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From the Principal

**A Few Good Men**

I notice with interest that the Queensland Government has announced a review into domestic violence and its many causes and consequences. The first place to start will be a focus on the messages our boys receive about the transition to manhood and what it means to be a ‘real man’. At FGSS and Ferny Grove State High School we believe this message starts with conversations between men and the young men in their care, hence the second year of our project, ‘A Few Good Men’.

This year, our target group will be Year 6, 7 and 8 boys (across both schools) and their fathers. There will be three sessions, the first of which will involve the parents or guardians (men and women), the second with just fathers/guardians/significant male role models and the third will involve the men and the boys together. Boys are massively over represented in violence, disengagement from school and many other statistics, most significantly in the area of violence against women.

We are fortunate to have Michael Jeh (See michaeljeh.com) as the facilitator of this program along with men from both schools. We are seeking to facilitate opportunities for fathers/significant men to challenge some of the more traditional norms about how men behave towards women, particularly through the teenage years when so many of these norms are developed and reinforced.

The issue is particularly important in light of ongoing incidents in sporting, political and military contexts. **We would encourage all Year 6 & 7 boys and their families to participate** - it is our next generation of boys and men who will make the difference. This is very much a personal development program for our adolescent boys.

Please RSVP to Vanessa at vhair4@eq.edu.au if you wish to attend, advising your name and your child’s name and year level.

Brett Shackleton
On parade

Fire Safety poster
Golden Valley Keperra Lions Club runs their annual Fire Safety Poster competition for Year 4 students to highlight the importance of Fire Safety knowledge. Mr Peter Mason, from Golden Valley Keperra Lions attended last Monday’s assembly to present the winners with their certificates for their fantastic Fire Safety Posters. This competition is state-wide and their posters will now go into a broader competition and be judged shortly. Congratulations goes to Chelsey S, Brock H, and Amelia G.

Recently the school was able to purchase 2 sets of AFL jerseys for the use of our school teams. We have already worn these for our first week of sport and they looked great out on the field.

We would like to thank the school for purchasing the jerseys for our teams to use. Thanks also to Mr Bryant who helped with the final design of the jerseys.

We plan to represent our school with pride as we wear them each week. I’m sure you’ll agree that they look great. Thank you.

Early years news

Book Week
Next week is Book Week and a chance for us to really celebrate our love for books. On Tuesday the children can come dressed as their favourite book character. This is a Dress up day, not a Free Dress day so no need to bring a gold coin!

Gotcha’s
These students were caught doing the right thing!
Blaize S 1VH
Trevor O 1M
Sienna C 2P
Dominik 3B

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

Flexischools

Did you know that besides Tuckshop, you can also order Uniforms and Stationery online at 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.
Mr Shackleton coaching
Principal Brett Shackleton will be out of the school for the next 4 weeks for his final round of Peer coaching and mentoring. Deputy Belinda Evans will be Acting Principal, and teacher Helen Dean will be Acting Deputy Principal for Years 4 - 7.

Michael Jeh - Parent Talk
Michael will be running a parent session on Thursday 21 August in the library at 7pm. It will reinforce the discussions that Michael will be holding with year 6 and 7 students in the coming weeks about personal brand, risk taking and resisting the pressures of drugs and alcohol.

Michelle Mitchell - Social Media Parent Talk
Wednesday 3 September - 7pm in the library
Michelle Mitchell will once again be running a parent evening as a lead up to our sexual health lessons for Years 5 – 7 in Term 4. The parent information session will take place in the library on Wednesday 3 September commencing at 7pm. She will give a brief outline of the school’s sexual health program before moving into an informative talk all parents will find useful in regards to social media. Michelle’s sessions are entertaining and practical. Being a mother of teenage children, Michelle relates to the concerns of parents regarding sexuality and social media messages. Come along and find out how to keep one step ahead of your children when it comes to social media.

FGSHS Gala Concert Rehearsal
Year 5 instrumental music children will be attending the Gala Concert on Thursday 21 August. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young, budding musicians to see and enjoy the music played by students who also commenced learning an instrument at a similar age and are only a few years older. The program is varied and our students gain so much enjoyment watching others play their instrument.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Rock and Roll Dance Party—Cancelled
This event scheduled for 23rd August had been cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales.

