

### ISSUE 33

27 November 2013



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**27 8.00 - 9.00am**  
Stationery / Uniform Store open  
**12.00** CPR Xmas Lunch Arana Leagues  
**5.00 - 6.30pm**  
Stationery / Uniform Store open

**28 Yrs.1 & 2** last day swimming  
**Prep** Timbarra Xmas Show at school

**29 8.00 - 9.00am**  
Stationery / Uniform Store open  
**Last day** Religious Instruction  
**2.00pm** Early Years Assembly

### DECEMBER

**2 8.00 - 9.00am**  
Stationery / Uniform Store open  
**8.45 & 9.00am**  
Departure for Yrs.5-7 Swimming Carnival @ Ferny Hills Pool

**3 8.45am** FGSHS Yr.8 Orientation for Yr.7s  
**Prep R** Christmas Concert



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



As we move towards the end of the year, the number of significant events on the calendar increases. We also have to sadly farewell a number of highly respected staff members who are moving on from Ferny Grove.

- Frances Vanderlinde will be retiring after many years of wonderful service to the Prep and before that, the Preschool students of Ferny Grove. Frances has touched many lives for the better and we wish her all the very best in retirement.
- Holly Mitchell has been transferred to Bracken Ridge SS. After 5 years at Ferny Grove, Holly has become a highly respected and much loved teacher by parents and students alike. Good luck Holly both with your new school and impending addition to your family.
- Melissa Spink commences maternity leave at the end of this year. After so many years of wonderful teaching in Prep, Melissa deserves her time to be Mum and we are all very excited for her. No doubt we will see plenty of Melissa and baby next year.
- Karlee Woods has been transferred to Moranbah SS after 2 years at Ferny Grove SS on Prep. The students at Moranbah are fortunate to have Karlee headed their way.
- Katrina Mann has been transferred to Kallangur SS after 5 years at Ferny Grove. Katrina's work has been much appreciated by parents and students and she will be an asset to her new school.
- Jacqui Lewis has only been at our school a few years but her impact as both a Year 1 and Special Education teacher has been significant. Jacqui is transferring to Nashville SS so she can spend less time in the car each day travelling from her Scarborough home to work. All the best Jacqui.
- Renee Palmen has been transferred to Wavell Heights SS after a number of years of quality teaching at Ferny Grove. This will be Renee's first transfer and I have no doubt she will enjoy Wavell.
- Kylie Fedrick has been our Head of Special Education this year and what an impact she has had on the support provided to our students. Kylie has transformed our program into one with deeply held beliefs about inclusion and success for all. I know our students and parents have appreciated her strong advocacy and passion for these learners. Kylie will be an asset to her new school in 2014.

In 2014 we will welcome (and welcome back):

- Tim Donnelly from Mackay North SS
- Carmen Smith and Christine Wood back from maternity leave
- Cynthia Cash on contract for 2014
- Kirsty Menzies permanent transfer to FGSS
- Stacey Day appointed as Head of Special Education Services from Woodridge.

**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
Yr.1 CSIRO Show	5 December	\$5.00	<b>28 November</b>
Yr.6/7 W; Yr.7 Movie Preview	12 December	\$20.00	<b>28 November</b>



**EARLY YEARS NEWS**

**YEAR ONE TUESDAY MORNING READING**

The gift of reading can never be underestimated. Thank you to our band of teacher aides who have worked with Year One students on Tuesday mornings this year. This new initiative introduced this year will expand in 2014 – an essential gift to our developing young readers.

**YEAR 1 CSIRO SCHOOL VISIT**

Next Thursday Year 1 students will have hands on science activities in the hall with visitors from the CSIRO.

**P-3 CAROLS DATE CLAIMER**

On Monday, 9 December we look forward to welcoming you to our P-3 Carols Evening in the school hall. The sausage sizzle will be available from 5:30pm with the carols commencing at 6:30pm. Thank you in advance to Coordinator, Naomi Miller and the many helpers who make the evening a special annual school event. I do hope you will join us.

*Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)*

**INSTRUMENT RECALL**

All school instruments will be recalled this week and next. Children also need to return sheet music to their instrumental music teacher or the office. A reminder to all Year 7 band students to return their sheet music to the office. During the next week all instruments need to be checked and music filed.

**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 is missing. 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.

*Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)*

**2014 COMMENCEMENT OF SCHOOL**

All Prep – Year 7 students recommence school in 2014 from 8:40 am on **Tuesday, 28 January**.

**CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM (CPRS)**

Volunteer parents have worked with and supported class teachers, parents and students throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to work with such a team of committed and dedicated adults throughout 2013. I do hope many of you will join in this program in 2014. Thank you everyone.

*Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)*

**ONLY 1 WEEK LEFT TO REDEEM 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. **YOU MUST REDEEM TOKENS BY NEXT WEEK.** 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 5<sup>th</sup> December Years 3 & 4  
**VENUE :** Ferny Hills Pool  
 Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> December Years 5, 6 & 7  
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**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 timekeeping please complete the attached slip and return to your child's Teacher.

*Gary Kirby (PE Specialist)*



**A FAREWELL MESSAGE**

If you would like to write a message to Katrina Mann or Jacqui Lewis as a thank you for their work at Ferny Grove you can do so at the 1LV classroom on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3.00 - 4.00pm.

*Fiona Van Der Ark*

**FOUND:**

- 1 Ladies Brooch** in a jewellers box from Bundaberg
- 1 pr. Ladies glasses** steel blue/gray frames
- 1 each** Boys and Girls watch

Contact the office if any of these items are yours.

