

ISSUE 25
4 SEPTEMBER 2013



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 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**
NO Middle Years Assembly
7.00pm FAST Mtg. library
- 10 8.00am** Yr.1 Morning Reading
- 11 MULTICULTURAL DAY** — Whole School Assembly **8.50am**
Gold Coin FREE DRESS — Humani School
- 12 7.00pm** Expressive Arts Showcase
- 13 9.00am** TALENT QUEST finals
Summer Sport
2.00pm NO Early Years Assembly



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



FANTASTIC FESTIVAL

The Ferny Grove State School Festival was a fantastic display of community spirit in action! Glorious weather brought hundreds, maybe even thousands, of happy festival goers who enjoyed an extremely well organized and exciting event. Vanessa Baird (CLO) and members of the Festival Committee – Beth Loxton (Chairperson), Yvette Edwards (Treasurer), Steve Loxton (Logistics), Steve Francis (Entertainment) – together with an ‘army’ of volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure a spectacularly successful day.

Special mention is due to our secondary neighbour, Ferny Grove State High School. Their Agricultural and Science departments gave children a chance to gain new learning experiences, the highly talented Choirs and Bands entertained us and 150 FGSHS students manned stalls.

Winner of the 1st prize in the major raffle was Katrina Collins. After drawing the winning ticket, I was delighted to learn that Mrs Collins has been a volunteer helper at FGSS for over 10 years and is a life-member of the P&C. Well deserved!

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Last week I attended the CPR meeting and met a dedicated group of parents with a clear focus on “solutions” not just on “problems”. A number of current matters were discussed including:

- Two-minute drop off / pick up zones and the bus zone. A handy reference guide is being developed to clear up any confusion.
- Updated Responsible Behavior Plan for Students. Belinda Evans (deputy principal) led a discussion about mandatory changes to the plan.

We thanked the CPRs for acknowledging the great work done by FGSS teachers through the National Excellence in Teaching Awards. Most recent teacher recipients will be presented with their awards at the first whole school assembly in Term 4.

PERSONAL EXCELLENCE

Congratulations! Congratulations to the Students of the Month who received certificates and badges at assembly ... accolades reflecting the personal excellence of students as members of our school community.

We commend these students on their excellent achievements!

On Wednesday 11th September students can wear Multicultural “Free Dress” as part of the Multicultural Day celebrations with gold coin donations helping our sister-school Humani. Students choosing not to wear a multicultural outfit should wear their school uniform. A special whole school assembly is being held that morning, see p.2 for details.

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
Prep Teddy Bears Picnic	17 September	\$2.00	5 September
Yr.5 Raw Art	19 September	\$8.00	5 September
Yr.5, 6, 7 Sexual Health Lessons	2 or 3 lessons	Yr.5 \$20; Yr.6,7 \$25.00	5 September



EARLY YEARS NEWS

Prep Playground Alert

This **Thursday, 5 September** there is to be **no access to our Prep Playground**. This is for the installation of the large rocks that have been delivered. For Prep H (Mrs Hall and Prep VH (Mrs Harrison) entry to classrooms on Thursday will only be by the front door entrances NOT through the sliding doors from the playground entrances. **Please do not enter the Prep playground before or after school on Thursday.**

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

EXPRESSIVE ARTS SHOWCASE UPDATE

Thank you to all the families who have contributed delicious goodies to the Gourmet basket/s which will be raffled at the Showcase on Thursday 12 September. The basket is filling with new surprises everyday.

The children are frantically rehearsing for the evening concert which will be held in the hall. All instrumental music students are asked to **bring their instruments to school next Wednesday** for a run through of the entire program. (This will take place straight after the multicultural parade on Wednesday morning.)

Thursday 12 September Showcase details:

Time: 6:15pm warm-up for 7pm start.

Entry:- Every gold coin donated receives a lucky door prize.

Venues for warm up and tuning:

Senior and Junior Choirs - back stage of hall. Children to enter via tutor room door at back of hall.

Strings – Music Room.

Junior Band – 2S Mr Sandilands room (adjacent to music room).

Senior Band – 5G and 5O Mrs George and Ms Olsen's rooms (K Block west of music room).

Attire:

Instrumental Music students and Senior Choir members - performance uniform with black socks and black enclosed shoes (no joggers). Long hair is to be tied back with a royal blue ribbon.

Junior Choir Members (Years 2 and 3 students) - everyday school uniform, white socks and black shoes.

The evening is shaping up to be a wonderful opportunity for all musical children to astound you with their talent. We look forward to seeing you at the concert.

MICHELLE MITCHELL – TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT SEXUALITY

Michelle Mitchell 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)

FATHER'S DAY STALL THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs Katrina Collins and her band of helpers for coordinating the Father's Day stall last Thursday. We know your efforts in preparation and last week added to many a surprised Dad on Father's Day. Congratulations.

