FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ACADEMIC AWARDS
Striving for academic excellence is an attitude we all like to see in our children. In order to achieve excellence it takes careful listening, focussed attention, consistent practice and most importantly, hard work. Hard work and attention to learning are cornerstones of success in all areas of life and the Ferny Grove Academic Awards celebrate and acknowledge students who have excelled across a range of important disciplines. Just as we celebrate sporting, cultural and behavioural excellence, so too must we highlight academic achievement. Congratulations to all the Years 4-7 students who received awards on Monday’s parade. You are thoroughly deserving of this recognition and we are proud of your success.

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
This week's P and C meeting will include a discussion of our school’s potential involvement in the Queensland Government’s Independent Public Schools program. Our Facebook page has a link to more information if you are interested in reading more about this reform of our education system in Queensland.

YEAR 7 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
A reminder to parents of Year 7 students (and other interested parents) that we will be hosting a second evening for parents facilitated by Michael Jeh on Monday 22 July from 7pm in the library. The focus will be transition to high school and the types of attitudes and life skills that make this transition more likely to be successful. RSVP to class teachers would be appreciated. The students have already worked with Michael and this is an opportunity for parents to hear the same messages.

MIKE JACKSON WORKSHOPS
I wanted to also express my thanks to Mike Jackson who spent two days last week exciting our students with the joys of music, particularly the often unappreciated instrument known as the Ukulele. As a proud grandparent of students at Ferny Grove he has always been willing to find time for our students in his busy schedule and we thank him (and his son Kieran) for that.

PHASING OUT OF PAPER NEWSLETTERS
At some stage in the next few months it is our intention to phase out production of our paper based newsletter. With the new Q Schools app (see our new website for information) it is possible for our newsletter to be delivered straight to your smart phone or tablet computer as a link from our website. We will still produce a limited number of paper copies to be available from the office but in the meantime we are encouraging as many people as possible to download the Q Schools app to their phone/tablet (apple or Android). This very useful app will also allow you to see upcoming events in our calendar as well as emergency alerts that may be transmitted from time to time.

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Payment days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ONLY. Payment options are:
- Over the counter from 8.30am to 11.30am ONLY on the above days
- Credit card - Ph: 3550 5333 after 8.30am or complete the form on the Bulk Bill letter
100 Days of School
This Thursday our Prep students will celebrate a significant milestone of having been at school for 100 days!! It is timely to reflect on your child’s progress in learning, play and social development. What has been new knowledge? What skills have been learned? How have you acknowledged your child’s efforts, progress and achievements?

School Commencement & Finish
Please be mindful that school commences daily at 8:40 am. Our school day concludes at 2:50 pm.

INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP
Instrumental music students in years 5 and 6 and some year 4 strings students have been invited to attend the Intermediate Music Camp. The two day camp takes place on Tuesday 13 and Thursday 15 August at Mitchelton State School. The cost is $55 and payment and medical/consent form are due by Friday 26 July. The aim of the camp is to reinvigorate the students’ interest in music and quality professional groups are employed to work alongside our students and instrumental music teachers.

The children enjoy this experience of playing with students from the cluster and love to perform the arousing music at the culminating concert on Thursday afternoon between 2 and 3pm at Mitchelton State High School. A letter went home with students last week outlining details. Please remind children to bring their money and medical / consent form to the office by Friday 26 July.

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 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. Diamond Cricket, Touch Football, AFL, and Beach Volleyball will be offered depending upon student interest.

GOTCHAS: Well Done!
These children were caught ‘doing the right thing’ and were rewarded with a likstick voucher from the tuckshop.
Sarah Prep H; Emily W 1M; Evan B 2S; Mitchell A 3R
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.
Cheryl 3550 5359 (0431 265 068) Vanessa 3550 5342 (0433 325 452)

CANTEEN WEEK - CELEBRATION
22nd - 26th July
Support our tuckshop in the celebration week. Look out for our party meal deal for $5.50 containing Cheeseburger, flavoured milk and packet of chips.

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COFFEE CART
Open 8-9am daily.
The coffee and hot chocolates hit just the right spot these frosty mornings. All profits from the coffee cart go back into the school to benefit our children through P & C initiatives. 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.

CHANGE FOR HUMANI
By now your children should all have brought home their Change for Humani boxes that they have lovingly decorated. The idea behind it is to encourage your children to collect change from wherever they may find it – cleaning out the car, emptying their pockets, doing chores and to put it in the box. Talk to them about how their change can make a difference in the lives of children and families on the other side of the world. There is no expectation of great amounts of money – we are hoping that if everyone sends a little change we can make a world of difference to our Humani friends and we are hoping this reinforces our value of care and compassion with our Ferny Grove students. Boxes can be returned to the office but we would like to collect them the week beginning July 29th.

Vanessa Baird – Community Liaison Officer

FESTIVAL HELPERS
We are looking for the following volunteers to help on our Festival day:
Silent Auction Online Coordinator – we are hoping to put our silent auction online this year to make bidding and collecting money easier. We need a parent with some good IT knowledge to volunteer to help us load our auction items and manage it.
Security personnel – we are looking for some parents who may have had experience in Security/Policing to work with us on Festival day.
If you can help with either of these things please contact me on 0433 325 452.
Please keep an eye out for our Festival Volunteer form which goes home this week.

Vanessa Baird - Festival Convener

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 -Yr 7) 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 🎉

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

WILLMORE KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY
27th July, 10.00am - 1.00pm
14 Irruka Crescent, Ferny Hills. For more information, please visit: www.candk.asn.au/willmore

FERNY GROVE FALCONS J AFC TRIVIA NIGHT
On Saturday August 3 at 7pm proceedings will kick-off at The Grove Sports club at Ferny Grove.
This is a fantastic opportunity to have some fun, enjoy some laughs and show your trivia skills with your team.
All money raised going back to the club for our kids.
For more information contact Sharron Pitt on 0420 371 158

HELPING HANDS
Coming up at Helping Hands Ferny Grove at After School Care- “Snap Happy” a 5 week Digital Photography Program, starting Tuesday 6 August. Every child from the school is welcome to book in. At the end of the program each child gets to keep their own digital camera and create a scrapbook of the photos they take. Drop in at the OSHC office for a booking form.

LAVENDER HIGH TEA and FASHION PARADE
DATE - Sunday, 21 July TIME - 2pm - 4pm
PLACE - All Saints’ Parish Centre
(4 Fahey’s Road East, Albany Creek)
FASHIONS - Inpink, Brendale
TICKETS - $25 per person; Parish Office (3264 8283)
Enquiries - Kaye (3264 3050)
All Proceeds go to the Leukaemia Foundation of Qld.
Pre-purchase of Tickets is essential.

P & C NOTICEBOARD

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