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From the Principal

Welcome Back

I trust everyone enjoyed the Easter long weekend and is looking forward to another exciting term at Ferny Grove State School.

School Council Nominations

Attached to this newsletter is the nomination form for parent representatives on the Ferny Grove School Council. The council will meet four times per year and includes the Principal, P and C President along with four staff and four parent representatives. Elected parent reps will serve a two year term (two members will serve for 3 years to allow for continuity rather than the loss of all members after 2 years). Elected parent members must be parents of Ferny Grove State School for the duration of their elected term. Previous newsletters have outlined the role of the school council and this can be found by accessing previous issues via either Q Schools or our school website.

Completed nomination forms can be dropped in at the office (Attn. Belinda Evans) or emailed to Belinda bevan8@eq.edu.au. They may also be faxed to 35505300.

ANZAC DAY Ceremony

Our annual ANZAC ceremony will be held in our hall on Thursday morning from 8:50am. Everyone is welcome to join us for what is always a moving and passionate school based event. A number of our school leaders will then join me on ANZAC Day itself for the Gaythorne RSL service.

Brett Shackleton
Easter Hat Parade

On the Friday before the school holidays, our Prep - Year 2 students shared their amazing creations at the Annual Easter Hat Parade. Along with the display of finery, the children all performed some very entertaining Easter songs. The event was topped off with a visit by a very special visitor, the Easter Bunny!

ANZAC Day Service

Our school community are invited to join us for our annual ANZAC Service on Thursday 24 April. The service commences at 9am. All parents are invited to stay for morning tea at the conclusion of the service.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
Welcome Back to a busy Term Two, I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing Easter break filled with lots of chocolate eating!

Paul is on long service leave for all of Term 2 so I will be acting for him during this time.

Over the holidays the Year One eating area had the fencing and steps put in place. This is now complete and it looks fabulous, the children are enjoying eating their lunch there.

Currently the fencing around the Prep area is being replaced, please be patient and considerate while this is happening.

The Easter Hat Parade was a huge success and I think you will agree the students looked great and sung their songs beautifully.

Next Tuesday (29th) the Surfing Scientist is coming to Ferny Grove, we look forward to seeing what amazing experiments he has for us this year.

Jackie Schott, Acting Deputy Principal

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Early years news

| Basic alphabet and number books |
| Nursery rhyme books |
| Wax crayons |
| Coloured pencils and sharpeners |
| Erasers |
| Basic story books and picture books (animal themes would be great) |
| Dot to dot books (ABC, 123 etc) |
| Flash cards (alphabet and numbers) |
| Colouring books |
| Pencil cases |
| Zippered pouches (for teachers to store all the pencils etc) - available from Stationery Store |

Thank you for all your continued support of our friends in Humani.

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Humani update

So Michael Jeh from Barefoot In Africa is headed off to Zimbabwe and our sister school in Humani in a couple of weeks. He recently received an email saying that the nursery school (the equivalent of our Prep) has very few resources for teaching these young students.

We are going to collect what we can for Michael to take over so he can save the funds we have raised for bigger projects like improving classrooms.

If you can help with donations of any of the following let us know - you can drop them at the Uniform/Stationery store or the library up until next Monday - April 28. A great way to talk to your children about helping others and reinforcing our school value of care and compassion. We are looking for new items, or items in excellent condition.

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Special Education news

What is Autism?

Every person with Autism Spectrum Disorder is different to another and has their own way of seeing the world, which makes them interesting and unique. When someone has ASD, it means that their brains are wired differently to other people. However, the symptoms of ASD vary enormously from person to person.

People with ASD find it difficult to interact socially and communicate with others. As they often have difficulty understanding what other people are feeling and what interests others, they might say the wrong thing. They might talk for a long time about a topic they really like, as they are unaware that the topic is of no interest to others. They may not use gestures and body language in the way that other people do. For example, they may not use eye contact and may not smile. However, their ability to communicate can vary tremendously, with some people with ASD having no or limited speech, and others having extensive vocabularies. Although people with ASD can find it difficult to talk to people and make friends, they still have the same emotions as anybody else and love to have friends, even if it’s hard.

