

ISSUE 32

20 November 2013



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 20 8.00 — 9.00am**
Uniform Store open
- 7.00pm** P&C Mtg.
In library
- 21 7.50am** Volunteers
Breakfast
- Yr.3** Twelfth Night
Theatre visit
- Yr.5** Sexual Health
- 22 8.00 — 9.00am**
Uniform Store open
- 12.50—1.20** Camp
Quality Puppet Show
1K, 1KK & Yr.2
- 2.00pm NO** Early
Years Assembly
- 2.00—2.30** Camp
Quality Puppet Show
Prep, 1LV, 1M & 1T
- 5.00—9.00pm** Christ-
mas Twilight Market
- 25 8.00 — 9.00am**
Uniform Store open
- Last day Swimming
for Prep, Yr.3 & Yr.4
- 8.50am** Years 4-7
Assembly
- 26 11.00am** Defence
Sausage sizzle
- 2.00pm** Defence
Afternoon Tea in
staffroom
- 27 8.00 — 9.00am**
Uniform Store open
- 12.00** CPR Xmas
Lunch Arana Leagues
- 5.00—6.30pm**
Uniform Store open

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



SCHOOL ZONE FLASHING LIGHTS TO GO AHEAD

Thank you to all those parents who signed the petition requesting flashing lights at the entry to McGinn Road school zones. The following is an extract from a letter signed by the Minister for Transport. *'I am pleased to advise I have approved the installation of flashing school zone signs at MCGinn Road for students attending both Ferny Grove State School and Ferny Grove State High School as part of the 2013 -14 program.'*

TREE SAFETY AUDIT

We have been asked about the small silver tags appearing on trees around our school. You would all be aware of the large number of very mature gum trees around our buildings and grounds. Over the last few years a number of tree limbs have fallen in quite dangerous circumstances resulting in damage to cars, buildings but fortunately not people.

As a result of these occurrences I have engaged a company to conduct an audit of all trees to ensure we know which ones represent a risk to safety and should be removed. This does not mean all trees will be removed and in fact those that we do have to take out will be replaced by semi mature suitable species. We are particularly concerned about the trees immediately adjacent to buildings. After we receive the report we intend to institute a five year replacement plan for the trees of most significant concern. The natural environment of Ferny Grove is one of our greatest assets and we certainly intend to maintain this whilst minimising risk to students, staff and visitors.

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET

It is hard to believe it is that time of the year again when thoughts turn to Christmas shopping. Our school's Twilight Market provides a terrific opportunity to make start on the shopping and enjoy good food at the same time. Join us for the international food fair, Santa, face painting and much more from 5-9pm in and around the school hall.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

It is pleasing to note that attendance rates for our school are at a five year high with 86% of students attending more than 90% of compulsory days. Our next target will be to lift this figure to 90% of students in 2014.

The only worrying part of the data is the figure of 6% of students attending school less than 85% of the time. This represents a loss of nearly one day per week which translates to 40 days per year or 520 days over the 13 years of school. If this pattern were to continue across the time a child attends school, it would mean that by the time they finished Year 12 they could potentially have missed two complete years of school or in real terms they have only graduated Year 10.

Our report cards indicate the number of student absences and particular the number of unexplained absences. If you haven't yet provided the class teacher with an explanation please do so as soon as possible.

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	Timbarra Show	28 November	\$6.00	21 November
Yr.1	CSIRO Show	5 December	\$5.00	28 November
Yr.6/7 W; Yr.7	Movie Preview	12 December	\$20.00	28 November



EARLY YEARS NEWS

PREP ART SHOW CONGRATULATIONS

Talented, creative and independent Prep artists put on a terrific show last Friday night. Thank you to the Prep students, teachers and teacher aides. Thank you to our facilities officers Mike & Donny for collecting and returning display boards in such high temperatures. Thank you also to the 22 parent helpers who came in on Friday morning to set up. Great to see such attention to creativity and the visual arts. Congratulations to Prep Year Level Coordinator Melissa Cowley for her leadership of this annual event.

2014 PREP PLAY MORNING FOR KIDS

Yesterday our 2014 Prep kids explored the Prep playground and classrooms at their first play morning at school. The weather held out and a fun time was had by all.

YEAR ONE TUESDAY MORNING READING

Please note that the final session for 2013 will be held next **Tuesday, 26 November**.

Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)

JUPITER FLUTE LOST

A green Woolies bag containing a Jupiter flute in an unnamed black case plus Kiara Devoy's band folder and music book went missing at 3pm on Monday 4th November. The items may have been left outside 2NS on that afternoon. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these items please return or advise the office as Kiara is unable to participate in the music program without her flute.

FERNY GROVE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Instrumental Music Auditions _ Tuesday 26 November

All Year 7 students continuing with instrumental music at Ferny Grove High school in 2014 will audition at our school next Tuesday. The children have been given their audition times and are reminded to bring their instruments and music on **Tuesday 26 November**.

Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)

LAST DAYS SWIMMING LESSONS

Next week Prep and Years 1 – 4 students will have their final swim lessons for this year.

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)



DEFENCE NEWS

OPERATION HOMEFRONT

Defence Community Organisation Info. Evening

Topics include: Suicide Awareness **Date: 26 November**

Time: 6.00pm — 8.00pm **Location:** Gallipoli Barracks Community Centre, RSVP: (07) 3354 0500

Liz and Jess (D.S.T.A.s)



ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT TO REDEEM SCHOOL BANKING REWARDS.

