FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU MRS VECCHIO
I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Veccio for doing such a wonderful job in my absence. It made it so much easier for me to step away for five weeks and enjoy our trip to Europe knowing that Ferny Grove was in such capable hands. Thank you Larissa.

TERM 4
It seems odd that term 4 is upon us already with all the action that goes with the run in to the end of the year. We will however keep our focus on the important commitments we have made to literacy, numeracy and all other areas of the curriculum. It is important that we maximise every possible opportunity for learning and strive to get the best from every one of our students. Term 4 represents one quarter of the school year and provides an opportunity to deepen and reinforce the learning that has been introduced so far in 2013.

QUEENSLAND PLAN
Vanessa Baird and I will be representing the Ferny Grove electorate at the final Queensland Plan summit at the Convention Centre for the next two days. Our job will be to hear about the priorities identified by Queenslanders from all over this great state and provide feedback on the most important priorities for the next 30 years. It has been a privilege to be involved thus far and I look forward to sharing the outcomes with our community.

YEAR 5 CAMP
Our Year 5 students head off to Camp Goodenough this week and we wish them great weather and hope that a good time is had by all, including our hardworking and dedicated staff that make it possible for our camp program to work.

GET SET FOR PREP
We look forward to meeting our new Prep parents for 2014 next week. Mr Cooke tells me that the interviews proceeded very well last term and that we have an eager bunch of new recruits for Prep next year.

STUDENT FREE DAY
Don’t forget to mark in your diary Monday, 21 October as it is a student free day in all Qld State Schools.

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
- BLUE letterbox located in the office - Envelopes with cash/cheque clearly named
EARLY YEARS NEWS

Prep Enrolments
Prep students are continuing to enrol for 2014. Please telephone the school on 3550 5333 to book an appointment. Please don’t forget our Get Set For Prep repeat sessions for parents are to be held next week on either Tuesday, 15 October, 7:00 – 8:15pm or Wednesday, 16 October, 9:00 – 10:15 am. Each session is to be held in the school library.

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

MUSIC FEST COMPETITIONS
Senior Strings Music Fest Competition
Thursday 17 October
Venue: Iona College, 85 North Road, Wynnum West.
Arrival Time: 5:15 for 6:12pm performance
A note went home last term with all details regarding the competition.

Junior Concert Band Music Fest Competition
Wednesday 23 October
Venue: Ferny Grove State School Hall
Arrival Time: 5:40pm for 6:40pm performance

Senior Concert Band Music Fest Competition
Wednesday 30 October
Venue: Ferny Grove State School Hall
Arrival Time: 4:22pm for 5:22pm performance
A note will go home this week regarding the Junior and Senior Band competition details.

YEAR 5 CAMP
By the time you receive this newsletter our year 5 campers will be enjoying their first day at camp. The campers return to school on Friday at approximately 2:30pm. Friday’s updated time of return will be posted on the school’s Facebook page after 1.00pm. The school’s Information Line (ph 35505350) can also be rung after 1.00pm for the latest estimated time of arrival. Buses will unload at Finvoy Street.

SEXUAL HEALTH LESSONS
Year 6 and 7 Sexual health lessons commence next week. Year 6 have their first lesson on Monday 14 October. Year 7 will receive their first lesson on Thursday 17 October. If you do not wish your child to participate in these lessons please advise the classroom teacher in writing before the commencement of the first lesson.

Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)

SWIMMING TERM 4
From next week 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. Each child is required to bring: togs, sun-safe shirt, towel, bathing cap & sunscreen. Goggles are optional. Children can bring thongs or sandals tom wear to and from the pool.

PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS
Please welcome pre-service teachers to the following classes: Prep C, 3R, 4A, 4T, 5G, 5L and 7T.

WALK FOR DANIEL
In week 3 on Friday, 25 October all students, staff and available parents are invited to walk from our school to the Ferny Grove SHS assembly hall. This is an annual event to promote and raise awareness of child safety, promote a safe community for our kids and honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe. Everyone is invited to wear a red t-shirt and donate a gold coin or $ donation to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Further details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

LOTE NEWS
German Food Day was a great success once again this year. Our year 7 (and 6W) students had a fun time sampling a variety of delicious German dishes. It was impressive to see so many children dressed up in German, as well as other international costumes. We were even able to get up and shake a leg, doing the German chicken dance. Frau Boden & Frau Guerra would like to say a big thank you to all students for their excellent behaviour on the day.

