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### Student Absence

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### Payments Due

There are currently no payments due for the rest of the Term.

School payments can be made at the school office between 8.30 and 11.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ONLY.

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

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

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**Bulk Bill for Term 3 is available [here](#).**
Farewell to Mrs Evans

Loyalty may well be an old fashioned concept in these days of rationalisations, promotion and corporate downsizing but I for one still believe in the power of people who commit to the long term. Belinda has been Deputy Principal at Ferny Grove State School since 1999 and in that time she has touched the lives of so many students, staff and parents. As Principals, both my predecessor Barry Starkey and I can attest to Belinda’s absolute commitment to this school and the people in it.

At the end of this term Belinda will commence leave from our school prior to heading into a well-deserved retirement in 2016. After a lifetime of service to students and schools no one will deny she has earned the enjoyment and relaxation of the next phase of her life. On behalf of our school I would like to take this opportunity to thank Belinda for making a difference. Her calm, measured and intelligent approach to problems will be missed (not so sure she will be thinking of us at the start of the next school year however as she relaxes into her next overseas holiday or beach escape). Thankyou Belinda

New Deputy Principal

Katie Stubbings has accepted the position of Acting Deputy Principal (Years 4-6) from the commencement of term 4 and joins us from her role as Head of Junior Secondary at Ferny Grove State High School. Welcome to FGSS Katie.

Expressive Arts Week

What a celebration of the Arts and creativity at FGSS. Creativity is one of our most important principles and we define it as the following.

Creativity enhances the capacity of the learner to think and experiment in original, flexible, divergent and innovative ways. Making a positive difference in our world will require creative thought.

The display in the hall is outstanding, the talent on show incredible and the music program takes students who may never have touched an instrument in their lives and turns them into musicians in 6 months. Great teachers, great students and parents who back their school, challenge their kids and support them to be the best they can be. Why would you want to live and work anywhere else? Well done to everyone involved in putting the program together.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Student of the Month Parade

This past Monday was our September Student of the Month parade. Our special guest was Bronwyn Sheehan from The Pyjama Foundation, whom our Student Council recently raised funds for with their Free Dress Day. Congratulations to the following students for their excellent efforts in earning Student of the Month.


Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
Belinda’s Final Newsletter

I am writing my last newsletter with mixed feelings. Having worked most of my adult life I am looking forward to chasing new pursuits and exploring the meaning of leisure. Yet after 16 years at Ferny Grove I will miss the students, parents and staff members that make up our welcoming community. One of my earliest memories is that of our friendly children greeting me on a daily basis. This continues to this day and always lifts my spirits. Over the years I have worked closely with teachers and parents, building close links and collegial support networks and always loved working as a team player.

I have certainly appreciated and valued Brett’s guidance, support and innovative, credible leadership style. I will always carry such happy memories of my working days at this fantastic school. Thank you everyone for your trust and friendship. I have been so lucky to work within the Ferny Grove community.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Chaplaincy news

The end of term is rapidly approaching and I am sure staff, students and parents are all looking forward to the holidays. Before the end of term there are some important events and information you need to know.

This week is the Chappy Pancake breakfast! We will start serving pancakes and fruit at 7:30 this Thursday under L block and will serve our last pancakes at 8:30. A gold coin donation will be appreciated and all funds raised will go towards the Ferny Grove Chaplaincy Service. This is a wonderful chance to get to know what a Chaplain does at the school so come along!

Registrations for the Hills to Hinterland Camp for grades 5-6 are still open. If you or your child are interested in this wonderful event please contact me via email at lorindaq@chappy.org.au or via the school.

Chappy Lorinda

Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

Sports Update

Zachary Webster (5H) competed at Brisbane North Junior Regional Champions for L3 Men’s Artistic Gymnastics on Sunday, 23 August 2015 at Brisbane Grammar School and whilst still recovering from flu he still managed to come 2nd overall.

He has now been selected to compete as an individual (L3 Under 10 MAG) and for the North Brisbane team challenge (L3 MAG) at the MAG Junior QLD State Championships being held at the Sleeman Sports Complex-Arena, Chandler on 26-28 September 2015.

Congratulations Zachary!
**Oral Language Parent Information Session**

Next term our Speech Pathologist Marissa Cowland is offering an information session for parents on how to effectively share books with your child/ren to promote their oral language development. This session will take place on Wednesday the 14th of October (week 2) in our library at 2pm and will finish by pickup time. This invitation is open to all of our parents with a heavy emphasis on the Early Years. Please come along and discover some very useful tips to further your understanding of the importance of oral language.

**Teddy Bear’s Picnic**

Just a reminder for our Prep parents that Teddy Bear’s picnic is next Tuesday, September 15th. Make sure your students bring their hats, water bottles, packed lunch and favourite teddy. Also make sure you DON’T order tuckshop on this day.