People with ASD also like things to happen the same way. They might take the same route to school or the shops, or line up their toys in a particular order. If something is out of place or if routines change without warning, they can get upset or worried. They may also be bothered by sudden loud sounds, bright lights or unexpected touch that do not bother others. They may become upset if someone hugs them or talks too quickly or loudly.

They often have intense interests in particular topics and may be extremely knowledgeable about their special interest areas. They can also have an amazing memory for detail.

April is Autism Awareness Month. 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.

Stacey Day, Head of Special Education Service

Music news

Instrumental and Choral Music News
Welcome back to term 2. This term is a busy time for our Senior Ensembles due to two competitions. Firstly QYMA on the 30 April for Senior Band and secondly Fanfare for Senior Band and Strings will take place on the 21 May. As our school is hosting the Fanfare competition there will be no need for our students to travel away in order to compete. Senior Strings are performing at 8:45am and Senior Band at 9am on the 21 May. If parents can take an hour off work we would love you to watch your children attend.

QYMA Competition – Senior Band
Date: Wednesday 30 April
Venue: The Gap State High School Assembly Hall, Waterworks Road, The Gap
Time: 5pm warm up; 5:30pm performance.
Cost: $10 for adults, children and performers are free.
All children received a note with further details this morning.

Choral Performance – ANZAC Service - Thursday 24 April.
Both the Junior and Senior Choir students will be performing at our ANZAC Day performance on Thursday 24 April. Children are asked to arrive at the hall at 8:30am for a quick warm up before the 9am assembly. All students will be wearing their school uniform. There is no need for the Senior Choir members to wear their performance uniform.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Banking news

WIN A HOLIDAY VIA SCHOOL BANKING

Major student prize.
• Five nights’ at the Sea World Resort • VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World, and Wet’n’Wild; • A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and • A $3,000 travel voucher

Runner-up student prizes.
130 Toys”R”Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each.

Sunken treasure for schools
There will be a separate draw of $1,000 cash for a school in each State/Territory of Australia.

Here’s how to win.
All your student needs to do is make three or more deposits through School Banking during Term 2 and they’re automatically entered into the competition.

Open a Youth Saver account with Commonwealth Bank for primary or preschoolers and send to the office by 9:30 Thurs morning with minimum deposit of 50c.

Any questions phone Xanthe on 0437 266 530 or 3851 4089
Sports spot
This year’s Inter House Cross Country will be held next Thursday – 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 (born in 2002) and 13 yr olds (born in 2001) (13s run with a bib in the same race as the 12s)
- 9.50am: 11 yr olds (born in 2003)
- 11.50pm: 10 yr olds (born in 2004)
- 12.35pm: 9 yr olds (born in 2005)

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

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P & C news

Important Dates

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We will be discussing lots of new business tonight with regards to projects around the school. Come along to share your input and ask questions. 7pm in the library.

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

Uniform Store
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.
Microfibre jackets are in stock. Fleece jackets due end of next week.
Vanessa Baird, Convenor
0433 325 452

Coffee Cart
Thanks to our new "likers" on Facebook we reached our 150 likes in the last week of term and gave away heaps of FREE drinks to celebrate. Search for us on facebook/fgsscoffeecart.

Last term we made over 1400 drinks! Thank you to all our customers as all money raised goes directly back into our school.

We will be open late this Thursday for the ANZAC parade (parade starts at 8:50).

Upcoming event- we will be open all day for the cross country on Thursday the 1st of May.

