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Budding scientists taste success

Keen observation and working like scientists has led to a class of Year 3 FGSS students earning recognition of their efforts in a Queensland wide competition.

Early in Term 1 and 2, the students of 3R investigated photosynthesis in 3 experiments. They showed that sunlight is essential for plants to grow after observing the effects of plants growing without sunlight. Leaves were found to be important sites for photosynthesis as plants with leaves removed failed to thrive. Light was also shown to be a strong stimulus for growing plants as students investigated the effect of growing plants upside down.

The class also created a colourful interpretation of photosynthesis by submitting a recycled...
School Review
The review of our school has now been completed and we can expect to receive our full report with 2-3 weeks. My thanks to everyone involved in the process and we look forward to discussing future improvements and celebrating our successes in coming months.

I must share a story from one of the review team. As he arrived on the first morning we sent him to the tuckshop to order lunch. While standing at the counter he turned to the first student he saw and asked, “What do you think of your school?” To which the student replied “AWESOME!!” Not a bad way to start the week.

District Athletics
Best wishes to all our athletes as they prepare to compete at the North West District Athletics carnival this week. Thanks also to the teachers who have been running early morning training sessions in preparation for the event.

National recognition
Our long serving Head of Curriculum Wendy Read, jetted off to Scotland on Friday evening heading for the World Orienteering Championships. Wendy is the coach of the Australian team and we wish her and her team the best of luck as they take on the best in the world.

Prep Enrolments
Mrs Schott is gearing up for a busy month with 100 Prep interviews booked in already for 2016. If you haven’t arranged a time please do so as we are rapidly filling our numbers with a view to a maximum enrolment of 125 students.

Science success
Congratulations to the students of 3R who were awarded second place in the Schools Plant Science Project Competition last week. Considering most of the competition involved students in years 5 and 6, their success is to be roundly applauded. They also won first place in the Year 3 section of the Science and Art competition. Well done to Mr Rogers and the students.

3R wins awards in Science & Art competition

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paper forest in a related Art Awards competition. More than 300 sheets of scrap paper were torn, soaked, coloured, blended and dried to produce bright leaves for the class forest entry.

The students are very excited about both results which were “Overall 2nd Prize in the Prep-3” category of the Plant Science competition and “Winner in the Year 3” category of the Art in Agriculture awards. The annual competition is run by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries Hermitage Research Station in Warwick. This year’s topic was “No Light, No Life” and aimed to increase understanding about this critical process as part of the International Year of Light.

Todd Rogers, Teacher 3R
General News

School Opinion Survey
If you have already completed and submitted your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. So far 56 parent surveys have been submitted using the online survey format. If you are still to complete the survey the final day is Friday 31 July, 2015.

This is a great opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Last year 91 families submitted surveys. If you did not receive the letter which went home last term or have misplaced it during the holidays we do have spare letters in the office which you may like to collect. These contain the instructions and 2 necessary codes for you to use to access the confidential online survey.

If you wish your child to collect another survey form please ring the office on 35505333.

Years 4-6 Interschool Sport Update
This Friday children will receive their chosen sport info sheet with venue details, times, payment date and permission forms. The first week of sport is Friday 7th August, next week. Permission forms and payment are due next week.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

The children have enjoyed being back at OSHC. They are loving the new sports equipment and have enjoyed volunteering as sports equipment monitors. The new sports equipment is allowing the children to be active while having fun!

Date Claimers
Friday 31 July
Free Dress Day
Monday 3 August
Student of the Month Parade
17 –21 August
National Science Week

Showcase for Success
We have received a grant from the Department of Communities to host a community information day for parents of children with a disability. It will be held on Sunday 13th September in the afternoon, as part of National Disability Week. More details to follow!

If you have any stakeholders that you would like to see represented, please email Vanessa at vbair4@eq.edu.au.

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Ferny Grove Child Care Centre

Caring and Professional Staff
Open 7am - 6pm
Enquiries and Bookings
phone 3851 0611
Learning support news

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*Lyn Vickerson & Lena Roberts, ST Lan Teachers*

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Save the Date

Saturday 10 October

3 - 10 pm

At our Donation Stations, we will be collecting -

- Books
- DVDs
- CDs
- Puzzles
- Jars (w/ lids)
- Toys
- Games
- Plants
- Cuttings

If you have any donations please bring them to the Uniform/Stationery store on Monday, Wednesday or Friday during school hours.
**Instrumental Music News**

**Junior Choir**
Junior Choir rehearsals take place on the stage every Friday half an hour before Early Years Assembly. With Expressive Arts Showcase taking place on Thursday 10 September the years 2 and 3 choral students are performing impromptu rehearsal performances during the assembly, if time permits. For those of you unable to attend these assemblies on a regular basis yet wish to see your child perform the Junior Choir will perform a planned performance at the 4 September assembly.

