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We were honoured today to host a visit to our school by Bruce and Denise Morcombe. They are currently travelling around Queensland for their Recognise React Report Tour for 2015 and we were lucky enough to be included in their very busy schedule. This was also a great opportunity for us to hand over the $825 we raised last year for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation on our annual Walk for Daniel Day. This annual event allows us to remind and reinforce with students the safety messages of the now official Daniel Morcombe Safety Curriculum. As always our students are to be commended on their excellent listening skills and respect for our visitors. There are many great resources available to download and watch with your students, available at [http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au).
National Science Week

Next week is National Science Week and we are planning a range of activities with a focus predominantly in Prep-Year 3. Mr Rogers has a big day planned for these students on Wednesday 19th with opportunities for classes to visit the hall and partake in a range of scientific demonstrations and experiments. Todd’s focus is firmly on engaging young students in real world of science. Science Club students will then have a chance to join Todd on an excursion after school and on top of all that, the Year Ones will experience star gazing on Thursday evening.

Bruce and Denise Morcombe Visit

Today we welcomed Bruce and Denise to our school. The presentation contained some powerful messages for the students around personal safety and we would encourage parents to visit the website and discuss the presentation at home with your children.

Track and Field Congratulations

Congratulations to the students and staff involved with our school athletics team. They recently competed in the district carnival and managed to come home with the best result in a long time for Ferny Grove. We finished second behind Marist Ashgrove in both the overall and A schools competitions. Enormous credit must go to the teachers who helped prepare the team and the students for the striving for excellence each time they competed. As usual, student behaviour was outstanding.

Congratulations must also go to Jasmine from Year 6 who recently competed as part of the Met North Tennis team at the state championships in Cairns. The girl’s team finished second overall and the combined team won the championship. Well done Jasmine.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

On parade

Our Student of the Month parade was held on Monday, August 3. Our worthy recipients were: Emily G - Prep F, Emmy P - 1T, Hayley L - 2C, Bella F - 3P, Tiffany D - 4D, Ethan K - 5GT, Hannah J - 6K and the Deputy’s Special Recognition - Tyler L - 5H. The awards were presented by our Adopt-a-Cop Wanda Beckett. Our Senior Band entertained the audience.

Also at last Monday’s parade our Junior Band made their debut on Parade (seen above), performing on stage for the first time. Congratulations to these newest additions to our Instrumental Music program—they have come a long way in 6 months!

Monday August 24 will be a Whole School Assembly to welcome our Japanese visitors and allow a parade of all our amazing costumes for Book Week Dress up Day.
Date Claimers
17 – 21 August
National Science Week
24 August
Book Week Dress Up Day
24 - 31 August
Book Week

Showcase for Success

Parenting Diverse Learners
We have received a grant from the Department of Communities to host a community information day for parents of children with a disability.

It will be held on Sunday 13th September in the afternoon, as part of National Disability Week.

More details to follow!

If you have any stakeholders that you would like to see represented, please email Vanessa at vbair4@eq.edu.au.

General News

Sexual Health Parent Information Evening
Parent are invited to an information evening on Monday 24 August. The session runs from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the library. Youth Excel’s Michelle Mitchell will give a quick overview of the school’s sexual health lessons which are provided by herself and a team facilitator during Term 4 for Years 5 and 6 students. Also Michelle will speak about cyber safety. This is an opportunity for parents to become aware of current statistics around social media, beliefs that drive risky online behaviour and how to manage social media within the home. So come along and find out about our school’s 2015 sexual health program, including cyber safety.

School group photos
Tuesday 18 August – Leadership, Choral and Instrumental Music photos will be taken. All Instrumental and Senior Choir members require their performance uniform for Tuesday. Despite previous messages, Junior Band members performing at parade on Monday will NOT need to wear band uniform as photo day has been changed.

Wednesday 19 August - Sport Photos

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service News
The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service will soon be offering examinations to the Grade 3 and 4 students of this school with the use of a mobile dental clinic. Once dental staff receive a completed dental form your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a ‘consent to treatment’ form will be issued for your signed consent. Students who require any further treatment will be required to attend the Ferny Hills Dental Clinic. For any enquiries please contact staff on 0407 632 514.