**Happy Holidays**

This is our last newsletter for Term 3. What a big term it has been – Science week, Expressive Arts week, Prep interviews, Book week and everything else in-between!! I wish everybody a safe and relaxed break. See you all in Term 4.

*Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal*

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**Science Club Wk 9 : Balloon Rockets**

From the moment that students walked in, they were excited to guess why there were fluorescent strings zig-zagging across the room. After some Mission: Impossible-style laser light acrobatics, we got out the balloons and tape for some Balloon Rocket making.

The students investigated how speed and distance were affected by variables of balloon shape, air volume in the balloon, taping techniques and size of the balloon opening. Soon balloons were racing across the room and going head-to-head in strength trials.

Unfortunately, it appears that even Rocket Science is no longer safe from passing photobombers.
Instrumental Music News

Expressive Arts Showcase
Thursday evening’s program is taking shape and is sure to entertain the audience. Our Senior and Junior choirs, string ensembles, bands and percussion group will be performing. Thursday night’s performance commences at 7pm. However children are required to arrive at their warm up rooms at 6:15pm.

Strings students go to F block, Ms Conners and Mrs Begg’s rooms (F1 and F2)
Junior Band go to K block, Ms Olsen and Mr Howard’s rooms
Senior Band go to C block, Ms Green’s room (C 4)

Performance uniform is required for all instrumental music students and senior choir members. Junior choir members are to wear their every day school uniform. Those in Junior choir and Year 3 strings wear their performance uniform for both choir and strings.

Entry cost is gold coin donation per person and raffle tickets will be on sale at the door. $2 each or 3 for $5. Looking forward to a fabulous evening.

Music Fest Date Claimers
Next term the Senior Strings will be performing on Thursday 15 October at Iona College. With their competition taking place in the middle of the day, a bus has been booked and children are required to pay $13 and return their permission form by Tuesday 13th October. A detailed letter went home last week. If your years 4 to 6 strings player didn’t receive the letter please see the office for a copy.

26th October - Senior Band - Calamvale Community College. 5:44pm arrival/6:44pm performance. Awards at 7pm.
29th October Junior Band - Calamvale Community College. 6pm warm up for 7pm performance. Awards at 7:20pm.

Further details about the Junior and Senior Band competitions will go out early next term.

Junior Band Rehearsal and Woodwind Lessons Cancelled
Mrs Haringcaspel will be at The Gap music camp on Monday 14th September. Therefore no woodwind lessons or Junior Band rehearsal will take place on Monday.

Tips - Practising An Instrument
Learning an instrument is not always easy, especially when children tire of daily practice. This week every instrumental music child will take home a pink info sheet, titled, “Seven Deadly Practice Sins”. This touches upon many of the traps us mere parents fall into when our child commences learning an instrument. It is well worth a read as it contains tips which may help your family household overcome the moans and groans when you mention the words, “Go and practise your instrument.”

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Library news
A huge thank you to all those people who brought in books for The Great Book Swap! We raised $280 to help buy books for indigenous children in remote communities. This will enable them to provide books for young children who don’t have access and to provide funds to have some books translated into their indigenous language.

Premiers Reading Challenge
The Premiers Reading Challenge has now finished. Congratulations to all those who took part. Certificates will be handed out later in the year.

Father’s Day
We had lots of students making father’s day presents on the library deck last week. I hope all the fathers enjoyed the products of their child’s labour of love.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator
SHOWCASE FOR SUCCESS
Parenting Diverse Learners

INFORMATION BOOTHS
Lots of helpful information to help you in parenting and supporting your diverse learner.

WORKSHOPS
- Emotional Resilience
- Sensory Processing
- Fussy and Picky Eaters
- Impacts of Disability on Family Relationships
- Talking about Puberty
- Education Options
- and more

Free Entry!

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL for participation in Workshops

Keynote Speaker: Professor Tony Attwood
Clinical Psychologist and leading expert on Asperger's syndrome
Making Friends: Strategies to improve social understanding and friendship skills for children with an ASD

Sunday 13th September, 12 - 5pm
Bookings: http://www.ivvy.com/event/O1QKZF/

Ferny Grove State School Hall, Cnr McGinn & Archdale Roads, Ferny Grove
Further Information: showcaseforsuccess@gmail.com

Great kids & families, Great staff, Great learning opportunities
Our Hall is full of creative works for Expressive Arts Week. Not only do we have all the entries from the art competition, but we have the class displays. Some classes did individual works and some classes did a canvas. The canvases will be auctioned off at our Festival. They are still on display and will be taken down after Talent Quest on Friday morning.

