Events

Thursday July 31  Friday August 1  Monday August 4  Tuesday August 5  Wednesday August 6  Thursday August 7  Friday August 8
7.20am String Ensemble Disco 5.30-6.30pm Prep-3 7.8.30pm Years 4-7 1.50pm Years 5-7 Summer sports trials 2.00pm Early Years Assembly 7.30am Senior Band Student of the Month Parade (Whole School) 7.30am Percussion 8am Year 1 Reading 7pm 1-2-3 Magic for Prep 2 Parents 7.30am Junior Band Year 3 Planetarium 7.20am String Ensemble Summer sport commences NO Early Years Assembly

From the Principal

As an Independent Public School, Ferny Grove State School aims to take advantage of the flexibility afforded us. To date we have instituted a range of new initiatives designed to meet the needs of our students. These have included:

- Creation of a Student Welfare and Engagement Teacher position in our school.
- School Council elections and formation. So far we have had two meetings and this week appointed Daryl Wilson as Chair and Catherine Turton as Secretary. Thank you and congratulations to both these parents of our school.
- Continuation of Community Liaison officer position with Vanessa Baird in the role.
- Training of 10 teachers as peer coaches for each other. These teachers work in small groups to plan, observe and provide feedback to each other as a way of supporting individual improvement for each teacher.
- Screened every Prep student in term 1 of this year in literacy and numeracy. The process will be repeated in term 4.
- Provided additional teacher support in Prep-year 3 to enable classroom teachers to both support and extend students in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Commenced a problem solving program across all classes in years 4-7 designed to explicitly teach every student the skills and strategies required to apply their maths understanding to problems they may encounter.

In time we will seek to innovate even more providing that we see that changing something will lead to improvement. Community engagement will be a core focus of our School Council for the remainder of 2014 as we seek to make FGSS the best school it can possibly be.

Uniform

A reminder that school uniform is not optional and that includes winter uniform. A number of older students are coming to school in non-uniform jumpers which sets a bad example for younger students. If this has happened as a result of an unexpected event please provide your child with a note explaining this as I am suspicious that some are changing their jumpers after they leave the house. Our school has a long held uniform policy that is supported by our community and helps engender a sense of pride and belonging.

Sporting Success

It has been a big week for the sport program in the school with semester 1 interschool sports awards handed out on Monday’s parade, district track and field on Wednesday/Thursday and our Senior Girls netballers competing in the Metropolitan finals on Friday. Give your best, play hard and fair and go home knowing you performed at the level you were most capable of.

Survey reminder for schools using online Parent/Caregiver Survey (week of 28 July)

If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until midnight on 3 August 2014. This is a great opportunity to have your say about what this school does well and how this school can improve.

Brett Shackleton

Payment due

Year 7 Raw Art  5 August  $9 Due 31 July
Year 3 Planetarium  6 Aug  $19.50 Due 31 July
Year 3 Raw Art  4 Sept  $8 Due 31 July
Year 5 Camp Goodenough 8-10 October  $230 Due 28 August

Payments can be made at the school office between 8:30 and 11:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. ONLY.

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

Find us on Facebook

For news, photos and latest events, “Like” Ferny Grove State School on Facebook.
A busy afternoon at Early Years assembly last Friday. Lots of happy grams and merit awards handed out, as well as the awards for 100% attendance in Semester 1.

We also had some Gotchas awarded to students for doing the right thing!

Amalie 1VH
Ellie 1K
School Opinion Survey

One hundred and twenty children in years 5 and 6 completed an online survey regarding their learning, teachers, students, interests and facilities. Teachers and parents have also been asked to complete the online survey. We encourage all to take a few minutes to complete. The survey link closes on Sunday 3 August.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Vale Mrs McNamara

Sade to hear of the passing last week of one of our school’s much loved old time teachers, Mrs Gloria MacNamara, known by all as “Mrs Mac”!

Mrs MacNamara taught here continuously from the seventies to some relief teaching work in the last decade.

