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From the Principal

**School Council and Independent Public Schools**

An important component of the structure of an Independent Public School is the formation of a School Council. Ferny Grove SS has maintained a School Council for a number of years however the role of such a body is enhanced under the IPS model of school autonomy. Accordingly, I will be seeking nominations from interested staff and community members. To help people understand the role a School Council plays, I have included information below.

School councils are the primary mechanism for ensuring these needs and aspirations are addressed. School councils contribute to the strategic leadership of the school and act as the bridge between the school and its local community including staff, parents, governments, community groups and local business and industry.

With the freedom to respond to community needs and through the use of local expertise, school councils are well-positioned to embrace innovation to maximise student learning outcomes.

Please access more information regarding school councils from the following link: [https://fernygrovess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/General/school-councils-info-module.pdf](https://fernygrovess.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/General/school-councils-info-module.pdf)

School councils foster innovation when they:

- monitor the school’s strategic direction
- approve and monitor the implementation of:
  * school plans and policies of a strategic nature
  * other documents affecting strategic matters, including the annual estimate of revenue and expenditure for the school.
- advise the school’s principal about strategic matters.

The school council must perform its functions in a way that achieves the best learning outcomes for the school’s students. Areas outside the scope of responsibility for a school council include:

- input on school operations, implementation and the direction of school staff in their work duties.
- managing the Principal, teachers or staff
- management of day-to-day operations of the school and its curriculum
- operational decisions about the use of teaching or learning resources at the school
- decisions about the individual teaching styles used, or to be used, at the school
- controlling funds
- entering into contracts
- representing external sectional interests
- acquiring, holding, disposing of or dealing with property
- establishing a committee or subcommittee
- fundraising
- advising on class allocations.

A draft School Council constitution will be tabled and voted upon at the next general meeting of the P and C on March 19 @ 7pm. Following this meeting there will be a call for nominations from staff and community which will be followed by a process to determine final council members. A link to the draft constitution will be included in next week’s newsletter to ensure enough time for everyone to peruse prior to the meeting in March.

Brett Shackleton

Payments due

**Bulk Bill** notice has gone home for Term 1.

- Raw Art - March 12
- Year 3 - $7.50
- Year 5 - $8.00

**Due 6 March**

- Winter Sport - Yrs 5, 6, 7 $70
- Commences 7 March

**Due 6 March**

- Bunyaville -Prep March 12 & 17 $18

**Due 6 March**

- Surfing Scientist-all year levels April 29 $5

**Due 27 March**

- Year 6 & 7 Camp - 10-13 June Lake Ainsworth $320

**Due 29 May**

Payments can be made at the school office between 8:30 and 11:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

All payments must be made by due date or student will not be able to participate.
Ferny happenings

Induction assembly

Ferny Grove State school inducted 97 school leaders for 2014 at Monday’s ceremony. It is a thrill to have so many keen student leaders ready to learn and lead throughout 2014. Already children are showing initiative and practising many new skills. Thank you to all the families for attending this special event. Your support is always so encouraging.

Belinda Evans - Deputy Principal

Our Induction Parade was a great opportunity to congratulate and acknowledge those who have exhibited excellent behaviour and leadership qualities and who have been chosen to lead by example for all of our students.

The Senior Band also contributed to this important event in our School Calendar by playing the National Anthem and a piece entitled “Battlesong”.

Our Student Councillors are now chosen across all year levels from 1—7.

Additional programs from the Induction Assembly are available at the library.

Morning tea was enjoyed by our guests and parents afterwards. Thank you to Katrina Collins for organising.

Here is a link to see more photos from the Induction Parade.

School and Vice Captains 2014
Badges presented by Mr Brett Shackleton, Principal

House Captains 2014
Badges presented by Mr Gary Kirby, PE Specialist

Dale Shuttleworth, State MP for Ferny Grove congratulates a Peer Mediator.

Nick Anderson, FGSS P & C President presents a Student Councillor with her badge.

Our Senior Band percussionists hard at work making music!
Early years news

Student Resource Scheme Participation & Payment: Prep

If you have not done so, parents and carers are asked to make payment by this Thursday, 27 February. The annual participation fee is $130.00. Payments can be made at the school office between 8:30 and 11:30 this Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Year 1 Morning Reading

School teacher aides are reading in the library with invited Year 1 students on Tuesday mornings from 8:00 am. Please be at the library ready to commence at 8:00 am.

