

Movie will start at 8pm sharp.

The Ellim Atta Centre and Green Turf at Ferntree Gully North PS

WHO:

Open to Ferntree Gully North PS Families **ONLY**

WHY:

To meet new families and say hello to familiar faces while raising funds for a shade sail.

WHAT to BRING:

Please supply your own dinner. Popcorn, soft drinks, bottled water, small lolly bags and a healthy snack alternative will be available for purchase from 7.15pm onwards. Coffees will also be available from our coffee van.

Don't forget your blankets, beanbags and other comfy things you need for the movie.

HOW:

The form below **MUST** be completed and returned to the school by **Friday 11th March** for your chance to purchase family tickets and entry to our VIP raffle. Please supply a contact number for your tickets. (Tickets will be distributed the week before the event.)

Family Ticket (4 people) \$22, with extra person \$2 (only available pre-purchase)

Adults - \$8

Children \$5

Children under 3 are free.

****This is a Family-focused Fundraising event. No pets allowed.

SPECIAL OFFER!

Tickets purchased by **Friday 11th March** will automatically go in the draw for the VIP Movie Experience Package which includes:

- A Couch to sit on in a VIP area in prime viewing position
- Footstools for optimum comfort
- Free popcorn and drink for each person on the winning ticket
- Butler service provided by Mr Cory Pearce

You **MUST** include a contact number on your order form to be eligible.

Gully View



ORDER FORM - picnic movie night 2016

*** Please return to office by Friday, 11th March 2016

Eldest Child at FTG Nth PS Name and Class: _____

Contact Number: _____ Total Number of people attending: _____



Items	Price	Qty	Totals
Family Tickets (4 people) – paid by 11 th March 2016	\$22		\$
Extra Person on Family Ticket – paid by 11 th March 2016	\$2		\$
Adult ticket	\$8		\$
Child ticket	\$5		\$
Total Amount			\$



Want to IMPACT on your local community? Advertise with us!

Looking for your business to reach local families?

Advertise at the “Gully North Picnic and Flick on the Green” on the GIANT screen!

Ads can be screened for 20 second segments in the 20 minutes prior to the show starting, and again after the completion of the show.

What a way to get known! Your products, services and name directly shown to the school community!

\$25 buys you a segment that will be screened at least 3 times over the evening. This is part of the fundraising activity of the evening. All you need to do is supply some good quality photos and information about your business and we'll arrange a presentation that can be shown on the GIANT screen.

Please indicate your interest at the office or email Katherine at kat5dan@tpg.com.au. Time slots close Friday March 4th 2016. Ads to be screen on Friday 18th March 2016 unless event is postponed.







CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

Ferntree Gully North P.S

School Name

4718

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

☐ Foster parent* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
 - this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
 - I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
 - if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
 - information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools' Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.
- You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____



CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
 - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. .

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



Knox Schools Expo 2016

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2017/18, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. The evening allows attendees to have conversations with representatives from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, before formal proceedings start at 7pm. The Q and A panel session will provide the audience with an opportunity to explore considerations when selecting a secondary school, after which there will be another opportunity to visit stalls.

When: Thursday 17 March 2016

Where: Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152

Time: 5.45-8.45pm

5.45-6.45	Expo stallholders available
7.00-7.45	Formal proceedings including Q&A panel session which will discuss critical factors when selecting a school and strategies to assist students with transition
7.45-8.45	Expo stallholders available

For more information about the Knox Schools Expo contact Knox City Council Youth Services via Angela Thurbon on t: 9298 8533 or e: angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker on t: 9298 8308 or e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au or visit

www.knox.vic.gov.au/KnoxSchoolsExpo

Bookings are not required



Youth Services | 03 9298 8000
www.knox.vic.gov.au/youth

Knox City Council



2016 OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 19th April 2016 – 7pm

COLLEGE TOURS: Wednesdays 9:15am-10am

Saturday 5th March 9:30am-11:30am

To register for a tour, please go to www.heathmont.vic.edu.au



Waters Grove, Heathmont VIC 3135
P (03) 9871 4888
www.heathmont.vic.edu.au



*Growing
Through
Knowledge*

Developing Resilience in Girls

This is a Community Event Everyone welcome!

Covering Primary and Secondary School-Aged Girls

Wednesday March 23rd, 2016

7pm to 9pm

Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre

Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, PRESTON

\$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS

Tuesday April 19th, 2016

7pm to 9pm

The Tudor

1101 Whitehorse Rd, BOX HILL

\$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS

Secure your place!

Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au

Include your name, venue and number of tickets required.

Collect and pay for tickets on the night.

NO EFTPOS

Enquiries: Ph. 0433 616 771

Copies of Sharon's best-selling books will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the presentation (No EFTPOS).

Testimonials

It is rare to find a person with both a clear understanding of today's teen issues and also the ability to effectively communicate that knowledge to teens and their parents. Sharon is that person! Through her books and spoken presentations, she has touched the lives of many thousands of teens, offering clarity and hope, and real life strategies to help navigate through an increasingly complex world.

Pastor Tony Knight, Event coordinator- CHOSEN

National Teen Leaders Convention

Sharon is an energetic and vibrant speaker, a gifted communicator, who shares her passion and heart with her audience. It is easy to see Sharon's passion and enthusiasm for young people and the issues they are dealing with in their world. Sharon provided many practical suggestions in how we can help teenagers navigate these important years. I would recommend Sharon as a speaker to parents, youth workers, teachers and teens.

Amanda Cain, Girls Brigade Victoria

Sharon is a phenomenal guest speaker. She has facilitated a variety of sessions for our youth organisation, and always does a fantastic job! Her sessions are fun, interactive, and relevant and the young girls love them! Sharon's heart and passion for empowering young girls is an inspiration. I highly recommend Sharon for any girls' session.

Beck Mitchell, Bridge Builders Organisation

Sharon Witt is passionate about promoting growth and change in young people. She recently presented her Bully Busters programme to our year 7-9 students. Sharon's presentation was full of interaction and she continually encouraged student feedback and participation.

Sharon demonstrated her ability to engage with students and at times, literally have them hanging off her every word. Sharon aims to equip young people with skills in dealing positively with social life issues.

Nicola Fennell, Rialto Theatre, Melbourne

Presented by Educator, Author and Media Commentator

Sharon Witt

We all want to see our girls reach their best outcomes and mature into healthy, strong resilient girls. Resilience involves the ability to 'bounce back' or recover when things go wrong or negative experiences impact us. By giving our girls key strategies to develop resilience, we prepare them for life.

During this 2 hour presentation (including time for discussion and questions), Author, Educator and Media Commentator, Sharon Witt, will provide key skills and strategies our girls need in order to be resilient, strong and capable young women.

Key topics include:

- Developing Emotional Intelligence
- Navigating difficult relationships
- Conflict management skills
- The personal values and attitudes we want to foster in our girls
- Developing positive relationships
- Strategies for coping in traumatic or difficult situations
- How to foster optimistic thinking and self-talk
- Coping with Academic Stress

About the Presenter

Sharon Witt has been immersed in teen girl world for over two decades in her role as an Educator, Author and Presenter to educators, adolescents and their parents around the country.

She is also a regular media commentator on issues impacting girls, parenting and education.

Sharon currently appears on Channel 7's Sunrise program and The Daily Edition as well as having two weekly parenting segments on radio in Melbourne and the Gold Coast and writes for various magazine publications.

Sharon is the author of best selling series of books Teen Talk and the recently released Girlwise series, which are written to help guide younger girls through many of the issues they face in early years.

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