Fundraising and Social Team (FAST)

Regional Track and Field Carnival
Our best wishes go to those students representing us at the Regional Track and Field Carnival on August 26, 27 and 28.

Prep Committee
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!
Also Prep families look out for the picture plate order forms. Your child has been busy capturing some of their great artwork and you can order it to keep on one of our Picture plates. $25 each - teachers will send home order forms. Siblings can also participate - see your Prep teacher.

Prep Committee
Ferny Happenings

Our Year 2 students finally finished their “Run around Queensland”. Last week they did their last laps of the oval to complete this challenge - such a long way! Congratulations Year 2 students!

Defence news

Do you like to help people? Do you like to meet new people?

The Defence Special Needs Support Group is seeking volunteers to fill a number of local Coordinator positions across Australia. You don’t have to have special needs in your family to be a DSNSG volunteer Coordinator, just a willingness to help your fellow Defence families by putting on a coffee morning now and then, linking into local services and supports and occasionally organising a family day. Coordinator training is provided. For more information please contact Kim Collins, National Coordinator Defence Special Needs Support Group 1800 037 674
dinator@dsnsg.org.au website: www.dsnsg.org.au

Defence Parents

Coffee and Craft Morning

All FGSS parents are invited to join us for craft and morning tea in preparation for our school festival.

Dates

When: Wednesday mornings starting 20th August until 16th September.
Time: 9am to 11am
Where: DSTA room in C Block. Access via the back stairs near the 1/2 playground.

Please join us in creating some fun craft items.
No experience necessary.

Find us on facebook

For news, photos and latest events, “like” Ferny Grove State School on Facebook.
Festival news

Saturday 11 October, 2014

8 weeks to go!!!

Are you ready for the 2014 Ferny Grove Festival, from 12-7pm on Saturday 11 October? It will be bigger and better then ever, we are hoping for some more live entertainment, we have a couple of new stalls and some old favourites are back - including fireworks!!!

This is our once a year mega-fundraiser and there is a lot of ways you can help. All funds this year will go to technology upgrades to give all our students access to current technology to enhance their learning.

**Year Level stalls**

**Showbags** - Prep: Nic and Phil Crouch

Something for all the kids with a mix of boy and girl and younger and older kid showbags.

**Facepainting** - Year 1: Fiona Judd

Come check out all the cool designs. Our team of facepainters will brighten up your day. Do you have a talent for facepainting? Let us know.

**Sweets and Lollies** - Year 2: Katrina Collins

For all the sweet tooths out there, here is the stall for you! Marshmallows, coconut ice, toffee apples - Yum!

**Treasure Trove** - Year 3: Shona Wilson, Mel Dirschka, Louise Heath, Liz Black

This year more than a book stall! The Treasure Trove will have books, CDs*, DVDs*, Puzzles**, iPod covers, phone covers and quality toys (no stuffed toys, broken toys or McDonalds toys. Please use common sense on what can be sold)

*please ensure that CD’s & DVD’s are in good working order (no scratches).

**please ensure puzzles have no missing pieces & supply in packaging or a zip lock bag if possible.

**DONATE: Pledges for the Sweet Stall will be in Week 8 - September 1-5

**DONATE: Pledges for the Treasure Trove will be in Week 7 - August 25-29. They can be dropped at Uniform/Stationery Store on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8.30am till 2pm.

**Cake Stall** - Year 4: Fiona Deegan

Cakes, slices, biscuits and preserves. Bring out your baking best!

**DONATE: Pledges for the Cake Stall will be in Week 8 - September 1-5

**Strawberry Sundaes** - Year 5: Helen McConachy

The perfect Festival food - strawberries, meringue, ice cream and cream - delightful!

**Novelties** - Year 6: Shona Wilson, Mel Dirschka

Kick it, poke it, hit it, wear it, turn it on! What will you buy at the Novelty Stall.

