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### Our great school

On Tuesday evening this week we welcomed prospective families to our school at our 2016 Parent Information Evening. We had a full house in our Library conference rooms, all ready to listen to a presentation from our Administration Team about what we stand for, our values and the experience of being part of the Ferny Grove State School Community.

We asked our very talented Mr Bryant to come up with a three minute snapshot of what happens here at Ferny Grove SS. He captured it perfectly!
We are certainly in the middle of a very busy few weeks. With NAPlan out of the way we move into a week in which we conduct our first parent information evening for 2016 enrolments, followed by a P and C meeting on Wednesday night and then the premiere of our SPAG BOL production ‘I Spy’ on Thursday and Friday evenings. On Friday we also have Walk Safely to School Day, Under 8s morning and interschool sport. What a week.

2016 Enrolments
Prep enrolments for 2016 are filling fast already this year with around 60 bookings already. This is many more than we would ordinarily have at this time of year so I would encourage all existing families to book in for Prep interviews in the next few weeks so that we ensure those families and students in our catchment area are enrolled. Enrolment interview bookings are now open.

P and C meeting
It would be great to see a few more people attend our meeting on Wednesday night from 7pm particularly with some significant discussions to take place and decisions to be made.

SPAG BOL
For a number of years we have sought to offer students a creative performing arts context in which to excel. In 2015 it has happened. The team of teachers and students have been working very hard this year to prepare for their inaugural production of ‘I Spy’. It looks to be fabulous production and I would encourage you to purchase tickets at $5 each for either Thursday or Friday night performances. My congratulations to all involved in making this happen. We are very proud of your hard work and dedication to excellence.

Parking
Archdale Rd and Finvoy St gates (apart from the main car park for permit holders) will be locked each afternoon to prevent the small number of parents currently parking in our staff car parks from doing so. This is all about student safety.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Ephraim and his brother Emmanuel who represented Ferny Grove State School in the Brisbane Badminton School Championship 2015 in the Under 13 Doubles Boys event. The competition was held at Calamvale State School on 16-05-2015 and they won the championship without losing a single match.

Congratulations also to the students and teachers of 5H and 5L who starred as part of a NAPLAN media event last week. I’m told by those who know that our two Year 5 students, Chiara and Aynsley, who were both interviewed in a media scrum, have a future in media because of their natural camera presence. Not to mention the fact that they outperformed Mr Shackleton.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Mr Bryant has been inundated with many excellent Bright Sparks submissions. He is reviewing each concept and will inform the successful applicants this week. Successful applicants from Year 6 will be starting on Monday 25 May, straight after Senior Parade. Successful applicants from Year 5 will start on Wednesday 27 May.

Dental van news
Many of you may have noticed the reappearance of the Dental Van near the year 1/2 playground after a number of years absence. The Dentist and her assistant will be here for a 6 month period, two days a week. They will work progressively through each and every year level, completing Dental Checks after receiving consent forms from parents. They are currently working with Years 1, 2 and 6. If you have not received a consent form please check with your child (or look in their bag!).

The Dental Van staff will perform basic checks and cleaning. If any other issues need to be addressed (eg fillings) they will refer your child to the Dental Clinic at Ferny Hills State School.
General news

“I Spy” Theatre Production
Our performers are ready for “curtains up” on opening night of our first theatre production “I Spy”. Performances are at 6.30pm on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May. Doors open at 6pm and refreshments will be available. Tickets are on sale at the door. Come along and introduce your child to the joys of live theatre!

Save the date - Chaplaincy dinner
Ferny Grove SHS and Ferny Grove SS Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner
When: Tuesday 2nd June 2015, 7pm
Where: Arana Leagues Club - 247 Dawson Pde, Keperra
What: Fundraising opportunities, a two course meal & live entertainment
Cost: $50 pp
RSVP: Monday 25th May to your Table Host, or for individual tickets please contact Anna Lock on 0438 052 411 or by emailing anna@lock.id.au.

1-2-3 Magic - Behaviour Management Strategies for parents
We will again be offering this program as part of our Parent Education on Thursday 11 and 18 June. Sessions will be held from 1:15 to 2:45pm in the library. Peter Wheeler, our Student Welfare and Engagement Teacher will be introducing the 1-2-3 Magic program (with some elements from Triple P Program). Please RSVP if you are attending to Peter Wheeler at pwhee3@eq.edu.au.

Free Dress Day
Thursday 28 May is Free Dress Day. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation for the privilege of wearing free dress. All funds raised are for projects at Humani, our sister school in Zimbabwe.