The bank will automatically work out how many tokens you have to carry over to next year based on school banking deposits recorded. However they will only carry over up to 9. If you have made 85 school banking deposits, they will only carry over 5; 46 deposits carry over 6; 23 deposits, only 3 carried over. So **YOU MUST REDEEM TOKENS IN THE NEXT 2 WEEKS**. We have headphones, moneyboxes (last chance – not available next year), torches, some handballs, calculators, knuckles. Please let us know via child's deposit book. **NO SCHOOL BANKING IN LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL!!!!** Some stocks may run out, so if choosing in last week of banking, please give a second preference.

Any questions phone **Xanthe 38514089** in evenings.

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVALS - 2013



The Interhouse Swimming Carnivals will be conducted in week 9 of Term 4.

Students are reminded that caps must be worn as a requirement of use of the pool, and that girls participating must wear 1 piece swimming costumes. The wearing of broad brimmed hats and sunscreen is also required. House colours may be worn for the day, and **all** articles brought to the pool should be clearly named.

Dates: **Thurs 5th December Years 3 & 4**
VENUE : **Ferny Hills Pool**

VENUE : **Mon 2nd December Years 5, 6 & 7**
Ferny Hills Pool

Program Year 3 & 4

9.30am	Freestyle Championship heats
	Freestyle 'participation' heats
10.00 am	Backstroke Championship heats
	Backstroke 'participation' heats
10.15am	Breaststroke Championship heats
10.45am	Freestyle Relays
11.00am	Width Relays for non-swimmers
	Year 5 – 7
9.45am	Freestyle Championship heats
	Freestyle 'participation' heats
10.45am	Backstroke Championship heats
	Backstroke 'participation' heats
11.40am	Breaststroke Championship heats
	Breaststroke 'participation' heats
12.15pm	Butterfly Championship heats
	Butterfly 'participation' heats
1.15pm	Freestyle Relays

These times are approximate only and other events eg relays or novelty, may be included if time permits.

If you are able to help at either of these carnivals with time-keeping please complete the attached slip and return to your child's Teacher.

Gary Kirby (PE Specialist)

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL(S) HELP FORM

I can help with timekeeping at the

- Yr 3 and 4 Carnival
- Yr 5/6/7 Carnival (tick one or both)



Name :

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

Email to 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

BACK TO SCHOOL UNIFORM & STATIONERY STORES

2014 Booklists - home last week. Prices effective now. If you need to download booklists use ONLY the school website www.fernygrove.ss.eq.edu.au (**DO NOT USE** the old P & C website. It is no longer active & even if you can access it, it DOES NOT have the new booklists loaded.)

	MON 25 Nov	TUES 26 Nov	WED 27 Nov	THURS 28 Nov	FRI 29 Nov
Stationery	8-9am	8-9am	8-9am	8-9am	8-9am
Uniforms	8-9am	closed	8-9am	closed	8-9am
	2 Dec	3 Dec	4 Dec	5 Dec	6 Dec
Stationery	8-9am	8-9am	8-9am & 5-6.30pm	8-9am	8-9am
Uniforms	8-9am	closed	8-9am & 5-6.30pm	closed	8-9am
	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec
Stationery	8-9am	8-9am	8-9am & 5-6.30pm	8-9am	8-9am
Uniforms	8-9am	closed	8-9am & 5-6.30pm	closed	8-9am
			22 Jan	23 Jan	24 Jan
Stationery	closed	closed	8-11am	4-6pm	closed
Uniforms	closed	closed	4-6pm	4-6pm	8-11am
	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan
Stationery	closed	8-10am	8-9am	8-9am	8-9am

HELP still required in **January 2014:** Saturday 18, 8-12; Wednesday 22, 8-11am; Thurs 23, 4-6pm
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.younameitlabels.com Code fgsp1103
www.ezcover.net.au Code ZFA186

TUCKSHOP ROSTER November

Tuckshop will be open up to and including Wednesday 11th December 2013.

Thur 21 Heather D. **Fri 22** Kate N; Katrina C; Susan B.
Mon 25 Jodie B; **Tue 26** Carolyn G; Anne F; **Wed 27** Traci M;
Thur 28 Deb C; Christine Z.

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 vbair4@eq.edu.au or **Vanessa on 0433 325 452**.

COFFEE CART Open 8.00 - 9.00am daily.

THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported the Think Pink Choices Program fundraising morning tea at the coffee cart on Friday 1st November. We had a great morning and together we raised \$746! Thank you also to **GET PINKED** for their fashion and support.

Yvette - 0409317553

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

Monday to Friday 18 Nov to 29 Nov 9.15am to 1.45pm



CHRISTMAS IN KEPERRA

The annual **Christmas in Keperra Community Festival** is on with a week of Cafe nights from **16 - 20 December** culminating in the Christmas Carols Festival on 21st December.

The Cafe nights run from 7pm each night. Come and explore the Christmas lights, wander past the window displays, or simply take a load off and listen to the live music while enjoying free tea, coffee, refreshments and gourmet food. Child-minding is available for children under 5 while you relax.

Our Christmas Carols Festival starts at 4pm, featuring a jumping castle, gift bags, face painting, an animal farm and a sausage sizzle, with a guest appearance by the clowns 'Peebo and Dagwood'.

Bring a chair or blanket and revel in a night of Christmas Carols and performances sure to delight the whole family.

ALL ABOARD Sunday 24 November

Blackwood Street Chamber of Commerce
Steam Locomotives travelling from Mitchelton return to Roma Street

For times and prices call 0412 181 328



FOR SALE

Blessing trumpet for \$500. Contact Marie on 0417702381

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



P & C NOTICEBOARD

Wednesday 20 November P & C Mtg. 7.00pm in Library

Tuckshop – 3550 5361
8.30-12.00 pm

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

Stationery Store – 3550 5359
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