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From the Principal

Expressive Arts Week

One of Ferny Grove State School’s long standing traditions is our annual Expressive Arts Week which is always held the second last week of term 3. Everyone is involved both in the lead up and throughout the week.

Under the direction of their specialist teachers, children have been rehearsing during choral, dance and instrumental music lessons in preparation for Thursday evening’s Expressive Arts Showcase. For weeks heats have also been held for the selection of the finalists for Friday morning’s Talent Quest. Both of these occasions give opportunity to celebrate and highlight the children’s talents.

An exceptional event this year has been the Opera Queensland performances which ran for two days. The children were entertained with a modern adaption of Donizetti’s, “The Elixir of Love” exploring self-confidence, bullying, friendship and honesty.

In between these major events classroom teachers have organised stimulating performing and visual arts activities for the students of their year level thus giving children further opportunities to explore their artistic talents. Some year levels have participated in drumming circle workshops and enjoyed the drama performances provided by Ferny Grove High students.

If you visit the school this week take a moment to pop into the hall and view the art exhibition displaying children’s creative and artistic works from Prep to Year 7.

None of this would be possible without the involvement and contributions of many talented teachers and parents. Carmen Smith and Jen Mould have co-ordinated the week’s activities. Cynthia Cash has been assisted by Jessica Geron, a parent who is also a talented artist and exhibitor, in judging the art competition. Jason Barry-Smith, also a parent and music supervisor with Opera Queensland, organised the special performances. David Sandilands and Helen Dean are to compete the Talent Quest and Showcase whilst Kurt Bryant and the AV team organise the lighting and sound. Parents have worked behind the scenes displaying art, organising supper and lucky door prizes plus assisting in classrooms during the art activities. Teachers have drawn upon their expertise and creative talents to rehearse children and provide stimulating classroom activities to complement the suite of events which make up Ferny Grove’s annual Expressive Arts Week. It would not be possible to run such a week every year without everyone valuing the arts and their importance in our everyday lives.

End of Term

As this is the last newsletter for term 3 I wish all families a happy spring holiday and we look forward to seeing you return safely on Tuesday 7 October. If families are leaving the school at the end of term we ask that you request, complete and return a Student School Departure Form to the office before Friday 19 October.

Mr Shackleton returns on Monday. Welcome back Mr Shackleton.

Belinda Evans, A/Principal
Student of the month parade

Our Student of the Month Parade was held on Monday, September 1st with our Adopt-A-Cop Senior Constable Wanda Beckett joining us to hand out the awards. Congratulations to the following students who were identified as worthy recipients:

James L - Prep H  
Lily S - 1M  
Amy T - 2B  
Mackenzie Y - 3B  
Mackenzie P - 4A  
Jeremy H - 5F  
Jordan C - 6R  
Kalen F - 7T  

Early Years Assembly

Another group of happy award recipients at a recent Early Years Assembly. Merit awards and Happy grams were handed out.
Expressive Arts Showcase is this Thursday night, 11 September, 2014 at 7pm.

A reminder of what time and where performers need to be:  
Year 5 Dance – Meet Mrs Bryant at 2C and 2B classrooms at 6.50pm.  
Junior and Senior Choir – Assemble back stage at 6.30pm via the Tutor room at back of the hall.  
Senior Band – Meet at 5G and 5O classrooms for warm-up at 6.15pm.  
Junior Band – Meet at 4JM at 6.15pm.  
Junior and Senior Strings – Meet at 6.15pm at the music room.  
Percussion - Need to check in with Ms Savage at 6.45pm at the back of the stage via the Tutor room at the back of the hall. A note went home on school email and via Facebook yesterday with details of the order of performance and what children need to wear/bring.

Talent Quest Final  
This Friday, 12 September, the Talent Quest Final will be in the hall from 9am. All students will watch and parents are welcome to attend.

Helen Dean, A/Deputy Principal

No dogs in school grounds  
Just a reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time, even before and after school. We had a terrible incident recently where two unleashed dogs fought in front of a group of our students attending Helping Hands after school and it was quite distressing for some of the students.

Payment due dates  
FGSS does have a no pay no go policy, therefore it is very important that parents/caregivers are aware of and stick to the payment due dates. Ample time and reminders are given to ensure payments can be made on time. If by some reason there is a circumstance that arises and payment cannot be made please come and speak with someone in the admin team prior to the payment date closing. Your support with this would be appreciated.

