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From the Principal

**Great Results Guarantee**

Earlier this year, the Queensland Government provided additional funding to schools to support student learning (Prep to Year 2) and teachers’ teaching. Ferny Grove State School has already put in place a number of processes and people to utilise this funding most effectively. To date, the following strategies have been commenced;

- All Prep students have been assessed one on one for literacy and numeracy learning using the Early Start assessment tool. Our teachers now have additional information to support them in determining what each student will need for them to progress in these two areas. The assessment will be repeated in term 4 to show how far each child has progressed.
- 11 teachers have been trained as peer coaches who will visit each other’s classrooms and both observe and provide feedback to their colleagues. This is all about teachers working together to develop their own teaching practice.
- We have engaged additional teachers to support our classroom teachers to provide intensive support and intervention for students in Prep to Year 3. This project includes both support for students struggling with Literacy and numeracy and those who could benefit from extension.
- 13 students in years 2-5 are being supported by a highly effective program called MULTILIT Word Attack Skills.
  - Research shows that the most effective programs of reading instruction for low-progress readers involve intensive, systematic instruction in three main areas:
    - ‘phonics’ or word attack skills
    - Sight words recognition; and
    - Supported book reading in a one-to-one context
  - MULTILIT Word Attack Skills (WAS) has been developed on the basis of research conducted at Macquarie University (2007). The program is designed to be used with individual students, on a one-to-one basis.
  - The three components of MULTILIT WAS are accuracy, fluency and spelling. These components incorporate teaching decoding skills, achieving automaticity of those decoding skills, and putting these skills into written practice.
  - Teaching sessions will occur three times a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and be of 15mins duration.

As you can see this is a detailed and systematic approach to supporting students and teachers. Further updates will be made available later in the year.

**NAPLAN**

Years 3, 5 and 7 students will take part in the annual NAPLAN testing from 13-15 May. Teachers have prepared students for the tests so there need to cram in the days leading up to the tests. They are ONE measure over three days to help us see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy. The more relaxed the students are, the better they will perform. Simply tell them you believe in them and ask them to do their best. In my experience no one will ask them when they line up for their first job interview, what their NAPLAN score was. Like any school day they should be well fed, well rested and at school on time. Discuss any concerns or questions you may have with your class teacher.

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**Student Absence**

**Bulk Bill available here.**

**Payments due**

- Year 2 Lego Education Centre - 14 & 15 May  
  **Due 8 May**
- Year 2 Raw Art - 20 May  
  **Due 15 May**
- Year 1 Raw Art - 29 May  
  **Due 22 May**
- 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 ONLY.

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**Brett Shackleton**

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On parade

Our Student of the Month parade recognises students who have excelled in their classrooms, in their learning, in their behaviour or both. One is chosen from each year level and these students are excellent role models for their peers.

Congratulations to this month’s recipients. Our Chaplain, Mrs Eleisa Ironfield made the presentations.

Fresh from their performance at QYMA last week our band was once again on hand to play the National Anthem and entertain with their repertoire.

After another successful Cross Country last week, Mr Kirby awarded medals to the Year level champions, for both boys and girls in each age division.

Student of the Month recipients

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Photos (from Top) - Student of the Month Recipients; Chaplain Eleisa congratulates Kiarra D. on her award; our Percussion students hard at work; and Mr Kirby presenting Age Champions for Cross Country 2014.

NOTE - No Early Years Assembly this week
General news

NAPLAN Testing Dates
Tuesday 13 May Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 14 May Reading
Thursday 15 May Numeracy

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Lost Property
We have a Go Card that has been handed in from Year 7 - if your child is missing it could you please contact the office.

Sports Forum and Panel Discussion

Date Claimer - Tuesday 3rd June

“Sport the Ferny Grove Way – Fair Go mate?”

A forum and panel discussion regarding attitudes to sport at Ferny Grove – featuring guest speakers and Ferny Grove Teachers.

Parents and community members will have an opportunity to participate and share views without children at this initiative of Ferny Grove SS.

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist

Early years news

Pre-Service Teachers
From the 5th - 30th of May we have 8 QUT student teachers visiting some of our classes. During their four week field experience the student teachers will shadow their supervising teacher in all they do. They will be encouraged to take up as many opportunities as possible, like working with small groups of children and eventually building up to taking whole class lessons. We welcome them to Ferny Grove State School and I trust they will find this field experience both beneficial and rewarding.

1-2-3 Magic
The 1-2-3 Magic Classes commenced this week with Mr Peter Wheeler. This four week program (offered firstly to our Prep parents) is held in the school library and is covering areas of reducing undesirable behaviour, encouraging positive behaviour and strengthening parents’ relationships with children.

Gotchas!
The following students were awarded Gotchas at last weeks Early years Assembly. Lily 2NS; Jorja 1C; Arun 2B; Josh 1K; Seth 2B

Gotchas are awarded to students who are caught doing the right thing!

