Congratulations to our athletics team who performed so well last week at the district trials. I received many reports of both persistent athletic endeavour and wonderful school spirit. They were indeed a credit to Ferny Grove State School. Having spent a couple of hours with the team last Wednesday morning it was obvious they were well prepared and primed to give it their best. Ferny Grove finished 3rd in the A schools competition.

FERNY GROVE FESTIVAL
Not long to go now. After the success of last year’s festival we eagerly await the 2013 event on August 31. Keep an eye out for ways in which you can help and most importantly be there on the day.

ACTING PRINCIPAL
I will be taking five weeks leave from 19 August. My place will be taken by Larissa Vecchio who is currently the Principal at Mount Cotton State School. I have no doubt Larissa will enjoy her time at Ferny Grove State School and our community will make her feel very welcome.

MATES FOR MATES
As a part of our Student of the Month parade on Monday our Student Council presented a cheque to two special guests from the Mates for Mates Foundation. Nearly $1000 was raised by our community in yet another display of how we can make a difference in the lives of others in need of some support. Well done to our Student Council and their teacher leader Mrs Reid.

GET IN THE GAME FUNDING
This is a government program designed to encourage children into sporting clubs where financial limitations prevent it from happening. Children are eligible for $150 towards fees and other participation costs. Individuals eligible to apply for a voucher are children and young people from the age of five and under the age of 18 who are residents of Queensland and:
• hold or whose parent, carer or guardian holds a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
• other children or young people identified by two referral agents.
Our school is a referral agent so if you would like us to get involved in referring a child who could benefit from this program please contact me via email: bshac1@eq.edu.au. The website can be found at www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/getinthegame

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS
What a privilege it was to hand out awards to eight of our teachers on parade on Monday. Congratulations to the nominated teachers and the parents who made the time to complete the nomination process. We are fortunate to have so many fine educators at FGSS. Upon returning to my office after parade there were three more awards for our next whole school celebration so watch this space
Congratulations to Katrina Mann, David Sandiland, Fiona Van Der Ark, Melissa Spink, Kirsty Menzies, Liz Connors, Kim Kamholtz and Mahdieh Treston on their nominations.
EARLY YEARS NEWS

Year 3 Raw Art
Next Monday Year 3 students will be creating art works with the talented Raw Art teachers. Look out for student master pieces!

Morning Drop Off
We do understand that parents at different times need to talk with their child’s teachers (formally and informally). To optimise time where you want to talk specifically about your child or their progress and achievement, please see your child’s teacher to make an appointment. Teachers at the start and end of each day may not be able to give you the time required to have a useful conversation. Please also understand that teachers are to commence classes daily by 8:50 am. If there is an emergency please advise the school office staff for the attention of other staff.

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.

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

EXPRESSIVE ARTS SHOWCASE - 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 at that night. This term all groups will be rehearsing, including our Year 3 strings students.

All Instrumental Music students and Senior Choir members perform in the band uniform. These are available from the uniform shop. Jnr Choir members perform in school uniform.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – SHOW WEEK
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday instrumental music lessons and early morning rehearsals will be cancelled next week due to all music teachers attending Intermediate Music Camp Tuesday and Thursday and Wednesday’s public holiday. Monday’s string’s rehearsal and lessons will continue as usual on Monday 12 August.

Parade Performances
Monday 12 August  Senior Strings (No uniform required)  
Monday 19 August  Junior Band (Uniform required as the special parade welcomes our Japanese students)

SUMMER SPORT
Years 5, 6 and 7 students will commence their summer sports program on Friday 16 August. $65 payment is due by Thursday 15 August. All participating children received a permission form which needs to be signed and returned to their coach well before the commencement of sport as this gives the student permission to leave the school grounds and travel by bus to their sporting venue. It is wonderful to see almost every Years 5, 6 and 7 student interested and participating in a summer sport.

Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)

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 for (The Student Council)

EXPRESSIVE ARTS WEEK
It’s that time of year again. Time for kids to showcase their talents at this years annual Talent Show on 13 September. Start practising - the heats commence at the beginning of week 7. Nomination forms are available from class teachers.