Swimming Term 4  
Next term the Preps, year 1, 2, 3 and 4’s will participate in swimming lessons at the Ferny Hills Pool. Now is a great time (if you haven’t already) to let kids practice packing their own bags and dressing and undressing themselves. This type of independence will ensure they have success next term when they will be expected to do this by themselves.

Talent Quest finals  
Congratulations to all who auditioned for the Talent Quest. The finals will be held this Friday at 9am in the hall. Good luck to all who made the finals, you are all winners!!

Holidays  
It is hard to believe we are at the end of term 3 already. I wish everybody a safe and relaxing holiday and I really look forward to seeing everybody back and ready for a fabulous term 4. Happy Holidays!!!

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal
Don’t forget the first Monday back after the holidays is a Public Holiday for Labour Day. School recommences on Tuesday, 7th October.

**General news**

**Helping Hands**
Vacation care is approaching fast. We have some great excursions and incursions planned. If you require vacation care please fill in a vacation care form and return it to OSHC.

**School banking update**
Have you seen the ads on TV showing some celebrities who started banking as kids? School banking is a wonderful thing to do to help your kids save, get some cool prizes and earn the school some money.

Open a Youth Saver account from Commonwealth Bank. Bring yellow book to school office with deposit on Thursday mornings BEFORE 9:30am. Earn 1 token for every deposit (50c minimum). With 10 tokens you can redeem a reward. Send a note or use the reward card to redeem and it usually arrives the week later. Current rewards on offer: wallet, handball, headphone, shark keyring (NOTE PENGUIN KEYRING IS NOW OUT OF STOCK), whale shark pencil case, scented pencils, metal money box, swimming bag. In term 4, rewards include any of these (until stock runs out) plus pool dive toys and a glass with torch in base.

NB There have been some students redeeming rewards with insufficient deposits (according to the system) – we have begun writing on the back of a stub how many reward tokens are reported in the system. We cannot order a reward without 10 deposits recorded in the system, even if you have more than 10 tokens. If you have not received a reward it may be due to insufficient deposits. If you have any problems or questions re school banking, please write a note along with your child’s bankbook or phone Xanthe on 0437266530 or on Thursday morning 3550-5333 (8:45-9:45).

*Xanthe Sansome, Banking coordinator*

**Success committee - supporting diverse learners**
We have held our first meeting for the Success Committee, a sub-committee of our P & C which will be fundraising for resources for students identified by the Special Education Program or Learning Support Team. We are starting by fundraising for a Rainbow Reading program which will support a wide range of students in their learning.

Parents who are interested in being involved with the committee can contact success4102@gmail.com to be included in updates about opportunities to help support our students and to access support for families.

Our first fundraiser will be a BBQ at this weekend’s My Favourite Things market. The BBQ will need helpers from 11.30-3.30 and is also happy to receive donations of baked goods on the Saturday morning.

We are also seeking donations of rice, corn (like popcorn) and old pillowcases so we can make some weighted lap bags for use in classrooms for any students who may need them to help settle for learning.

**NDIS updates**
The Queensland Government has plans and initiatives underway to be ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to commence in Queensland from July 2016. People with disability, families, carers, providers, and sectors are getting ready to take up opportunities that the scheme will bring to Queensland.

We are hoping to connect as many people, networks, organisations and sectors with regular updates and news on Queensland NDIS preparations and opportunities to get ready.

We have recently established the Queensland NDIS Update e-blast to provide information about activities and initiatives. The e-blast is free to subscribe to and is delivered directly into people’s email. It is a great way to keep up to date with the latest news and developments on Queensland’s preparation for the NDIS.

Thank you if you have previously subscribed to the e-blast.
Festival news

Saturday 11 October, 2014
4 weeks to go!!!

Have you liked our Facebook page - keep up to date with all the news for our big day!!

Armbands
Our ride armbands are now available at www.flexischools.com.au. Order forms have gone home (on blue paper) if you want to pay by cash or credit card.

Raffle
Our major raffle prize this year is a family trip to Fiji, with other great prizes like a 12 month Jetts gym membership and a kid’s bike. Tickets will come home today or tomorrow. Tickets are $3 each and each family will get a book of 10 tickets to sell unless you have returned your opt out letter.