**Sideshow Alley** - Year 7: Emma Ney, Kylie Rogers

Roll up! Roll up! Come try your luck at our Festival Sideshow Alley! Lots of games and fun for everyone!

**Other stalls**

**Plant Stall** - Juanita Carillo, Belinda Canning, Dan Viero

I would like to say a big thank you to Dan for tidying up the Greenhouse and I’m happy to report that we have managed to pot up quite a few plants ready for the upcoming plant stall.

**DONATE: Plant Stall donations will be next week, Week 6, 18-22 August. Please bring any cuttings, seedling trays, potting mix, seeds and any plants from your garden that you would like to donate. We are also searching for old leather or rubber boots to make some funky Planters, and if by chance you have any old ride on mower tires or tires of that size we would love them. Donations can be left outside the Greenhouse near Mr Church’s shed. Juanita

**Craft Stall** - Jenny Owen & Jess De la Jara

Your kids are going to love this - pirates and fairies and superhero capes - just a fraction of what we will have waiting for you!

**DONATE: Next week, Week 6 from 18-25 August - bring to Uniform/Stationery Store on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8.30am till 2pm.

**Balloon creations** - Kathryn Anderson

Fancy some fairy wings or an alien hat? We have it covered along with some other crazy creations!

**Dress up stall** - OSHC Staff

Let your little ones (and you too) have a time out from the crowds and come and try on all of our fancy fashion. Purchase your favourites for a small fee!

**DONATE: Week 7 - August 25-29 OSHC/Helping Hands would love any hats, scarves, jewellery, handbags and costumes that are cluttering up your cupboards. Bring to Helping Hands!**
Raffles

Major raffle
This year our major prize will be a family trip to Fiji. Tickets will come home in Week 8 and be due back by the end of term. Opt out letters will go home next week, but we ask each family to sell a $10 or $20 book of tickets - tickets are $2 each.

Hamper raffles
Once again we will ask each year level to donate new, themed items for our Hamper Raffles - these were a great success last year and include great hampers like, baking, gardening, pamper and Masterchef!

DONATE: These items will be collected in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term—stay tuned for more info and what each year level will be collecting!

Silent Auction
This is a great way to bid for things that you would buy anyway—with all proceeds going to the School. Haircuts, beauty services, restaurant vouchers and all sorts of other donations. We set the auction up on eBay so you can browse beforehand and set your maximum bids on each item. Online bidding is available on the day with assistance if you need it.

DONATE: If you have a business donation or something else you would like to donate for our auction, please contact Vanessa on vbair4@eq.edu.au.

Entertainment
A great day of entertainment with a mix of local sporting and dance demonstrations along with a great performance by Ferny Grove State High School and a number of live bands, all on our big outdoor stage. Final lineup is still to be confirmed but there will be plenty to keep you entertained while you enjoy a bite to eat.

Community Showcase
A display of all our community has to offer with our not-for-profit partners sharing their work with you. Also will include a display and the Animal Farm from Ferny Grove State High School. Also features Police, Fire truck and Army Bush Master.

Food
Our fantastic food precinct will tantalise your tastebuds with a range of foods from around the world. We will also have a number of stalls that we run ourselves.

Coffee Cart: Craig Sharp
You all know it and love it - serving your favourite caffeine fix!

BBQ: Bec Rowe
Nothing like a sausage sandwich or a steak burger to hit the spot on a Saturday afternoon.

Hot Chips: Nick Edwards
A carnival classic, the kids love their hot chips!

Bar: Leanne Reid
To wash down all the great food, find yourself a spot at the bar and enjoy the live entertainment.

Rides and Armbands
The rides will be back with a couple of big kid rides and all the family favourites. Armband prices have stayed the same as last year. They will be available shortly on www.flexischools.com.au for the best price of $28 for unlimited rides at the Ferny Grove Festival between the hours of 12.30 and 5.30 pm. A pre-order form - $30 each - will be distributed to all Ferny Grove State School students in the next week. Full priced armbands are $35 each and can be purchased on the day from our Information marquee.

