FROM THE PRINCIPAL

YEAR 7 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Over the next week our Year 7 students will take part in a program designed to educate them about the challenges and opportunities as they transition from primary into high school, childhood into adolescence. The first program will be facilitated by our great friend and parent Michael Jeh who always manages to engage and enthuse young people about their future. The second component will involve a visiting multimedia presentation based on the concepts of positive thinking and overcoming obstacles that might be encountered. Once again this show has been negotiated by a parent of our school, Tony Clark. Tony was also responsible for the turf upgrades outside the admin block. Thanks to both Michael and Tony for contributing to the personal development of students at our school in such positive, proactive ways.

NEW PLAYGROUND
The completed Year 1/2 playground is a triumph for all involved. It has been wonderful to see so many students crawling all over it this week. My thanks to one of our parents, Kate Gadenne for writing the grant submission, Mr Cooke for managing the design and installation process and not forgetting the students who were responsible for the design work in the early stages of the concept. Our P and C have once again provided the majority of the funding for this project so a big thank you needs to go to the executive and members of the Ferny Grove P and C.

PREP MURALS
Anyone who has set foot in our Prep playground this week will have noticed the fantastic murals painted on the walls and around the outdoor spaces. One of our highly creative Prep parents, Jessica Geron, dedicated much of the 2 week holiday period to this project and I know the staff and students appreciate the skill and design work that is so obvious to us all. Thanks Jessica, we love your work!

ATHLETICS
What terrific days we had at the end of last term! Our athletics carnivals were both a celebration of athletic excellence and maximum participation events. That we managed to meet both goals was a credit to Mr Kirby and the team of teachers and house captains who ensured the days ran smoothly. Thanks also to the parents who made it possible for families to enjoy their day out with fine food and coffee for the grown-ups. It was truly a celebration of the Ferny Grove community. Love your work Mr Kirby!

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**EARLY YEARS NEWS**

**Welcome and Welcome Back**
Welcome back everyone and in particular new students and families, Mrs Cynthia Cash as teacher of 1T and Mrs. Renee Palmen who is joining Ms. Conners as teachers of 2CL.

**Prep Murals and Painting**
Please take time to appreciate the colourful additions to our Prep Playground - the planet mural, rainbow seating and colourfully painted totems. The significant effort and sharing of talent by parent Jess Geron during the holidays will be able to be appreciated by all students and families whilst they are at Prep in the years to come. Thank you sincerely Jess.

**Year 1 and 2 Playground**
We are almost there! Year 1 and 2 students are playing at alternate breaks at either the new adventure playground or our Prep playground. This should see the new turf take growth. Arrangements will continue until 2 August.

**YEARS 4-7 ACADEMIC PARADE**
At Monday 15 July’s parade we will acknowledge our students in Maths, English, LOTE and Music.
The parade commences at 8:50am and everyone is most welcomed to attend.

**WINTER SPORTS AWARDS PARADE**
This parade takes place on Monday 29 July commencing at 8:50am. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the best and fairest players in each of the interschool sporting teams.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**
**Instrumental Music Parade Performances**
Monday 15 July  Yrs 6-7 Percussion Ensemble  
(Band Uniform is required)
Please note no lessons or ensemble will take place on Tuesday 16 July.

Monday 22 July  Senior String Ensemble  
Monday 29 July  Senior Strings Ensemble  
Monday 5 August  Senior Strings Ensemble  
(Band uniform required as this is a Student of the Month Parade)

**YEARS 5-7 SUMMER SPORT**
Summer Sport commences on 16 August and runs through to 15 November. Children will be trialling for teams of their choice as from Friday 19 July. Cricket, including Diamond Cricket, Touch Football, AFL, Softball, T-Ball and Beach Volleyball will be offered depending upon student interest.

**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)

**DATE CLAIMER:**
Don't forget the FERNY GROVE FESTIVAL  
Saturday 31 August 12.00—7.00pm

**THANK YOU**
Thanks must also go to Doyle's Home Timber and Hardware and the Brisbane City Council who both donated paint for the Prep playground project. It will certainly brighten up the world of our Prep students!

Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer

**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

**DEADLINE**
for all items for inclusion in the current Newsflash is 3.00 PM ON MONDAYS.
Email to Newsflash@fernygroves.eq.edu.au
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

STATIONERY and UNIFORM STORES
OPENING HOURS: Monday & Friday 8.00 – 9.00am.
Charyl 3550 5359 (0431 265 068)
Vanessa 3550 5342 (0433 325 452)
www.fernygrovepandc.com.au

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thur 11 July  Deb C, Christina Z  Fri 12  Kate N, Jodi B, Casey P;
Mon 15  Jodi P, Tues 16  Kim B;  Wed 17  Liz K;  Thurs 18  Jodie H,
Melissa H.

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Open 8-9am daily.
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SPECIAL OFFER AMART SPORTS
We are selling AMART SPORTS vouchers to help raise money for desks and solar lighting for our sister school in Humani.
To purchase your $20, $50, or $100 voucher please call Yvette 0409317553 or ask at the coffee cart.

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

TENNIS COACHING – DAVE PRICKETT
(acc. TPAA) - Phone 3351 4483
Coaching is at Ferny Grove State School
Monday: 3.00 pm — 3.45 pm
NEW BEGINNERS receive FREE new racquet
To Enrol: Phone Coach Dave Prickett – 3351 4483
Cost: $100 per term

Ferny Grove State High School are developing an email list to regularly correspond with parents of Year 7/8 2015 and beyond. If you would like to join this list or believe you have, and haven’t been receiving emails. Please contact Katie Stubbings, Head of Junior Secondary with your details.
kstub5@eq.edu.au

COME AND JOIN FERNY GROVE’S FAMILY-BOOTCAMP !!!
When: every Monday 3:00-3:45pm
Who can come: Parents & Kids
2 Fully Qualified Personal Trainers will be training Adults and Kids (Prep-yr7) separately.
Come along next Monday for your free trial session and get fit & healthy together!
Questions?
Call Tatjana 0406 079 505 or Andrea 0414 339 218
See you all on Monday ☺

"Greater Brisbane Junior Tennis (GBJT) conducts weekly Tennis Fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading Day for new players is to be held on Sunday 21 July at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm.
Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516."

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. 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

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P & C NOTICEBOARD

P & C Meeting Wednesday, 17 July 7.00pm Library
Tuckshop – 3550 5361 Uniform Store - 3550 5342 Stationery Store – 3550 5359
8.30-12.00 pm Mon & Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am Mon & Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am
OSHC Mon- Fri Gail 3851 2196

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