

ISSUE 24
28 AUGUST 2013



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 29 Father's Day Stall**
Student Council visit
REGIS
- 30 Summer Sport**
2.00pm Early Years
 Assembly
Farewell Dinner
 Japanese Students
- 31 FERNY GROVE FESTIVAL**
 12.00 –7.00pm 

SEPTEMBER

- 2 8.50am** Student of the
 Month Assembly
- 4 Yr.6** Raw Art
- 5 8.50am** IMPS Mtg.
 Yr.7 Raw Art
- 6 FINAL DAY** Prep
 enrolment block
Art competitions
 entries due
 Summer Sport
2.00pm NO Early Yrs.
 Assembly
- 9 EXPRESSIVE ARTS**
WEEK



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



“WORD ARTISTS”

At the Poetry Parade on Monday, we congratulated 51 class Poetry Champions for 2013. Special guest Mr Rupert McCall, our People’s Poet, said he was impressed with the level of commitment displayed by students at Ferny Grove. If the quality of presentations was any indication, the school’s Poetry Program has achieved great results.

This innovative program focused on teaching the language features of poetry including rhyme, alliteration, metaphor and figurative language. Such learning helps students become better readers and writers, as well as encouraging their creativity. FGSS teachers must be commended for their professionalism in delivering the poetry program to every student from Prep to Year 7. Bravo!

“MATHS MARVELS”

Five teams of math-smart students represented FGSS at the regional Maths Team Challenge this week. Coached by Mr Damen Howard, these twenty students did their school proud. All teams demonstrated impressive problem-solving and thinking skills, with Year 7 “B” Team narrowly missing out on third place. Well done to all students involved!

“FORTUNE FROM HEAVEN”

If you ever wondered where your Humani donations go, rest assured every dollar is spent in tangible improvements ... contributions from Ferny Grove State School make a real impact. The last batch of FGSS funds provided life-saving medicines for children, much needed doors for the school building and pedal-powered sewing machines for the women of the village. In the words of the Humani school principal it was a “fortune from heaven”.

Thank you to everyone for their support of this noble cause. The school’s next major fundraiser for Humani is the Multicultural “Free Dress Day” on Wednesday 11th September. Dig deep.

THANKING OUR SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF

This week we shine a spotlight on our school support staff – administration officers, teacher aides, grounds staff, cleaners and crossing supervisors. Their efforts and dedication contribute to the education of students at FGSS, their pride in the school is unequivocal and we’d pretty much grind to a halt without them! So please join with us in saying a sincere “thank you” to our valued support staff.

The Ferny Grove Festival is a highlight of our school community’s engagement and fundraising agenda. We look forward to seeing a strong turn-out on Saturday 31st August!

Larissa Vecchio (A/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

Class Activity	Activity Date	Cost	Last date to pay
Yr.6 and 7 Raw Art	4th / 5th September	\$8.00	29 August
Yr.7 Volleyball Gala Day	9 September	\$9.00	29 August
Prep Teddy Bears Picnic	17 September	\$2.00	5 September



EARLY YEARS NEWS

Channel 9 Visit

Today Melissa Downs and a Channel 9 crew visited our school to interview some of our volunteer Ready Reader helpers. We are delighted that people will get to find out about the generous gift of the love of reading that is so extensively shared across our school. Each week we have over 28 community volunteers who provide one on one reading support with some of our Year 1 – 3 students. Thank you to all of our volunteers.

Preps Thank Year 12s

Today our Prep students provided their Year 12 reading volunteers with a cupcake party to say thank you. This first year of running the Year 12 Read Out program, where Year 12s from the High School come and read weekly to our Prep students has been a rich experience for all involved. We are delighted that the program will continue in 2014.

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Our **Junior Choir** performed so confidently on Monday morning. Their well-rehearsed performance pleased our large audience, special guests and Japanese students. Thank you to all the parents who supported their children by coming to the performance and ensuring everyone was on stage.

Student of The Month Parade takes place next Monday and the **Senior Strings will be performing**. As this is another important parade we ask for all Senior Strings members to wear their **performance uniform** to their before school rehearsal.

Expressive Arts Showcase

Last week all children involved in the instrumental music and choral programs received a note regarding the Expressive Arts evening scheduled for the 12 September plus a note requesting goodies for the gourmet hamper/s to be raffled during the evening. Thank you to the handful of parents who have already provided special treats for the raffle. Children may bring their contributions to school and leave them in the basket at the office. If your child did not bring home the notes further copies can be collected from the office.

MICHELLE MITCHEL – TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT SEXUALITY

Michelle Mitchel will once again be running a parent evening as a lead up to our sexual health lessons for Year 5 to 7. The parent information session will take place in the library on **Thursday 5 September** commencing at 7pm. She will give a brief outline of the school's sexual health program and include practical strategies for managing pubescent children as they move from the latter years of primary schooling into early high school. Michelle's sessions are entertaining and informative. Being a mother herself Michelle relates to the concerns of parents regarding teenage sexuality and media messages and shares useful tips during her workshop. To find out more come along on 5th September. No cost involved.

Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)

Dear Parents

Thank you for your ongoing contribution in the process to implement Year 7 into the high school at Ferny Grove. A part of this process recently involved over 80 parents from our Parent Reference Group participating in an online survey. Thank you so much for your questions, observations, and suggestions. What we draw from this data will go a long way in developing a community informed program for Junior Secondary at Ferny Grove State High School.