Expressive Arts Week – A Celebration of The Arts

In Week 9 of this term, the students will participate in a range of Arts activities, the week concluding with the Expressive Arts Showcase (Thu evening, September 11) and Talent Quest (Fri morning, September 12).

Talent quest entries are due next Tuesday, 5 August to Miss Mould or Mrs Smith. (Entry forms can be found on Miss Mould’s door – 3M – only complete one entry per group) Heats will begin in week 5 so get practising! All students invited to watch the heats in the hall at first break M/T/W/Th of Week 5 (commencing 11 August).

Art competition entries can also be found on Miss Mould’s door – hand in once you have completed artwork, with form attached to it. Due to 3M by Wednesday 3 September.

A Few Good Men—Date Claimer

In conjunction with the Year 8’s from Ferny Grove State High School, we will once again be offering this program to our Year 6 and 7 male students and their fathers. Facilitated by sports mentor Michael Jeh, the program focuses on the respectful treatment of women in our society and how to cope with the attitudes and images that our young men are being exposed to more and more frequently. The program will be run over 3 nights from 7pm - Tuesday 19th and 26th August and 2nd September. More details to follow.

Support Humani

While you are heading to the disco tomorrow night, we have dinner sorted for you! Two of our Ferny Grove mums are heading to Africa to visit our sister school Humani with parent Michael Jeh from Barefoot in Africa. They will also be visiting the orphanage in South Africa that Michael spoke about after his last visit.

We will be holding a Sausage sizzle (including South African Boerwers) before the disco starting from 4.45pm and running through until 7.15.

Regular sausages $2 Boerwers $3 and drinks available. All funds raised will go towards buying a truck load (literally!) of food for the orphanage. We are also taking thongs with us so the people of Humani will be "barefoot in Africa no more". Buy a pair for a gold coin donation and add them to our suitcase! We will also have some cool African-coloured loom bracelets available for 50c each - the perfect disco accessory! Thanks for your support - our school value of care and compassion in action.

Disco reminder!
Thursday 31 July
Prep—Year 3: 5.30-6.30pm
$4 + $1 slushees
Year 4 - 7: 7.00-8.30pm
$5 + $2 slushees
Tickets on sale at Tuckshop area before school on Thursday.
On parade

Monday saw our Sports Parade for Semester 1 sports for Years 5-7. All the coaches awarded Best and Fairest and Coaches Awards for each of the teams in Rugby League, Soccer, Netball, Beach Volleyball and Tennis. Congratulations to all the deserving recipients who continue to set great examples on the sporting fields and remind their teammates and opposition what good sportsmanship looks like. We were also entertained on parade by the Junior Band for the first time this year.
Early years news

Deputy Principal Award
Congratulations to Oscar Ballantyne who was presented with the Deputy Principal award this week on Assembly. Oscar has been doing a fabulous job in his role as student council representative, reporting important issues to both his peers and to myself. Keep up the great work Oscar!

Prep Interviews
Prep Enrolment Interviews begin next Monday the 4th of August. If you have, or know of someone with a prep student for next year please make sure you have booked an interview online. Follow the link on our website.

Disco
Come along to our school disco on Thursday the 31st of July to support our student council. The Prep-3 is from 5:30-6:30 and you can even purchase a sausage before or after to support our sister school in Humani.

1-2-3 Magic
Peter Wheeler will be running 1-2-3 Magic for parents over two night sessions this term. Tuesday the 5th and 12th of August at 7pm in our Library. The program gives strategies for dealing with behaviour challenges.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

Instrumental music news

Parents’ Smart Music Talk - Woodwind and Brass Parents
Thursday 7 August - 6:30 -7:15pm in music tutor room
Parents are invited to find out about the Smart music software program which makes home practice interactive and fun.
As students practise the program captures their playing via the microphone and gives instant feedback. Students strive to improve their technique and subsequent result.
If you are interested in finding out more about this software please come to our presentation which will take place in the tutor room. (behind the hall)

Student of The Month Parade Performance
Senior Strings will be playing on Monday and will be required to wear their performance uniform to the Special parade. Children will meet Nicola Seneviratne at 8:30am to set up and play.

