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### In my Easter bonnet...

Our annual Easter Hat Parade for our Prep - Year 2 students topped off a great first Term for 2015. Resplendent in their carefully crafted bonnets, our Junior school performed for an enthusiastic audience and were excited by a visit from the Easter Bunny! Congratulations to the students and teachers for all their hard work.

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**Student Absence**

Bulk Bill for Term 2 is available [here](#).

**Payments Due**

- Year 6 Bunyaville Challenge
  - 20 April - 26 May $32
  - *Payment due 28 April 11am*

- Year 2 & 1/2C Raw Art
  - 2 Sessions $18
  - *Payment due 28 April 11am*

School payments can be made at the school office between 8.30 and 11.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ONLY.

All payments must be made by due date or student will not be able to participate.
From the Principal

**ANZAC Centenary**

Ferny Grove State School has maintained a very significant population of families with links to the Defence forces for many years now. Currently we have nearly 120 students enrolled who have a Mum or Dad in the Defence Force. We are very proud of this connection and treat events such as ANZAC Day as significant opportunities to teach all young people about the traditions and stories associated with Australia’s involvement in war and conflict throughout the world.

As the 100th Anniversary of the Gallipoli landing rapidly approaches it is worth taking some time to reflect on the impact war and service has on families. Over the last 100 years over 100000 Australians have been lost to us as a result of war and countless others bear life changing mental and physical scars. Our job as a school within this community is to ‘keep the flame of peace alive’ by remembering the sacrifices made by these few for the sake of the many. Lest we Forget.

This year will see us unveil our remembrance garden as part of the ANZAC event. This garden has been at least 4 years in the planning and making. It represents a space for reflection and contemplation as well as a very significant memorial to those lost in war. Parents and students will be welcome to spend time in the memorial garden and take responsibility for ensuring everyone treats it with the respect it deserves.

I would invite all those who wish to attend our ANZAC Day ceremony to join us in the hall from 10am on Friday and then for refreshments in the garden afterwards. Student leaders will then join me on Saturday morning for the Gaythorne RSL ANZAC march and service. For those who tend to enter and exit the school via Archdale or McGinn Rd please take the time for a detour up to the Admin block where you will see the garden open from Friday. It is situated to the east of Admin. An official opening of the space will take place later this year. A huge thankyou must go to our P and C President Tony Clark whose skill, energy and plain old hard work has made it all possible. Thanks also to the volunteers who attended our working bee on Saturday morning to dig holes, plant, water and mulch the garden.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

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**Drama news**

There’s only 4 weeks remaining until ‘I Spy’ premieres as the inaugural production of SPAG BOL! Our intrepid set designer Mrs Cash and a number of parents and students gave up some of their holiday time to help construct & paint some of our sets and props. Thank you to all of our fabulous helpers, as you can see, it is beginning to look quite spectacular!

Pricing has been set at $5 per ticket, with a family of 4 package being $18. Keep a lookout for booking information over the next week! Don’t forget to keep the evening of either Thursday 21/5 or Friday 22/5 free to experience this fantastic event!

Mr Sandilands & the SPAG BOL Team
General news

Welcome back, I hope everybody had a lovely Easter break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and their families, I trust you will love it here at Ferny Grove State School.

NAPLAN

The key dates for NAPLAN this year are the 10th, 11th and 12th of May. NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. NAPLAN tests provide very valuable information, at a classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used to measure student progress.

Preparation for NAPLAN

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that the students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure the students are familiar with the test formats and will provide the appropriate support and guidance. Excessive preparation is NOT useful and can lead to unnecessary anxiety. NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate the skills they have learned and NAPLAN test days should be treated like every other day. The best way to help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program and to simply urge them to do their best.