From this survey and your queries, we have compiled a Frequently Asked Questions page on our website. Please follow this link:

<http://fernycroveshs.eq.edu.au/wcms/index.php/curriculum60/junior-secondary199/junior-secondary-faqs>

As this page will be regularly updated, please let me know if you would like us to add anything.

In addition to this, we are constantly updating our parent contacts. If you know of a family who might like to join our email list please contact the school or myself.

Kindest regards

Katie Stubbings Head of Department Junior Secondary
Ferny Grove State High School
kstub5@eq.edu.au Ph: 3550 5777

CONGRATULATIONS POETRY CHAMPIONS

On Monday class champions for poetry writing and presentation were presented with medals by our adopted school poet, Rupert McCall. Thank you to the students who presented their poems and also thank you to Mrs Abundo, Ms Mann and Mrs Worthington for assisting on the day. Poetry is alive at FGSS!!!

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

SCHOOL BANKING

WIN A MINI IPAD!

School banking has many advantages:

- win a Mini iPad for you or a marquee for the school (entry into competition for deposits in term 3 only)
- save money for something in the future
- get prizes for every 10 school banking deposits – current rewards include calculator, money boxes, torch, wallet
- earn the school money (\$5 for each new banker and 5% of each deposit (from CBA profits, not your child's savings))

Open an account at any Commonwealth Bank, bring yellow deposit book (with all details completed please) to school office before school on Wednesday (or in class satchel) and start seeing the benefits!!

PLEASE HELP : We are in need of an additional helper for school banking – please come to the office Wed morning 8:40-9:40 to learn how!!!!

Any questions, please call **Xanthe 0437266530**.



GOTCHAS: Well Done!

These children were caught 'doing the right thing' and were rewarded with a likstick voucher from the tuckshop.

Malveenah **PVH**, Klayton **1M**, Nathan S **2CL**, Hannah **3M**



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 ROSTER - AUGUST

Thur 29 Heather D. **Fri 30** Kate N, Katrina C, Susan B.
Mon 2 Jodie B. **Tues 3** Carolyn G, Anne F. **Wed 4** Traci M.
Thur 5 Deb C, Christina Z.

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FATHER'S DAY STALL

Father's Day Stall will be held tomorrow, **Thursday, 29th August** in the Hall. Students will have the opportunity to visit with their class during the day. Most items will be \$5-\$10. Pre-paid vouchers are now available on Flexischools. We will have a record of vouchers. Please remember to send a bag for students to carry/hide their presents in.

HELP! HELP! HELP! NEEDED (9AM-2PM)

We realise that this is a very busy week for everyone. Unfortunately, some of our regular helpers are unable to assist on the day, so if you have a little time to spare (especially when the younger Grades come between 9am and 11am) we would love to have you! Please text or call **Katrina Collins on 0423 856 804** if you can help.

FESTIVAL SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

Please join us on Saturday for great food, entertainment and lots of fun for the kids. Rides run from 12.30 — 5.30. Armbands available from 11.30. We still need volunteers - so if you can spare an hour please **text Vanessa on 0433 325 452.** See you there!

THE FEDERAL ELECTION HAS BEEN CALLED FOR 7 SEPTEMBER 2013.

By now voters should have received information about how to vote if you cannot make it to a polling place on Election Day.

You can vote in person at an early voting centre or any Australian Electoral Commission divisional office in the weeks leading up to the election.

Early voting will be available from 20 August 2013. The Ryan electorate's early voting centre is located at the Kenmore Uniting Church on Moggill Road. It will be open between 8.30am and 5.30pm on weekdays.

Join the Ferny Fireballs Junior Cricket Club
Sign-On for Ages 5 -17 Meet club representatives and **sign on at the Ferny Festival from midday Saturday 31st.** 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



**96.5FM BREAKFAST SHOW
LIVE FROM OUR SCHOOL OVAL!!
THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER !**



Come see the 96five Family Show, Liam, Robbie and Ness, and Romeo the Radio Dog as they take their breakfast show on the road to our school! They'll be broadcasting live from 6am-9am and there'll be loads of other fun family activities including a jumping castle, sporting games and freebies.

You can even catch Seven News Weatherman, John Schluter, in the 7 Helicopter when he pops in to give his weather report!

Chappy Sara will be running the pancake brekky (gold coin donation) from 7:30am and be sure to purchase a coffee from our school's coffee cart.



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Dancing Blobs & Slimy Bubbles Ages 5-12

Albany Creek: Fri 27 Sep 10.00—11.00am

Puppet Making Ages 5—12

Arana Hills: Wed 25 Sep 2.30— 4.00pm
Albany Creek Mon 30 Sep 2.30— 4.00pm

Be a Knight or a Princess Ages 5—12

Arana Hills: Wed 2 Oct 2.30— 4.00pm

Craft Tables - Glue it, Colour it, Create it and take it home!
All libraries - all holidays.



LOST— GLASSES

Black framed glasses in a black **SPECSAVERS** case.

These are urgently needed by Sebastian Bourke in 5G. If found please return to the **OFFICE.** Thank You.



DEFENCE NEWS

MOVING SCHOOLS and SETTLING CHILDREN INTO A NEW LOCATION

Date: 6 September
Time: 10.00am —12.00noon
Location: Gallipoli Barracks Community Centre

For more information or to reserve your place, please call DCO Brisbane (07) 3354 0500 or email: dco.brisbane@defence.gov.au before 4 September.

P & C NOTICEBOARD

Thursday 5 September , IMPS Mtg. 8.50am Library
Monday 9 September, F.A.S.T. Mtg. 7.00pm Library

Tuckshop – 3550 5361 Uniform Store - 3550 5342
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