**Junior Band Sectional Rehearsals**
Mrs Haringcaspel has commenced sectional rehearsals after school for those who can attend to assist the section with their ensemble skills and pieces. The percussion students had a worthwhile rehearsal on Monday afternoon and are looking forward to their next sectional rehearsal in August. This gives the children the opportunity for Mrs Haringcaspel to give small group ensemble instruction and support and will definitely enthuse our budding musicians. An email with all details was sent to families last week.

**Junior Band Sectional Rehearsals**
Monday and Thursday afternoons straight after school – 3:45pm.

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Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

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**Library news**

**Author Visit**
Next Thursday, August 6, we will be having Queensland Children’s author, Aleesah Darlison coming to our school to talk with our students.

Our aim is to give every child an opportunity to be inspired by meeting Aleesah and hearing her talk about writing. Some of our most enthusiastic creative writers will get the rare opportunity to work with a professional writer.

Aleesah has written and published over 20 children’s books including picture books, chapter books and novels for children. Her story themes include courage, love, understanding, anti-bullying, self-belief, friendship & teamwork. She has won several awards for her writing. Parents are invited to her first talk at 8.40am in the hall where a selection of her books will be for sale.

**Emily Rodda competition**
Scholastic Book Club is holding a competition where 3 lucky schools can win a visit from Emily Rodda and Illustrator Mark McBride. In 25 words or less, students should write why you would love author Emily Rodda and Illustrator Mark McBride to visit your school. Completed entries can be placed in the box in the library. Entries close Monday, August 3.

**Premiers Reading Challenge**
The Premiers Reading Challenge is still underway. It finishes on the 28th of August. We have been getting a steady stream of completed forms returned but it’s definitely not too late to start. I have spare forms for students or they can be downloaded from [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/pdfs/individual-reader-record-form.pdf](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/pdfs/individual-reader-record-form.pdf)

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator
SPAG BOL news

SPAG BOL’s Semester 2 Production ‘The Dragons of Spring’ has been auditioned & cast, with rehearsals beginning last week. It is a hilarious medieval themed play, full of royalty, knights peasants and even a dragon! Performance dates are Thursday 19 and Friday 20 November, so mark it on your calendar now!

We also welcome 11 new SPAG BOL members for this production; Maddie, Jorja, Liana, Sierra, Hayden, Izzy, Isabella, Lucy, Aaliyah & Luke, along with new staff coordinators Ms Green (asst director & set design), Ms Hossini (wardrobe coordinator) and Ms Peall (makeup coordinator). Many thanks to Mrs Cash and Mrs O’Connor who have had to step down due to other commitments.

Stay tuned for more information and rehearsal photos.

Mr Sandilands & SPAG BOL

Science Club Wk 1+2 : Science of Light

2015 has been named the International Year of Light by the United Nations. To begin Term 3, the Science Club students investigated many different aspects of light. First, we tried (without success) to make a decent rainbow by throwing buckets of water into the air and observing the sunlight shining through.

When the scientists repeated this experiment with just green water, they found that darker coloured samples (with more food colouring) heated up faster than less coloured samples. They concluded that, in the sun, they should wear lighter colours to stay cool and darker colours to stay warm. Kaleidoscopes and coloured lenses were part of the fun too.

The Club was able to make rainbows by refracting sunlight with the use of some CD cases and prisms from the science Room. Next, a colour investigation showed that darker coloured water like green and blue heated up faster in the sun than no colour or red water.

Mr Sandilands & SPAG BOL
Great news: Ferny Grove State School is proud to offer QParents, as part of a pilot program in the first half of 2015.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour details
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

We will be sending out invitations for parents to register for QParents in the next week.

QParents won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

More information about QParents can be found at [https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about](https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about)

**Win an iPhone 6!** By registering for QParents you could win an iPhone 6! All you have to do is register for QParents by 23 August 2015.

Quick 15 minute information sessions will be held next week in the library, to share some more details about the process of accessing QParents.

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Please contact Vanessa on vbair4@eq.edu.au if you have any questions.
Chaplaincy news
A great big hello to everyone at Ferny Grove State School! My name is Lorinda Quak and I am the new chaplain. School chaplaincy has a long history with FGSS and I am honoured to be continuing that tradition and supporting students, staff and the school community.

My primary goal for this term is to get to know the students and school. As part of this I have been visiting classes to play games and talk to the students about what a chaplain does and how to access the chaplaincy service. I have only been here a couple weeks but have already met some lovely students and look forward to meeting many more over the term.

My other goals for this term include providing social support by opening my chappy room in F block at first break to students to come and play board games, make craft, and do activities. I also participate in school programs such as Rock and Water, sports days and special events such as excursions and school camps. I support children in the playground on a casual basis as students talk to me during breaks or individual sessions can be arranged for students during class time to provide them with the opportunity to talk about the issues they are having with friends, family or school. Supporting children through their difficulties and being a good friend is my focus.