Jog Around Queensland
As part of their ‘Smart Moves’ program the year 2’s this term will start their ‘Jog Around Queensland’. Each day the class teachers will take the students out for a 500m run, aiming to have run the distance of around Queensland by the end of the term. What a fun and exciting way to participate in the Smart Moves program whilst also looking at distances and places in Queensland. I look forward to updating you on their progress.

Upcoming Dates:
• Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday the 8th of May
• Year 2 Lego Excursion. 2C, 2B & 2P on Wednesday 14th of May and 2S & 2NS on Thursday the 15th of May.

Jacki Schott, Acting Deputy Principal
Last Thursday saw the running of the 135th annual Ferny Grove S.S. Cross Country. The event was held under the spectre of possible rain and inclement weather. Thankfully, all our fears were allayed when dawn broke to clear skies and students were able to take to the track according to schedule!

Many comments were received that the level of participation this year was close to record numbers. This augers well for the health and wellbeing of our students given the high participation rate. I noticed many students training before and after school in an effort to be race ready. Well done!

The success of the event is a testimony to the dedication of our teachers in providing in class training opportunities as well as assisting on the day. Thank you all.

Thanks also to the large contingent of parents and family members who attended – we are indeed lucky at Ferny Grove that the level of community support is so high – thanks to all who were able to attend.

Special congratulations to all students who participated on the day and gave their best in what was a gruelling race.

The results this year were;
1st Koalas
2nd Kangaroos
3rd Kookaburras
4th Kingfishers
Well done to each House.

Age champion boys and girls were;
9yrs – Zachary Webster and Sienna Darlington
10yrs – Macaulay Vievers and Nicola Zevenbergen
11yrs – Zanden Jeh and Genevieve McDonald
12yrs – Ethan Larkin and Georgia Tobin
13yrs – Benjamin Gould and Aom Nakkunthod
Well done – Get ready for next year!

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist
Instrumental music news

Rehearsals
Senior Band, Percussion Ensemble, Senior Strings Ensemble and Junior Band rehearsals will go ahead as usual next week. All will commence on time and conclude a little earlier than usual due to NAPLAN testing.

Year 5 Parent / Teacher Instrumental Music Conferences
This year we are initiating Parent/Teacher Conferences for parents of Year 5 instrumental music students. With NAPLAN preventing children attending lessons next week, brass, woodwind and percussion interviews will take place on the following days.

Monday 12 May  Woodwind with Mrs Haringcaspel
Tuesday 13 May  Percussion with Mrs Savage
Wednesday 14  Brass with Mr Grainger

Strings interviews will take place in Semester Two.

All year 5 brass, woodwind and percussion students took home a form on Monday for parents to nominate preferences. If you wish for a conference please return the form by Thursday morning. Children will receive a confirmation slip on Friday indicating your interview time. This is a good opportunity for parents to talk about the progress their child has made so far this year and have their questions and concerns addressed.

Parents are reminded that interviews with the appropriate instrumental music teacher can be arranged throughout the year. Teachers can be contacted on their nominated day at our school either via a phone call through the office or a note presented by your child.

Fanfare Competition
For the first time ever our school will host Education Queensland’s biennial competition on Wednesday 21. The Senior Strings will open the competition with an 8:45am performance. This is followed by the Senior Band performing at 9am. The Senior Percussion Ensemble will conclude the program at approximately 10:30am The adjudicator’s deliberation will follow. Ferny Hills, Samford, Patrick’s Road will also be competing. This competition is free for all so do come along and enjoy the various bands and ensembles.

Strings News
Mrs Seneviratne has been seconded to work for Education Queensland in an administrative position as from today and will return on June the 12th. A note went home at the beginning of the week to all strings students to explain the change in timetabling for Year 3 students from Mondays to Fridays during this period. Ms Nicola Manson will replace Mrs Seneviratne and will conduct Thursday morning Senior Ensembles and Thursday lessons as usual. Please note year 3 students have their first lesson with Ms Manson this Friday the 9th May. If you did not receive a letter outlining the change of teachers and future dates obtain one from the office.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

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 at www.flexischools.com till 9pm tonight.

We are also still 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).

Remember that all funds raised will go towards our latest Fundraising and Social Team (FAST) goal to finish the hall curtains project.
Winter Uniform

As things cool down, just a reminder about adhering to our Uniform Policy. Students should wear Royal Blue jumpers, pullovers or long sleeve polo shirts only. The official school ones are available at our Uniform Store, but other brands that are Royal Blue are acceptable.

Girls who wish to wear tights or stockings under their skorts or shorts should wear royal blue or black. White, pink and other colours are unacceptable.

We appreciate your support of this policy as it shows respect for our school rules as well as for students’ peers when students are dressed, neatly, respectfully and actually in Uniform.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

The Big Game Show

Saturday, 24th May
6 pm for 6.30 pm start
$10 per person

Join us in the FGSS Hall for a night of entertainment and trivia hosted by our talented Game Show Guru, Mr David Sandilands.

Round up your team of 6 - 10 players, theme your table, your food and yourselves! Prizes for Best Themed table, overall winning team and lots of raffle prizes! (You don’t have to dress up and theme your table if you don’t want to!)