Donation Stations
Letters have gone home about our Raffle Hampers. We will put together two hampers from each year level from donations. Boxes for donations are in each class:
- Prep - Picasso Pack - markers, paint sticks, cardstock, craft supplies
- Year 1 - Master Chef - tools, gadgets, spices, baking trays, cookie cutters
- Year 2 – Diggin’ in the Dirt - gloves, seeds, small tools, plant markers, pots
- Year 3 - Snack Attack - jar olives, popcorn, pretzels, salsa, chips, nuts, drinks
- Year 4 - Party Time - lollies, chips, balloons, partyware, straws, decorations
- Year 5 – Stationery Suite - pretty pens, pencils, notebooks, cards
- Year 6 – Sweet Treats - tinned fruits, packet cakes/dessert mixes, sprinkles
- Year 7 - Pamper Me - bubble bath/bath salts, soap, nail polish, hair pretties

We are still taking donations for the following:

- Plant Stall
  Please bring any cuttings, seedling trays, potting mix, seeds and any plants from your garden that you would like to donate. Donations can be left outside the Greenhouse near Mr Church’s shed.

- Treasure Trove
  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. They can be dropped at Uniform/Stationery Store on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8.30am till Noon.

- Dress up stall
  OSHC is seeking any hats, scarves, jewellery, handbags and costumes that are cluttering up your cupboards. Bring to Helping Hands!

- Craft Stall
  Looking for any of you crafty critters who are making goodies at home that we can sell at our handmade craft stall. Drop finished product to the Uniform/Stationery Store on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8.30am till Noon.

- Sideshow Alley
  Looking for donation of old white sheets. Please take to Uniform/Stationery store.
**Instrumental music news**

**Week 10 Instrumental Music Rehearsals and Lesson schedule**

**Monday 15** - no Senior band and no woodwind lessons  
(Mrs Haringcaspel is at GRIPPS camp)

**Tuesday 16** - Percussion Ensemble concluded for 2014,  
Lessons as usual

**Wednesday 17** - Junior band as usual, no lessons

**Thursday 18** - No strings rehearsal or lessons  
(Mrs Seneviratne is conducting parent teacher interviews)

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**Ferny happenings**

**Zumba fundraiser for Africa**
A big thank you to our Ferny Grove families that turned out on Tuesday night for our Zumba fundraiser. Between raffles and attendees we raised $525 for the orphanage in South Africa. Ferny Grove mums Shona Wilson and Vanessa Baird will travel to Africa in October to visit our sister school in Humani and deliver the funds and other donations to the school and orphanage. We appreciate your care and compassion!

**Amart thank you**
A huge thank-you to AMART SPORTS Mitchelton for our new t-ball equipment. They have supplied us with new gloves for all our players, as well as bats, tees, balls and helmets. Also thank you to everyone who has linked their team AMART SPORTS card to our school which means the school receives 5% of the money you spend there. If you are shopping there just mention Ferny Grove State School and we end up with the benefits of their Community Kickback program.

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**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.
Chaplaincy breakfast

Thanks to everyone who showed up for this term’s Chappy Breakfast to support the Chaplaincy service within our school. What a great morning for our community!

Student council visit to Regis Nursing Home

Our Student Council and Junior Choir visited the Regis Nursing Home in Ferny Grove last week to celebrate Father’s Day.
P & C News

Important Dates
September
17th P & C meeting 7pm
Library

Coffee Cart
We are so close to reaching our $10,000 beans for books target! Come and buy a hot drink tomorrow night at Expressive Arts Showcase and you with surely tip us over.

Don’t forget to check the coffee cart Facebook page (fgsscoffeecart) on Wednesdays to win a free drink. You just need to guess the staff member behind the Wookie mask.

Stationery & Uniform Store
Open Monday and Friday 8-10am.
We would like to welcome our new Uniform Store Convenor, Madonna Morton. Please be gentle with her as she learns the ropes!
Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)
Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor
3550 5342 (0409 272 062)

FAST
We will once again be running the Sheila Sissons Photography Fundraiser. A great opportunity for families to have their portraits taken. For a $20 booking fee you receive one 8 x 10 photo and then you can order from a choice of other packages. Photos this year will be taken on Sunday 19th October. Note will go home next week.

Tuckshop
TUCKSHOP HELPERS!
We are desperately seeking volunteers for our Tuckshop on two Fridays of the month. If you can make sandwiches you can help! If you can help please see Julie or Kellee at the Tuckshop or email us at tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au. Also keep an eye out on Flexischools for some new food items for next term.