Early years news

Age-appropriate Pedagogies in Prep Project
In previous newsletters I have spoken about a project that the Prep team are involved in this semester. This week an information sheet for parents will come home explaining what that means for your child. Please take the time to read this information as I require the consent form to come back completed as soon as possible please. If you have any question regarding this project please contact me and I am very happy to discuss it further.

Prep 2016 interviews
We are well and truly into week 2 of our 5 week block of prep interviews. This is one of my favourite times of the year, meeting all of the new students who will be joining us next year. I can confidently say our future is in great hands with so many amazing four and five year olds ready to take on the next phase of their education.

Gotchas
Mirren 1T, Audrey 1K, Milan L 1T, Ryan 1T

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal
The children at OSHC were very excited to have a visit from the local police. They asked questions and were able to look through the police car. They loved hearing the sirens and getting a police sticker at the end.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Each year your children are picked up from school over 200 times and over 550 other families are doing the same thing.

At Ferny Grove State School we are committed to doing everything we reasonably can to ensure that no child is injured whilst they are being picked up from school. For many years we have all felt frustrated as people use the loading zone in different ways. Our school has a good 2 minute loading zone on Finvoy Street which is currently not used to best advantage.

To improve the functionality of the loading zone, we would like to adopt a Transport and Main Roads program call “Look Out” which is designed to improve how children are picked up. We know all families do not use the pickup zone however we felt all families would want to know how this program works.

How does the program work?

The loading zone will be supervised by volunteer monitors. These monitors will ensure the loading zone is functioning effectively and safely by; Ensuring there are no unsafe practices in the loading zone area, such as; Children loading into double parked vehicles; Loading into the driver side of the vehicle; Vehicles standing for longer than 2 minutes and Having no students load bags into vehicle boots.

When you drive into the loading zone, the monitors will call your children from the waiting area. The monitors will allow for the first 4 vehicles to load and move on before allowing any further vehicles to load. If your child is not waiting for you when your vehicle gets to the front of the queue, you will be asked to move on, drive the loop and rejoin the end of the queue.

To move forward with this program, we will need the support of all parents who use the 2 minute zone and in particular we are calling for volunteers to assist in coordinating the program. We are looking for ONE parent volunteer from each class. If you feel that you could assist us in giving around 15 minutes of your time once every fortnight, please contact your CPR or Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer (vbair4@eq.edu.au) as soon as possible. Once we have enough volunteers we will start promoting the program to all parents.

Thank you for your patience with our Qparents Rollout.

Invitations have now been sent to all year levels by email - with a unique invitation code. If you haven’t seen this, please check your junk mail.

If you have registered and are waiting for approval, please be patient. We are sorting a few things at our end to make sure the approvals go smoothly.

At the moment we will not be turning on the timetabling or behaviour tabs as there is some more work at our end to make that user friendly for you. These should be in place by the start of next year.

We are also in the process of emailing out EQ ID’s so you can register each of your children. This is on a year level basis and should be completed by next Monday.

You may also receive an email from us about changing financial delegation in One School. This is explained more in the email with your child’s EQ ID.

Win an iPhone 6!

By registering for QParents you could win an iPhone 6! All you have to do is register by Sunday 23 August, 2015. With your new iPhone, you’ll be able to download the QParents app and have your child’s student information at your fingertips 24/7.

Please email me at vbair4@eq.edu.au if you have any questions.

Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer
Festival news

Donation Stations

Everyone invited to donate no matter which year level you are in - keep an eye out for flyers for each Donation Station. Donations collected at tuckshop and Uniform/Stationery store (unless otherwise mentioned). Each Donation puts your child in the draw for the Golden Armband at Festival (Free Armband - jump the queue and take a friend!)

