

**ISSUE 28**  
**16 OCTOBER 2013**



**FORTHCOMING  
 EVENTS**

- 16 9.00—10.15am**  
 (repeat)  
**Get Set for Prep**  
 Parent Info in library  
**7.00pm P & C Mtg.**  
 in library
- 17 Swimming** starts for  
 Yr.1 & 2  
**Yr.7 Sexual Health**  
**5.15pm MusicFest**  
 Strings at Iona
- 18 CPR Agenda items**  
 to Paul  
**2.00pm Early Yrs.**  
 Assembly
- 21 STUDENT FREE  
 DAY**
- 22 Yr 6 Camp** Maroon  
 Dam  
 Parents to advise  
 school if leaving in  
 2014
- 25 8.50am for 9.00**  
**WALK FOR DANIEL**

**WORLD  
 TEACHERS' DAY**

No Early Years  
 Assembly

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**



**QLD PLAN SUMMIT**

As stated in last week's newsletter, Vanessa and I attended the Qld Plan summit at the Convention Centre last Thursday and Friday. From my perspective the process was a sound one with opportunities for individual and group input into the determination of our 30 year priorities. It is rare that as one person in a group of over 600 that you feel that your ideas and input were valued and included. This was certainly my perception of the summit.

Education featured very highly throughout the two days with particular emphasis on a balanced education. Participants felt there needed to be room in our curriculum for children to be taught to think, create and innovate as well as the traditionally important areas of literacy and numeracy. Early intervention was seen as a key long term solution to many challenges our children and families face. Of course the challenge for government will be the reality of enacting the vision and funding the priorities identified along with making decisions about trade-offs in order to free up funding for the plan. I have to say I was very encouraged by both the bi partisan approach and the lack of 'party hacks' stacking the groups. Watch this space for more information as it becomes available.

**WALK FOR DANIEL**

Ferny Grove State School is deeply committed to the involvement of our students and staff in real world community based events. Our 'Walk for Daniel' is now a very important event on our calendar and serves as both a reminder to educate our children about child safety and a reason to stand beside the Morcombe family as they seek to bring a positive message to schools after such a traumatic number of years for their family. Parents are welcome to join us in our sea of red as we walk McGinn Rd and finish at Ferny Grove State High School Auditorium. **Friday 25 October from 8:45am.**

**STUDENT FREE DAY**

Don't forget Monday 21 October is a Student Free Day so no school for students.

**2014 PARENT INFORMATION OPPORTUNITY**

Parents will receive a note from us requesting any particular information you might like to tell us about prior to the end of this year. This information is used by us to determine appropriate class placements for 2014 and whilst we can't guarantee to meet every request, we do our best to take the information into account. Specific requests for teachers are discouraged but we are happy to hear about friendship issues, previous history, learning needs, etc.

**Brett Shackleton 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 Swimming	6 weeks	\$45.00	17 October
Yr.1 and Yr.2	7 weeks	\$55.00	17 October
Yr.3 and Yr.4	6wks. & Carnival	\$50.00	17 October



## 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 do not forget the forthcoming **Prep Play morning** for students to be held next month on **Tuesday, 19 November** from 9:00 – 10:00 in the Prep playground and adjoining classrooms.

**Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)**

### NAPLAN REPORTS

NAPLAN Reports were distributed to all Years 3,5 and 7 students on Tuesday.

Only one report per child is received and the school does not keep photocopies of these. It is advised that parents file these for future reference as high schools may request they be presented at enrolment time.

**The reports are broken into 4 areas.**

**Language Conventions** – the assessment of grammar, punctuation and spelling in written contexts

**Writing** – the assessment of the independent construction of a persuasive written text

**Reading** – the assessment of comprehension of a selection of written texts

**Numeracy** – the assessment of reasoning, application and understanding of mathematical concepts.

The NAPLAN tests are designed to provide a nationally comparable indication of student performance. They are not designed to give a comprehensive assessment of your child's ability.

