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### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### DECEMBER

- 4 **5.30 — 6.30pm**  
UNIFORM STORE open
- 5 **Yr.1** incursion "The CSIRO Show"  
**9 am** Church Service  
School Captains  
**9.00am** Departure Yr.3 & 4 Swimming Carnival  
Ferny Hills Pool  
**6.00pm** Prep C & Prep H Christmas concerts  
**6.30 - 8.00pm** Yr. 7 Social
- 6 **8.00 - 9.00am** Stationery & Uniform Store  
**9.00 am** School Captains elections  
**2.00pm** Early Years. Assembly
- 9 **8.00 - 9.00am** Stationery & Uniform Store  
**8.50am** Year.4-7 Assembly - House Captain Nominations  
**Prep—Yr.6** Report Cards issued  
**5.00pm** Saus. Sizzle  
**6.30pm** P-3 Carols
- 10 Election House Cpts.  
**7 pm** Yr.7 Graduation
- 11 **8.00 - 9.00am** Stationery & Uniform Store  
Yr.7 Report Cards
- 12 Class Celebration day  
Yr.7 Movie Chermside
- 13 School Clean Up Day  
**8.00 - 9.00am** Stationery & Uniform Store

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



#### CLASS ALLOCATIONS FOR 2014

This year we will be notifying the students themselves of their class, teacher and room allocation before school finishes. This process will occur on Wednesday, 11 December and will involve students who are continuing at Ferny Grove in 2014 moving to their new class and teacher for next year (where possible given that some of our new teachers will not be present on that day). Each student will then bring home a piece of paper with their class allocation details printed on it to show their parents.

Our class allocation process is a detailed one that takes into account parent requests, teacher feedback and specialist intervention from admin, special ed and learning support staff. Our decisions have been very carefully thought through so changes will be very difficult to make afterwards. We hope this new process allows students to go into the holidays knowing all there is to know about next year.

#### FINAL NEWSLETTER

As this is our final edition for 2013, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families and staff a safe and restful Christmas break. To those families moving on to other parts of Australia we offer our best wishes and hope that if you return to this area in the future you will look to Ferny Grove as the best option for your child.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed so much to our school this year, particularly our hard working P and C and FAST members. Every contribution no matter how small, is appreciated.

#### SCHOOL WATCH




If you see anything suspicious happening in our school grounds during the school break please call the School Watch number: **131 788**.

131 788

#### 2014 COMMENCEMENT OF SCHOOL

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

  
Brett Shackleton PRINCIPAL



### EARLY YEARS NEWS

#### SPECIAL EARLY YEARS ASSEMBLY

This Friday will be our last Early Years Assembly for 2013. It will be an opportunity to not only bid farewell to some of our Early Years teachers, but a very special final Assembly for retiring Prep teacher, Mrs Frances Vanderlinde. I do hope you can join us.

#### 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 5:00pm 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)*

#### MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PURCHASES

Years 4 and Years 6 students learning the following instruments in 2014 will be required to purchase their own for the commencement of 2014.

<b>Strings</b>	violin, viola, cello
<b>Woodwind</b>	flute, clarinet, alto saxophone
<b>Brass</b>	trumpet, trombone, bass guitar
<b>Percussion</b>	glockenspiel.

Students playing all other larger instruments such as Double Bass, French Horn, Tuba etc. can continue to hire the instrument.

*Belinda Evans (Deputy Principal)*

#### SCHOOL BANKING HELPERS



This Thursday is the last day for school banking this year. Thank you to Mrs Xanthe Sansome, Mrs Donna Sharp and Mrs Heather Darlington for volunteering your assistance every week.

#### ISSUE OF STUDENT REPORT CARDS

Prep – Year 6 student report cards will be issued to students on Monday, 9 December. Year 7 student reports will be issued on Wednesday, 11 December.

*Paul Cooke (Deputy Principal)*

#### SCHOOL BANKING

##### NO BANKING NEXT WEEK OF SCHOOL in 2013.

Thanks to everyone who has banked with us this year. We have raised over \$1000 for the school and have given away over 100 rewards. We could earn well over \$4000 next year by having everyone make one deposit at school (\$5 for every new banker paid by the Commonwealth Bank)– so over the 6 weeks of holidays, please open a Youth Saver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch and then bring your completed deposit slip and minimum of 50c to the office before school on Wednesdays. Younger siblings can also bank through the school, so open one for your toddlers and babies as well! Each child gets to choose a reward for every 10 deposits made at school.

Special thanks to Donna S. for her consistent support and volunteering for over a year and for Heather D. for her help this term! Thanks to those who have said they can help next year!

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL BANKING IN 2014 is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.**

Any questions phone *Xanthe 38514089* in evenings.



### INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVALS - 2013

The final Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be conducted this Thursday.

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

#### 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



*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*

#### LIBRARY

All library books and home readers are due back at the library now. Please discuss lost books with library staff.

*Jan Spathonis (Library Aide)*



#### GOTCHAS: Well Done!

These children were caught **'doing the right thing'** and were rewarded with a likstick voucher from the tuckshop.

