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From the Principal

Student of the Month
Congratulations to the first recipients of our student of the month awards for 2014. These awards recognise students who demonstrate a positive attitude to learning and their school whilst modelling our school values for others to follow. It is one of the many ways in which we acknowledge what it means to be a Ferny Grove student.

Leadership Camp
One of the many highlights for our school leaders is the annual two day leadership camp attended by school captains and vice captains of neighbouring schools extending from Bardon to Samford. This camp is organised and run by the schools’ Deputy Principals and has run for many years. The school leaders take part in a variety of activities arranged to develop communication and leadership qualities. Guests, including the schools’ chaplains and the school leaders from Ferny Grove, Mitchelton and The Gap State High Schools, challenged the students’ perception of leadership through a variety of group initiatives. Practical guidance in regards to planning and delivering impromptu speeches is also explored. Each year the leaders brainstorm an event or legacy which they organise once returning to their school. Our students are looking at linking up with the prep children so do “watch this space” as the project progresses.

Student Council
Already our 2014 Student Council have been busily worked behind the scenes organising last week’s discos and this week’s Spray/ Shave for a Cure. Both the Prep – 3 and Years 4-7 discos were well attended by both students and teachers and everyone enjoyed themselves. Approximately $3000 dollars was raised for the school’s chaplaincy program. On Friday our annual Spray for a Cure day will take place. This is not only a chance for our children to have fun but also the opportunity to donate to a worthy cause, the Leukaemia Foundation. Three of our students have courageously nominated to have their heads shaved at our special assembly on Friday morning in an attempt to raise money for future research. Come along to our 8.50am assembly and support Jettzia Hyde, Dylan Malpass, and Josh Ryan as they have their heads shaved. Visit our fundraising page and throw your support behind this worthy cause. Congratulations go to the Student Council and Mrs Reid for running these highly successful events.

P&C AGM
Everyone is welcome to the P&C AGM on Wednesday 19 March. All Executive positions will be declared vacant and nominations are being sought to fill the positions. Being part of P&C is not a huge commitment and the committee plays a major role in allocating resources which meet the needs of our students. Please join us at the library at 7pm and find out what is happening in our school.

Belinda Evans, Acting Principal
On Parade

Our first Student of the Month parade for 2014 was held on Monday March 10. It is a way for teachers to recognise special effort, excellent behaviour or outstanding achievement. This month’s recipients are:

- Prep - Luca A.
- Year 1 - Lily R.
- Year 2 - Maalika E.
- Year 3 - Amy R.
- Year 4 - Steffani M.
- Year 5 - Stephanie B.
- Year 6 - Ava C.
- Year 7 - Shaelie P.

The awards were presented by Dr Janelle Young, an ACU lecturer in Education, who recently facilitated a donation by the Samford Valley Rotary Club of the reading support program, “Tales From A Dilly Bag”. The resource, valued at $700, is a program that will have some of our Senior Leaders reading with our younger students.

Our Senior Band is featured here on our Facebook page performing “Battlesong” at Monday’s parade.

Don’t forget to join us for our Special Whole School Parade on Friday 14 March at 8.50 am for our Shave for a Cure fundraiser.

School photos

This year we will be using Ivy Photography, for our School photos. Photos will be taken next week between Tuesday and Friday. Envelopes will be sent home two weeks AFTER the photos are taken, with a proof of your child’s individual photo so you can see it before ordering. There will again be an opportunity for sibling photos and one of the reasons we have chosen Ivy Photography is for their impressive sibling portraits with natural light and relaxed children. You will also receive a proof of these photos before you place orders.

Timetable

- Tuesday 18th March - Prep
- Thursday 20th - Years 1 & 6 +7T
- Wednesday 19th March - Years 3 & 5 +7H & 7W
- Friday 21st March - Years 2 & 4

Sibling portraits - Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March from 7 am - meet near Year 1/2 playground. Photos will be taken in order of arrival, so come early to ensure a spot!

Make sure your child wears proper school uniform, with clean shirt, respectable shoes and neat and tidy appearance!
Sushi Day

Our annual Sushi Day is coming up on Wednesday 26th March. Order forms have gone home this week. Sushi Rolls are $2.50 each. Orders need to be returned to the Tuckshop by 9am on Thursday 20 March.

ICAS competitions

Information forms have gone home this week about our ICAS competitions for English, Maths and Computer Skills. These are optional; many of our families choose to participate. There is an error at the bottom of the form (the part that you return) where it gives the option to tick Science. It should say Computer Skills as we are not offering the Science competition this year. Please just edit and return to the office if you are interested in your child participating in any of the competitions.

Spray for a cure

Besides our Whole School parade on Friday morning where some of our students will shave their heads, students will also be able to have their hair sprayed—50c per colour. **We are seeking donations of coloured hair spray so that all funds raised can go directly to our Shave for a Cure total.** Please drop donations of hairspray at 6R or the Uniform and Stationery stores by Thursday 13th March.

