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### Education Queensland Discipline Audit

As part of an initiative to strengthen discipline in Queensland schools, Discipline Audits are being conducted throughout all state schools. The purpose of the audit is to provide quality feedback on how the school is ensuring a safe, supportive and disciplined learning environment and to inform school behaviour management planning processes.

Ferny Grove State School has recently undergone the audit process. During the audit an independent, experienced school principal visited our school to collect a range of data and information about school wide programs and procedures in the area of discipline. Interviews were conducted with staff, students and parents to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices in relation to behaviour management. The behaviour management profile concentrated upon five domains: Principal Leadership, Parent and Community Engagement, Data Informed Decision Making, Clear Consistent Expectations for Behaviour (including consequences) and Explicit Teaching of Appropriate Behaviour to All Students.

Although we wait for the Executive Summary which will highlight commendations, affirmations and recommendations we did receive our 5 page profile which highlighted where we are presently sitting. Overall our school wide performance was pleasing and to receive this affirmation from an outsider is reassuring.

Within the next few weeks we will receive the Executive Summary to complement the five page profile. These will be uploaded to the school’s website and allow the school community to engage in conversation about the strengths and the opportunities for improvement.

### Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMMS) Field Study

TIMMS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in Mathematics and Science. More than 60 countries are participating in this study. The project informs how our Australian students are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and compares teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching of maths and science within Australia.

5G and 5G will undergo the two short tests on Thursday morning. Parents or guardians of selected students will also be requested to complete a questionnaire about early learning experiences and their own attitudes towards mathematics and science. All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

### P and C Executive for 2014

There are many new faces within the recently formed 2014 P & C Executive and we look forward to working closely with the new team.

Our office bearers are Tony Clark - President, Joe Sweeney - Vice President and Sarah Rogers - Treasurer. The P&C is actively looking for a Secretary to assist by taking the minutes at the monthly meetings. This is not an onerous role yet it is vital for the P & C to continue to operate. No previous experience is required and assistance is available. If you are interested please notify a member of the P & C or email fgsspc@bigpond.net.au.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our outgoing executive, Nick Anderson, Cherie Healey, Alison Read-Marczak, Steve Loxton, Jan Kreander and Jodi Birch for their valuable support and assistance throughout the last few years. Every executive builds upon the success of their predecessors and works towards benefitting our students and school community.

Belinda Evans, Acting Principal
Early Years Assembly

On Friday 21 May our Early Years Assembly recognised the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence with two of our Year 6 students talking to our younger students about bullying, and then taking answers from the audience about what to do if you are being bullied and how you can help a friend if they are being bullied.

We also had lots of very deserving recipients of Merit Awards and Happy Grams, and Gotchas were awarded to Lachlan Gray, Georgia Swadling and Saskia Greenwood.

Middle Years Assembly

Mr Kirby shared some sporting updates and a number of students also received merit awards. We also have Gotchas to advise from a couple of parades:

Sam T - 4P
Brooke D - 4T
Ryan W - 4A
Lindsay F - 5O
Kate H - 5F
Erin O - 5O
Stefany G - 6K
Keara M - 6K
Dylan M - 6T

Congratulations!
You were caught doing the right thing.
Prep drop off and pick up
It has been brought to our attention that some Prep children are being dropped over the fence at morning drop off and are climbing over the fence at afternoon pick up time. This is not a safe practice and it is expected that Prep children are dropped off and collected in person to the Prep rooms. It is also acceptable for older siblings to collect their brother/sister from the Prep rooms but they are then to walk to the gates and exit the school ground that way. Due to the seriousness of this we would appreciate your cooperation and we will be monitoring the Prep area at these times.

Easter Hat Parade
Time again for our Annual Easter Hat Parade for Prep - Year 2. The Easter Hat Parade will be held at 11:50 on Friday, April 4 in the school hall. Students have started to work on their “Easter” songs for your entertainment. Check notices at class or with your Class Parent representative to see if students are making hats in class or at home for your class. All parents are welcome to join us for this special event.

Training update
Due to a clash with Band Rehearsal, Boys 11 years Rugby League training day will now be on FRIDAYS and not WEDNESDAYS. Training is on the main oval on Friday from 8 am.
This year we have purchased 32 iPads to be used in the lower school. These iPads have been loaded with focussed numeracy and literacy apps specific for small group rotations.