Participation in NAPLAN

All students in year 3, 5, 7 & 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN tests give you information on how your child is progressing against national standards. This information allows for additional intervention if necessary to ensure your child progresses at a rate where they can fully participate in all aspects of the curriculum. NAPLAN does not replace but rather complements assessment run by your child’s teacher throughout the year. Adjustments can be made for students with disability to enable them to access the tests. So as a parent (and I will have my first experience as a parent with NAPLAN this year) I encourage three things to help prepare your child:

- Early bedtime the nights leading up to and during NAPLAN
- A fabulous filling breakfast the morning of the tests
- Finally just remain calm yourself and encourage your child to simply try their best!

If you do have any concerns please see your child’s teacher prior to NAPLAN to discuss. A useful website with further NAPLAN information is www.nap.edu.au

Uniform

The weather has definitely started to cool down, please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform throughout our cooler months, including royal blue jumpers and jackets and dark stockings or leggings. We discourage brightly coloured clothing.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

Date Claimers

Friday 24 April
Anzac Day Service 10am

Thursday 7 May
Mother’s Day Stall

Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 May
NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5

School banking update

School banking - every Thursday
- Term 2 rewards now available: Invisible Ink Martian Pen and Intergalactic Rocket. Term 1 rewards still available. Simply complete rewards card or write a brief note. If a number >9 on the back of your stub you should be eligible!!!
- Remember you can win a family trip to Disneyland – simply deposit 25 times THROUGH SCHOOL BANKING this year. This means if you are not a current banker you will need to open an account in the first few weeks of this term as we don’t bank the last week of Term 4 and to allow the odd week in case you can’t/don’t bank.
- Any questions ph 0437266530.
- Volunteers needed – Thurs morning between 8:40 and 10:30. We would love to see you. No experience necessary!!!

Xanthe Sansome, School Banking
**Catch up Club**

Thank you to our Defence students for joining us at Catch up club at the end of term 1. The children were busy making special Digger’s Hat 3D posters and poppies which will be displayed in the school hall for the ANZAC Day Parade. We would also like to thank Seth for sharing his knowledge and skills at creating some amazing origami. You have inspired us Seth and we look forward to having your support during Catch up club in term 2, when we invite all our defence students to create origami with us.

**The ANZAC Centenary**

The ANZAC Centenary provides an opportunity for Australians to commemorate all those who have served during conflicts dating back to the First World War which, for Australians, signifies the birth of the ANZAC story. This year, we will commemorate the ANZAC centenary by way of a special assembly in the school hall at 10am, on Friday 24th April. Our Defence students will participate in this parade by presenting a white dove as a symbol of peace. We have also invited all students to create a visual response to express their thoughts and feelings about what ANZAC means to them. Students’ responses will be displayed in the hall for viewing on the day of the ANZAC parade.

We invite all parents to join us for this event and for morning tea following the parade in the school’s new ANZAC Memorial Garden. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

**Memorial Garden Working Bee**

A special thank you to our Defence families, (the Symmans, Seamos Houley, Gadenne & Hodgson families) who dug in and contributed to the working bee to finish our ANZAC Memorial Garden. Your contribution to this special project to honour the service of our Defence community is very much appreciated.

Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw, Defence School Transition Aides

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**Languages news**

Guten Tag!

This term in German, we will start off with the assessment for the unit we covered in term one. Students will receive some revision time in class and will then be expected to practise their German vocabulary in readiness for the assessment. One of these is an interview with myself, in which the students will have to answer 10 questions in German. Students should dedicate a few minutes every night running through their answers off by heart. For the next few weeks, students will be taking their German exercise books home for study purposes but DO NEED TO BRING THEM TO SCHOOL EVERY TUESDAY (Year 5), WEDNESDAY (Year 6 and 5L) and THURSDAY (Year 5 & 6) for class work. Your encouragement and support in this would be very much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns about assessment, please feel free to catch up with me.