Year 1 Bug Lady Visit

On Friday each Year 1 class will spend time at school talking with “the Bug Lady”. Be sure to ask your child what they learned.

Paul Cooke - Deputy Principal

Ferny happenings

Senior Leaders 2014
Badges presented by Mrs Leanne Reid

Music Captains from Senior Band and Senior Strings 2014
Badges presented by Mrs Meg Leslie, IMPS Chairperson

School Councillors 2014
Badges presented by Mr Nick Anderson, FGSS P & C President

Peer Mediators 2014
Badges presented by Mr Dale Shuttleworth, State MP for Ferny Grove
Early years assembly

What an eventful assembly we had last Friday!

Our students and families were highly entertained by our Junior Choir who were amazing after only three rehearsals, singing “Alice” and “Jiggles”.

Mr Cooke brought a puppet buddy who talked about how to be a good friend in the playground.

We also presented an amazing “Thank-you” wall hanging to parent Tony Clark who has volunteered his time to landscape the Prep area with sandstone and artificial grass.

Special guest, Mrs Spink, who is on maternity leave, introduced our school to her new daughter, Lily.
Volunteer news

Call for Ready Reader volunteers

Ready Reader volunteer, Desley Kelso, spends an hour each week reading with Ferny Grove students. Here she shares a book with Sam M.

This year we are seeking to expand our team of volunteer parents and community members to train to become Ready Readers in our school. The program has been developed to train each volunteer in the “support a reader” program and requires you to go through the standard checks for working with children.

Free training will be offered at 1 of 2 sessions. These will occur in the school library on Thursdays 27 February and 6 March, from 9:00 – 11:00. You can attend your preferred session. Each volunteer will read one on one with children (minimum of one hour a week).

If you would like to join us or know a neighbour or grandparent who might be interested, please contact Vanessa Baird on 3550 5333 or by email vbair4@eq.edu.au.

TUCKSHOP NEEDS YOU!!!!

Our tuckshop is widely used by the school community, and with over 840 students, you can imagine that we get quite busy. We are open for the whole five days unlike some schools that only open a couple of days a week. To be able to open for the five days we rely on volunteers.

After our last request for helpers we have had two replies. Unfortunately we need to fill 11 spots. We have a lovely bunch of volunteers now who are doing multiple days because we don’t have enough volunteers. If you can help out one day a month on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday after morning drop off until approximately 12pm we would be very grateful.

It’s an opportunity to meet new people, help your school and can be used as a reference when parents choose to return to work.

Please contact the tuckshop either by popping in to see Julie or Kellee or contact us at tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au.

Sponsor for Aussie Rules jerseys

We are ordering some new jerseys for our Aussie Rules teams that play in second Semester. We have an opportunity for any interested local business to appear on the jerseys as a sponsor. The 30 jerseys will be used for many years and will be seen at a number of venues across the area. Please contact Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer at vbair4@eq.edu.au if you are interested in supporting our school in this way.
Year 12 students from Ferny Grove State High School began their “Read Out” program with our Prep students today. What a great partnership between our schools! They will volunteer each Wednesday on their non-contact day.

Choir rehearsals

Junior Choir - Rehearsals now start just before second break on Thursday from 1:10pm-1:35pm. Currently all Year 3 students are welcome with Year 2 students participating after swimming concludes in Term 1.

Senior Choir - will commence on Thursday this week, starting just before first break from 10:50am-11:30am. All Year 4-7 students are welcome to attend.

Winter sport

Years 5, 6 and 7 students have taken home Information/Permission sheets regarding their selected Friday afternoon sport. All children will head out to their first game on Friday 7 March. Payment of $70 is due by Thursday 6 March. Payment covers transport costs, affiliation and entrance fees plus equipment replacement costs. An overwhelming number of students look forward to their Friday sport and for many this is their only chance to participate in an interschool team.

Hot air balloon at High School

Due to our involvement raising money for victims of Typhoon Hainan through UNICEF last year, a hot air balloon will be tethered on the high school oval on Thursday morning from 8am. Balloon pilot is flying around the world to raise awareness of UNICEF’s fund raising efforts. The student councillors are attending with Leanne Reid and will be late back to class. Parents may also opt to attend with their children on the way to school.

Instrumental music - Purchasing an instrument

Prior to purchasing a new instrument, you might wish to see the Instrumental Teachers. Excellent quality, near new instruments, owned by “ex-students” are often available and checked by the Instrumental Teachers. This allows you to purchase a quality instrument for hundreds of dollars less than new in store. For more information contact Mrs Miller.

