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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Late in term 2, Ferny Grove SS hosted a forum for interested parents, educators and coaches with intent to discuss how we see junior sport playing a role in childhood development. Our PE teacher Mr Kirby has frequently discussed with our students the importance of fair play, coping with a win and a loss, participation versus ultimate success and other sports related topics. This forum was about adults discussing the role we play as role models for our young people and how our actions should link to both the values we say we espouse and the messages we want our children to receive.

Below are the outcomes of our discussion. Watch this space for follow up actions. Thanks to Mr Kirby for initiating and organising the evening.

**Sport and School: A forum for teachers, parents and sporting clubs.**

Is sport a metaphor for life or is life a metaphor for sport?

**A discussion amongst adults with a commitment to sport as part of child development.**

**What issues were discussed?**

- Participation of girls versus boys. The issue of girls’ identity and sport particularly post childhood years.
- Availability of positive adult role models as coaches managers etc.
- Potential conflict between individual and club/school values. How do we handle that?
- Society’s rules v sport rules. How do we explain to young people the perceived inconsistencies, particularly when it comes to violence and personal abuse/sledging?
- Raising our boys. Does sport reinforce what we want for our young men?
- Maintaining high expectations of student/child behaviour in the face of negative role models in adult sporting contests. How do we do that?
- Participation v excellence. Is there a balance and how do we maintain both?
- ‘Everyone wins a prize’ - Is it good for childhood development or does it promote a sense of entitlement?

**SO WHAT are the things we agree upon?**

- Spirit of sportsmanship is important. Discussing and addressing how we lose is as important as how we win. We need to set high expectations, teach our young people what it looks like, set positive examples as adults and highlight examples of it when we see it.
- Parental expectations need to be reasonable. Too much advice from too many sources does not promote improvement or involvement of young athletes.
- Poor adult behaviour leaves a lasting and powerful impression on young people. Regardless of what we say they should do the more powerful message is what we actually do as adults.
- How we as adults handle victory and defeat will determine how young athletes handle it. We need to talk to children about these things as part of the preseason preparation and then reinforce them at every opportunity. We need to define what is ok and what isn’t ok.
- Striving for excellence is to be encouraged as is widespread participation. Individuals can’t make a team and no team means no sport. Skill development at a young age is vital. Teaching coaches how to handle and cater for a variety of ability levels is important, given we aren’t all educators.
There has been lots of activity over the holidays with facility upgrades including paint (with feature walls!), carpet and shelving in some of our classrooms. Our outdoor areas are also looking great with some new concreted areas replacing some old paving. A big thank-you to Tony Clark who has arranged and supervised all the work.

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- Participation prizes are OK up to the age of 8 or 9 but beyond that we need to be encouraging our young people to understand that not everyone wins something and that the act of getting up and having a go, getting fit and improving skills should be enough. Occasionally you will get recognised officially but that is the exception rather than the rule.

**NOW WHAT (possible actions we could take)**

- Define club/school values and explicitly link these to behaviours we expect from adults and athletes. Regularly review and remind both adults and athletes of these.
- Code of Conduct for adults.
- Design and implement a 3 week ‘philosophy and ethics of sport’ program to be facilitated by coaches at FGSS prior to the next interschool sport season. The focus would be on the following;
  - Scenarios discussions.
  - Dealing with winning and losing.
  - Behaviour towards officials.
  - Skill development.
  - Team expectations.
- Maintain a sense of rewarding effort in Prep- year 3 but move away from everyone wins a prize from 10 years of age upwards. Intrinsic motivation rather the constant need for rewards.
- Invite local junior sporting club coaches to a session run by educators to assist them in catering for different ability levels during training and playing.
- Commence a district wide discussion about expectations at our North West District Sport meetings.
- Celebrate sportsmanship and effort when we see it.

*Brett Shackleton, Principal*
Welcome back to all students and families. Another busy term ahead with exciting and challenging experiences and activities.

**School Opinion Survey**
Each year, the Department of Education undertakes a survey of parents, students and staff to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling.

Next Monday we will be sending home information and individual codes for each and every family to participate in the Annual School Opinion Survey. Previously it was restricted to 40 randomly chosen families, but we are now seeking feedback from all families at Ferny Grove State School.

Participation in the survey is anonymous and all information is treated confidentially. Survey results are collated and returned to the school in such a way that survey data does not reveal the identification of individual responses of individual respondents.