### GROUP PHOTOS MUSIC, SPORTING AND LEADERSHIP

The sporting and cultural photos are displayed on the staffroom windows. Order forms are available from the office. The first photos is \$15 and additional photos are priced at \$12. Orders will be collected until the 31 October.

### 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



#### 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 went home with all details regarding the competition for **Senior and Junior Band**

IMPs will be running a **canteen** on the **23 and 30 October** to raise funds.

A note has gone home today to all families looking for volunteers to assist with the sausage sizzle and drink sales.

### SEXUAL HEALTH LESSONS

Sexual Health Lessons commence for students of Years 6 and 7 this week. Year 6 students had their first lesson on Monday and Year 7 have theirs on Thursday. After their third

lesson each child will receive a booklet summarising the information they have covered in class. Parents may wish to recap and discuss the course with their children and children may wish to keep the booklet for future reference.

**Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)**

### WORLD TEACHERS DAY

On **Friday, 25 October** we will celebrate the work, efforts and contributions our teachers and specialist staff make in the lives of our Ferny Grove students.

Please join us in acknowledging your child's teachers.

### 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 safe community for our kids and honour the memory of Daniel Morcombe. All personnel are invited to wear a red t-shirt and donate a gold coin or \$ donation for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

All walkers are to wear their school sun safe hat and sneakers or comfortable walking shoes. Please bring a water bottle and apply sunscreen. Arrangements for students with special needs are being negotiated between class teachers and our Head of Special Education Services, Kylie Fedrick. School Captains and Student Councillors will lead the parade with Year 9 student leaders from Ferny Grove SHS joining this year for the first time. Each year level will walk in class groups Prep — 7 followed by parents and parents with prams. Parents volunteering to assist teachers with students are able to walk with class groups. Students are to enter class at 8:40. Donations will be collected by class student councillors and we will assemble on the school oval at 8:50 for a 9:00 departure. Please join us for this significant annual event.

### CLASS PARENT REPS

CPRs are invited to email agenda items to Paul Cooke by this Friday, 18 October. The next CPR meeting will be held in the library next Wednesday, 23 October, commencing at 2:00pm.

**Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)**

### SCHOOL BANKING COMPETITION TERM 4

#### PRIZES UP FOR GRABS THIS TERM

- 60 x Apple iPod Touch 16GB
- 100 x Adventure DVD Pack including *Despicable Me*, *Despicable Me 2* & *Hop*

To be eligible, all you need to do is make **two or more** deposits through school from **21 October to 30 November**.

Additionally – all but 9 tokens need to be redeemed by the end of the year. You can order moneyboxes, calculator, torch, handball, headphones NOW. Please complete reward form (or send a note) and the 9-10 tokens and you should receive your reward that day or the week later.

\*\*\*\* **We require a pair of friends to help with school banking next year – please let me know if you can help.** \*\*\*\*\*

**Xanthe 0437266530**

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

**Email to [Newsflash@fernycross.eq.edu.au](mailto:Newsflash@fernycross.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)

[www.fernygrovepandc.com.au](http://www.fernygrovepandc.com.au)

#### Uniform Store

Swim caps will be back in stock from Friday. There is some new second hand that has been hung so please pop by to see what's available. Seeking volunteers to help on Monday or Friday morning until the end of term. Preferably from 8 – 9 am but flexible (could be 8.30 – 9.30)

Stationery Store **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE** form for Back to School November - January has been sent home today. If you are able to help please return the form to the Stationery Store or Office, telephone Charyl or email your availability to [stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au](mailto:stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au). If you did not receive the form it will be available on line at the school website under 'Bookshop'. Stationery & Uniform stores will **open next Tuesday** in lieu of pupil free day.