Donations
All the donations listed here, give your child the opportunity to go in the draw for one of three golden armbands. These allow children to jump the queue on Festival day. These will be drawn randomly from the names of all those who donate. The more you donate the more chances you have to win! Make sure you register your donation when you drop it off, or have your name added to the list in the Stationery Store or Library.

Thank you
We appreciate all your support. Get on board for some Festival fun - we will need your help on the day too - volunteer information will be out shortly.

Search for Ferny Grove Festival!
Book Week 2014

18-22 August

Monday
Marvellous Mini-book making with Mrs B
Mrs Spathonis reads

Tuesday
Free-Dress Up Day!
Dress up like your favourite Book Character

Wednesday
Bodacious Bookmark making with Mrs Cash
Ms Conners reads

Thursday
Create a Crazy Critter with Mrs Begg
Mr Sandilands reads

Friday
Join in Calligraphy with Mrs B & Ms Mac
Mr Kurth reads

All Week
Name all the books/series in our new poster to win a prize*
*there are limited prizes - first in best-dressed

IF YOU LIKED THE MOVIE
YOU'LL LOVE THE BOOK
P & C news

Important Dates
August
20th P & C Meeting 7pm
Library
26th IMPS Meeting 8.50am
Staff Room

P & C Meeting
Don’t forget P & C meeting next Wednesday, 20th August. All are welcome. We will be talking about funding priorities for the P & C. 7pm in the library - we would love to see you there!

Coffee Cart
Don’t forget tomorrow is Cupcake Friday - head on down to the Coffee Cart to get a sugar hit with your caffeine fix!

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, Stationary Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

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 can help us out please drop in to see Julie or Kellee at the tuckshop or email us at tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au.
As we get busier at the tuckshop, having two volunteers is a requirement to run the tuckshop efficiently.
Just remember, your kids love seeing you there, it’s a great way to meet new people and on the day you volunteer you can have a free coffee from our coffee cart.

Volunteer Roster
Fri 15 August    Donna Bassett, Marie Kinshela
Mon 18 August    Tania Hyde
Tue 19 August    Meg Leslie, UlJesser
Wed 20 August    Liz Kubler, Emma Ney
Thu 21 August    Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday
Fri 22 August    Kate Newnham, Katrina Collins
Mon 25 August    Robyn Jones
Tue 26 August    Claire Tyler
Wed 27 August    Simone Howes, Andrea Netto
Thu 28 August    Heather Darlington, Devi Ajjarapu

Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

Second Saturday of each month
12 - 5 pm
Next Market Saturday, September 13th
Ferny Grove State School Hall
Cnr McGinn and Archdale Roads
Enquiries to Vanessa on 0433 325 452
facebook.com/myfavouritethingsmarket

Deadline for inclusion in the Ferny Grove News is 12 Noon on Mondays. Email to newsflash@fernygroves.eq.edu.au. It is emailed every Wednesday. If you are not receiving it please advise your updated email details to the above address.
Are you harbouring a future Aussie Hero?
Join the Ferny Fireballs Junior Cricket Club
Sign-On for Ages 5-17

Saturday 16th from
10am-midday and
Sunday 24th August,
between noon-2pm.
Games start Fri 10th and Sat 11th October.
Tramway Street, Ferny Grove (take the
Tramway Museum entrance
opp Police Station)
Super6s format for U8-U9 available on
Friday nights played at Brendale.
Sign up and payment available online.
For more details Email –
registrar@fernyfireballs.org.au
New web pages for further information at:
www.fernyfireballs.qld.cricket.com.au

Salvation Army Stafford Corps - 32 - 54 Hayward St, Stafford

We at The Salvation Army Stafford Corps, have started a new music program for kids from grades 3 through to 7. Free Brass instrumental lessons - Tuesday 4:15 - 5pm at The Salvation Army Stafford Corps (Instruments available for a $100 refundable deposit, for children in grades 3 - 7.)

Homework Help for students in grades 3 - 7: Tuesday 4pm - 5:30pm at The Salvation Army Stafford Corps. Qualified teachers providing oversight supported by volunteers.

For further information about either of these programs, or to register feel free to contact The Salvation Army Stafford Corps on 3352 6577 or email stephanie.morgan3@griffithuni.edu.au