Instrumental and Choral Music News

Senior Band – QYMA Performance
Our band members performed last week and received a Silver Award for their efforts. The first piece, Choo Choo Cha Cha, gave the children the opportunity to show off the entire ensemble, section by section. The adjudicator complimented the students for their work in building the openings for all three pieces and gave the following suggestion –to watch the conductor for the crucial tempos. Such competitions give the students the opportunity to listen to other school bands and enjoy hearing others play music which they are familiar with.

Parade Performances
Monday 25 May – Senior Strings (no band uniform required)
Monday 1 June – Senior Choir ( As this is a Student of The month Parade the children will need to wear their performance uniform)

Senior Music Camp
Those attending Senior Music Camp are reminded that medical forms and payments are due by Friday 22 May. $120 camp cost and medical forms are to be sent to the office.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
Assembly news

We’ve had a few busy assemblies over the last few weeks. Our Student of the Month Assembly was held on May 4th, with Jane Prentice, Federal Member for Ryan, presenting the awards and also giving us a great history of the Australian Flag. Ms Prentice also brought a new Australian Flag to present to our school for the new flagpole next to the Memorial Garden.

Our year 3 students continue to present at our Early Years Assembly, such a great opportunity to gain confidence with speaking in front of a large audience. At Monday’s Whole School Assembly our “I Spy” performers shared their opening scene to give us a glimpse of what we can look forward to on Opening Night. We also presented gotchas (for those students caught doing the right thing) to Emma T. (6R), Declan E. (5F), Tanika Healey (6R), Michael F (5F), Ruben F. (5F), Joel B. (4P).
Teaching Awards now open

Communities all around Australia can now nominate outstanding teachers for the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA).

These awards give an opportunity to recognise and thank teachers and principals for the crucial work they do and making a real difference in education.

The national award recipients will be presented with $5000 professional development grants, helping them to pursue further studies, embark on international study tours and one teacher also gets the opportunity to attend International Space Camp at the U.S Space and Rocket Center in Alabama. One teacher is also awarded the Disability Inclusion Grant.


Teachers can be nominated across early childhood, primary and secondary school categories.

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Early years news

**Under 8’s Day**

Friday the 22nd of May will be our Under 8’s Day. The Prep to Year 2 students will have a fun filled morning of activities on our junior oval from 9-11am. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come along and join in the fun (parents will need to supervise their younger children). Please send your child to school with a plastic shopping bag to put all of their lovely creations in.

*Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal*

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Naplan news

Well our Year 3 and 5 students survived the NAPLAN testing last week. Students are to be commended on their efforts and demeanour. We try very hard to not place undue emphasis on this “point in time” assessment, as there are so many other achievements that define our young learners.

Ferny Grove State School became media central last week, with news crews from Channel 9, 10 and the ABC and also the Courier Mail on hand to capture the day and spark discussions about the future of NAPLAN. Congratulations to our very “media savvy” Year 5’s Aynsley and Chiara who charmed the cameras.

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Are you interested in Gardening or Sustainability?

We are putting together a group of interested parents to be involved with the planning and implementation of an overarching Sustainability plan at Ferny Grove State School including such things as gardening and composting. We are also looking at opportunities to incorporate these practices into our curriculum and encourage our students to be “hands on”.

If you are interested please contact Dan Viero on 0423 056 499 or dviero@yahoo.com OR Juanita Carrillo on 0439 720 618 or jayat46@bigpond.com.
Languages news
Guten Tag,

Assessment for our first unit of German is now over. We have spent all of Term 1 learning to talk about ourselves, what we like and dislike, what we enjoy eating and drinking and what some of our personal favourites are. For the rest of Term 2, we will continue to extend this into hobbies and leisure time activities, as well as talking about our families. I strongly believe in the importance of our young people connecting their learning to real life experiences. We are not just learning a language as some kind of strange code to satisfy the teacher but a real and alive language that connects us to people across the globe.

As such, our first unit really lends itself to establishing a pen friendship with students elsewhere in the world. For our students, German speaking countries, such as Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Luxembourg lend themselves to this. However, there is no reason why students couldn’t also establish a friendship in another country of the world, where the only language they share in common is German.

At the beginning of the year, we had hoped to get a class pen pal partnership started with another school in Germany, but unfortunately the interest from the other side has died off. However, there are a number of websites that facilitate the establishment of pen friendships across the world and I have attached two sites that appear to be reputable. Please be aware that I have no previous experience with them myself. These sites are designed for school aged students, however, if you do feel that you would like to allow your child to sign up for a pen pal, please make sure that you supervise the process and are certain that you feel the site is acceptable and safe. Also, make sure that you supervise the letter exchange and ensure that all correspondence is appropriate and safe.