Frau Guerra, German Teacher

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**ANZAC merchandise is for sale by the Student Council before school this week in the Tuckshop Area.**

- White ribbon $1
- Tattoos 50c
- Wrist band $2
- Metal badges $5 (limited stock)

Also on Friday students can buy ANZAC cookies with milk for $1.50 all day at the Tuckshop.
Instrumental and Choral Music News

Term 2 Choral and Instrumental Update

Welcome back. Term 1 saw all our new instrumental students settling in and choirs commencing. Term 2 is a busy time of the year for all our instrumental and choral students. With assembly performances, choral and senior band competitions and Senior Music Camp and reporting all taking place this term.

ANZAC Parade Performance – Senior Choir

Senior choir will be performing on assembly this Friday. As this is one of the school’s important services children will be required to wear their performance uniform for this occasion. Both girls and boys are required to wear the blue performance shirt, long black pants and black socks with black leather look shoes. The service commences at 10am and is expected to run for an hour.

Monday Assembly Performances – Senior Strings and Senior Choir

Monday 27 April – Senior Strings performing. Students will move down to hall straight after early morning rehearsal. No performance uniform required.

Monday 4 May – Senior Strings performing in performance uniform as this is a Student of The Month Assembly.

Monday 11 May – Senior Choir performing dressed in performance uniform

Monday 18 May – Senior Choir performing dressed in performance uniform

Monday 25 May – Senior Strings performing (no performance uniform required)

Percussion Ensemble

All years 4,5 and 6 percussion students commence ensemble rehearsals next Tuesday morning. Children are asked to arrive at the hall by 8:15am every week for their half hour rehearsal. This gives the children the opportunity to play as an ensemble and work towards our Expressive Arts Showcase which takes place in Term 3.

QYMA Competition – Monday 11 May - Senior Band

Senior band will be competing in the annual QYMA competition which takes place in our hall. This is an evening performance with 7 excellent bands competing. McDowall, Banksia Beach, Ironside, Ferny Hills, Boondall and Windsor will be competing alongside us and Ferny Grove’s Senior band will be the final band to compete. The program will commence at 6pm and it is anticipated the evening will conclude at 8:30pm. Entrance fee for adults is $10, children are free. QYMA collects entrance proceeds. Our IMPs committee will be running a canteen with proceeds going towards the school’s music program. A note with further details will go home later this week.

Senior Band and Brass Lessons Cancellation

As Ms Gadd is at the Stretton Band camp next week we will not have a Senior band early morning rehearsal or brass lessons next Wednesday, the 29 April.

Fanfare Competition – Senior Choir - Wednesday 20 May

Senior Choir are performing in Education Queensland’s biennial competition which takes place at Kedron High School on Wednesday 20 May. To save costs we are hoping to car pool the children to the event. Children will leave school at 10:30am, travel to the venue and return to school by 2:15pm. A note with further details will be handed to children at Thursday’s rehearsal. We are hoping for as many parents as possible to attend the free event and watch the performances.

Senior Instrumental Music Camp

This year the Senior camp will replace the previous Advanced Music camp. Brass, percussion, strings and woodwind students have all auditioned for this 3 day event which commences on the 16 June. We should be advised shortly as to which children have been invited to participate in this cluster camp. The camp concludes with a concert on Thursday 18 June.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

MAU Music, our local music store has closed down. The next general Music store closest is Morris Brothers at Stafford. The specialist stores for strings are Simply Strings and Animato at Red Hill and the closest brass and woodwind shop is Ozwinds - Brisbane Brass and Woodwind also at Red Hill.

Naomi Miller, Music Specialist
The Bright Sparks Project is an initiative we’ve been running at Ferny Grove SS. It is an extension program designed to harness the skills and aptitude of students by providing an opportunity to research, design, create and communicate in order to provide a product or service.

On Wednesday 29 April from 6-8pm we’ll be hosting the first Bright Sparks Expo in the library. Students from the program will be presenting and demonstrating their work for you to enjoy.