Some really amazing entries for our Expressive Arts competition. Entries were judged by a panel made up of some expert teachers and parents. Congratulations to all of our very talented artists. Here are the winners:

**PREP – YEAR 2:**
- **VISUAL ARTS:**
  - Zeke Kimball (1T)
  - Jade Cherry (2P)
  - Rose Oldham (2B)

- **TEXTILES**
  - Zoe White (2B)
  - Eleanor Owen (2C)

- **SCULPTURE/TECHNOLOGY**
  - Leo Anderson (1NV)
  - Zeke Kimball (1T)
  - Chelsea Howard (Prep W)

**YEAR 3 - YEAR 4:**
- **VISUAL ARTS**
  - Hayley Kimball (4D)
  - Kyha Anderson (4D)
  - Jordan Cherry (4H)

- **TEXTILES**
  - Hayley Kimball (4D)
  - Gemma Wilkes (3P)

- **SCULPTURE/TECHNOLOGY**
  - Evie White (4H)
  - Gabrielle Edwards (3R)
  - Hayley Kimball (4D)

**YEAR 5 - YEAR 6:**
- **VISUAL ARTS**
  - Jasmine Cherry (6W)
  - Lily-Rose Read-Marczak (5F)
  - Chelsey Sloots (5GT)

- **TEXTILES**
  - Abbie Hyde (6B)
  - Hannah Pickett (5T)
  - Stephanie Born (6B)

- **SCULPTURE/TECHNOLOGY**
  - Harris Jenkins (5L)
  - Zoe Edwards (6W)
  - Hannah Pickett (5T)
Festival news

Just over four weeks away till our amazing Festival. Volunteer sign up sheet will be out next week - if every family does one spot it will be a breeze!

Raffle update - we have decided to postpone our major raffle until early next year.

Ride Armbands - are now on sale on Flexischools with a great discount if you buy before the day. Also have a mini-armband this year for littlies who won’t brave the big rides.

Still need lots of help with donations as follows:

Prep - Treasure Trove - still collecting books, CDs, DVDs, games, puzzles, toys in good condition.

Year 1 - Facepainting - will need lots of volunteers

Year 2 - Sideshow Alley is looking for golf putters if anyone has some old ones they could donate. Wonka Candy Bar - see right.

Year 3 - Cake stall—still happily accepting pledge forms if you want to get your bake on!

Year 4 - Jar Junction - clean empty jars, cool things to put in jars, or simply add a jar or bottle of something next time you are doing your groceries.

Year 5 - Taking a break from Strawberry Sundaes this year to run the Poffertjes stall!

Year 6 - looking for Photo Booth props - see ad on next page.

Sustainability corner - still looking for plant donations and other things - see ad on next page.

Raffle hampers—each year level has a theme (see next page). Check out buckets in class. Send in your donations.

All donations collected at 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!)

Wonka Candy Bar organisers thank everyone for their donations of cooking ingredients and pledges! We are currently matching pledges with donations and everyone who pledged will receive their goodies next week.

We have also been taste testing some recipes – today we made toffees and they are amazing!

The stall will also have novelty sweets like these flower pops.

On Festival Day, come on down to the Wonka Candy Bar for a free chocolate fountain dip & purple Wonka River juice!
Festival news

Here are the Year level themes for the Hamper raffles: (examples listed - use your imagination!)
Prep - Pamper Me - bubble bath/bath salts, soap, nail polish, hair pretties
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
Year 6 – Sweet Treats - tinned fruits, packet cakes/dessert mixes, sprinkles

Donations to your classroom!

Sustainability Corner

Plant Stall

We were very fortunate this week to get some plant donations, thanks Lena Jackson, Danielle Lazenby and Katrina Shields. Keep those donations coming.

They can be dropped at the greenhouse daily or you can text us to arrange drop off time. Remember us if you head down to the Markets on Sunday there are many vendors with cheap plant seedlings.

We have some wonderful things planned for the plant stall this year but we need your help.

We are also after large gum nut seed pods and pine cones, also new hanging baskets.

Thanks in advance. Juanita (0439 720618) and Dan (0423 056 499).

This year the grade 6 stall will be a Photo Booth.

We are looking for donations of hats, feather boa, crowns, hooks, wigs, dress up costumes etc for the booth. You can drop them into the school library. Don’t forget to give your name to go in the draw for a Golden Armband.
Important Dates

September
13 Showcase for Success - 12-5pm Hall
14 FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
16 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

October
10 FESTIVAL - 3-10pm
12 FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
13 IMPS Meeting - 6pm Staffroom

Reminder: All hot foods are pre ordered. To avoid missing out, orders MUST be placed before 9:00am.

Only basic sandwiches, snacks and drinks available for late/missed lunches. Prompt payment appreciated

Birthday treats are now available mini muffin and icy pole $1.00.

Term 3 Menu will carry on till Term 4. But check out flexischools for updated specials.