Week 6 (from 17 August) - Wonka Candy Bar (Yr 2) & Cake Stall (Yr 3)
Week 7 (from 24 August) - Treasure Trove - Books, good quality toys, CDs and DVDs (Prep)
Week 8 (from 31 August - Plant Stall & Jar Junction (Yr 4)
Week 9 (from 7 September) & 10 - Hamper raffles - a theme for each year level—keep your eyes pealed for collection buckets in classrooms!
As the weather is warming up and you are out in the garden more thinking of all those jobs that need doing think of the plant stall.

We would love any of your excess plants and cuttings.

We are especially looking for: Hydrangeas, Birds of paradise, agapanthus, clivia, gerbera, hippeastrums or any other lilly plants you have.

Also cuttings of Salvia, daisy, geraniums, rosemary, lavender or anything else you have that can grow from cuttings. And if you have pineapple tops we would love those too!

If possible can you give the name of the plant when donating as well as your name so we can enter you in the chance to win the gold arm band.

Donations can be left outside the greenhouse. If you need help to get the plants to school please contact Dan (0423 056 499) or Juanita (0439 720 618).
**Instrumental Music News**

*Parade Performances*

Monday 17 August – Junior Band perform on Middle Years Assembly - NO uniform required

Monday 24 August – Senior Band perform on Whole School Assembly - Special parade to welcome our Japanese students.

*Expressive Arts Showcase Update Thursday 10 September*

All bands, choirs and string ensembles, including the year 3 students, are busily rehearsing in preparation for the Expressive Arts Showcase. This is a wonderful opportunity to watch and listen to your child sing, play and entertain the audience. Every child who participates in our choral and instrumental music program will be performing on Thursday 10 September. All instrumental music and senior choir students will be required to wear the performance uniform. This is the blue performance shirt, black trousers, black socks and leather like black shoes. Long hair to be tied back with a royal blue ribbon. Years 2 and 3 Junior Choir members wear the school uniform for their performance on the night.

The evening commences at 7pm and children are required to arrive at 6:15 to warm up. Further details as to which rooms have been allocated as warm up rooms will appear in the next newsletter and Facebook closer to the date.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

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**Library news**

*The Great Book Swap Challenge*

We believe that every child deserves the chance to discover books and reading, so this year our school is supporting the work of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation by holding a “Great Book Swap” on national Indigenous Literacy Day, Wednesday 2 September.

To take part in the Great Book Swap you

- Choose a book you have read and loved.
- Complete a book plate (collect from the library or print from [here](#)) and attach it to the book.
- Bring the book to the library by September 1.
- On September 2 bring a gold coin to purchase a pre-loved book that someone else has donated.
- The money raised will go to buy books for Indigenous children in remote communities.

*Book Week*

Book week runs from Monday, August 24 to Friday, August 28.

- **Monday** - The week will start with a free dress day (dress up as your favourite book character). We will also have a whole school parade at 8.50am where the kids and teachers can parade their fabulous costumes. They can come to the library at break time to capture their look in our photo booth.
- **Tuesday** come to the library and become a master spy.
- **Wednesday** we have a special parent coming in to help with a surprise craft activity.
- **Thursday** we will be having a special Dr Seuss day in the library.

*Emily Rodda*

Thanks to all our students who entered our Emily Rodda competition. The entry written by Amber in 4H was chosen to represent our school, so let’s keep our fingers crossed!

*Aleesah Darlison*

Children’s author Aleesah Darlison came and talked to our students last week. Aleesah talked about her writing, sharing with the students her inspiration for stories and characters and encouraged our students to get creative. After meeting Aleesah, many students spent the weekend writing stories. It is wonderful to see them so excited about their writing.

*Wanted for Library Activities*

I am on the hunt for lids of many sizes and colours. Can you please send them into the library? I especially need larger ones. I am also after 2lt plastic milk bottles. Thanks.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator
Year 2 Lego excursion

Our Year 2 classes headed to the Lego Centre in the City over the past week and certainly had a great time exploring the activities available.
Defence news

Catch Up Club News
Defence Force students have enjoyed sharing the Catch up Club room with their friends for the past two weeks. This week is Origami week and the children have been busy making colourful paper animals. Join us next week to make monster bookmarks for your friends and family. They are easy to make and super cool!