Book club

Book Club catalogues have now gone to all classes. Book club is optional but many parents find it is a great way to purchase low cost books for their children’s evening reading or birthday presents. Due to a delay with some catalogues, orders and money can be returned to the blue box in the office by Monday 17th March.

Sports news

Swimming

Last week two of our student competed in the Regional Swimming Trials at the Valley Pool. Both acquitted themselves with distinction. Year 6 student and School Captain, Joshua Jones swam well but unfortunately was not selected in the Regional team.

Year 7 student and House Captain, Georgia Tobin swam an outstanding trial and was selected to represent Metropolitan North Region in four events at the State Championships later this month.

Our congratulations go to both students and our best wishes to Georgia at the State event.

*Gary Kirby, PE Teacher*

Sports venues for Winter Sport 2014

Below are the venues that Year 5, 6 and 7 students attend for Friday Interschool Sport for Terms 1 and 2 2014. Parents are welcome to come along and support their students at any time.

- **Rugby League** - West Mitchelton RLFC and West Arana RLFC
- **Soccer Boys** - Westside Soccer Club
- **Soccer Girls** - Pine Hills Soccer Club
- **Netball** - varies week to week
- **Tennis** - Ferny Hills Tennis Centre
- **Beach Volleyball** - Ferny Grove Bowls Club

Helping hands update

The children at OSHC have been very busy this week. They made pancakes from scratch to celebrate Pancake Tuesday. The children have also been looking at how OSHC has changed over the years; the buildings, the children and the staff. They looked at old photos and have chosen a few to display in the room. Feel free to come in and have a look!
Music news

**Junior and Senior Choirs**

Our Junior and Senior Choral programs have now been running during Thursday lunch breaks for the last five weeks. Word is spreading in regards to the joyful choral lunchtimes run by Mrs Bryant and Mrs Miller and each week more children are wishing to attend. Already the Junior Choir has performed at an Early Years Assembly and the Seniors are looking forward to performing at ANZAC Assembly.

**Junior Band**

Year 5 Junior band commenced today. All Year 5 percussion, brass and woodwind students rehearse weekly on Wednesdays between 7:30 – 8:30am. This is an excellent opportunity for children to enjoy the opportunity to work as an ensemble and strengthen the skills they practise on a daily basis.

Science news

The Year 4 student cohort investigated, identified and classified types of soil for their ‘Here Today, Gone Tomorrow’ erosion unit in Science. The young scientists participated in three rigorous investigations where they donned safety goggles, used magnifying glasses and got their hands dirty to make observations.

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Due to popular demand for the book, ‘The Tale of Brave Ritchie,’ Angus & Robertson has invited Shan Laks, the author, for another book signing. It covers themes such as: Be resilient to bullying! Be mindful of strangers! Eat healthy food and exercise!

The author is passionate about children’s welfare and well-being, and wants to support parents in these common goals.

**Book Signing**

Angus & Robertson Bookstore, Brookside.
Saturday 15 March 2014
From 10am - 2pm
Suitable for 5-8 year old children.
Welcome to our SEP team

We have a new team of teachers working in our SEP (Special Education Program) for 2014. You and your children may see them around as they work with our students who have diverse learning needs.

Mrs Stacey Day is the new HOSES (Head of Special Education Services) across Ferny Grove (4 days) and Ferny Hills (1 day) State Schools. She has been teaching for almost 20 years, always in special education. Many of those years were in Special Schools and most recently she has spent 7 years leading primary school Special Education programs. She is a strong advocate for social justice and truly believes in inclusion as a model of operation in our setting. Stacey also celebrates independence as a goal for all students and has a keen interest in curriculum development.

Mr Lee Baird has a personal link with FGSS as his children have been attending our school for a number of years. Lee has taught in both primary and high school Special Education settings for 18 years, and completed his Masters in Special Education. Significantly, he has taken on the responsibility of establishing a Special Education Program at his previous location.

Ms Shona Chandani is currently studying her Masters in Special Education and we have been extremely lucky to have her join our team this year. Shona will support the cluster program (Ferny Grove and Ferny Hills) and will therefore be at our school on Mondays and Tuesdays only.

The team has excellent support from our experienced Teacher Aides, Kim Jones, Susan Gray and Danielle Lazenby.

Library news

The new “Comics Corner” has been very popular this week. Mr Bryant has sourced a variety of high-interest comics for this new section of our library. The comics are great gateway into enjoying books for any reluctant readers. These books are appropriate for Years 3-7 and borrowing will be limited to those year levels and one at a time per student.
Early years news

Healthy eating excursion for Year 2

Year 2 classes have been learning about healthy living, where food originates from and selecting the right foods for a healthy lifestyle. To enhance the students’ understanding Year 2 visited Ferny Grove Shopping Village. The students visited the grocery store, hairdresser, gym and the medical centre. Thank-you to all the parent volunteers for helping to make the morning such a success! Thank you also to our community partners for welcoming our students, teachers and parents into their businesses.
Leadership camp

Last Monday the 3rd and Tuesday the 4th of March, the School Captains and Vice Captains were invited to attend the Oakleigh State School Leadership Camp. The camp enabled all school leaders from around the area to come together to brainstorm ideas to make their school a better place and improve our leadership skills in a fun and exciting way. As a group we made movies, played games and participated in many activities to help better our skills. From the camp we all gained new and improved knowledge to become better leaders, more confidence and new friendships.