Congratulations Junior Band
Junior band played two pieces on last Monday’s parade. They did a fine job and looked terrific in their performance uniform. Their technique and focus was commendable. They will certainly impress the audience at our annual Expressive Arts Showcase on September 11.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
Meet & Make is a group of parents who get together to work on different craft projects for our upcoming Festival Craft Stall.

Meet & Make is meeting the next two Wednesdays (6th and 13th August) after dropoff. We are continuing to make exciting products for the school Festival.

Come along for a great morning of crafting, coffee, cake and chatting. Children welcome. Please RSVP to attend.

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

Week 3 of term 3 has been an exciting week for our defence children. On Tuesday the children were treated to a sausage sizzle which was a great success.

For Catch up Club this week all children were invited to play a game of tails which was great fun. We look forward to welcoming our defence students and their friends at Catch up Club next week.

Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw, DSTAs
Coffee Cart
The Cart will be open tomorrow for the school disco, so head on over and grab a coffee, tea or hot chocolate to keep you warm while you enjoy a sausage from the Barefoot in Africa (Humani) BBQ.
If you have been thinking of volunteering at the Coffee Cart we would love to hear from you, even one morning a fortnight would be greatly appreciated. We are busy enough to need 2 volunteers each morning, so extra help is greatly received.
Don’t forget to call in for your FREE birthday drink (children need to bring a signed note from a parent as we post your photo on Facebook.)

Stationery & Uniform Store
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.
$5 Bargain Boxes - purchase as is - rugby shorts, skorts, polos, striped shirts, winter items and more.
Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

Uniform Store Convenor
The Ferny Grove State School P & C Association has a vacancy for a part-time Uniform Store Convenor.

The Convenor is responsible for the successful management and operation of the FGSS Uniform Store. The position involves 2 x 3 hr shifts weekly, with increased hours during end of year and back to school times which are the busiest times for this P & C Business. Current days of operation are Monday and Friday, but there is a possibility that a late afternoon shift may be introduced.

The Convenor’s major responsibilities include stock management and ordering, customer service and processing of second-hand uniforms. This is a key position in our school as it is, in many cases, one of the first points of contact for new families.

For a position description and key criteria, please contact our P & C Business Operations Manager, Jodee Harris at fgsspc@bigpond.net.au.

Closing date for applications is Monday, 11 August by 5pm.
Food & Drink
CASH BAR

Childcare
AVAILABLE

The
ROCK & ROLL
DANCE Party

FEATURING

West
TEXAS CRUDE

Tickets
AVAILABLE
AT THE OFFICE OR VIA FLEXISCHOOLS

23 AUGUST 2014
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM
BAND 7.00-10.00PM

Ticket Prices
ADULTS $20 CHILDREN $5
FAMILY $50 (2 Adults & their children)
INCLUDES 1 BEER, WINE OR SOFT DRINK PP

Venue: FERNY GROVE SS HALL, ARCHDALE ROAD, FERNY GROVE
Second Saturday of each month
12 - 5 pm
Next Market Saturday, August 9th
Ferny Grove State School Hall
Cnr McGinn and Archdale Roads
Enquiries to Vanessa on 0433 325 452
facebook.com/myfavouritethingsmarket

UNIFORM FIT OUTS – YEAR 7 & 8’s 2015
Uniform Store & Second-Hand Uniform Store
Normal trading hours 8.00am – 9.00am Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri
Extended trading hours for December 2014 and January 2015 along with an updated price list will be sent out with the stationary order forms in November 2014.

