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Student Absence

Welcome back after a (hopefully) relaxing break for Easter and school holidays.

On the last day of Term 1, our Prep - Year 2 students paraded their awesome hat creations at our annual Easter Hat Parade. Showcasing their love for performing each of the classes and year levels presented Easter classics such as Aussie Easter, Little Barry Bilby, Easter Hat Parade and The Great Big Aussie Easter Egg Hunt. We also had a special visit from Mr E Bunny, who handed out some pre-Easter goodies for our little performers to share. Habitat childcare also visited to join in the fun and share their Easter hat inspirations. It was a great way to finish the term and head into the holidays.
I was reflecting over the holidays about the things our kids are going to need when they leave our schools in order to function as contributing, successful citizens when it struck me that this year’s prep students will leave our school in 2022 and leave school altogether at the end of 2027. Not only does that make me feel old but knowing what I know about how much has changed in the last 13 years I can’t begin to know what changes will happen in the next 13 years. Can we even begin to think about a world without social media or Uber or iPhones? What I do know is that what our kids will need to be able to know and do is vastly different to when we left school and I’m pretty sure that we can’t predict what that will look like.

Next week is world creativity and innovation week (link to this is [https://wciw.org/](https://wciw.org/)) so I thought I would have a stab at creating a list of what our young people will need in terms of skills and attitudes. The essentials of literacy and numeracy will always be critical but there are a few others attributes that we can develop but can’t necessarily test. If you have others please email me and let me know.

- Thinking. If they can’t really think through all the information that is thrust at us before making a decision then our kids will become victims of other people’s agendas and influence.
- Connecting. Working with someone on the other side of the world or country will be just as important as someone in the room next door.
- Collaboration. Complex problems require complex solutions and no one person can develop the solutions on their own.
- Understanding. The capacity to see the world from other perspectives, not just your own narrow experience will be important. Ours is a global world with great diversity and our young people will need to be able to function as a part of it.
- Resilience. Not everyone or every experience is positive. Sometimes we have to overcome challenges but when we do it builds inner strength.
- Critical thinking and problem solving. Can we sort through the rubbish to get to the facts? Can we listen to other points of view, can we compromise and can we give and receive feedback?
- Creativity. Will be one of the most sought after workplace competency skills. It is the ability to see things from different angles, to connect seemingly irrelevant things.
- Compassion. The whole world could do with a bit more of this at the moment. It takes the ability to look beyond your own needs and consider the bigger picture, be that the environment, poverty, illness, disability etc.
- Character. Strength to do what is right rather than what is easy. Easy to write but hard to do in the face of peer pressure.
- Communication. You can have all the great ideas under the sun but if no one will listen then how will they progress. Verbal, written and online communication will be amongst the skills of the 21st century just as they are right now as well.

As your school council continues the process of developing our next 4 year plan for Ferny Grove State School this is a debate worth having because what we choose to do now in our education system will have life long effects.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Don’t forget Footloose Friday starts again this week. Support our Active School Travel Program by walking, cycling, scootering, carpooling or catching public transport to school. You can join one of our walking groups at 8am from

1. Archdale Road (on Coles side just around the corner from Conavalla St)
2. Ferny Grove Bowls Club entrance on Tramway Street
3. Intersection of McAlroy Road and Macgregor Way (pull in near gas tanks)
4. Bergin Road between Tonlegee and Rinavore.

Also there will be fruit cups available for a $1 at the Tuckshop from 8am so kids can choose a healthy breakfast on their Active School Travel day.
Early years news

Early Years Assembly
This term Early Years Assembly will now commence at 2pm as I would like to give my year 3 presenters a little more time to present. We will also have the junior band perform on some of our assemblies which is very exciting. Please see the calendar for Early Years Assembly dates.

Our Cow
We are currently running a name competition for our cow. All students and staff can submit one name entry to 2CC by this Friday. The top three names will be posted in the library by Friday 22 April. Everyone then has to vote again on one of these top 3 names and this is due by Wednesday 27 April. The winning name will then be revealed on Friday 29 April in the library. I can’t wait to see what her name will be!! Ask your child what they have voted for.

Boat Required
Unfortunately our much loved and treasured boat in the Prep playground has been damaged beyond repair. You can imagine how devastated our preppies are as it was a fabulous tool for adventure and imaginative play at lunchtime. I am asking if by some chance anyone would have, or know of, a boat that may indeed be perfect to take its place - please email me.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal
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Parenting news

An opportunity to participate in a small group Triple P Parenting class (maximum 15) is being offered on Tuesday mornings in Term 2.