Thank you Mr Shackleton, Mrs Evans and Oakleigh State School for allowing us to go to such a valuable camp.

Josh Jones, School Captain 2014

P & C news

Important Dates
March
19th P & C Annual General Meeting 7pm - Library
25th IMPS Meeting 8.50am - Staffroom
31st FAST Meeting 7pm - Library

Coffee Cart
Like us on Facebook to find out about free giveaways and competitions. When we reach 150 likes we be randomly giving away 10 FREE drinks.

Keep an eye out for our Wednesday Wookie on Facebook - be the first to guess the teacher/staff member for a free coffee!

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

Uniform Store
Year 6 & 7 shirts will be delivered by the end of term.
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.
Vanessa Baird, Convenor
0433 325 452

P & C Meeting - March AGM
Next week on Wednesday, March 19th the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of our Parents & Citizens Association (P & C) 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! The time commitment is not enormous and all of our students benefit. Please come along - we would love to see you there!

Tuckshop
Tuckshop Volunteer Roster
Thu 13 Mar Heather Darlington, Devi Ajarapu
Fri 14 Mar Kate Newnham, Jodi Birch
Mon 17 Mar Jodie Bates
Tue 18 Mar Carolyn Giddens, Anne Flanagan
Wed 19 Mar Danielle Fleming
Thu 20 Mar Christina Zevenbergen, Jane Watkinson

Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

Saturday 11 October, 2014
We are looking for a co-convenor for this years’ Festival.
If you are interested please contact Vanessa Baird at vbair4@eq.edu.au.

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.
Support our Student Council
Spray for a Cure

Friday 14 March 2014 7.45 am
50c Spray colour one strip
$4.00 Spray colour whole head

Prep and year 1 – Tuckshop Area
Year 2 & Year 3 – Lower Tuckshop Area
Year 4 & Year 5 – Year 5 Eating Area
Year 6 & Year 7 – Under L Block

Donate online to our team and support this great cause
**High school news**

**Date Claimer - Ferny Grove SHS Twilight Expo**

Our 2014 Twilight Expo will be held on Wednesday 21 May from 3pm until 8pm. The Expo will be an opportunity for students wishing to enrol at the school in 2015 to see what we have to offer and for parents to book appointments for enrolment interviews. Our Expo this year will be a very special event, with current Years 6 and 7 students joining high school next year, and we have extended the times of the Expo to accommodate the greater numbers of families expected. Early next term we will be providing Ferny Grove State School families with full information about the Expo, the school, and the enrolment process. We will also be visiting with our “roadshow”, comprising key speakers and some of our performing groups, to give students and parents a taste of the many exciting opportunities available next year at Ferny Grove State High School. Keep watching this column for further information.

**‘The Rite Journey’**

Last Monday morning at 7.00am over 150 students, staff and parents came together at Ironbark Gully to participate in the Calling and Departure, the first two steps of the Year 9 pastoral care program ‘The Rite Journey’. These two integral steps asked students to reflect on their positive childhood memories and enabled an opportunity for parents, or an important adult in their life, to share their memories. Sounds interesting? It was. We had it all - rain, fire, food, fun and laughter.

The Rite Journey [www.theritejourney.com.au](http://www.theritejourney.com.au) is a unique educational program designed to support the development of self-aware, vital, responsible and resilient young adults as they move from childhood to adulthood. There are several Steps to the program which occur at developmental junctures throughout the year. Students will now be focusing on Challenges; taking measured risks, to step out of their comfort zone and push themselves to achieve something they haven’t done before!

*Julie Tabor, Acting Principal*

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**Our community**

**Pure Tennis**

School Holidays Tennis Camp! Monday 7th – Friday 11th of April (8:30am – 3:30pm). All ages and standards welcome! Book in for a half day, full day or for the whole week! 10% discounts for bookings made before Monday 25th of March. Fun filled week of tennis, swimming and off-court games. Phone Pure Tennis Ferny Hills on 3851 0444 to book your place today.

**NRL Annual Holiday Clinic**

BRONCOS HEADQUARTERS
FULCHER ROAD
RED HILL
APRIL 10TH

Watch the Broncos train and then take over their turf

Boys and girls aged 5 to 12 are invited to this fun and safe Rugby League skills clinic.

Spaces are limited. To register, go to: [www.seqdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.seqdevelopment.leaguenet.com.au)
Kate - 0408 068 463

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