SWIMMING TERM 4

In Term 4 from week 2 on Mondays Preps and Years 3 and 4 will have a weekly swimming lesson to be held at Ferny Hills pool. On Thursdays Years 1 and 2 will have lessons. A letter explaining dates, times, costs and what to bring on swimming days has been forwarded. Please return your child's permission slip to their class teacher **by Friday, 13 September.**

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

SCHOOL BANKING

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.**

MULTICULTURAL DAY REMINDER

Don't forget our Multicultural Day on Wednesday, 11 September.

Please remember to wear:

- A traditional costume from a culture of your choice
- A smile on your face

Please remember to bring:

- A gold coin donation for our sister school, **Humani**

We invite all parents and friends to our special parade on Wednesday 11 September assembling at 8.45am for 8.50am start.

Year 7 and Yr 6s from 6/7W will be performing a cultural dance and the Preps will sing too! Other year levels will parade in costumes.

Thanks you to everyone who will make this day possible.

We can't wait to see everyone in their colourful cultural costumes!

Allyssa Year 7



SPORT SPOT

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at the recent Track and Field event. Great performances all round. Special Congratulations to Kalin Franks on her selection in the Regional Team.

Gary Kirby (P.E. Specialist)

DEADLINE for all items for inclusion in the current Newsflash is 3.00 PM ON MONDAYS.

Email to Newsflash@fernygrove.eq.edu.au



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

HELP! We desperately need two volunteers for a Friday roster. If anyone can help out it is just one day a month. Please contact Julie or Kellee at the tuckshop or our email address is tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au

Also look out for our new menu for next term and term 1 of next year, with exciting new food available.

Thur 5 Deb C, Christina Z. **Fri 6** Kate N, Jodi B, Casey P.

Mon 9 Jodie P **Tue 10** Kim B. **Wed 11** Liz K.

Thur 12 Jodie H, Melissa H.



COFFEE CART Open 8 - 9am daily.

Open every morning between 8-9am, but we are usually around till later if you are running a little behind.

Yvette - 0409317553.

FEDERAL ELECTION BBQ & CAKE STALL

Saturday, 7th September 7am-3pm
(Polling Booth opens at 8am)

Our school is a Polling Booth for the upcoming Federal Election. This is an opportunity for our school to raise funds from the surrounding community.

FAST is seeking help with:

- Donations of baked goodies (cakes, biscuits, slices, sweets, savouries – basically anything edible)
- Servers for the Stall
- Cooking Sausages and burgers at the BBQ
- Taking orders and serving BBQ food

If you can help with any of the above, please contact Vanessa Baird on 0433 325 452 or vbair4@eq.edu.au

Baked items can be delivered to the Hall Canteen between 2.30pm and 3.30pm on Friday afternoon, or delivered directly to the Stall early on Saturday morning.

Please make sure packaging includes a list of ingredients.



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.



FESTIVAL

Congratulations to everyone involved - what a great day for our school!

There is a thank-you letter which has gone home today acknowledging all of our helpers.

Winners of the major raffle are:

Hamilton Island Holiday - **Katrina Collins**

12 month Jetts Membership - **Darvarn Gray**

iPad 16gb - **Bruce Kimball**

Bar Fridge - **Leonie McCulloch**

Gasmate Cruiser BBQ - **Diana Burton**

We have some unclaimed hamper raffles so check your tickets if you still have them!

The last three digits on the ticket is the series.

Series

255 Purple - ticket 80

258 Pink - ticket 81

259 Orange - ticket 70

262 Blue - ticket 10

263 Pink - ticket 75

Please see Vanessa in the Uniform store on Friday if you have a winning ticket!

EXPRESSIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

Hot food, drinks and sweet things will be available from 5.30 pm at the hall canteen before the Expressive Arts Showcase on Thursday September 12. We would also appreciate any help to serve out of the canteen before the event starts at 7 pm. Let Vanessa know if you can help on 0433 325 452 or vbair4@eq.edu.au.

Cheers and thanks Vanessa



LOST PROPERTY

At this time of year children come to school warmly dressed and as the day heats up layers are discarded. Our lost property bins are overflowing with expensive items of clothing. Please check your children's wardrobe for items, as missing items maybe located in our bins. All unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of term.



HELPING HANDS

Booking forms available at our office for Vacation Care now! Make sure you book in quickly to ensure your child/ren's place. Lots of fun, active experiences planned including a theatre visit, jumping castle, Bikes & Wheels day and a whole lot more. Check your child's bag for a booking form or contact us via phone – Mob 0467 677 763, email fernygrove@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au or drop in at the OSHC office.

Gail Loose (Coordinator)

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
8.30-12.00 pm

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