Thank you also to the parents for generously providing many home cooked as well as store purchased German delicacies. Thank you to the class teachers who ensured that the students arrived with a positive attitude and wonderful manners. Last but not least, a very big thank you to our amazing parent helpers who slaved in the kitchen on such a hot day, preparing all the food, serving it and then washing all the dishes. Without their help the day could not have gone ahead. Our helpers were: Brooke Neal, Karen Coles, Baz Hughes, Uli Esser, Christina Zevenbergen, Kim Rollings, Leane Dunn and Craig Sharpe.

Danke schoen!
Frau Guerra & Frau Boden

DEFENCE NEWS
Gallipoli Barracks Family Day - Flea Market
FREE entry! Sunday 20 October 10.00am —1.00pm
(Stalls, Fairy Show, Face Painting, Jumping castle, Army Band, Free Sausage Sizzle)
Cost for stall - $20 (proceeds - youngdiggers.com.au)
Those interested in holding a stall (2nd hand clothes/goods/crafts/food etc.) email: gallipolibarrackscommunitycen@yahoo.com or call Major Graham Palmer 0438 043 511 or Pte. Kylie Jane Houghton on 0403 404 279

LOST PROPERTY
Lost Property bins are overflowing. Please check for your lost items, as unclaimed clothing will be disposed of at the commencement of next week.

FOUND
1 pair of reading glasses — brown rectangular frames
1 Hyundai ignition key
Please call the office on 3550 5333 or come in to collect.
Session dates are available to purchase.

(1) 8x10" print. Digital packages with other images are also available, to provide families with more options for sessions, again this year. These are a great opportunity to capture a family portrait. Thur 10 Jodie, Melissa H

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - OCTOBER
Welcome back from the tuckshop. As the weather is heating up we are no longer selling hot milo before school. The good news is we have three delicious Mini Gelato Cups for sale - Caramel, Strawberry, and Chocolate for $1.50 at lunch time from the second week.

** Please remember to use the correct menu as we do have different food on offer. If you have had any recurring orders please note these are a thing of the past. We need to be replaced.

FASTR (FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL TEAM) UPDATES
FAST has organised a photographer for family portraits again this year. These are a great opportunity to capture a yearly snapshot or get ready for Christmas gifts or cards. We are using Sheila Sissons Photography (at Everton Hills) once again for our annual Cookie Dough fundraising.

We are hoping for as much support as possible. Every tub sold is eligible for a prize. Forms and monies are due back NEXT Tuesday 15th October. Belinda Stewart (Prep Fundraising Committee)

GONLY OPEN 8 - 9am daily.
Open every morning between 8-9am.

Billy G's Cookie Dough Fundraiser!
Collect order forms for our annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser.

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Pine Hills Lightning Junior Baseball Club
Junior 8-13 years old Boys and Girls who would like to play in Rookie Ball or Little League Baseball For information www.pinehillslightning.baseball.com.au or: Steven Cox, Club Registrar phlbcsecretary@gmail.com 0409 168 681

Pine Hills - Hook In2 Hockey!
Welcomes boys & girls aged 5 -13 introduction to hockey.
Cost: $5 per player – no weekly fees
Who: Boys & Girls 5 to 13
When: 8 x Fri. night sessions, 18 Oct – 6 Dec, 6.00-7.30pm
Where: Pine Hills Hockey Club, James Drysdale Reserve, Jinker Track, Bunya
For registration details and further information: Email: join@pinehillsbaseball.org.au; Visit: www.pinehillshockey.org.au; Call: Megan, Vice Pres. 0414 340 643

MEN’S SHED CAR BOOT SALE
Saturday 12 October 7.00am—1.00pm
Rivercity Family Church carpark, 59 Settlement Rd. The Gap
Car sites $20 - Book or donate items to church “car boot” Volunteers required- coffee cart, sausage sizzle, church “car boot”, set up etc.
Contact: Deb Harcourt 0400 561 943 for more info or to book your spot!