The classes are for 4 weeks on a Tuesday morning (April 19 & 26 and May 3 & 10) in the school library from 9am to 11am.

The program also includes some follow up telephone consultations.

Classes are free and participants receive a workbook to be used in class each week.

Student Welfare and Engagement Teacher, Peter Wheeler and School Chaplain, Alexia Hoffman will be facilitating Group Triple P following the success of the recent Triple P evening seminars which saw more than 200 parents attend over the 3 nights.

You can register your interest by emailing Peter at pwhee3@eq.edu.au

It is envisaged that the program will also be offered in Term 3.

Peter Wheeler,
Student Welfare & Engagement Teacher

Arts news

Recently one of our Ferny Grove State School students Natalie H. was in the mass ensemble of the world-record breaking Harvest Rain production of "Hairspray". It was held during the school holidays at the Brisbane Convention Centre.

Natalie was on stage with Tim Campbell, Simon Bourke, Amanda Muggleton and Christine Anu (among others!) as a member of the 900 strong mass ensemble of performers from around Queensland who broke the record for the largest production of “Hairspray” ever staged in the world. Nice work Natalie!
Chaplaincy news

I hope that all of you have had a refreshing time over the holidays and that there were opportunities to connect in some meaningful ways with your children. I have heard in my walking around the school of all the places visited. How exciting!! The last term was my first at Ferny Grove and I am excited to be here for another year. I’m thankful for the opportunity to invest in the lives of the children and wider school community.

The first disco for the year was successful. The money raised from that disco goes to supporting Chaplaincy. It was great to work in a team making numerous quantities of snow cones. Quite clever marketing really to have snow cones for sale and a hall full of hot sweaty children dancing!

The time at Moogerah Dam with Year 6 Camp last term was brilliant. All the activities and environment was perfect for connecting and building on relationships. I was impressed at how tidy the girls could have their rooms in no time at all. I was amazed at how many didn’t look under the bed when packing their bags for home. Thankfully, most of the leftovers found their way back to the owners. Many of their strengths and personalities showed through over the 4 days, and the activities allowed that to happen naturally.

During this term, I’ll be helping out with the Rock and Water Program, facilitating Triple P Parenting seminars with Peter Wheeler, making coffees on Thursday mornings, organising a Ferny Grove Scarecrow for the Garden and beginning some new social groups to help with friendship and anxiety issues.

Finally on parade next week we will have a Hip Hop performance from a small group of Year 6 students who have been learning some Hip Hop Techniques through first term. They have done a great job and been very disciplined in attending. I realised very early on that co-ordination is huge so if your child is performing, please feel welcome to attend on Monday 18th April.

An opportunity to chat with your child this week about things that really matter. It might encourage good discussion and you could talk about which ones are already evident in your family and which ones you could work on - TRUST, COURAGE, COMPASSION, HUMILITY, GENEROSITY, REMEMBERANCE, JUSTICE. Another element that is important for us to consider is POVERTY. Are we tempted to spend time with people of influence and wealth, who will be able to pay you back.

Have a great term ahead and be thankful.

Alexia Hoffman, School Chaplain

Library news

ANZAC Day

This year to mark Anzac Day we are going to create a Wall of Honour in the library. It would be fantastic if you talk to your children about family members past or present who have served in our defence forces and include them in our Wall of Honour. You can include a photo if you have one, it doesn’t need to be in uniform, details you have about their service, family stories or a message to this person. Also include your student or teacher’s name and relationship. I have some examples in the library if students want to get some ideas. No bigger than A4 size.

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Harold was my Great Great Uncle. Mrs Dunn

Lunch Time Activities

Over the next two weeks we will be doing Anzac Day activities at lunch time. Here are some of our students painting a backdrop for our Wall of honour.

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iPad class news

On 23rd March, 3R was joined by fellow iPad class 2CC. The groups came together to watch 3R student, Spencer, displaying his Meccano robot. It can be controlled with chest buttons, voice commands and an iPad app. Spencer showed off its talents for singing, karate, high fives and dancing.