Big thanks to current volunteers and we are always looking for new volunteers. Come and see us!

Liz Mu, Tuckshop Convenor

Coffee Cart
Buy a drink this Friday the 11th of September, give us the secret code and receive $1.50 off your drink. Secret code spring. See you Friday

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)
stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au

Tuckshop
Did you know about our online ordering system called Flexischools? Register now and order lunch hassle free. We also have EFTPOS facilities available at the tuckshop.
Homestay Opportunities at Ferny Grove State High School

The Ferny Grove State High School International Programs require caring families in our community to host, support and nurture young students from a myriad of countries and diverse cultural backgrounds for varying periods of time from two nights to up to three years!

Students are accommodated with approved homestay families who provide a safe and welcoming environment. They experience life as a member of the family and are encouraged to participate in family events.

Whilst we have an established register of families in the local area who have already welcomed international students into their homes, we are constantly seeking new families.

International students are matched to homestay families according to wishes and interests and the International Homestay Coordinator works closely with these families to ensure that the students’ welfare is maintained and that the homestay family is remunerated accordingly.

Families interested in becoming involved in sharing their Australian lifestyle with students from overseas and who have a spare room with study desk are invited to email Ms Ana Lagazzi Baggio, International Student Coordinator - alagaz@eq.edu.au or phone 0401 808 924.

The mutual benefit of a homestay experience can result in life-long friendships and is the foundation of the aim of this program: fostering cultural understanding and sensitivity through interaction.
Community news

Get your family active and eating well

Families in Brisbane North can now sign up for the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in term 4, 2015.

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

What: PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program
When: Term 4, Tues 4-5.30pm (weekly)
Where: Mitchelton State School
Cost: FREE

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

ALBANY CREEK SWIM CLUB

Albany Creek Swimming sign on day 12th Sept 8am – 11am at the Albany Creek Leisure Centre.
- Meet dual World Champion Emily Seebohm from 8am for autograph opportunities
- Free BBQ breakfast and Information available on the day
- Club merchandising and uniforms will also be available for purchase on the day
- Club Season starts Oct 2015
- Club swim nights also commence Oct 2015 running weekly on Wednesday nights from 6.15pm

For further information please visit www.albancreekswim.com or contact Kay Marco – registrar@albancreekswim.com

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Community news

NetSetGO

Introduction to Netball for 5s-10s
3:30-4:30pm every Monday
12 October - 30 November • $90
Hilder Road State School

The Gap Netball Club is the biggest in Queensland and will run the popular ANZ NetSetGO program at Hilder Road State School at The Gap for 8 weeks from Monday 12 October to 30 November.

NetSetGO is an introductory program for 5 to 10 year old girls and boys that teaches the basics of netball and develops general motor skills in a fun and safe way.

The $90 fee covers insurance & a participant pack, and there will be a family sausage sizzle after the last session on 30 November.

Registration and further information:

http://thegapnetball.org
registrar@thegapnetball.org

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT CONSTITUTES A HEALTHY LUNCH FOR YOUR CHILDREN? CONFUSED BY CONFLICTING INFORMATION?

Come along to a free information session on how to prepare a healthy lunchbox!

Mark the 10th of September at 5:15pm in your diary!

Run by clinical nutritionist, Carissa Mason and physio, health behaviour change facilitator and health educator, Alison Ford.

In-Line Physio & Allied Health is an holistic education, not just a physio practice.

6 Main Street, Samford.
3299 6122

Picabeen’s September School Holiday Activities

Tuesday 22nd September
Bike Riding Gaythorne Football Club
9am-12pm

Friday 25th September
Picabeen Fest Picabeen Park
2pm-6pm

Tuesday 29th September
BBQ in the Park Picabeen Park
11:30pm-1:30pm

Wednesday 30th September
Jewelry Making Picabeen Park
1pm-3pm

Shop FOR A Cause

WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TOUR
Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Sufferers
Grab your friends, family and even your neighbours to join in the fun!

Buffet Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Tea are included along with a day filled with laughter, great bargains and fun for everyone.

SATURDAY, 17TH OCTOBER, 2015

TIME: 8AM
CALL TINA TODAY ON 0410 687 493 OR SHOPFORACAUSE@HOTMAIL.COM TO BOOK YOUR SPOT!

$60 PER PERSON
Fun, creative and unique school holiday workshops

The Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts is running DeadlyArts—indigenous culture workshops for primary school aged children this September holidays at its fabulous Kangaroo Point studios. Deadly Arts brings Aboriginal culture to life. DeadlyArts opens children’s minds to a world of holiday dreamtime. Let your child learn first-hand about the inspiring and age-old culture of Australia’s first people. Contact ACPA on 33924420 for further information and bookings, or email admin@acpa.net.au