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Paul Cooke - Deputy Principal

School news

The goal of our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) is to ensure each child’s current knowledge, ideas, cultures, abilities and interests are the foundation of the program. With this in mind the children were involved in an ‘All About Me’ activity. The children shared things about themselves with the staff and other children. The children’s responses are now displayed in the room. The children enjoyed this experience and a few parents have commented that this was a great activity to do. The children’s responses will be used to guide our programming.

Saturday 11 October, 2014
Important Dates

March
10th FAST Meeting 7pm - Library
19th P & C Annual General Meeting 7pm - Library

P & C Meeting - March AGM
Our P & C supports volunteering and resources to enhance our children’s learning. This is a great place to find out what is going on at school or to raise any topics of interest.

Next month on March 19th our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held. All Executive positions will be declared open. Start to think about the contribution you can make to your child’s education by putting your hand up to be involved—you really can make a difference!

Coffee Cart
Did you know we make great coffee or chocolate frappes? Perfect for those hot days. Just $4.50.

The Coffee Cart will be open for the disco next week.

Have you heard of Cupcake Friday? On Fridays the lovely Amanda Edwards makes amazing cupcakes for the coffee cart, these little bites of joy are just $1.50. Come down on Friday and find out what this week’s flavour is!

Stationery Store
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.
Charyl Cowles, Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

Uniform Store
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.
Vanessa Baird, Convenor
0433 325 452

Tuckshop
New item on Tuckshop Menu
Want something nice and healthy try our new Pasta Salad for $2.00 or with Chicken or Tuna added $3.70.

Also due to discontinuation of the Golden Circle Juiceman we are replacing these with a 250ml 100% Juice Popper. Although slightly larger these are a Green item and will be selling for the same price at $1.50. We will change the menu when all Juiceman are sold, so order a Juiceman if your child wants juice but they may get a popper.

Tuckshop Volunteer Roster
Thu 27 Feb Kylie Lawrence
Fri 28 Feb Donna Bassett, Marie Kinshela
Mon 3 Mar Tania Hyde
Tue 4 Mar Meg Leslie, Uli Esser
Wed 5 Mar Liz Kubler
Thu 6 Mar Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday
Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

Invitation to see UNICEF Hot Air Balloon at Ferny Grove SHS
Following the combined efforts of Ferny Grove State School and Ferny Grove SHS in fundraising for UNICEF in aid of Typhoon Haiyan victims, Ferny Grove High has been selected as one of only five schools in Australia to be part of the UNICEF “Flying High for Kids” World Balloon Project. Pilot Andrew Parker and his hot air balloon will be visiting us on Thursday 27 February at 8.00am. Click here to find out more about the project. So why not come along before school to see a hot air balloon up close, talk to the pilot and show our support for the work of UNICEF! Primary school students will need to be accompanied by a parent/caregiver.

If bad weather is predicted, the visit will be postponed. If this is the case we will post a notice on our facebook page and on our website by the day before the scheduled visit at the latest.

Items on Sale at the Uniform/Stationery Store
Does your child like to draw? Our Stationery Store is selling out Spirax Sketch Books No. 574 for only $2.50 each.

We are also selling out green sun-smart hats as per the photo at the reduced cost of just $5.00.

For enquiries, contact the Stationery Store on 3550 5767 or drop in to the store (at the bottom level of M Block) between 8.15 and 9.15 on any week day.

Mark Breckenridge, Principal
Ferny Grove State High School

Our Community

Pine Hills Hockey Club has places available for all new BOYS aged 5 to 17.

Haven’t signed up for a winter sport yet? Give hockey a go this year! Boys aged 5-9 train and play small-sided games on Friday nights. Boys 10-17 play on Saturday mornings.

All of our boys teams are open to new players regardless of age or hockey experience as the focus for all ages is on developing hockey skills and having fun.

Training begins in early March so contact us now for more information at boys@pinehillshockey.org.au

Pine Hills Netball Club
We are still looking for any girls turning 11 or 12 to join our friendly team.

Please contact Rosemarie Klingberg (President) on 0431 835 886.

Deadline for inclusion in the Ferny Grove News is 12 Noon on Mondays. Email to newsflash@fernygroves.eq.edu.au. It is emailed every Wednesday. If you are not receiving it please advise your updated email details to the above address.