For your information, we have shared a list on the website of the main apps that are installed on the iPads. You can find them here.

Technology news

Sports spot
This year’s Inter House Cross Country will be held in Week 2 of Term 2 – details are listed below. Classes are busily training and during PE lessons a range of running activities are being conducted.

CROSS COUNTRY - 1 MAY 2014
Session times for each age group are as follows:
8.50am     12 and 13 yr olds (13s run with a bib in the same race as the 12s)
9.50am     11 yr olds
11.50pm   10 yr olds
12.35pm     9 yr olds
The top three from each age group for boys and girls will qualify to represent our school at a District event on the 12th May.
(9yr olds don’t compete at District Carnival)

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist

Year 4 anti-bullying
4P spent some time Friday (Anti-Bullying day) talking about the effects of bullying on the bullies, victims, bystanders, friends and families. We discussed the importance of having the courage to stand up to bullies and spoke about our responsibility to help fellow schoolmates who might find themselves in this situation.
Helping hands update

On Friday the children at OSHC observed Anti-Bullying and Harmony Day. The children were involved in discussions and activities. They made posters and drew Anti-Bullying chalk slogans on the concrete. It was great to see the children interacting in such a positive way! Don’t forget to book in for vacation care. Lots of great activities being offered.

Music news

We reported recently that Tetsuya Lawson, a past Ferny Grove State School music student, was one of the two instrumentalists to earn the prestigious English Family Prize for young instrumentalists.

Tetsuya commenced learning the trumpet in year 5 at Ferny Grove. Neither of his parents learnt music and Tetsuya was their first child to be offered a placement in the school’s program. Little did they know at the time that music would become his love, passion and open up opportunities for tertiary studies.

Tetsuya performed as soloist with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra last week. He performed the Hummel Trumpet Concerto conducted by Chris Van Tuinen. The performance was fantastic and Tetsuya played very well. All our Ferny Grove musicians and staff are very proud of Tetsuya and his musical achievements.

The new Education Queensland website ‘Meet the Creeps’ guides you and your children through online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. [www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au](http://www.creepquiz.eq.edu.au)

We currently have 21 students at Ferny Grove State School who have been diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. Each student is an active member of their class, participating in all aspects of the curriculum and the school environment. Like all state schools, we provide an inclusive environment for all children in our community. Our school supports every student, always aiming to help them reach their individual potential.
P & C news

Important Dates

March
31st FAST Meeting
7pm - Library

April
24th P & C Meeting
7pm - Library

P & C Meeting AGM Update

The 2014 P & C Annual General meeting was held last Wednesday. A new Executive was voted in and we congratulate Tony Clark - President, Joe Sweeney - Vice-President and Sarah Rogers - Treasurer for taking on these roles for 2014. We also thank our outgoing Executive, Nick Anderson - President, Cherie Healey and Alison Read-Marczak - Vice Presidents, Steve Loxton - Treasurer, Jan Kreander - Secretary and Jodi Birch - Correspondence Secretary for all their hard work and dedication, especially those who have held the roles for a number of years.

The P & C is still seeking a Secretary to take the minutes of meetings and be part of the Executive Team. We only hold 10 meetings a year and there is lots of support so we would welcome anyone who would like to put up their hand for this role.

Nick Anderson in his outgoing President’s report highlighted more than $130,000 in funds that have been contributed to the school by the P & C over the last 12 months including:

- $60,000 towards upgrade of the Year 1/2 playground
- $9,000 for the second Prep Shade Sail
- $5,000 for sandstone and artificial grass in the Prep playground
- $7,000 for school science resources
- $20,000 for Hall curtains
- $30,000 towards a covered Outdoor learning space/Parent hub (to be built)

We would like to extend a huge thank-you to our school community who support our fundraising efforts with both their time and their money. We couldn’t do it without you and these extra resources and facilities, along with our great staff, make Ferny Grove State School a great place to educate your child.

