Ferny Grove State School and Ferny Grove State High School are committed to providing educational opportunities for parents and students beyond the classroom. 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 modern society. We’re hoping to involve good men who want their sons to be part of a new revolution in a sense. The project is essentially about male attitudes to women and the revolution is about getting the next generation to take ownership. 

Our target group will be Year 7 and 8 boys (across both schools) 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. Again, the 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.

The first of three sessions will involve the mothers and fathers of boys in Year 7 and 8, and will be held on 12 August at 7pm. 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.

Details of all sessions are below:

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We believe this a very important opportunity for parents and their sons and we would encourage attendees to commit to participating in the three sessions to gain the most benefit and impact.

Please RSVP to FGSS Community Liaison Officer Vanessa Baird at vbair4@eq.edu.au by 05 August. We look forward to your attendance.
EARLY YEARS NEWS

Morning Arrival at School
If a child needs to arrive at school prior to 8:10 am please enrol them in the “Helping Hands” Outside School Hours Care service. Children arriving at school without a parent escort from home are required to walk directly to the covered area in front of the tuckshop.

School Playgrounds
Students accessing the school playgrounds outside of school break times do so under the direct supervision of their parent(s)/carers. Please remind your child that they may play on school playgrounds as rostered at school breaks or only with your permission and supervision.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY
40 families have been asked to complete the annual school opinion survey. This is an opportunity for those families to identify the school’s strengths and areas for improvement. We are awaiting the return of 15 surveys. The surveys are collated in Central Office and individual responses are completely confidential. Thank you to those families who have already completed the surveys. Remaining surveys can be sent to the office or completed online by Friday 2 August.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCES
Mon 5 August Senior Strings Band uniform required for Student of Month assembly
Mon 12 August Senior Strings (No uniform required)
Mon 19 August Junior Band (Band Uniform required as Japanese Students Welcome assembly)
Mon 28 August Junior Strings (No uniform required) Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)

Enrol For Prep in 2014
Prep enrolment interviews commence next week and are being held from 5 August to 6 September. Please book online: http://www.scbss.com.au/pl/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)

SCHOOL BANKING – more chances to WIN – this time an iPad Mini
- One student from the Brisbane North Area will win an iPad mini and 10 students will win a Dollarmite backpack. Simply make at least one deposit at school during term 3.
- Our school could win a marquee by having the highest percentage of students banking – so if you haven’t banked this term yet, or opened a Dollarmite Account – do it NOW. Remember for each new banker added to the school banking program, the Commonwealth Bank gives the school $5 – That could be over $4000 if everyone banked!!!!
- Calculators are now available as a reward for those who have 10 tokens. Please write a note or use the rewards card with your next deposit.
- Any questions at any stage – please write a note with your child’s deposit book, or call Xanthe 0437266530 / 38514089.

Any parent willing to help with school banking, please come to office Wednesday morning 8:40-am - 9:40am.

Thanks and GOOD LUCK BANKERS!!

SPORTS SPOT
What a flying start to Semester 2 it has been for sporting endeavours at Ferny Grove. Many things have been happening including finalising A.F.L. clinics for a number of classes and Years 1 to 4 enjoying some skill sessions in Aussie T-Ball.
It was a wonderful finish to Semester 1 with glorious weather allowing us to complete three days of track and field events.
Congratulations again to all participants, ribbon recipients, Age Champions and the winning House Kookaburras.

We have also been busy training our athletes who will represent our school at the North West District Track and Field carnival this week. A big thank you to all those students who have regularly attended training sessions.

These sessions would not have occurred without the dedication of Mr Thompson, Ms Olsen, Mrs Reid and Mr Hughes. Thank you all for conducting the training sessions. I am sure our athletes will be very well prepared for their events. GOOD LUCK ATHLETES!

Finally, I would like to mention something that epitomises the Ferny Grove spirit. At our sport selection trials over the last two weeks I witnessed something that showed me just how lucky we are to be associated with our great school.

Students had chosen their sport but some numbers had to be adjusted. Students were asked to change where possible. Without asking specific students to change there were around fifteen who volunteered so that all sports could continue to be offered.

Without this selfless gesture by those students, organisation of Friday sport would have been much more difficult. This demonstration of commitment to our school rather than their own self interest is evident right throughout our school but once again showed myself and others why our school is so well respected in our own and the wider community.

Gary Kirby (PE Teacher)

DISCO NEWS
Thursday 8 August Prep —Yr.3 5.30–6.30pm
Yr.4 — Yr.7 7.00—8.30pm

Parents please note: While children are to be signed in and out, it is school policy that no parents and / or siblings are to remain in the hall during the Discos.

Leanne Reid (The Student Council)

GOTCHAS: Well Done!
These children were caught ‘doing the right thing’ and were rewarded with a likstick voucher from the tuckshop.
Harmon PVH, Kyah 1T, Matthew C 2B, Sasha 3BM, Jade K 5L, Joshua J 5F, Genevieve McD 5F, Benjamin G 6K.

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

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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)

TUCKSHOP
WE ARE DESPERATE, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!
We are looking for volunteers for the tuckshop. We have a Monday with no helpers, we need three volunteers for a Wednesday, one volunteer for a Thursday and we need two volunteers for a Friday.
If anyone can help please contact Julie or Kellee at the tuckshop or email us on tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thur 1 Aug: Heather D; Fri 2 Kate N, Katrina C, Susan B. Mon 5 Jodie B; Tue 6 Carolyn G, Anne F. Wed 7 Traci M. Thur 8 Deb C, Christina Z.

COFFEE CART
Open 8 - 9am daily. 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.

FESTIVAL HELPERS You can help!!
Buy your armbands at www.flexischools.com.au
• Sell the Hamilton Island raffle tickets that came home this week
• Keep bringing in book donations and cake and sweet stall pledges to Uniform store on Mondays and Fridays 8-9 am
• Send back the volunteer forms. If you can only help once a year this is when we need you! Seeking dads for BBQ and Hot chip duty!!
• Bring in items for hamper raffles for each year level to classrooms
Prep Stationery Suite - pretty writing things
Year 1 Sweet Treats - dessert goodies
Year 2 Party Time - party goods
Year 3 Diggin’ in the Dirt - gardening treasures
Year 4 Picasso Pack - art supplies
Year 5 Pamper Me - bath and hair pretties
Year 6 Snack Attack - savoury yummies
Year 7 Master Chef - cooking gadgets
Thanks for all your help so far - less than 5 weeks to go!!
Vanessa Baird - Festival Convenor

CHANGE FOR HUMANI
Don’t forget to return your boxes this week to the office.
Thanks so much for your support.

COMING 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 ☺

DEFENCE NEWS - CRAFT MORNING
Please 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)

FERNY GROVE FALCONS JAFC TRIVIA NIGHT
This Saturday August 3 at 7pm proceedings will kick-off at The Grove Sports Club.
All money raised going back to the club for our kids.
For more information contact Sharron Pitt on 0420 371 158

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

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

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.
Please check these bins for your belongings.

P & C NOTICEBOARD

Monday 12 August, F.A.S.T Mtg. 7.00pm Staffroom
Wednesday 21 August, P & C Mtg. 7.00pm Library
Tuckshop – 3550 5361 Uniform Store - 3550 5342 Stationery Store – 3550 5359 OSHC Mon- Fri
8.30-12.00 pm Mon & Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am Mon & Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am Gail 3851 2196

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