Ph: 3550 5333

**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](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**

**Charyl**  
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

**Vanessa**  
3550 5342 (0433 325 452)  
[www.fernygrovepandc.com.au](http://www.fernygrovepandc.com.au)

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
	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		closed		closed	
	9 Dec	10 Dec	11 Dec	12 Dec	13 Dec
Stationery		8-9am	8-9am & 5-6.30pm	8-9am	8-9am
Uniforms	8-9am	closed		closed	8-9am
	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan
Stationery	closed	8-10am	8-9am	8-9am	8-9am

**2014 Yrs 1,3,4,5,7** if you collected your order last week & it included **PURPLE TUDOR A4 10MM GRAPH/GRID/QUAD BOOKS**, these have been printed incorrectly & will need to be returned & exchanged for the correct ones. The correct books should be in by the end of the week. We will advise on Facebook/Newsletters when they are available.

**TO ENSURE STOCK AVAILABILITY**, if possible, Stationery orders to be collected in the last week of school should be received by Wednesday, 4 December (in case we need to order more stock).

**HELP** still required in January 2014: Saturday 18, 8-12; Wednesday 22, 8-11am; Thurs 23, 4-6pm


**STATIONERY STORE FLEXISCHOOLS ORDERS:** while the cutoff is Sunday afternoon for collection the following Wednesday, your order is usually received on the day it is placed. It may be ready earlier than the date stated on your order. You should allow a minimum of 2 working days from placement of your order for packing (unless you are ordering for collection/delivery in January).

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](http://www.younameitlabels.com) Code fgsp1103  
[www.ezcover.net.au](http://www.ezcover.net.au) Code ZFA186

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER - Tuckshop will be open up to and including Wednesday 11th December 2013.**

**Thur 28** Deb C; **Christine Z.** **Fri 29** Kate N; Jodi B; Casey P.  
**Mon 2** Jodie P. **Tue 3** Kim B. **Wed 4** Liz K. **Thur 5** Jodie H; Melissssa H.

 **COFFEE CART** Open 8.00 - 9.00am daily.  
**Yvette - 0409317553**

**REBEL SPORT**  
Our School has signed with The REBEL SPORT Support Your Sport fundraiser. It's so easy to help raise funds for our school every time you shop at REBEL SPORT at Cherside mention Ferny Grove State School when you swipe your loyalty card and they will donate 5% of your purchase price back to the school.  
**So Easy.**

**FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA**  
Our long serving Preschool / Prep teacher Mrs Vanderlinde is retiring. For any students who had Mrs Vanderlinde as their teacher, you are invited to celebrate with her at a farewell afternoon tea on Friday 06 December from 3.00pm in the hall at Ferny Grove State School. We will have a presentation for her at Early Years Assembly that day beginning at 2.00pm. We ask that you bring a small plate of food if you are going to attend the afternoon tea. If you have queries please contact Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer on [vbair4@eg.edu.au](mailto:vbair4@eg.edu.au).

**Vanessa Baird, CLO**

 **TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET**

The FAST committee would like to say a huge thank you to all those who joined us for a great evening out last Friday. Many happy families, busy vendors and even a visit from Santa! Thanks must go to the few volunteers who helped us to pull together this event: Peta Kimball, Vanessa Baird, Katrina Collins, Yvette Edwards, Fiona Deegan, Simone Howes, Amanda Vanelderren, Christine Law, Alison Ellem, Sue Fernance, Greg and Selena Malpass, Tony Clark, Beth and Steve Loxton, Charyl Cowles, Nick and Jackie Anderson (and their helpers), Kurt and Kat Bryant, Craig Sharp, Nic Sweeney, Clare Gadd, Denyce Dennis, Jan Spathonis, Heather Darlington Catherine Turton, Todd Rogers and the Golden Valley Keperra Lions. Also special thanks to Gail Loose and her team of helpers from Outside School Hours Care who graciously volunteered to supervise the jumping castle.

**PREP - 3 CAROLS**  
On **Monday 9th December** we will be running a Sausage Sizzle prior to **Prep - 3 carols** from 5 pm. We are looking for Volunteers to cook sausages, take money and hand over food. We also will need help setting up tables and eskies on the day. Really easy opportunity to help. Please consider giving your time if you had not found an opportunity to do so this year, especially if you only have children in the 4 - 7 cohort as you won't need to be ducking inside to watch your littlies! We would love your help! Please text Vanessa on 0433 325 452 or email [vbair4@eg.edu.au](mailto:vbair4@eg.edu.au) if you can help

**F.A.S.T Team**

**ARANA HILLS LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB**



Love reading and prizes? Summer Reading Club is open to children 17 and under and aims to keep children reading during the long summer break and develop / retain their reading skills.

Summer Reading Club runs from **Monday 16 December 2013 to 24 January 2014.**

There are weekly prizes of \$25 book tokens and a main prize of a Kobo mini eReader. Children can join online at [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/src](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/src) or at the library and will receive an entry to the draw for each 3 hours of reading they complete.

To launch Summer Reading Club the Arana Hills Library is holding a launch event on **Tuesday 17 December**. Come and be part of the **Sienna Singleton Singlet Songs and Stories Show**. Find out how to sign up for the summer Reading Club and be in the running to win great prizes. Sausage sizzle provided for Club members.

**P & C NOTICEBOARD Watch this space for 2014 meetings**

**Tuckshop – 3550 5361 8.30-12.00 pm**    **Uniform Store - 3550 5342 See table above**    **Stationery Store – 3550 5359**    **OSHC Mon- Fri Gail 3851 2196**