**Tech-Tacs Computer Course – Brandon, Jonny and Luke (Yr 5)**

Brandon, Jonny and Luke had a vision to improve students’ computer skills by offering computer lessons in the lunchtimes. The boys have successfully communicated with teachers to decide on their teaching content. They then advertised and ran two lessons each week in the lunch times. These three students have had to create a logo, posters, business/membership cards and a feature video advertisement to promote their course.

**Crazy Cards of the Past – Finley (Yr 5)**

In a few weeks you will see Finley’s collector cards everywhere! Finley has combined a love of ancient history with fun and contemporary literacy to create “Crazy Cards of the Past”. There was a lot of research and publishing skills involved in this task. Real-world maths was important when working out the pricing of these cards in order to cover costs.

**The Friday Facts – Breeanna, Amelia and Nick (Yr5)**

This young team of journalists have worked diligently to publish some web-based flipbooks. The students had the idea to create a newsletter specifically for students. These three students have become very familiar with communicating via email. They’ve worked as a team and allocated a section each student had to complete. Publishing and layout was also very important, and these students have developed a host of skills to help them with design and workflow.
**Girls’ Corner – Sierra and Grace (Yr 5)**

Girls’ Corner is all about promoting books with positive female role models. The girls first researched in order to purchase some new novels for the library. They’ve created “Character Features” so that students find out about the fantastic characters within these books and hopefully want to read them. They’ve created quite a few promotional products to advertise and inform students of their work. The girls realised that the younger students were missing out, so they’ve also started a “Kids’ Corner Junior”, where they recommend books for Year 1 and 2 students.

**Ferny Book Ninja – Kyan (Yr5)**

Kyan has developed a blog review site to review books that he loves to read. He thoroughly enjoys fantasy action novels and as his alias suggests, he reviews his books in a fun, kid-friendly way. Kyan has also created a physical space within the library as many boys were suggesting an area called “Boys’ Corner”.

**AMZ Media News – Zanden, Max and Alex (Yr 6)**

The AMZ Media team have done a phenomenal job in Term 1. Each week they have researched, planned and practiced their speaking before filming and producing their own news show. The boys have released six successful broadcasts so far, which is truly an impressive effort. Each week the complexity of their show has increased along with their knowledge of professional production and editing skills.

**Wildlife Warriors – Summer and Georgia (Yr 6)**

These two girls have successfully created a media campaign to educate our community on how to care for injured local wildlife. They’ve interviewed many wildlife professionals from organisations like the RSPCA and local veterinary hospitals to deliver some valuable information in their campaign. The short video can be viewed at the Expo and will be launched later in the term.

**Science Club – Ella (Yr5)**

Ella has been working tirelessly with Mr Rogers to run Science Club each Tuesday lunch time. Ella researched experiments, created promotional materials and has filmed and produced a few youtube tutorials, so that students can reproduce the experiments at home.
Astrophysics – The life cycle of a star - Harry (Yr 6)

Harry has a passion for astrophysics and wanted to share his knowledge with others. He has created a short documentary where he takes his audience through the various stages of a star’s life cycle. Harry has done a fantastic job at researching and knowing his information to be able to present it in a way that will engage students.

Lego Robotics – Xander, Luke and Ciaran (Yr 6)

These boys have spent a lot of time learning how to construct robots using Lego robotics. These robots are programmed using software that the students have had to learn and experiment with. The boys contacted Dr David Nutchey from QUT, who is the Queensland Coordinator for the First Lego League for some help, and were quite fortunate to have a robotics masterclass.

Parade recap – Elizbeth and Nikhita (Yr 6)

These two girls both wanted to work in a journalist role, so they have been photographing Monday’s parades, as well as recording sound. Then they’ve created a summary of the main messages and items from the Parade. The girls have become quite proficient with photography and news writing as well as page layout and publishing. Each week we’ve published the girls’ work on our Facebook page.