It was a chance for the two iPad classes to see how their learning tools can be used for more than just schoolwork and game apps. The Hopscotch coding, begun by both classes, will enable them to create instructions that may go on to make games, software and even instruct robots to build cars, space stations and more.

Star Wars favourite BB8 also appeared via video to show students how their coding skills and iPad tools can create fun and useful technology products.
**Instrumental Music & Choral News**

**Senior Band**
We have quite a busy term ahead with year 6 assessments and our first competition on the 23rd May. Because of the public holidays **Senior Band rehearsal** will be on Friday morning for the two days **29 April and 6 May both at 7.15am**.

Mrs Haringcaspel would like to offer some time for sectional rehearsals again this term. **There is a new sectional rehearsal timetable** that has been emailed out. Also please note that we understand if children have other activities planned. Please let Mrs Harincaspel know if they are not able to attend and we may be able to work it that they come with another group.

Don’t forget year 6 assessment begins next week for woodwind and brass on Thursday 21 April - don’t forget your instruments! Percussion will be 27 April.

**Junior Band**
Our Junior Band have had a great start and are enjoying rehearsals. The Junior Band will have their first performance this term on **Early Years Assembly Friday 6 May beginning at 2pm**. Please make sure to send instruments to school. Band Uniform is required - please contact the Uniform store if you need to order.

**Strings**
Mrs Seneviratne has some extra time at Ferny Grove from this term so will be spending some more time here on a Monday. She has have decided to break up the year 4 Violin and Viola class, hence the children will now have a lesson with her on Monday straight after first break for the Violins and the Viola’s at 12:20.

Assessments for Moderation and Advanced Music camp will take place for the Strings students in year 5 and 6 on Thursday 21st April. Assessment requirements were handed out last term to all students in year 5 and 6.

There is also a new timetable for tutorials/sectionals. Please check your emails if you haven’t already seen it.

*Katie Stubbings, A/Deputy Principal*
Defence news

**Catch Up Club**

Welcome back to all Defence families. We are looking forward to a very busy term with many fun activities planned for Catch up Club. Defence students and their friends will have the opportunity to complete their colouring-in entries, create a wreath for the ANZAC Day commemorations, create loving messages for Mum on Mother’s Day, test their skipping skills, play with our new Lego and join in some fun outdoor games just to name a few activities. Keep an eye out for the Catch up Club timetable in your classroom. We look forward to seeing all defence students and their friends on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays at first break.

**ANZAC day Parade**

We would like to invite all members of the community, especially our Defence Force members to Commemorate ANZAC Day on Thursday 21st April in the school hall. We will be commencing the parade at 9am and would like parents to join us for morning tea at the ANZAC Memorial garden following the parade. Invitations for all Defence families will be sent home today.

**Colouring In Competition**

All students at Ferny Grove S.S. have been invited to participate in a Colouring-in competition organised by the Defence Community Organisation as part of National Families Week 2016. The closing date for this competition is Friday 15th April. All students are welcome to join us at Catch up club this week to complete their entries. Completed pictures and signed entry forms must be handed in to DSTAs at the Catch up Club or to Mrs Dunn at the library by this Friday.

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**Letter from a Soldier**

Being a Defence member means sometimes being away from family and loved ones at special times of the year. At the end of the 2015 school year, all students and teachers were invited to create Australian themed Christmas cards with messages of support for Defence members serving overseas during the Christmas season, to let them know they were in our thoughts. Partaking in this activity gave the students the opportunity to reflect and appreciate the sacrifice our Defence members make as part of their job. We would like to share with you the thank you letter sent to the school from a soldier who received one of the cards made by our students. Thanks again students and teachers for your participation.

*Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw, Defence School Transition Aides*
Attendance by Parents/Carers at all dental appointments at Metro North Oral Health Services facilities

Metro North Oral Health Services (MNOHS) strives to achieve safe and high quality care for the children and adolescents attending our service.

Parents/guardians and carers have an important role to play in the safe delivery of health care. They should be involved in making decisions about their child’s health care; to do this they need to be engaged in their health care and treatment decisions, and be able to discuss issues that may impact on their compliance with treatment plans.

At all stages oral health staff should assist parents/guardians and carers to make well informed decisions about their child’s oral health care.

