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From the Principal

**ANZAC Ceremony**
Each year our school places great significance on ANZAC Day and the values inherent in it. We believe strongly in the message of respect and are proud of the way our students and community demonstrate this value through their actions. Congratulations to the students of 6K for their leadership of the ceremony, you all made us feel proud. A special mention must also go to our combined school choir and their teachers, Mr and Mrs Bryant. Both the song selection and performance were outstanding and equal to anything I have seen before at such an important event. Respect and pride often go together and our community demonstrated bucket loads of both on Thursday morning. For those who missed it, an edited version is available on our Facebook page.

On Friday morning, our school leaders and I marched in the Gaythorne RSL ANZAC service. As expected, these leaders were outstanding role models and maintained an exemplary level of behaviour and attention throughout the two hours. How proud I was of them.

**Ferny Grove SHS Information Evening**
If you have a child in years 6 or 7 you will want to be here from 6pm on Thursday evening (May 1) to hear about all the exciting possibilities available to students attending our feeder secondary school. Venue is the school library.

**P and C**
It was refreshing to attend our P and C meeting last Wednesday evening and hear so much positive talk about the future of both our P and C and school. There were two significant discussions held over the course of the meeting. Firstly, our P and C formally adopted the school values of respect, responsibility, learning, effort, cooperation, care and compassion as P and C core values. Secondly, a discussion was held amongst members as to the ‘real purpose’ of our P and C. Below is a summary of what was shared;

- Community, the P and C is the glue that binds the school with its community.
- Creates a bridge between home and school.
- Helps parents be part of the school life.
- Allows teachers to teach and sources funds to add value to their teaching.
- Assists with the provision of supplementary resources.
- Coordination and protection for volunteers.
- Coffee cart as a metaphor for a place to connect people.
- Conduit between home and school.
- Community: put something in and get something out.
- Sporting analogy. Playing versus spectating.
- Provision of value added services such as tuckshop, uniform, stationary stores.

At our next meeting I will present these back to the meeting for further discussion. Looks like a great list already. Keep an eye out for more P and C updates in our newsletters.

Brett Shackleton
Ferny happenings

NAPLAN Testing

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

When do the tests take place?

This year’s tests take place Tuesday the 13th May to Thursday 15th May. Most of the tests are only 40 – 55 minutes in length and are completed in the morning whilst students are fresh and focussed.

How can Parents assist their child?

The best way parents can help their child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. Ensure the children have early nights, eat breakfast and bring their fruit break to munch after the daily test.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

On parade

Our Senior Band has been rehearsing for the QYMA awards this Wednesday and are in fine form. Mr. Shackleton thanked everyone for their respectful behaviour at last week’s Anzac Ceremony, with special thanks to the choir and 6K for their contributions to such a moving ceremony.

Gotchas - Congratulations you were caught doing the right thing

Joss P - 4A        Cody C - 5G
Zac W - 4M        Theo T - 6T
Early years news

What a fabulous start to term two with a truly moving Anzac day service. The students of Ferny Grove should be extremely proud of themselves for their outstanding behaviour during the service. Well done also to Mr Kurth and 6K for presenting a passionate and memorable tribute to past and present service men and women.

There was certainly some excitement around the school on Tuesday with the students attending the ‘Surfing Scientist.’ The students were amazed at the many cool experiments and were not game to look away in case they missed something. What a fun and exciting way to learn about science!!

Upcoming dates:
- Student of the Month parade on Monday the 5th of May at 8:50am
- Mother’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday the 8th of May. Don’t forget to take advantage of flexischools for this.

Jacki Schott, Acting Deputy Principal

Music news

Our Senior Band has been practising hard for their performance at the Queensland Youth Music Awards (QYMA) at the Gap State High School tonight. Good luck to our performers.

Senior and Junior Choirs
Congratulations to the choral members for their fantastic performance at last week’s ANZAC Ceremony. Throughout term 1 the children have been rehearsing their song, titled, The Other Side, under the direction of Kathryn Bryant and Naomi Miller. All the choral members sang this song beautifully and many audience members commented upon their moving performance. Thank you Mr Bryant for writing the music to accompany Ken Bunker’s lyrics. If you missed the performance and wish to listen to the choirs’ performance you can find it here.

Well done girls and boys.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Integrated Music Parent Support (IMPS) Group

The next IMPS meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th May at 7pm in the staffroom. All parents/carers of children in the choral and instrumental music groups are invited to come along.

Amy Martin, IMPS Secretary

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“The Australian flag does not fly because the wind moves past it. It flies because of the last breaths of those who gave their lives for their country.”

Sean Mulqueen, Guest Speaker - ANZAC Day 2014

Last Thursday we paid tribute to the fallen and all who have served our country during our annual Anzac Day service.

The 154 children of Defence force members formed a sombre column as they entered the hall and came forward to place white doves on our Trees of Remembrance. Many of them wore the medals of their parents. We also had representatives of each year level lay a wreath.

Our very passionate teacher, Mr Matt Kurth, led us through the ceremony, with readings and reflections from the students of 6K.

One of the most moving parts of the ceremony was an address by Sean Mulqueen, a former serviceman who most recently served in Afghanistan. Sean reminded us that there are no winners in war and while we lost soldiers in battle, many are still fighting battles now that they have returned home.

We were also lucky enough to have Stuart Jones, one of our Active Service parents, play the Last Post and Reveille on his bugle. The ceremony was finished off with our Junior and Senior choirs singing a song written by teacher Mr Kurt Bryant (lyrics by Ken Bunker) called “The Other Side”.