Get Creative — if your children have an interest in arts and crafts they can collect an Art Entry Form from their class teacher.

Entries are due in at the end of week 9 - 6th September.

Have Fun!

SPORT SPOT
Last week our school was represented by 44 athletes at the annual North West District Track and Field Carnival. We had some outstanding performances and a number of our students were selected to compete for the District at the Regional Carnival. We are still awaiting confirmation of those who have been selected.

The day was a successful one both on and off the arena. Our students not only competed admirably but behaved in a very positive manner which was a credit to themselves and our school.

The event was well supported by parents and families. A particular thanks to Mr Thompson who managed the team who along with Mr Barry Hughes kept things organised, particularly on Wednesday.

Our school placed 3rd overall for schools in our A division – a feat not achieved for some time. Thanks to all involved and well done students!!

STOP PRESS!
The following athletes have been selected in the North West Team to compete at the Regional Carnival.

Kalin Franks, Zanden Jeh, Kengo Lawson, Georgia McCulloch, Genevieve McDonald, Keith McGrath, Cameron Parry, Joe Whitney.

CONGRATULATIONS

Gary Kirby (P.E.Specialist)

THANK YOU TO MR. KIRBY & MR. THOMPSON
On behalf of all the students who competed in the recent Districts competitions, their families and friends:

We would like to express our thanks to both Mr Gary Kirby and Mr Garry Thompson for all the fun and team orientated afternoon training sessions, encouragement, support and guidance on the two competition days.

From a parent’s view, congratulations to all the students who displayed a happy, positive and well behaved team. You all did Ferny Grove State School very proud.

Leisa Hedges
ENROLMENTS FOR GERMAN IMMERSION 2014 AT FERNY GROVE SHS.
We are in the process of finalising enrolments into the German Immersion program at Ferny Grove SHS for 2014. The German Immersion program at Ferny Grove SHS offers students a great opportunity to become highly proficient in the German language, experience a challenging and fun learning environment and work with other motivated students.
If you are interested and require further information, please contact Mrs Fi Hudgton, Head of Department Languages at Ferny Grove SHS on 3550 5785 or email fhudg1@eq.edu.au. (Staff phone room is 3550 5783) All expressions of interest forms should be submitted to Ferny Grove SHS as soon as possible to ensure enrolment. The enrolment process involves completion of an expression of interest form and an interview with German Immersion staff prior to acceptance into the program. http://fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au/wcms/index.php/curriculum60/signature-programs200/german-immersion217 (FORMS are available from LOTE teachers).

BRONCOS CLUB — BUCK PROGRAM
Reminder:
Sign up to become a JNR. BRONCO Member
$50 gets you
- 3 x 1hr. Coaching on school oval 3.30—4.30pm
- 2 x tickets to a Broncos game
- Broncos merchandise pack
** Application forms available at the office
"** Hurry only 40 places left
** Program is for Yrs.3 & 4 and 5—7
Applications close FRIDAY 16 AUGUST.

Are you harbouring a future ASHES HERO? Join the Ferny Fireballs Junior Cricket Club
Sign-On for Ages 5 - 17 10am-midday Saturday 17th and Sunday 25th August.
Tramway Street, Ferny Grove (take the Tramway Museum entrance opp Police Station) Also meet club representatives and sign on at the Ferny Festival from midday Saturday 31st.
Super 6s format for U8-10 available on Friday nights played at Brendale.
Sign up and payment available online.
For more details Email – registrar@fernyfireballs.org.au or Call Grant Hastie – 0438 154 699 New web pages for further information at: www.qldcricket.com.au/clubs/fdcc

HELPING HANDS
Exciting week at After School Care with the Snap Happy photo graphy course starting on Tuesday. We look forward to some creative snaps! We’ve also been playing a fun new game on the oval – Kubb. It combines strategy, throwing skills and teamwork. Last Friday we had some yummy cooking making pizzas out of tortillas and lots of delicious toppings.

Gail Loose (Coordinator)

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 |
| 8.30-12.00 pm | Mon & Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am |
| Stationery Store – 3550 5359 | OSHC Mon- Fri |
| Mon & Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am | Gail 3851 2196 |