Volunteer Roster
Thu 11 Sept    Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead
Fri 12 Sept    Donna Bassett, Marie Kinshela
Mon 15 Sept    Tania Hyde
Tue 16 Sept    Meg Leslie, Uli Esser
Wed 17 Sept    Liz Kubler, Emma Ney
Thu 18 Sept    Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday
Fri 19 Sept    Kate Newnham, Katrina Collins
Mon 6 October  PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 7 October  Bianca Wyllie
Wed 8 October  Jenny Owen, Amy Martin
Thu 9 October  Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead

Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

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

**Year 9s Prepare Delicious Breakfasts**
Take a look at these scrumptious breakfasts prepared by our Year 9 Food Studies students. Their “breakfast brief” was to examine their own breakfast eating habits and those of their classmates. They had to research the importance of a nutritious breakfast and then design two menus – a quick weekday menu (produced in class) and a relaxed weekend breakfast (made at home for family). The two breakfasts were then evaluated in terms of nutrition and preparation.

**Interact Club Trivia Night**
Interact is the youth arm of Rotary International and is a club for young people aged 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Our school Interact Club is hosting a Trivia Night to raise funds for children in the Humani school in Zimbabwe. See the flyer below for more details.

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TRIVIA NIGHT!

Ferny Grove State High School Interact Club is hosting an **African Themed** trivia night to raise funds for our sister school in Humani, Zimbabwe.

It will be held at the Ferny Grove State High School Hall.

Takes place on the Friday of the first week back of school, 10/10/2014.

Sausage sizzle begins at 5.30pm

**Prices:**
- $40 per table
- 6-10 people
- Or $5 per person

Get your tickets from the Ferny Grove SHS office today

For more information contact Nina Busteed on nina.busteed@gmail.com
School holiday fun

Mitchelton Library

**Great paper plane race**
Be part of the great paper plane race. Ideal for children aged six years and older.

**Tuesday 23 Sept 10.30-11.30am**

**Lego activity centre**
Construct a work of art using Lego and your imagination. Ideal for those aged 8-18 years.

**Wednesday 24 Sept 2-4pm**

**Pirate treasure hunt**
What exciting things can be found in Mitchelton Library? Join us for a swash buckling adventure of library discovery.

**Thursday 25 Sept 2-3pm**

**Decorate a library bag**
Come along to the Mitchelton Library and design a unique bag.

**Tuesday 30 Sept 10.30-11.30am**

**Spring flower craft**
Learn to make simple paper flowers. Take home your own bouquet in your handmade vase. Ideal for children aged 5-10 years.

**Thursday 2 Oct 1.30-2.30pm**

**Holiday maker spaces**
Friday 26 September and 3 October 2-4pm
*Bookings essential.*

Call Mitchelton Library on (07) 3403 7410 for more information.

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**Remember when you believed in anything and everything?**

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s tendencies to being tricked, fooled and misled by their peers. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this.

We are looking for parents of **10 – 11 year old children** across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq2

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652 or rebecca.seward@research.uwa.edu.au

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**FERNY DISTRICTS CRICKET CLUB**

**MILO in2CRICKET JUNIOR PROGRAM**

**When:** Saturdays- 11 October 2014 onwards from 8:45am-10am

**Where:** 20 Tramway Street, Ferny Grove, QLD

**What:** Introductory Cricket Program for girls and boys aged 5 & up

**Cost:** Cost $80

**Contact:** Andrew Middleton 0421 583 241

To register, simply visit: playcricket.com, then type in 4055 as the postcode, then click on in2CRICKET before going to the Ferny Districts Cricket Club Inc. option and selecting the ‘Register Now’ hyperlink.

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**Pine Hills Hockey Club**

**Boys required for 2014/15 Indoor Hockey season**

Pine Hills has several places in teams available for new boys aged 10 to 13 to play in the upcoming Brisbane Indoor Hockey season.

Indoor hockey is a variation of field/outdoor hockey using modified rules to create a safe, fast paced game. It is a great way to keep fitness levels up over summer and for new players to try hockey ahead of the 2015 outdoor season. If you are looking for a summer sport to play, give indoor hockey a go!

All games are played at the Kedron SHS sports hall on Sunday mornings with the season running from late-September 2014 through to late-February 2015.

For more information contact boys@pinehillshockey.org.au