Volunteers

For everyone who helps out at Ferny Grove State School, whether it be in classroom rotations, changing readers, at the Tuckshop or at any of our events, please be aware that we have Volunteer Registers in every classroom as well as key places like the Tuckshop, Library and Hall Canteen.

It is important that you sign this each time you volunteer, as our P & C insurance covers you for accident and injury while on the school grounds, as long as you have signed in on the register. If you haven’t seen it in a classroom that you volunteer in, please ask the teacher.

Coffee Cart

Our cart is red,
Our cups are blue,
What’s coming this Friday,
Is a treat for you!!

Come on down to the cart this Friday for an exciting musical treat. We will also be open from 7:30ish Thursday for the Chappy Breakfast. Sorry we will be closed Monday, 31 March.

Tuckshop Volunteer Roster

Thu 27 Mar  Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead
Fri 28 Mar  Donna Bassett, Marie Kinshela
Mon 31 Mar  Tania Hyde
Tue 01 Apr  Meg Leslie, Uli Esser
Wed 02 Apr  Liz Kubler
Thu 03 Apr  Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday

Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

Stationery and Uniform Stores

Charyl Cowles (Stationery Store) and Vanessa Baird (Uniform Store) would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have supported us over the rush at the end of 2013 & the beginning of the 2014 school year. We are grateful for the support our helpers (including those who volunteered but were not required) have given and cannot thank you enough - Claire Sutcliffe, Xanthe Sansome, Christine Law, Jenny Ivin, Christine Clarke, Robyn Jones, Heather Darlington, Kim Born, Jodee Harris, Laura Clarke, Liz Kubler, Dan Viero, Drew Fricker, Geoff Cowles, Jodi Birch, Kathryn Anderson, Simone Howes, Cheryl Boyd, Cate MacAvoY, Cherie Healey, Suzanne Thomson, Amy Martin, Karen Jenkins, Jodie Parker, Gabrielle Howes, Beth Loxton, Kim Rollings, George Andrews and the cleaning crew. If we have forgotten anyone, please forgive us and know that you were all very much appreciated. Thanks too, to all our customers for waiting patiently in the queues!

Charyl, Vanessa, FAST and P & C Members

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

Thinking about a high school for your child in Years 7 or 8 next year?

Interested in knowing more about Year 7 moving to secondary school?

School Principal Mark Breckenridge would like to invite parents of Ferny Grove State School students to learn more about Ferny Grove State High School - our high quality student learning and achievement, expert teaching, our student care and wellbeing model and state-of-the-art facilities.

Take the opportunity to hear first-hand our plans for welcoming Years 7 and 8 students to high school in 2015, meet our Principal and Head of Junior Secondary, have your questions answered and let us hear your ideas.

Where: Ferny Grove State School Library
When: Thursday, 01 May at 6.00pm

For further information please contact us on:
Phone 3550 5777 email: info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au
www.facebook.com/FernyGroveSHS
Community news

Out of the Box is a biennial festival for children 8 years and under, held at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC).

The festival takes pride in its history as a national leader in programming for young children, nurturing children’s creativity and imagination. Out of the Box is 8 days of cultural activity crafted to celebrate and support learning, play, curiosity and discovery for children and their families as they learn and grow together. Out of the Box acknowledges and celebrates the value and importance of the arts in education and life-learning.

In 2014 it returns to QPAC to shine a spotlight on the world’s best arts and culture for children eight years and under. This year the program explores the many relationships children have with living creatures, both real and imaginary, through an artistic program based on the theme human, animal, monster, friend.

Out of the Box takes place across the Cultural Precinct, from its hub at QPAC to the State Library of Queensland, Queensland Museum and Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA).

Since the festival’s inception in 1992, QPAC has provided national leadership in the area of early childhood arts education through Out of the Box. The festival is committed to informing and inspiring babies, children, parents, grandparents, care-givers, clinicians and teachers. It is built on the simple foundation that children matter and that arts rich experiences lead to a sense of unfolding discovery in children and adults alike.

If you shop with Aussie Farmers please make sure you register your account on their fundraising page - they donate a percentage of money spent back to our school! If you don’t shop with them, it is an easy way to support your school.

Need to keep the kids entertained? For lots of great holiday activities, click above to check out the fun stuff happening at Moreton Bay Regional Council Libraries over the holidays!