BYO Nibbles  Drinks for sale  Community tables welcome

Table bookings can be made on your Flexischools account.

We are happy to find you a team if you need us to. This is a child-free event. For enquiries contact Vanessa on 0433 325 452.

Chaplaincy news

For all of our parents who appreciate the added benefits of social and emotional wellbeing that our Chaplain, Eleisa, brings to Ferny Grove State School, here is an opportunity to support the funding of her role. This is a dinner jointly arranged between the Chaplaincy committees of our school and Ferny Grove State High School. We are hoping to have a couple of tables of Ferny Grove State School parents and supporters. Please contact Vanessa at vbair4@eq.edu.au or text 0433 325 452 if you are interested in joining a School table for this event.

FERN GROVE CHAPLAINCY PRESENTS...

CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER DINNER

WITH SPECIAL GUEST: PETERO CIVONICEVA
FORMER BRONCOS, QLD ORIGIN & AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER

WHEN Thursday 22nd May 2014 @ for a 7pm start
WHERE Arana Leagues Club - 247 Dawson Parade, Keperra
WHAT Dinner & Entertainment - Cost only $50 (at the door)
RSVP 12 May 2014 - To host a table or for individual tickets call
Sam Green 0405 392 898 or Eleisa Ironfield 0402 603 314
President’s Report

At our last P&C meeting the committee made a unanimous vote to adopt the school’s values of respect, responsibility, learning, effort, co-operation, care and compassion as P&C core values. These are the same values that our students are taught and expected to uphold day in, day out, year in, year out. They are also reminded of them if they fall short. It is essential that we as parents and citizens uphold these same values, and our P&C vote was a formalisation and declaration of our desire to do just that.

There are many exciting things in the ‘pipelines’ for the P&C and the school and there will be regular updates in the newsletter as things develop. The P&C is currently reviewing the recent school wide survey in order to prioritize the current needs of the school and where the P&C can assist. We are in the initial stages of design and planning of an ‘Outdoor Learning Centre’ and there will be consultation with students, teachers and parents as this develops. Combine all this with several grant applications underway, and things are very busy within the committee. A big thank you to Vanessa Baird who has been working hard with limited time frames to get these applications submitted.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who work hard within the P&C and its associated businesses. Without these people we would not be able to achieve all that the P&C does for the school and surrounding community.

I will keep you up to date as things develop but if you want to find out first hand what’s happening all are welcome at our next meeting on the 21st May at 7pm in the Library.

Tony Clark, President

Important Dates

May
8th Mothers Day Stall
All day - Hall
12th FAST Meeting
7pm - Library
21st P & C Meeting
7pm - Library
24th Trivia Night

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 have arrived!
Vanessa Baird, Convenor
0433 325 452

Coffee Cart
I am sure many of you noticed we were shut last Monday, it was a whole school parade so lots of people are around looking for coffee. Sorry we were closed but our current team of volunteers are not able to cover every Monday. We would love to consistently have the coffee cart open every school day morning but to do this we still need a few more volunteers. It’s easy and fun. And best of all you don’t need any experience, we can fully train you. Actually the best bit is volunteers get FREE coffee!

Also as a special thank you from the P&C, all tuckshop volunteers can come and collect a FREE drink from the Coffee Cart on their way to their Tuckshop shift.

Tuckshop
Look out for new Tuckshop Menu for Term 2 and 3. New winter specials and the following tasty new options:-
Pasta Bolognaise (Made at Tuckshop) $3.50 Green
Potato Wedges (Small) $ 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 8 May    Heather Darlington, Devi Ajjarapu
Fri 9 May    Kate Newnham, Jodi Birch
Mon 12 May Jodie Bates
Tue 13 May Carolyn Giddens, Anne Flanagan
Wed 14 May  Kay Codognotto, Danielle Fleming
Thu 15 May  Chris Zevenbergen, Jane Watkinson
Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

Ferny Grove Festival
Saturday 11 October, 2014
Ferny Grove State High School Twilight Expo

Ferny Grove State High School will proudly be on display during its Twilight Expo on Wednesday 21 May. The annual Expo will provide families of prospective students with the chance to attend information sessions about beginning high school, talk with the Principal and school staff, take a look at the school’s facilities, and to participate in interactive demonstrations in all subject areas.

The Expo will also give Parents and caregivers the best opportunity to make enrolment interview bookings for their students for Years 7 and 8 in 2015.

Visitors will be entertained by ensembles from the school’s highly-acclaimed Instrumental Music Program and student displays from the Performing Arts, and Health and Physical Education Departments.

Refreshments, including a barbeque, run by the P&C, and wood-fired pizza, prepared by the school’s Health Design Technology students, will be available.

This year’s Expo promises to be bigger and better than ever, with both Year 7 and 8 students starting high school in 2015.

We look forward to sharing with prospective parents and students the many ways in which Ferny Grove provides an exceptional educational experience.

The Expo will be held between 3.00 and 8.00pm at the school campus at McGinn Road, Ferny Grove. For further information please call the school on 3550 5777 or email info@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au