FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This poem resonates with all of us with kids, particularly fathers and their sons. Our school is rapidly developing a reputation for having a strong community presence at all levels, providing opportunities for parents, children and staff to interact formally and informally. Over the last 12 months we have helped provide information to parents on such things as, social media use, sexual health lessons for children, anxiety, personal brand, drug education etc. Our next and possibly most significant project is to bring fathers, mothers and their sons together to address the issue of what it means to be a man in our society.

Our target group will be Year 7 and 8 boys (in collaboration with Ferny Grove State High School) 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 (go to http://michaeljeh.com/ to find out more about Michael) 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 recent events in sporting, political and military contexts. The underlying message is that men are the only ones who can bring about change and that 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.

Keep Monday 12 August from 7pm free in your diary. This will be the first of three sessions and will involve the mothers and fathers of boys in Year 7 and 8. We are limiting the program to these year levels to make it easier to target our message. If successful, we may well broaden it to other year levels down the track. More information will come out after the holidays with expression of interest forms to follow. If you are interested in the concept (even if not sure of availability) or wish to provide feedback please email me (bshac1@eq.edu.au).

Also keep an eye out for our ‘Change for Humani’ boxes coming home this week. Every little bit counts for our sister school.

Naomi Shihad Nye

ShOULDERS
A man crosses the street in rain
Stepping gently, looking two times north and south,
Because his son is asleep on his shoulder
No car must splash him
No car drive too near his shadow
The man carries the world’s most sensitive cargo
But he’s not marked
Nowhere does his jacket say FRAGILE
HANDLE WITH CARE

His ear fills up with breathing.
He hears the hum of a boy’s dream
Deep inside him.
We’re not going to be able
To live in this world
If we’re unwilling to do what he’s doing
With one another.
The road will only be wide.
The rain will never stop falling.

Naomi Shihad Nye
**EARLY YEARS NEWS**

**Report Cards**
On Thursday, Prep to Year 7 students will be provided with their semester 1 report card. This is the first time in State schools in Queensland where a report has been issued in Prep. Please read the letter enclosed with your child’s report that outlines the ways in which achievement, efforts and behaviour are reported.

Should you require further discussion, please return the tear off slip at the bottom of the letter and return it to your child's teacher.

**P-3 Sports Day**
Yesterday the P-3 children and staff were able to participate in the range of running races, relays and tabloid sports activities. Our march past was followed by the annual war cries competition, and guess what, Prep students sure know how to cheer!

Thank you to our Physical Education Specialist teacher Gary Kirby for coordinating the fun event. Thank you also to members of the school’s Fundraising and Social Team for operating the canteen.

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

**Instrumental Music Rehearsals and Lessons**
All early morning rehearsals and lessons re-commence Week 1 Term 3

The first day back, Monday 8 July, will commence with Senior Strings rehearsals at 7:30am followed by string lessons as per usual.

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**TERMDATES UPDATE**
This term finishes on **Friday, 21 June**.
Term 3 commences for all students at 8.40am on **Monday, 8 July**.

**ENROL FOR PREP IN 2014**

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

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**SPORT SPOT**
**CONGRATULATIONS**
Our congratulations go to Amelia Moriarty for achieving selection in the Regional Basketball Team.

Amelia has just returned from the competition where she acquitted herself extremely well.

Well Done Amelia.

Gary Kirby (PE Specialist)

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**2013 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE**
As well as being fun, the challenge aims to boost children’s literacy skills by encouraging students to read widely for pleasure and learning, develop their imagination and cultivate a passion for literature.

The reading period for the **2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge closes on Friday 6 September**.

This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 7 to read 15 books. ‘Experiencing’ books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books.

Students wishing to take part in this year’s challenge can ask their class teachers for a Reading Record Sheet.

Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and all students receive a Certificate of Participation.

I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible embrace the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge.

Kurt Bryant – Librarian/Key ICT Teacher

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**A BIG THANK YOU**
Guess what! We did it! We reached our target of collecting 10 000 bread bag tags. Thanks to everyone in our school community who got us there.

Watch this space for more news as Year 4 demonstrate what 5 digit numbers really look like.

Jenny Morrison (Yr.4 Teacher)

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**STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**
**THANK YOU**
to all who supported Mates4Mates with our Free Dress Day last Thursday. We raised over **$900**. The cheque will be presented at Student of The Month Assembly on Monday, 5 August.

Leanne Reid for the Student Council

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**DEFENCE NEWS - CRAFT MORNING**
You are invited to join us for a morning of craft and morning tea in preparation for the school festival. Monday mornings 9.00 -11.00am. Continues until Mon 12 Aug.