Tuckshop
Volunteer Roster
Thu 24 Mar  Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead
Mon 28 Apr  Tania Hyde
Tue 29 Apr  Meg Leslie, Uli Esser
Wed 30 Apr  Liz Kubler, Emma Ney
Thu 1 May   Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday
Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

uniformstore.png

Saturday 11 October, 2014
Twilight EXPO / Open Day

Wednesday 21 May
3.00 - 8.00pm

Respected for Academic, Sporting and Cultural Excellence, and with a strong focus on student wellbeing, Ferny Grove is a leader in Secondary Education. Come and see for yourself what we have to offer!

• Meet the Principal and school staff
• Moving into High School Information Sessions
• Book your Enrolment Interview for Years 7 and 8 2015
• Interactive Lessons, Displays and Demonstrations
• Music, Drama, Dance and HPE Performances
• Food - Barbeque / Pizza / Cakes

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Nomination for Ferny Grove State School Council
Elected Member for 2014

Name: ........................................................................................................................................
Address: ....................................................................................................................................
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Phone: .............................................. Mobile: ............................................................
Email: ........................................................................................................................................

I agree to be bound by the constitution of the school council and by all valid resolutions passed by the council. I agree to work within the boundaries of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. I agree to be bound by the Code of Conduct for School Councils. I hereby state that I have not been convicted of an indictable offence.

Signature: ..............................................................................................................................
Date: .........................................................................................................................................

Please return this nomination form by [insert closing date and time for nominations]. This can be done by:

- delivering to the school front desk during school hours
- e-mail to bevan8@eq.edu.au
- fax to 3550 5333
- mail to Returning Officer, c/-FGSS, Finvoy St, Ferny Grove

A person is ineligible to be an elected parent member, elected staff member or appointed member of a school council if the person has been convicted of an indictable offence, unless the Minister gives approval, in accordance with the Education (General Provision) Act 2006 for that person to be elected or appointed to the council.

If you have any queries regarding the school council election process please contact the principal.

Elected Position | Eligibility | Nomination (please X)
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Staff | All persons on staff at the school, with the exception of the principal | 
Parent | All parents of current children at the school, with the exception of the P&C president | 
Student | All persons who are students of the school in Years 10, 11 or 12 | 

Returning Officer Use
Date received: ......../....../.......
Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Our term bulk bill enables families to make one payment each term for all their children’s activities. All term 2 activities and associated costs are shown in the table attached. More detailed information relating to each individual excursion/activity will be sent home by your child’s teacher at a later date. **Each activity has a payment deadline listed which indicates the date the payment must be received to ensure your child’s participation in the activity.**

Payment plans can be organised if experiencing difficulty – to arrange please contact the office by 8 May.

◊ **The Year 5 Camp** has been included with Term 2 Bulk Bill to allow families to start making payments if they wish.

◊ **Our annual Voluntary Contribution Scheme** of $50 per student – **THANK YOU** to all those who have already made a contribution to the scheme this year. Your participation in this scheme is VOLUNTARY but greatly appreciated. Further information about this Scheme can be obtained from the office.

Payments are ONLY processed on TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and THURSDAYS – Payment options are:
- Over the counter - from 8.30am to 11.30am only on the above days.
- Envelopes with Cash/Cheque/Card Details posted in the blue letterbox in the wall of the office foyer.
- Credit Card - telephone 35505333 or complete the form below (minimum card payment is $15.00).
- BPAY - must use your FAMILY BPAY REFERENCE NUMBER (minimum $10.00) please note the following...

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE BPAY…**
BPAY is only recommended if you are paying all activities at the one time – unfortunately if you wish to pay for only one activity there is no guarantee the payment will be applied to that item. **It is recommended you choose another option.**

Regards,

Marg Frame (BSM)     Brett Shackleton (Principal)

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**One full payment is preferred, however individual payments can be made (must be received by the Payment Deadline).**

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**I wish to make payment by:**  ☐ Cash  ☐ EFTPOS/Credit Card  ☐ MasterCard  ☐ Visa  ☐ Cheque

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