We would like to say a special thank you and congratulations to Mia, Imogen, Bruce and William for the wonderful job they did at last week’s Student of the Month Parade. They confidently talked about the Defence students’ involvement in making gifts for the children from Uthando House Orphanage. We are very proud of you!

Anzac Memorial Garden
Our students were also involved in an important part of finishing our Anzac Memorial garden project. Some of our Defence students were chosen (randomly) to add their handprints to the circle of concrete around the main memorial stone. We thank these students for their patience as they waited to add their handprint - an important legacy for our school.

Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw
Defence School Transition Aides
Chaplaincy news

This week I attended the annual Chaplaincy Conference hosted by SU Queensland at the Gold Coast. This conference brought together the 700 chaplains who work in Queensland and the ACT along with the various administrative and leadership teams required to keep chaplaincy running in schools.

At conference I not only was given the chance to connect with other chaplains in our local area but also to receive additional training and resources that will enable me to continue to provide social and emotional support to the students and community of Ferny Grove State School.

Highlights of this conference included forums on the importance of supporting families through loss and separation, and an in-depth examination of the impact of self-esteem on academic achievement.

The chaplaincy conference also provided details of the various camps that SU Queensland host during school holidays for school-aged children. The Hills to Hinterland camp is run in the September/October holidays and invites any student in grade 5 and 6 in the Hills area to come along for a week of fun and adventure. At camp kids will engage in scavenger hunts, games, beach days, visit the Top Shots fun park, toast marshmallows around the campfire, make craft, hike and so much more!

If you are a student in grade 5 or 6, or a parent of a grade 5 or 6 child, and are interested in coming to camp please come and see Chappy Lorinda for more information.

Chappy Lorinda

P & C news

**Important Dates**

**August**
- 19 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library
- 25 IMPS Meeting - 8.45am Staffroom

**September**
- 13 Showcase for Success - 1-5pm Hall
- 14 FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
- 16 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

**October**
- 10 FESTIVAL- 3-10pm

**Coffee Cart**

Did you know we love giving away FREE drinks on your birthday? To get your free drink tell us it’s your birthday (or was in the last few days), have your photo taken in the birthday hat, and we will post it on Facebook. We need parents permission (either written or verbal) to post student’s photos.

We are looking for more volunteers to help us keep the Coffee Cart open everyday. If this sounds like you come say hello or call Yvette on 0409317553 (all training and FREE drinks included).

**Stationery & Uniform Store**

OPEN MONDAY & FRIDAY 8-10AM, WEDNESDAY 2-5 PM

*Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor*

3550 5359 (0409 272 062)

uniformstore@fernygrovepandc.com.au

*Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor*

3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

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**Tuckshop**

We do have students who sometimes arrive at school without lunch (they left it on the kitchen bench!) We do provide kids with basic sandwiches, snacks and drinks when this happens, to ensure they can eat with everyone else in their year level during the designated eating time. We would appreciate your prompt payment for those lunches that we provide.

Volunteers where are you? I need you! Come and see me please! Or sign up [here](#). Just one shift a month - we really need help on Fridays! Thanks to our valuable volunteers who are already on the roster.

Thinking of celebrating your child’s birthday in class? Contact Tuckshop to arrange mini muffins and icy poles $1.00 per person, or we can arrange special requests.

**Liz Mu, Tuckshop Convenor**

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**Air Conditioning Project**

**Funds Raised - $2450**

**Target $28,150**

Thanks to all those who have contributed so far! Donation forms are available on our [website](#) and can be returned to the office.
ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

A further round of enrolment interviews will be held during Week 7 of this term from 24 August. Parents/carers still wishing to enrol a student for 2016 should contact the office on 3550 5777 or email info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au. Your name will be added to our waiting list and you will be contacted re an interview time prior to the interview block.

Please note that interviews are a mandatory requirement of the interview process.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you as a member of the Ferny Grove SHS community.

Mark Breckenridge
Principal

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