Therefore, MNOHS now requires a parent/legal guardian or a nominated adult representative to be in attendance at all appointments for children and adolescents aged 14 years or less. Children will no longer be called over from class for dental treatment without an adult present. Exceptions for patients over 14 years of age will be considered on a case by case basis.
Important Dates

April
20 April  P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

May
9 May  FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
18 May  P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

Coffee Cart
We are happy to announce that money raised last year from the coffee cart is funding a drama program for years 2, 3 and 4 beginning next week. The kids are super excited. This is only about two-thirds of last year’s profits so stay tuned for further projects.

Just for fun Friday tell us the secret password and get $1 off your drink. Secret password….. green frogs.

Yvette Edwards, Coffee Cart Convenor

Stationery & Uniform Store

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MONDAY & FRIDAY 8-10am & WEDNESDAY 2-5pm

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Tuckshop
Welcome back to Term 2! Our menu has a new look with just a few slight changes and no price increases.
You will notice that set variations of Sandwiches, Turkish Toastie, Wraps and Salad are now in place. This reduces the options and makes it easier for us to deliver all of our meals.
We are slowly heading towards the new Smart Choices guideline which will be fully implemented by Term 1, 2017. New healthy choices have been welcomed.
The use of online ordering system www.flexischools.com.au is encouraged. Register now - it’s very easy. Contact Help Desk 1300 361 769 for further assistance. Tuckshop staff are available anytime for information on Flexischools.

We are recruiting Volunteers to commit 3 hours (9am - 12noon) once a month. Register here https://www.volunteersignup.org/8ELL1 or come and see us at the Tuckshop. If you are unable to commit but have random spare time please drop by and see us.

Just a reminder Breakfast has now ceased. Tuckshop Window will open 8:20am except on Fridays where we will have fruit cups for $1 as part of our Active School travel Footloose Fridays.
Due to suppliers renovations, there will No Sushi available this Friday 15/4.
Thanks for supporting our Tuckshop!

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Ferny Grove State High School news

Twilight Expo

Ferny Grove State High School’s 2016 Open Day for prospective students will be held on Wednesday 18 May from 3.30 to 7.00pm. During the evening, the school will showcase the wide range of opportunities available to students upon enrolment at our school. There will be information sessions, interactive displays by all Faculties, extra-curricular activities, entertainment and food available, as well as the opportunity the book an enrolment interview for 2017.

At twilight, the campus will be lit up by our iconic coloured lights, which illuminate paths to the various displays around the school. Further information will follow in future newsletters.

Enrolments for 2017

As FGSHS is now enrolment managed, the process for enrolment has changed. ALL parents wishing to enrol a student, whether or not they reside in the FGSHS catchment area, will need to complete an Expression of Interest form, available on our website or from the school office. The catchment area can be viewed at http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/

Only parents who have returned their Expression of Interest forms and who have received an acceptance letter will be able to make an interview booking at our Twilight Expo. These parents will be given an enrolment pack to complete and return at their interview.

Parents who have not returned a form or received an acceptance letter will be given an Expression of Interest form to complete. The application will then need to be evaluated and an acceptance letter sent prior to an interview appointment being made.

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Lessons

Monday - WOODWIND
Wednesday - BRASS & WOODWIND
Thursday - STRINGS
Friday - PERCUSSION

Music news

Celebrate 20 years of Advanced Music Camp and Come play in our Alumni Orchestra

Did you ever play at one of the Primary School Advanced Music Camps?

Do you still have your instrument and want to play it again?

Well if you answered yes to these questions, we hope you will join us this year in our Alumni Orchestra to perform at this year’s Advanced Music Camp to celebrate 20 years of Primary School Advanced Music Camp in our area!

We will be rehearsing on Saturday afternoons and Thursday evening. We hope you will fit us in at least once a week. Rehearsals will be held in the Ferny Grove State School Hall. If you are interested in playing in this ensemble please come along to our first rehearsal and register your interest. If you are unable to attend the first rehearsal but would still like to be part of the fun please drop Rhonda or Nicola an email and we will prepare some music for you.

Registration and our first rehearsal will commence on Saturday 16th April at 4:30. All stands, chairs and percussion instruments will be provided.

Rehearsals: Thurs 21st April Sat 30th April Thurs 5th May Sat 14th May Thurs 19th May Sat 28th May Thurs 2nd June Sat 11th June

Saturday rehearsals 4:30-5:30pm Thursday rehearsal 6:00-7:00pm

CONCERT THURSDAY 16TH JUNE.

AMC Alumni Orchestra 2016

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