A big thank-you must go to Mr Kurth for another very moving and emotional ceremony, to 6K for their presentations, our Defence Transition Aides, Liz and Jess for organising morning tea and the Defence students, to our special guests for their contributions, to Mrs Kat Bryant for conducting the choir and Mr Bryant for writing such a special song.

Lest we forget.
Surfing scientist

All year levels were entertained this week by ABC’s “Surfing Scientist”, Ruben Meerman. His weird and wonderful presentation and awesome experiments introduced the kids to the notion of Science as cool and fun!

We are still seeking Parent applications to be members of our School Council. Applications close next Friday 9th May. Forms can be collected from the office.

Mother’s Day stall

**Thursday 8 May**

The stall will be held in the hall on Thursday, 8th May. We have many great items, ranging in price from $1-$10 (most being in the $5-7 price bracket). Students will visit the Hall with their class during the day.

If you wish your child to make a purchase, please send money along and remember to give them a plastic shopping bag to “hide” their present in. $5 and $10 pre-paid vouchers will also be available for purchase on Flexischools.

We are also looking for helpers on the day. The stall runs from 9am-2pm. If you are able to help out (even for a little while) we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Katrina (0423 856 804 or davidntrinabb@dodo.com.au) or Fiona (0419 690 996 or fiona.d1@optusnet.com.au).

KidSMART Deployment is a four-week program for primary aged kids to help them manage deployment and parental absence.

DCO Brisbane is conducting workshops that will assist children to learn how to manage change, and how to stay connected with their absent parent.

The workshop will cover other things, like helping children to cope when feeling stressed or anxious. Defence children can learn some great tips and hints for handling emotions, along with some great relaxation techniques, too.

This is a four week program with sessions conducted once a week and 1.5 hours per session.

**KidSMART Deployment Workshops Brisbane**

- Thursdays 8 May 2014
- Thursdays 15 May 2014
- Thursdays 22 May 2014
- Thursdays 29 May 2014

3:30pm till 5:00pm

To register your child’s interest please contact (07) 3354 0950.
Sports spot
This year’s Inter House Cross Country will be held tomorrow (Thursday) – details are listed below.
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

Interschool Sport
Friday winter sport recommences this Friday for Years 5 to 7 students. Children are reminded to bring their protective gear (if required), hat and drink bottle.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

P & C news

Important Dates
May
6th IMPS Meeting
7pm - Staffroom
8th Mothers Day Stall
12th FAST Meeting
7pm - Library
21st P & C Meeting
7pm - Library
24th Trivia Night

Did you know that P & C runs these four businesses - Tuckshop, Uniform Store, Stationery Store and Coffee Cart? All proceeds go back to support projects in our school.

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

Uniform Store
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.
Fleece jackets will not be in this Friday, but will be available from next Friday.
Vanessa Baird, Convenor
0433 325 452

Coffee Cart
Is it your birthday? At the Coffee Cart we would like to help you celebrate with a FREE birthday drink. Parents if your child would like a free birthday drink please send along a signed note giving your permission for us to post their photo to our Facebook page.
The Cart will be open during the Cross Country this Thursday.

Tuckshop
Look out for new Tuckshop Menu for Term 2 and 3. New winter specials.
We are discontinuing Potato Top Pie so get them while stocks last.
But we have the following tasty new options:
- Pasta Bolognaise (Made at Tuckshop) $3.50 Green
- Potato Wedges (Smalll) $ 2.00 Amber
- Jacket Potato with Bolognaise Sauce & Sprinkle of Light Tasty Cheese $3.00 Green

We also sell Hot Milo and Chocolate before school for only $1.50. Served at kid-friendly temperature.

Volunteer Roster
Thu 1 May  Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday
Fri 2 May  Kate Newnham, Katrina Collins
Mon 5 May  Robyn Jones
Tue 6 May  VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Wed 7 May  Simone Howes, Andrea Netto
Thu 8 May  Heather Darlington, Devi Ajjarapu
Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

Saturday 11 October, 2014

Deadline for inclusion in the Ferny Grove News is 12 Noon on Mondays. Email to newsflash@fernygroveeq.edu.au. It is emailed every Wednesday. If you are not receiving it please advise
Ferny Grove State High School will be offering the German Immersion Program to students from both years 7 and 8 in 2015 in separate classes.

The German Immersion program at Ferny Grove State High School offers students an exciting opportunity to develop a very high level of German language proficiency through learning the regular curriculum in German. It is the next best thing to students living in a German-speaking country.

**How does it work?**

Students learn exactly the same curriculum as other students during Years 8 and 9 in German. Core subjects include: German, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, and Health and Physical Education (HPE).

In Year 10 students begin the Senior German course. At the end of Year 10, students have the opportunity to travel to Germany on a 3-week exchange program and stay with German families, attend school and tour Germany.

**Why might enrolment in the German Immersion program be a good thing for my child?**

- The German Immersion program provides students with the opportunity to develop a high proficiency in the German language - a language spoken by 110 million people in Europe.
- Students in the German Immersion program are motivated students who achieve well. Students are intellectually engaged and enjoy learning in this different way. Over 50% of our graduates have achieved in the OP 1-5 range in the last few years.
- Students form close working relationships with like-minded classmates as they tackle together the challenge of learning their curriculum in German.

**Enrolments for German Immersion 2015 at Ferny Grove SHS**

The enrolment process involves completion of an expression of interest form and an interview with German Immersion staff prior to acceptance into the program.

If you are interested and require further information, please contact Mrs Fi Hudghton, Head of Department Languages at Ferny Grove SHS on 3550 5785 or email fhudg1@eq.edu.au.