FROM THE PRINCIPAL

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." (Plato)

EXPRESSIVE ARTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Students and teachers have been busily rehearsing for the annual Expressive Arts Showcase being held tomorrow night, Thursday 12th September, starting at 7:00pm. This event is a highlight of the school’s calendar – showcasing the considerable skills and dedication of our “music smart” students.

“Arts Smart” creations will be exhibited in the school hall from Thursday evening. Art work from all classes will be on display, as well as the many entries received for the Art Competition. The high quality of entries is sure to make the judges’ job a tough task!

“Talent Quest” finals are being held in the hall on Friday morning from 9:00 – 11:00am. Parents and family members are very welcome to join us as we enjoy performances by the finalists … a big “thank you” to Miss Mould (3M) for coordinating this exciting event.

Students in all year levels have been engaging in expressive arts activities over the past weeks. At a time when there is concern in some places that the “curriculum is narrowing”, it’s great to see Ferny Grove State School actively valuing, teaching and showcasing the Arts.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
Improvements to the Prep playground are well under way, with the completion of retaining walls and garden beds. Next step will be the addition of artificial turf. These improvements have been made possible due to the fundraising efforts of the Prep Committee and the generosity of Mr Tony Clark.

Congratulations to the Year 7 students who led our Multicultural Day assembly. Their initiative in planning this celebration then “finishing the job”, with the assistance of Mrs Evans, is an excellent example of student leadership in action.

Larissa Vecchio (A/Principal)

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**Thursday 12 September Showcase details:**
- **Time:** 6:15pm warm-up for 7pm start.
- **Entry:** Every gold coin donated receives a ticket for the 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).
  - Tie long hair 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.

**GROUP PHOTOS**
- **Thursday 19 September** — Leadership, Sporting and Musical Ensemble photos will be taken.

**ELECTION STALL THANK YOU**
After such a busy school fair last week, thank you to those who assisted in the BBQ and cake stall for the election day voting.

**EARN & LEARN UPDATE**
Thank you to everyone who gained points for our school in this year’s Woollies Earn & Learn competition. We will be ordering this year a wide range of mathematics equipment. Thank you again to parent Shona Smith for coordinating our school’s participation this year.

**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.

**TERM 4 REMINDER**
Day 1 of Term 4 commences on Tuesday, 8 October from 8:40 am.

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**EXPRESSIONS ARTS SHOWCASE UPDATE**

**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.

**SPORT SPOT**
On Monday our Year 7’s attended a Volleyball Day along with three other schools from our District. The day was a culmination of a unit of work which involved both playing and umpiring.

Throughout the day our students displayed a high standard of behaviour and sportsmanship. As the day progressed the skills gradually improved and our ability to sustain rallies and be strategic in the game became more evident.

The enthusiasm of the students was encouraging with many actually running to their next game to be ready to play when the hooter sounded.

At the end of the day many of our teams had won their division.

Congratulations to all Year 7 students on a memorable and successful day.
FERNY GROVE STATE HIGH SCHOOL
(Year 8 2014 Enrolment Interviews)
Ferny Grove SHS is currently finalising enrolment numbers for 2014. If you intend to enrol your student at Ferny Grove and have not yet done so, please contact the school to arrange an enrolment interview.

The purpose of the interview, which will be conducted by a senior member of the school staff, is to share information so that the school can best cater for the needs of individual students. The interview will take approximately 15 minutes.

Please note that enrolment interviews are a mandatory part of the enrolment process.

Further information visit our website: www.fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au or our facebook page: www.facebook.com/FernyGroveSHS
Phone 3550 5777 or email info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au

F.G.S.H.S. UNIFORM FIT OUTS – YEAR 8, 2014
AVOID QUEUING IN DECEMBER/JANUARY
Extended trading hours will be in place for December 2013 & January 2014.
Please phone Melissa or Christine on 3550 5792 to make an appointment
Please bring your child with you & allow 30 minutes. Uniform items need to be purchased at the time of the appointment.

Monday (Pupil Free Day) 21 October 9.15am to 1.45pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 22 & 23 October 3.00pm to 5.30pm
Mon, Tues & Wed 28, 29 & 30 October 3.00pm to 5.30pm
Mon, Tues & Wed 4, 5 & 6 November 3.00pm to 5.30pm
Monday to Friday 18 to 22 November 9.15am to 1.45pm
Monday to Friday 25 to 29 November 9.15am to 1.45pm

Uniform Store & Second-Hand Uniform Store
Open normally: 8.15am – 9.15am on school days

Calling all Marine enthusiasts!
Become a real life Ocean Ranger! Helping Hands is pleased to be able to offer this unique opportunity for all children at Ferny Grove.
A fun interactive program breeding custodians of the environmental future, you will become Ocean Rangers!
Over a 5 week program, you will be guided by our qualified marine teachers to have a real awareness of marine life. At the end of the program you will be able to share your detailed posters showing that you are a real Ocean Ranger!

For more information or to book onto this exciting 5 week program please contact Helping Hands
Ferny Grove on 0467 677 763 or email fernygrove@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au

LOST PROPERTY
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.

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