Lachlan R 4MT; Aidan D 4T; Jacob P 4T; Ben C 7H;  
Ryan Carleton 7H.



#### HELPING HANDS

Vacation booking forms available at the OSHC now.

Drop in and grab one or email us on [fernycroft@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au](mailto:fernycroft@helpinghandsnetwork.com.au) for a copy.

Our extended learning program "Ocean Rangers" for Term 4 has just finished and was a huge success!

The children have learnt all about ocean conservation and the part that they can play in being an Ocean Ranger. Look out next year for the next Extended Learning Activity at After School Care.

*Gail Loose (Coordinator)*

**DEADLINE for all items for inclusion in the current Newsflash is 3.00 PM ON MONDAYS.**  
Email to [Newsflash@fernycroft.eq.edu.au](mailto:Newsflash@fernycroft.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**

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**Vanessa**  
3550 5342 (0433 325 452)  
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	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
			<b>22 Jan</b>	<b>23 Jan</b>	<b>24 Jan</b>
Stationery	closed	closed	8-11am 4-6pm	4-6pm	closed
Uniforms					8-11am
	<b>27 Jan</b>	<b>28 Jan</b>	<b>29 Jan</b>	<b>30 Jan</b>	<b>31 Jan</b>
Stationery	closed	8-10am	8-9am	8-9am	8-9am

**Two Days Time** orders should be collected by 9am Friday.  
**'Last Week of School'** orders collect between 8 & 9am Monday 9 December to Friday 13 December.

Don't forget to check your order to ensure you have the correct items. If possible, all orders for January should be placed by Friday 13 December (so that sufficient stock can be ordered)

**FLEXISCHOOLS** ordering for January is open throughout December & January for collection/delivery in the last week of the school holidays.

**2014 Yrs 1,3,4,5,7** - correctly printed PURPLE TUDOR A4 10MM GRAPH/GRID/QUAD BOOKS have been received and are available for collection/exchange.

**HELP STILL REQUIRED:** Saturday 18 January 10am-12noon.  
Thank you to ALL the mums, dads & grandparents helping Vanessa & Charyl in the stores over the back to school period. Have a safe & happy holiday see you in 2014.

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 5** Jodie H; Melissa H. **Fri 6** Donna B; **Mon 9** Tania H; **Tue 10** Meg L; Uli E; **Wed 11** Simone H; Andrea N.

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

**Yvette - 0409317553**

**FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA**

Our long serving Preschool / Prep teacher Mrs Vanderlinde is retiring. Any students who were taught by Mrs Vanderlinde 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@eq.edu.au](mailto:vbair4@eq.edu.au).

**Vanessa Baird, CLO**

**PREP - 3 CAROLS**

On **Monday 9 December** we will be running a Sausage Sizzle prior to the **Prep - 3 Carols** from 5.00 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@eq.edu.au](mailto:vbair4@eq.edu.au) if you can help

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

**CHRISTMAS WRAPPING HELPERS**

We have been offered the opportunity to be the gift wrappers at Arana Hills Plaza for the 10 days before Christmas. From Monday 16 to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December we need helpers to wrap from 10am – Noon, and on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, we need helpers from 10 am to 2pm. We need at least two wrappers at a time (so find a friend and sign up!). All supplies are provided and all gold coin donations for wrapping **will come back to our school**. A fun way to promote our school in the community. Please let Vanessa know if there is a day you can help out – text 0433325452 or email [vbair4@eq.edu.au](mailto:vbair4@eq.edu.au).

**Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer**

**FOR SALE** Blessing trumpet for \$500.  
Contact **Marie on 0417702381**

1 x Bach "Aristocrat" Trombone - Excellent 'as new condition' - hard case, all accessories incl. \$500 ono  
Gabrielle Edwards - 0401015820, or **3851 2608**

**FREE MOVIE IN THE PARK**

Come along and enjoy 'The Muppet Christmas Carol' in Mitchelton's Oxford Park Recreation Reserve at 6:30pm on Friday, 13th December. Bring your picnic rug, blankets and chairs and enjoy the festive season with a free movie and jumping castles from 4:30pm. Food and drink will be available for purchase on the night.

**COMMUNITY NOTICE:**

The Hills Community Carols this Saturday 7th December commencing 4.00 pm. George Willmore Park, Ferny Hills.

**PINE HILLS FOOTBALL CLUB**

will be holding trials for its Academy on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you miss the first session it is not a problem, please come along to the second. The Academy is for good soccer players born in 2003 to 2005.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION to play football in 2014 opens on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2014. For registration in person you can come to the club on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10am until 2pm.

Please visit [www.pinehillsfootball.com](http://www.pinehillsfootball.com) to register and for more information or contact Will Allan via email [dof@pinehillsfootball.com](mailto:dof@pinehillsfootball.com) or phone 0458 910 979

**CHRISTMAS IN KEPERRA**

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

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

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8.30-12.00 pm See table above

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