Later in the year, the school will receive a report outlining the results of the survey for our school. The results will help the school to evaluate and to reflect on how well the school is going and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of the school’s annual report. For these reasons, it is hoped you will complete the questionnaire and help make the school a better place for your child(ren).

Look for the parent/carer survey letter which will be distributed to the eldest in the family on Monday the 21 July.

**Expressive Arts Showcase**
**Date Claimer**
**Thursday 12 September - 7pm in the hall**
All Junior and Senior Choir members plus instrumental students will be performing at our annual Expressive Arts Showcase on Thursday 11 September. This is our annual concert and one of the highlights of our Expressive Arts Week.

**Year 4-7 Academic Parade**
Come along on Monday morning to share our Semester 1 Academic Parade. Students in Years 4 to 7 will be recognised for their academic achievements in maths, English, LOTE and music. This year those children with 100 percent attendance for Semester 1 will also be recognised at the parade. Parade will commence at 8:50am and we look forward to those who can join the celebrations.

*Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal*

**Integrated Music Parent Support (IMPS) Group**
The next IMPS meeting will be held on Wednesday 30th July at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All parents/carers of children in the choral and instrumental music groups are invited to come along.

*Amy Martin, IMPS Secretary*

Did you know that besides Tuckshop, you can also order Uniforms and Stationery online at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)? Set up your account today - no need to find cash for Tuckshop, and any time of year (other than Back to School) Uniforms and Stationery can be delivered to your child via Teacher pigeonholes.
Early years news

ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Todd Rogers from 3PR has been nominated for a 2014 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award. This nomination has come from a community member who considers Todd be honoured and recognised as an outstanding representative of effective teaching initiatives. We of course support this nomination and wish Todd all the very best with the next stage of the award process which is an ASG NEiTA State and Territory Award. Good Luck Mr Rogers.

Prep Enrolments for 2015

Prep Interviews for 2015 students will take place this term from the 4th of August through to the 5th of September. If you have a child starting prep next year please follow the link on our website to book your prep interview.

100 Days of Prep

Congratulations to our Preps who are celebrating 100 days of school this week. It is hard to believe that we are up to 100 days already! I’m often amazed at how much they are learning, and I enjoy seeing the progress in their reading and writing. Together with our senior leaders they have been busy working on their ‘time capsule’ which will be recovered when they are in year 6. Well done Preps, keep up the outstanding work!!

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

Special education news

The Lion King - Brisbane, 29 November 2014

“There is Simply Nothing Else Like It” – The New York Times

Disney in association with Autism Awareness Australia will present an autism-friendly performance of THE LION KING on Saturday 29 November 2014 at 1:30pm at the Lyric Theatre, QPAC. This specially adapted performance will be suitable for people on the autism spectrum and their families, to see the award-winning production in a friendly and supportive environment. Trained staff will be on hand, and dedicated quiet and activity areas set up, should anyone need to leave their seats.

Slight adjustments to the production will include removal of strobe lighting, reduction of any jarring sounds and lights focused into the audience.

A range of family friendly pricing will be offered for this performance, starting from $50 per ticket. Tickets go on sale 10am Wednesday 16 July. Seats are limited so be quick to avoid missing out!
For more information visit: www.lionkingautismfriendly.com.au

Child health news

Free dental check-ups and treatment available now!

Regular dental check-ups and early preventive care are an important part of good oral health.

The Dental Van is not currently at your school but Metro North Oral Health Services are offering your child an additional dental check-up between visits. Your child will also receive additional appointments if any treatment is needed – all free of charge!

This offer of care is an opportunity to provide your child with more timely access to public dental care and we also now have the ability to offer more regular recalls for children who attend our service. So if it has been more than six months since your child’s last check-up ring us up now.

Call 1300 300 850 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and our friendly staff will arrange an appointment for you at one of our school-based dental facilities.

1-2-3 Magic Classes for Parents Of Children aged 2 to 12

The parents of students currently in Years Prep - 2 are invited to attend 2 evening sessions based on the 1-2-3 Magic Program, to be held in our school Library on Tuesday evenings 5th & 12th August starting at 7 pm. Peter Wheeler (Student Welfare and Engagement Teacher) will be presenting 1-2-3 Magic covering the areas of –

- Reducing undesirable behaviours
- Managing children’s testing and manipulation of the boundaries
- Encouraging positive behaviours
- Strengthening parents relationships with children

The classes (7pm to 8:30) will include a power point, discussion and worksheet, so please bring a biro / highlighter. Please indicate your interest in participating, by emailing Peter at pwhee3@eq.edu.au by Thursday, 31st July.