#### TUCKSHOP NEWS

**Thur 17 Oct** Cheryl B, Kylie L; **Fri 18** Donna B; Marie K;  
**Tue 22** Pam ; **Wed 23** Jenny O. **Thur 24** Heather D.



**COFFEE CART** Open 8 - 9am daily.

**Yvette - 0409317553.**

#### REMINDER

Cookie Dough Forms and Money are to be returned this week.

**Belinda Stewart (Prep Fundraising Committee)**

#### FAST (FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL TEAM) UPDATES

Applications are open for our **Twilight Christmas Market** held in our hall on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** from 5-9 pm. We are seeking local vendors who would like to participate and share their wares. Stalls are \$50 (Insurance \$20 extra). For an application or information pack please contact [fgss-markets@gmail.com](mailto:fgss-markets@gmail.com) or **Vanessa on 0433 325 452.**

#### FERNY GROVE SHS SAFARI TRIVIA NIGHT

Safari trivia night 25<sup>th</sup> October is supporting **Humani!** Tables of 6-10 are \$40 or \$5 pp. Bookings through the high school office. This is a family trivia night and there is **strictly no alcohol**. There will be a BBQ and soft drinks available from 5:30pm with kick off at 6:00. You can also BYO **non-alcoholic drinks** and snacks. Enquiries to

**Ashleigh Shea - Interact Secretary at**  
[ashea38@eq.edu.au](mailto:ashea38@eq.edu.au).

#### FERNY GROVE STATE HIGH SCHOOL (Year 8 2014 Enrolment Interviews)

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](http://www.fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au) or our facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FernyGroveSHS](http://www.facebook.com/FernyGroveSHS)

Phone 3550 5777 or email [info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au)

#### F.G.S.H.S UNIFORM FIT OUTS – YEAR 8, 2014

**AVOID QUEUING IN DECEMBER/JANUARY**

Phone Melissa or Christine on 3550 5792 for an appointment **Please bring your child with you & allow 30 minutes.** Uniform items are to be purchased at the time of the appointment.

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



#### ARE YOU HARBOURING A FUTURE ASHES HERO?

**Join the Ferny Fireballs In2Cricket Program**

This program for 5-7yo starts on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2013. Fun cricket based activities from 8:45 to around 10am each Saturday morning through Term 4 and continuing in Term 1, 2014. Conducted at the Ferny Districts Cricket Club located at Tramway Street, Ferny Grove (take the Tramway Museum entrance opp Police Station) Register anytime on-line via [www.in2cricket.com.au](http://www.in2cricket.com.au) For more details Email – [president@fernyfireballs.org.au](mailto:president@fernyfireballs.org.au)/Andrew Middleton –0421583241 New web pages for further information at: [www.qldcricket.com.au/clubs/fdcc](http://www.qldcricket.com.au/clubs/fdcc)

#### TENNIS COACHING – DAVE PRICKETT

(acc. TPAA) - Phone 3351 4483

Coaching is at Ferny Grove State School

Monday: 3.00 pm — 3.45 pm

**NEW BEGINNERS receive FREE new racquet**

**To Enrol: Phone Coach Dave Prickett – 3351 4483**

**Cost: \$100 per term**



## Ocean Rangers!

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**



#### HELPING HANDS

Book in now for Pupil Free Day on Monday October 21<sup>st</sup>. A Festival Fun Day planned with hoop toss, bean bag throw, footy shoot out and much more! Drop in at the OSHC office for a booking form or email us – [fernygrove@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au](mailto:fernygrove@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au) and we'll email one out to you.

**Gail Loose (Coordinator)**

## P & C NOTICEBOARD

**Tuckshop – 3550 5361**  
8.30-12.00 pm

**Uniform Store - 3550 5342**  
Mon & Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am

**Wednesday 16 October P & C Mtg. 7.00 pm in Library**

**Stationery Store – 3550 5359**  
Mon & Fri 8.00 - 9.00 am

**OSHC Mon- Fri**  
Gail 3851 2196



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