If you, as a parent, believe that your child would benefit from seeing the chaplain or would like to receive support yourself please contact the school or email me at lorindaq@chappy.org.au. You can also speak to your child’s teacher about a referral to the chaplaincy service.

I look forward to meeting you all and becoming a part of the Ferny Grove State School community.

Chappy Lorinda

P & C news

Important Dates
August
10 FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
19 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library
25 IMPS Meeting - 8.45am Staffroom
October
10 FESTIVAL - 3-10pm

Stationery & Uniform Store
OPEN MONDAY & FRIDAY 8-10AM, WEDNESDAY 2-5PM
Sale of Microfibre Tracksuit Pants only 10% off.
Reminder if Band Uniforms needed for Junior Band performance on August 10 and Expressive Arts Showcase please come in and purchase now in case we need to order in special sizes or extra uniforms.

We have gone through lost property. Everything that was named is being delivered to teacher pigeon holes. All unnamed non school items will be kept in the uniform store until Friday 7th August and any uncollected items given to charity.

Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor
3550 5359 (0409 272 062)
uniformstore@fernygrovepandc.com.au
Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)
stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au

Tuckshop
We do have students who sometimes arrive at school without lunch (they left it on the kitchen bench!) We do provide kids with lunch when this happens, and would appreciate your prompt payment for those lunches that we provide.

Volunteers where are you? I need you! Please sign up here. Just one shift a month - we really need help on Fridays!

Thinking of celebrating your child’s birthday in class? Contact Tuckshop to arrange mini muffins and icy poles $1.00 per person, or we can arrange special requests.

Liz Mu, Tuckshop Convenor

Air Conditioning Project
Funds Raised - $2450
Target $28,150

Thanks to all those who have contributed so far! Donation forms are available on our website and can be returned to the office.
GALA CONCERT SERIES

TICKETS

Ferny Grove State High School’s 2015 Gala Concert series takes place on Thursday 20, Friday 21 and Saturday 22 of August, in the Ralph Took Auditorium from 7:00 pm.

This concert is the Instrumental Music program’s flagship event and involves a number of different ensembles, choirs and solo performances that showcase the depth and variety of talent of Ferny Grove students.

Tickets go on sale from **7.00 am on Tuesday 4 August** in the foyer of the Auditorium and then from 10.00 am through the school office, Adults $35, Concession $25. Ticket price includes a light supper.

Community support of these events is high so it’s advisable to book early.
Community news

Join the Albany Creek Leukaemia Group for a lovely afternoon in support of leukaemia patients and their families.

Lunch for Leukaemia & Fashion Parade

Sunday 23 August 2015
11.30am - 3.30pm
Portabella
720 Albany Creek Road, Albany Creek
Tickets: $39
To purchase your ticket contact Kaye Fox on 07 3264 3050 or email kaye_fox@hotmail.com.
Pre-purchase is essential.

Grasshopper Soccer

Soccer Fun for Girls & Boys Aged 2 to 12!

TERM 3 PROGRAMS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Mile-E Soccer (2-3yrs)
A great introduction to Soccer. Children work with their parents to learn new soccer skills and enjoying that motor skills.

Soccer Fun (4-5yrs)
Children are introduced to an environment for children to enjoy playing, dribbling, shooting and more.

Pilot Size Soccer (4-5yrs)
Children learn the rules of the game. It is an introduction for Skulls, development and fun. Originally presented in preparation for club soccer. Children enjoy all the fundamentals of soccer.

Micro Plus (6-12yrs)
Children intensify their skills and are presented to play in a competitive environment.

Micro (6-12yrs)
Children are introduced to playing in a competitive environment.

FAMILY FUN & FITNESS

JOIN IN THE FUN and GET FIT!
Meetings are held on Friday nights from 5.45pm till 8.30pm. Season starts 28 August and runs until end of March 2016.
Training is on Wednesday evenings for U7 to U17 from 6pm-7pm.

SIGN UP ONLINE NOW

@ THE GAP LITTLE ATHLETICS

15th August 2015 from 2 - 4 pm

Season Information / Uniform Purchase / Registration Pack Collection

WHEN:

15th August 2015 from 2 - 4 pm

WHERE:
The Gap State High School Oval
1929 Waterworks Road, The Gap

For more information:
Phone: 0416 066 385
thewaggle@gmail.com
www.thegalittleathletics.org.au

Proof of age is required, bring Birth Certificate or extract.

Deadline for inclusion in the Ferny Grove News is 12 Noon on Mondays. Email to newsflash@fernygroves.eq.edu.au. It is emailed every second Wednesday. If you are not receiving it please advise your updated email details to the above address.