Peter Wheeler, Student Welfare and Engagement Teacher
**Music news**

This is a busy time for choral and instrumental music students as they rehearse in preparation for the Expressive Arts Showcase.

**Parade Performances**

Monday 21 July  
Yr 4-7 Academic Parade  
**Senior Strings** performing in performance uniform

Monday 28 July  
Yrs 4-7 Sports Parade  
**Junior Band** performing in performance uniform

Monday 4 August  
Student of the Month Parade  
**Senior Strings** performing in performance uniform

Monday 11 August  
**Senior Strings** performing  
(No performance uniform)

All children are asked to assemble at the hall at 8:30am to set stage and warm up before each parade.

**Intermediate Music Camp**

A parent letter regarding the music camp is being distributed to instrumental music students throughout this week. Eligible children are those who didn't attend Beginners or Advanced Music Camps this year.

The camp takes place on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th August at Mitchelton State School and Mitchelton State High School Campuses. This camp is designed to re-enthuse our budding musicians with carefully selected repertoire which not only stretches the children’s ability but is contemporary and engaging. The culminating concert will illustrate the enjoyment this camp provides.

**Medical Forms and payment are due Week beginning Monday 21 July.**

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**Helping Hands news**

**YUMMY SURPRISE!**

**Tasty, Tasty, Tasty!**

Learn lots of skills and techniques to become a chef! Helping Hands is pleased to be able to offer this unique opportunity for all the children at Ferny Grove.

Cooking is one of life’s basic skills but it’s also a lot of fun for children! Join Chef Pete Zar on the journey to making the most Yummy Surprises!

The children will experience using kitchen tools and techniques to create lots of Yummy Surprises including desserts, starters and main courses! They will soon be cooking for the whole family! All the recipes used on the program will be provided for the children to repeat at home. Best of all, there will be something to eat every week!!

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands Ferny Grove on 0467 677 763 or email fernygrove@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au.

Booking forms are also available from the school office and Helping Hands Ferny Grove service.
Senior Sports Day 2014

The last Thursday before the holidays was the Senior Sports Carnival at Ferny Grove SS. The conditions were perfect for a great day out in the sun. Thank-you to all of our staff and volunteers for helping to make today such a success. A special thanks must go to Mr Kirby for organising the day and making sure that everything went to plan. Congratulations to Koalas for their victory and congratulations to every student who gave their best effort.
Great kids & families ☑️ Great staff ☑️ Great learning opportunities
**TERM 3 – 2014 BULK BILL**

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Our term bulk bill enables families to make one payment each term for all their children’s activities. All term activities and associated costs are shown in the table below. More detailed information relating to each individual excursion/activity will be sent home by your child’s teacher at a later date. Each activity has a payment deadline listed which indicates the date the payment must be received to ensure your child’s participation in the activity.

Payment plans can be organised if experiencing difficulty – to arrange please contact the office by 31 July.

Payments are ONLY processed on TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS – Payment options are:

- Over the counter - from 8.30am to 11.30am only on the above days.
- Envelopes with Cash/Cheque/Card Details posted in the blue letterbox in the wall of the office foyer.
- Credit Card - telephone 35505333 or complete the form below (minimum card payment is $15.00).
- BPAY - must use your FAMILY BPAY REFERENCE NUMBER (minimum $10.00) please note the following...

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE BPAY...**

BPAY is only recommended if you are paying all activities at the one time – unfortunately if you wish to pay for only one activity there is no guarantee the payment will be applied to that item. It is recommended you choose another option.

Regards,
Marg Frame, Business Services Manager  
Brett Shackleton, Principal

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### One full payment is preferred, however individual payments can be made (must be received by the Payment Deadline).

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**Students in Yrs 5 – 7 who participate in Friday interschool Summer sports teams are required to pay the fee below**

| Yr 5-7   | Summer Sport – commences 8 Aug | Term 3 & 4 | $70.00 | 14 Aug | $70.00 |

Below is a payment slip you can complete for Credit Card payments and return to office via the blue letterbox in the wall of the office foyer.

Otherwise please phone the office to provide your Credit Card details if you prefer this option.

