REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

The Ferny Grove students and staff once again stood up and were counted when asked to reflect on the sacrifice made by so many Australians during war. Our service was close to the best I have witnessed both in terms of the respect shown by our students and the work of Mr Kurth and his students. Our special guests were in awe of the way over 800 students can behave with such honour from Prep to Year 7 for the forty-five minute ceremony.

Congratulations to all involved and a special thank you to Rupert McCall for his ongoing support of our school along with the soldiers from 6th RAR.

I mustn’t let this opportunity pass without mentioning the folks from Mates4Mates who support returned servicemen and their families in real and tangible ways. In fact, the brother of one of our much loved teachers, Mrs George, completed the Mates4Mates kayaking challenge on Sunday. The 20 day 1000km journey represented a wonderful achievement by all who took part.

Mates4Mates evokes the Australian spirit, that a True Mate offers unwavering loyalty and friendship even in our darkest hour. It was in this spirit that Mates4Mates was born. Mates4Mates is a not for profit charity, initiated by RSL (Queensland Branch) to provide support to our wounded, injured or ill current and ex-serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel and their families.

Mates4Mates is designed to complement and enhance the capacity of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to support their current and ex-serving personnel and their families. We are independent, apolitical and non-religious. Our charity ensures that currently and ex-serving men and women are not without the trust, humility and strength of mateship in times of need.

Mates4Mates head office is located in Brisbane at the Family Recovery Centre.

This centre offers a range of services including:

- Physical rehabilitation
- Psychological services
- Counselling
- Massage therapy
- Well being workshops
- Career coaching
- Adventure Challenge Programs and more.

If you think they can help you or your family then contact them on;

4 Higgs Street, Albion QLD 4010
1300 4 MATES (1300 4 62837) or 07 3624 9000 or
http://mates4mates.org/

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

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EARLY YEARS NEWS

PREP ART SHOW
Prep students are finalising their creations for the much anticipated Prep Art Show, to be held in the hall this Friday night from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

2014 PREP PLAY MORNING FOR KIDS
2014 students will be coming for a play in the Prep playground and current Prep H & VH classrooms next Tuesday morning. We will meet in the adventure playground area and children will have a range of inside and outside activities. Our morning commences at 9:00 and finishes at 10:00am.

WELCOME MR DOONER
Welcome Larry Dooner who will be class teacher of 2S students until the end of this term.

YEAR ONE TUESDAY MORNING READING
Please note that the final session will be on Tuesday, 26 November.

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

VOLUNTEERS’ CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
One of our most valued resources is made up of our parent volunteers who assist both inside and outside our classrooms. Many help in the classroom on a regular basis and others offer assistance for those one off special occasions. This invitation is open to all volunteers to join the school staff on Thursday 21 November in the library from 7:50 – 8:30am. We welcome this opportunity to catch up and say thank you for all you do.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
PARADE PERFORMANCE  Monday 18th November
All Years 5, 6 and 7 band members, Junior and Senior, will be performing at Monday’s parade. This will be the final performance/ rehearsal for Year 7 band members. The performance allows our Year 5 students the opportunity to transition into Senior band and a chance for the audience to thank the Year 7 students for their contribution throughout their 3 years.
All students need to meet Mrs Haringcaspel at the hall at 8:15 to set up and tune for the performance.
No performance uniform required.

SEXUAL HEALTH LESSONS
Year 5 sexual health lessons commence on Thursday 14 November.

Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)

IF LEAVING IN 2014
Please advise school office staff if you are not continuing at FGSS in 2014. This information will assist us in future planning.

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)
Back to School Uniform & Stationery Stores

2014 Booklists - home today. Prices effective immediately. FLEXISCHOOLS & School website has been updated with 2014 lists. Help still required:

Fri 29 Nov. & Fri 6 December - 9.15-11am;
January 2014 - Wednesday 15 - 2hrs; Saturday 18 - 8-12; Wednesday 22 8-11am & 4-6pm, Thursday 23 4-6pm

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Labels & book covers are available from the following websites. Quote the relevant school code for each to receive a discount/rebate for the school.

www.younametitlelabels.com Code: fgsp1103
www.ezcover.net.au Code: ZFA186

TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Thur 14 Cheryl B, Kylie L; Fri 15 Donna B; Marie K. Mon 18 Robyn J. Tue 19 Pam. Wed 20 Jenny O. Thur 21 Heather D.

FAST UPDATES (Fundraising and Social Team)

Volunteers are needed for the Twilight Christmas Market on 22 November from 5.00 — 9.00pm. We also need donations for the bake stall which can be dropped at the hall canteen any time on that Friday. Contact vbaird@eq.edu.au or Vanessa on 0433 325 452.

FOR SALE:
Blessing Student Trombone V.G. condition Cleaned for sale $450.

Ph: 0415 207 406 Nichole.

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