SAVE TIME BE ORGANISED AVOID QUEUING IN DECEMBER/JANUARY
Phone Melissa or Christine on 3550 5792 to make an appointment or email uniforms@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au

| 20 October 2014 | Monday (Pupil Free Day) | 8.00am to 2.00pm |
| 21 - 23 October 2014 | Tuesday through to Thursday | 3.00pm to 6.30pm |
| 27 - 30 October 2014 | Monday through to Thursday | 3.00pm to 6.30pm |
| 1 November 2014 | Saturday | 8.00am to 1.00pm |
| 3 - 6 November 2014 | Monday through to Thursday | 3.00pm to 6.30pm |
| 8 November 2014 | Saturday | 8.00am to 1.00pm |
| 10 - 13 November 2014 | Monday through to Thursday | 3.00pm to 6.30pm |
| 15 November 2014 | Saturday | 8.00am to 1.00pm |
| 17 - 20 November 2014 | Monday through to Thursday | 3.00pm to 6.30pm |
| 22 November 2014 | Saturday | 8.00am to 1.00pm |

You must bring your child with you to the allocated appointment.

Please allow 30 minutes for the appointment. Uniform items will need to be purchased at the time of the appointment.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A WAIT IF AN APPOINTMENT HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED.
Community news

Year 10 “Clowning” Performance
Our Year 10 Drama students have been on tour showcasing their circus skills to students at local primary schools with their “Clowning” Performance. Schools visited were Mt Samson, Samford, Patricks Road, Enoggera, Ferny Hills, as well as Mitchelton and Red Hill Special Schools.

Year 1 students from Ferny Grove State School visited us prior to the tour to view this colourful performance. Our students were delighted to receive a beautiful poster from the Year 1s the following day. We’ve taken a photo of it to show everyone. Thank you to the wonderful Year 1s from Ferny Grove State School for being such a great audience and for the lovely poster.
**Community news**

**Entertainment Books**

Our Prep Committee is still selling Entertainment Books with lots of excellent deals to save money on restaurants and attractions all over South East Queensland. Hurry—nearly sold out!

Order yours here:


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**Breast Cancer Charity**

We are requesting any unwanted goods for collection so that we may hold a **MEGA GARAGE SALE** on the last weekend of August.

We are a northside breast cancer charity who help families financially and practically through their breast cancer journey.

We are happy to come and collect items and you can arrange this by just ringing TINA OR GARY on 3263 6766 or 0410 887 410.

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**What Spectrum?**

**Peace of Mind Expo 2014**

Strathpine Community Centre
Saturday 16 August 2014
8:30am-2:30pm

Come join us for a fun-filled day

A one stop drop event to aid, support, inform and build a community network to bring peace of mind and stability back to the lives of the parents, carers and children challenged with learning difficulties and who are both on and off the spectrum.

There will be speakers, stall holders, sausage-sizzle and a raffle.

**Topics covered:**

- Compound pharmaceuticals
- Dyslexia
- Sensory processing
- Bringing peace of mind back into the home
- Seeing your ‘dys’, as advantage
- Behavioral issues

Pre-purchased tickets for $5 over 16yrs of age.
Free entry 16yrs and under.
Door fee on 16 August:
- $15 over 16yrs of age
- $5 16yrs and under

Please send your expression of interest with the name and ages of those who wish to attend to angels@outlook.com and we will forward you the payment details.

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**2014/15 Summer Season**

**Hills District PCYC**

**Ferny Grove State High School**

Friday afternoons from 5.00pm
9/10yrs competition

Sunday mornings from 8.30am
13/14yrs competition

Sunday mornings from 10.45am
15-17yrs Girls

Sunday afternoon from 4.45pm
Seniors (mixed) competition

Registration fee $80 (11yrs & under)
$90 (seniors)

Hills District PCYC

**Queenland Futsal**

**FOOTBALL**

$48 weekly match fee

**QUEENSLAND**

$48 one-off team nomination fee

**FUTSAL**

Starts 19th September 2014

☑ Great kids & families ☑ Great staff ☑ Great learning opportunities