Feeling Good – Olivia and Zoe (Yr 6)

Olivia and Zoe both wanted help students at Ferny Grove State School to be aware of their feelings, anxiety and how to help their school mates with knowledge around mental health and wellbeing. Their research involved creating an online survey to find out about students’ feelings and they also visited one of Brisbane’s top hospitals to interview a health care professional. The girls have created a short video to educate others of their findings.
THE SUCCESS TEAM PRESENTS

Turquoise and Tiaras

MOTHER’S DAY HIGH TEA

SAT 9TH MAY, 11.30am

Join us for a beautiful high tea to celebrate Mother’s Day. Wear turquoise, a tiara, or both!

TICKETS JUST $35

HURRY! ONLY 40 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Library Deck, Ferny Grove State School
ARCHDALE ROAD, FERNY GROVE

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS
For special dietary requirements and seating arrangements, please email The Success Team at success4102@gmail.com

All funds raised support the SEP at Ferny Grove State School

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Important Dates

May
7 Mother’s Day Stall
9 Mother’s Day High Tea
11 FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
13 Success Meeting - 7pm Library
20 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

Stationery & Uniform Stores
OPEN MONDAY & FRIDAY 8-10AM, WEDNESDAY 2-5 PM.
Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)
stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au
Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor
3550 5342 (0409 272 062)
uniformstore@fernygrovepandc.com.au

Coffee Cart
A nice hot coffee or warm hot chocolate is just the thing to warm the cockles of your heart on these frosty mornings.
We will be open this Friday for the ANZAC Parade from 10am.

Tuckshop
Welcome back! New menu for Term 2 will be out this Friday - check out our new items. Slight price increase for some items due to supplier costs.
There will be a new procedure for any students missing lunch from home. Parents will be contacted by Admin staff to get approval - Basic Sandwiches, Snacks and drinks will be only available. So order online www.flexischools.com.au to avoid missing out and all orders must be placed by 9am.

Anzac cookies and milk for sale from 8am at tuckshop for $1.50 on Friday until stock last.
Don’t forget breakfast is available counter sales only from 8am – 8:30am. Vegemite and jam toast only for $1.00. Parents and volunteers who are at school can order from our countertop refrigerator.

We are still looking for more volunteers, so if you can help, please see Liz from 8am at tuckshop.

Liz Mu, Tuckshop Convenor

Mother’s Day Stall helpers

Helpers are needed for this stall on the day to help our students choose their lovely Mother’s Day gifts. Please visit the volunteer link below to sign up.

https://www.volunteersignup.org/B89XT

Donations of items are always welcome. For further information please contact Katrina on 0423 856 804 or davidntrinabb@dodo.com.au.

Mother’s Day Stall
Thursday, 7th May
in the Hall

All classes will visit throughout the day and students will be able to purchase one or two small gifts for their Mum or special carer. There are many great gifts to choose from. Prices range from $1-$10. Pre-paid vouchers can be purchased on Flexischools or money can be brought on the day. Please remember to give your child a bag to carry their gift in.

Wishing all our Ferny Grove Mums a Happy Mother’s Day on Sunday, 10th May!

Ferny Grove P&C
Fundraising & Social Team

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Note to Ferny Grove State School Parents—the information session on Wednesday night, April 29 will be held in L Block (Year 6 building) due to a venue clash. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Invitation

Thinking about a high school for your child in Year 7 next year?

School Principal Mark Breckenridge would like to invite parents of Ferny Grove State School students to learn more about Ferny Grove State High School - our high quality student learning and achievement, expert teaching, our student care and wellbeing model, and state-of-the-art facilities.

Take the opportunity to hear first-hand about Year 7 at Ferny Grove State High School, meet our Principal and Head of Junior Secondary, have your questions answered and share your ideas with us. We are holding two sessions for your convenience.

- **Where:** Ferny Grove State School Library
- **When:** Tuesday 28 April at 8.45am and Wednesday 29 April at 7.00pm

For further information please contact us on:
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