FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FINAL PHASE OF THE DANIEL MORCOMBE CHILD SAFETY CURRICULUM NOW AVAILABLE

The Department of Education, Training and Employment has released the Years 7 – 9 (Junior Secondary) phase of the Daniel Morcombe child safety curriculum. This is the third and final phase, completing the suite of lesson plans available for Queensland schools in all year levels from Prep to Year 9. The lessons have been developed by a high-level government working group including Queensland child safety ambassadors Bruce and Denise Morcombe to develop students’ personal safety and awareness including cyber and phone safety. The Parent guide: Year 7 to Year 9 and fact sheet is available on http://www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum.

GET STARTED RETURNS FOR ROUND 2

The second round of the Queensland Government’s Get Started program is now open, offering vouchers worth up to $150 to help families pay membership fees for children to join a registered sport or recreation club. Children with a parent or guardian who holds a health care or pension concession card are automatically eligible to apply, while other families will need to submit recommendations from two referral agents. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis. Details are available from the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing’s Get in the Game website. http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When you are reviewing your child’s report card, take a moment to consider your child’s attendance rate. Research shows that students who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons which will help them to achieve to their full potential. Visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/fact-sheet.html for more information on student attendance requirements.

Brett Shackleton PRINCIPAL

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

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EARLY YEARS NEWS

School Commencement & Finish
Please be mindful that school classrooms open daily at 8:40 am. We aim to commence each morning session by 8:50 am. Some specialist lessons commence daily at 8:45 am. Please plan so that all children are ready for the commencement of each school day. Our school day concludes at 2:50 pm.

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
This week children, staff and parents are completing School Opinion Surveys. Parents and students are randomly selected. This is the first year students and staff members have completed the survey online. Parents are given the opportunity to complete either online or return the survey which was posted home last week. We ask for all parents to complete the survey by Friday 26 July and as only 40 families are selected your views are important to us. We value the collated data which is returned to us after analysis at DETE Central Office. This is an opportunity for parents to reflect upon how well our school is going and identify areas for development. Thank you to the families who have already completed the survey.

INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP
Deadline for payment and the return of medical forms is Friday 26 July.
Cost: $55
Camp Dates: 13th and 15th August
All Year 6 band students are invited alongside all Year 5 and some Year 4 strings students.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS DATE CLAIMER
Our annual Expressive Arts Showcase takes place on Thursday 12 September. This is a terrific night and a highlight of our calendar.
If your child plays an instrument or sings in a choir they will be required to perform that night. This term all groups will be rehearsing, including our Year 3 strings students. All children perform in the band uniform. These are available from the uniform shop.

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.

Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)

ENROL FOR PREP IN 2014
Prep enrolment interviews will be held during Term 3 from 5 August to 6 September. Please book online: http://www.sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php?schoolid=691. A detailed brochure regarding enrolment information can be accessed online: www.fernygrovess.eq.edu.au or by telephoning the school office staff on 3550 5333.

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

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

TENNIS PLAYER OF THE WEEK
“Congratulations to the tennis player of the week Deklan Payne! You’ve been a great team player.”

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

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AUSTRALIA JAPAN STUDY PROGRAMME (AJSP)
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REQUIRED
HOST FAMILIES FOR JAPANESE STUDENTS
Ritsumeikan Uji JHS (Kyoto Prefecture) 14-15y.o.
ARIVAL DATE: 18th AUG (SUN) 2013
DEPARTURE DATE: 31st AUG (SAT) 2013
ATTENDING SCHOOL: Ferny Grove State School
HOST FAMILY REQUIREMENTS:
- No other Japanese staying in the family
- 3 Meals per day
- Own bed — Can share a room with a host child
- Over 18s hold a Blue Card or willing to apply
- Safe travel to and from school
*Single Placement, Remuneration Provided

DEADLINE for all items for inclusion in the current Newsflash is 3.00 PM ON MONDAYS.
Email to Newsflash@fernygrovess.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 -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 😊

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 JACF 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

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
LAST CHANCE to order your entertainment books, before they are returned by the 31st of July!
$65 each, pay via this link: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/221034
Thank you to everyone so far that has purchased a book and supported our preps!
Emma Ney 0419732230 (Prep Fundraising Committee)

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

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.