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**Payment TOTAL $**

I wish to make payment by:  
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- MasterCard  
- Visa  
- Cheque

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Signature of cardholder:  

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Queensland Education
Accord Summit
Help shape the 30 year vision for education in Queensland

The Queensland Government is undertaking extensive consultation with parents, schools, unions and schooling sectors to map out the future of education and create Queensland’s first Education Accord.

All Queenslanders are encouraged to have their say.

Contribute your ideas at our event:

**FERNY GROVE EDUCATION ACCORD PUBLIC FORUM**
Hosted by Dale Shuttlesworth – Member for Ferny Grove
As an initiative of the Queensland Plan

23rd July 2014 6:45 for 7:00pm start
Ralph Took Auditorium
Ferny Grove State High School
McGinn Road, Ferny Grove

Limited Seats – Register before 21st July online at
http://www.trybooking.com/FDQUB
or email ferny.grove@parliament.qld.gov.au
or phone 3851 1570

www.dete.qld.gov.au/educationaccord

Great state. Great opportunity.
**Important Dates**

July
16th P & C Meeting 7 pm
Library
30th IMPS Meeting 6.30pm
Staffroom

**Coffee Cart**

We are very excited to announce that so far you have helped us raise $8,300 with our “Beans for Books” campaign. So close to the $10,000 target!

Unfortunately due to paid work our Tuesday barrista is unable to run the cart this term. Can you help? No experience needed, all training provided. Come and chat to one of us at the cart or call Yvette on 0409317553.

**Stationery & Uniform Store**

Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.

We have a large number of second hand fleece and microfiber jackets in stock at the Uniform Store. Why not come down and pick up a spare winter jacket for your child?

_Cheryl Cowles, Stationery Convenor_

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**Tuckshop**

We need your help again. We currently are looking for two people to go onto our roster for tuckshop, for a Wednesday and a Friday. **This roster is only one day a month** and it is from drop off of children to approximately 12pm. If anyone would like to help us out please drop in to see Julie or Kellee at the tuckshop or email us at tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au.

We have noticed that we are getting busier at the tuckshop so having two volunteers is a requirement to run the tuckshop efficiently.

Just remember, your kids love seeing you there and it is a great way to meet new people. Also if you volunteer you can stop and get a free coffee from our coffee cart just for volunteering.

**Volunteer Roster**

Thu 17 July    Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead
Fri 18 July    Donna Bassett, Marie Kinshela
Mon 21 July    Tania Hyde
Tue 22 July    Meg Leslie, Uli Esser
Wed 23 July    Liz Kubler, Emma Ney
Thu 24 July    Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday

_Cheryl Cowles, Stationery Convenor_

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**Meet & Make**

Meet & Make will resume next Thursday 24 July at Yarn Over, the knitting shop at 265 Blaker Rd, Grovely (right next to the train station). Gabby has offered us her studio space – and we will be making jewellery, Elsa capes & crowns and shopping bags.

Come and join us for a fun morning, starting at 9.30am next Thursday. Everyone welcome.

RSVP to Jenny – jennyowen@aanet.com.au or 0403 367 936

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**Saturday 11 October, 2014**

We are still seeking a Convenor/s for the Year 6 Novelty Stall - lots of help provided!

Also need a convenor for our BBQ - it is one of our major money makers! Again lots of helpers, just need someone to help coordinate the ordering beforehand and roster on the day.

Contact Vanessa at vbair4@eq.edu.au or 0433 325 452 if you are able to help!
Following his visit to Ferny Grove State High School earlier this year, UNICEF “Flying High for Kids” pilot Andrew Parker and his hot air balloon are currently in Laos and will be heading to Thailand this week. Andrew has sent us some photos showing him distributing the postcards and letters we sent with him to students in Cambodia.

To keep up to date with the project, the project's Facebook page is www.facebook.com/flyinghighborkidsproject or visit the website: www.flyinghighborkids.com.
Are you aged 6 to 11 and want to learn FUNdamental Basketball skills? Dragons Club is again conducting their highly successful B.L.A.S.T.™ 6eleven non-competitive skills development program from Saturday July 19 for 9 weeks. Now in its thirteenth season, over 450 children have participated in B.L.A.S.T.™ since inception. Numbers are strictly limited and filling fast. For further information, email blast@northbrisbanebasketball.com.au or visit our website www.northbrisbanebasketball.com.au.