Liz and Jess (DSTA room — C Block)

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**GOTCHAS: Well Done!**
These children were caught ‘doing the right thing’ and were rewarded with a licstick voucher from the tuckshop.

Tahlia W 1T, William PH, Matthew 2NS, Matthew N 3M
ABSENCE LINE – 3550 5360 – FOR STUDENT ABSENCES – Phone any time, Wait for the BEEP, Slowly and clearly state — your name + your child’s name + roll class + date of absence + reason for absence.

P & C UPDATES & COMMUNITY NEWS

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thur 20 June Jodie H, Melissa H; Fri 21 June Anne T, Tania H.
Mon 8 July Jodie B; Tue 9 July Carolyn G; Wed 10 July Maree A, Traci M; Thur 11 July Deb C, Christina Z.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
We still have a few entertainment books left! Be quick before they all go! Pay by credit card via this link: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/221034 or contact me for cash payments

COFFEE CART
Open 8-9am daily.
Thank you to everyone who bought hot drinks from the Coffee cart this term. It has been a very successful re-opening! All profits from the coffee cart go back into the school to benefit our children through P & C initiatives. This term we jointly supported (with the Chappys) the funding of the free breakfast on walk to school day. We need volunteers to help run the cart. This is a fun and social way to help around the school. If you are interested come over to the cart or call Yvette on 0409317553.

INSIDE OUT KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2013
Hosted by The Grove Community Church
Who: Grades 1-6
When: Thursday 27 June 9am-3pm & Friday 28 June 9am-3pm
(plus 1hr free carnival for entire family 3-4pm)
Where: Ferny Grove State High School
What: Games, Adventure, Yummy food, Face painting, Craft, Prizes, FUN!
Cost: $30 for two days
(all food and entertainment included).
Free for 2 children.
Registration forms available at www.thegrove.org.au or grab one from Miss Sara.

WAREHOUSE SHOPPING TOUR!
The Fundraising & Social Team (FAST) has decided to hold a Warehouse Shopping Tour! Who doesn’t love a bargain! And as an added bonus, we will be raising money for the Hall Stage Curtains in the process. Mark the date in your diary now, Saturday, 19 October 2013. The more the merrier - Feel free to invite your friends, family, teachers and neighbours. So hurry and book your place on the bus!! More information in the coming weeks. The $50 fee includes lunch.

To book your spot or for more info, phone Fiona Deegan on 3851 3223 or 0419 690 996 or email on fiona.d1@optusnet.com.au

SPECIAL OFFER
Are you planning on a shopping trip to AMART SPORTS? You can now purchase gift vouchers from the P & C and help raise money for our school. To purchase your $20, $50, or $100 voucher please call Yvette 0409317553 or ask at the coffee cart.

MITCHELTON LIBRARY PH:3403 7410
SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Create your own kaleidoscope
Tuesday 25 June – 10.30-11.30am

Learn to Knit
8yrs and over. Bring Size 6 knitting needles a ball of 12ply wool and knit a scarf
Thursday 27 June and Thursday 4 July – 1-3pm

Create a sock monster
Friday 28 June – 2-3pm

Books on the Bleachers
Sat. 29 June - 10.30-11.15am

Design a Diorama
Tues 2 July – 10.30-11.30am

Style your own sunprint
Friday 5 July 10.30-11.30am

Please contact Mitchelton Library to Book in for these events
It’s not too late to join our GOLD STAR READING CLUB if you haven’t already – It runs until the end of August. Join now to receive some great prizes!!!!

NATIONAL RUGBY LEAGUE (NRL)
The National Rugby League (NRL), in conjunction with Brisbane Broncos, are inviting boys aged 10 – 15 years to participate in Rugby League Coaching Clinics over the June - July school holidays. Clinics in our area are:

Thursday 4 July at Mitchelton 10.00am — 2.00pm Ph: Sarah Walker 0411 159 463

Wednesday 25 September at Pine Rivers
10.00am —2.00pm Ph: Dan Sarmiento 0408 069 463.
To register go to www.seqdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au

LOST PROPERTY
Lost property is now filling two bins outside the Admin. Block. There are jackets, jumpers, hats, drink bottles and shoes — all unnamed waiting for owners. There are usually lots of jumpers left behind after Sports Day. Please check these bins for your belongings before the holidays.

P & C NOTICEBOARD

P & C Meeting
Wednesday, 19 June
7.00pm Library

FAST Meeting
Monday, 8 July
7.00pm Library

Tuckshop – 3550 5361
8.30-12.00 pm

Uniform Store - 3550 5342
Mon & Fri 8.00-9.00 am

Stationery Store – 3550 5359
Mon & Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am

OSHC Mon- Fri
Gail 3851 2196

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