Happy writing and please encourage your child to share any German letters that arrive.

http://www.studentsoftheworld.info/
http://www.internationalpenfriends.com/

The Language Learning Morsel for this week is about the global importance of the German language: http://monitor.icef.com/2015/04/german-language-study-on-the-rise-worldwide/

_Frau Guerra, German Teacher_

Defence news
_Catch up Club_  
_Week 7 & 8_

Come along and design a placemat to send to the children at the Uthando House Orphanage in South Africa. First break in the Defence School Transition Aide room on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

_Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw, Defence School Transition Aides_

Trivia Night
_Saturday 20 June from 6.30pm_  
_Ferny Grove State School Hall_  
_$12 per person - Tables of 10 (maximum)_


Lost property
We have had a SecurID token handed in at the library. If you have lost it please see the staff at the library.
Join with Us for 2015
Walk Safely to School Day

This annual event encourages the habit of walking, promoting an active, healthy lifestyle. We support this with offering a healthy breakfast for the students when they arrive at school.

- Teachers will leave with their designated group at the time indicated
- Please feel free to join the walking group anywhere along the route
- The aim is to walk to the group that is in front of you so that by the time each group reaches school we should have 4 groups arriving at school at a similar time
- Parents/caregivers you are most welcome to join in the fun
- If you live out of the area don’t despair drop your child at one of the starting points so they may join in the fun
- On arrival at school please feel free to join in the FREE healthy breakfast
Library news

Premiers reading challenge

This week is the start of the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual statewide event designed to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. We are really excited to have our students from prep to 6 participating in the challenge. Through the challenge students are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts. Students who complete the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

The reading period starts on Tuesday 19 May 2015 and finishes Friday 28 August 2015. Students will bring home a “reader Record Form” to fill in. If you need an extra form they can be downloaded at http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/pdfs/school-reader-record-form.pdf

For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below. Experiencing a book can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

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Students are encouraged to select a range of fiction and non-fiction books suited to their reading ability. Education Queensland has compiled a booklist just in case your student was looking for some ideas for some great books. Visit http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/booklist.html to view the list.

Bookfair

Our first book fair for the year will be on week 7, starting Monday the 1st of June to Friday the 5th of June. The books for this fair will come from ‘The Book Warehouse’. The prices are very reasonable and they have a great range of books for all ages. The theme of this year’s book fair is “Books Light Up our World” Get your students designing a poster with this theme in mind. The winners will receive vouchers to spend at the book fair. Entries close Friday the 29th of May.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator

P & C news

Important Dates

June
15 FAST Meeting—7pm Library
17 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library
20 Trivia Night - 6.30 Hall

Coffee Cart - Facebook.com/FGSSCoffeeCart
The Coffee Cart will be open from 5:30pm Thursday and Friday this week for the “I Spy” Production.
Also grab a coffee or hot chocolate to rehydrate after walking to school this Friday.

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

Tuckshop Volunteer Week - Volunteers are very valuable members of the community - I am so grateful to have dedicated people volunteering at our Tuckshop. Thanks!

Occasionally there are Late/Missed Lunches. In these circumstances we provide students with a basic sandwich, drink and snack once parent/guardians have been contacted for approval. An email/text to confirm total amount payable will be sent to you. It would be great if you could appreciate your prompt attention to payment of these late/missed lunches

Reminder Breakfast is served from 8:00am – 8:30am. Check out our new Breakfast choices.

Raisin Toast with butter $1.00
Vegemite Toast $1.00
Baked beans & cheese Toastie $1.00
Ham & cheese muffin $2.00
Hash Brown $1.50

Happy Eating! Liz Mu, Tuckshop Convenor
Community news

Vacancy: School Crossing Supervisor
A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Ferny Grove State High School. The School Crossing Supervisor will be required to work up to 5 days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are 30 minutes a day to assist the students to cross in the afternoon.

The current rate of pay is $27.49 per hour.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:
- the favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer;
- a Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position).

Further information on the position, including the Role Description and how to apply, is available from the Administration Office.

Completed applications should be returned to:
The Business Manager
Ferny Grove State High School
PO Box 128
Ferny Hills Q 4055
Or email dgarr4@eq.edu.au
The closing date for applications is 28 May at 2.00pm.