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From the Principal

Principal for a Day

We are currently planning for an event called ‘Principal/DP for a Day’. It is a nationally coordinated event designed to provide students in years 6 and 7 with an opportunity to ‘shadow’ the Principal and Deputy Principals for a day on June 4. We have advertised for applicants from years 6 and 7 and have received 16 applications from students. I have been particularly interested in their thoughts on what school leaders do and what they would change if they had the chance. Below I have quoted from several of the students’ applications.

What does the role involve?

‘The reason I think I would like to be Principal is that Mr Shackleton’s chair looks comfy’

‘The Principal makes sure the school is safe and that kids are working very hard’

‘To teach children the importance of good education, manners and respect’

‘A Principal sets good expectations for students to strive towards’

‘On parade he explains the values of the school’

‘The principal plays an important role in delivering the vision for the school’

‘Be a role model to all and kindly welcome visitors but sometime she has to make big decisions that not everyone will be happy about’

What would you change?

‘We don’t need NAPLAN, it creates too much stress for students’

‘Give students a voice in their education’

‘Build a science lab so students could do experiments as this will help us understand science better’

‘Clean up the sports shed for Mr Kirby’

‘Create more opportunities like this for students to experience new things’

‘Have a nude food day with no packaging, healthy food and less rubbish’

‘Give students a say in assessing teacher effectiveness and style’

‘Mad hatters day to highlight the need for sun protection’

If this is any indication of the quality of young people stepping up to lead our country into the future then we have a lot to be proud of. I’m a bit worried they might have ambitions to take over permanently after their one day in my comfy chair and that of Mrs Evans and Mrs Schott. We’ll see what happens. The successful appointees will be notified in coming weeks. Good luck students.

Brett Shackleton
Mothers Day 2014

Another successful Mother’s Day Stall at Ferny Grove last Thursday. We hope our Ferny Grove Mum’s enjoyed opening up their treasures on Sunday morning, so carefully chosen. A big thank-you to the volunteers who organise and run this stall every year, especially Katrina Collins and Fiona Deegan. We raised about $2,500 which will go towards the FAST (Fundraising and Social Team) goal of finishing the curtains and improving sound and lighting in the hall.

Many of you would also have been lucky enough to receive something handmade by your child in their class. Prep W had a special afternoon on Friday to celebrate Mother’s Day and invited all their Mums along for singing, cuddles and even some manicures.

On parade

Our Middle Years Assembly saw the presentation of more Merit Awards to recognise student’s effort and hard work.

We also awarded some Gotchas to those students caught doing the right thing:

Ella T. 4JM   Natalie H. 4M
Julia N. 6T   Brandon E. 4A
Emma L. 4A
**Payment Reminder**

Just a reminder about payments made at the office. Please do not send cash payments to school (the office) on **Monday** or **Friday**. Payments are only accepted on **Tuesday**, **Wednesday** and **Thursday** from 8.30 - **11.30 am**. Also, no credit card payment under **$15.00** can be accepted.

**Japanese Students**

This year our school will be hosting Japanese students from Monday 25 August until Friday 5 September. The students come from Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High school and have been visiting to our school for many years for the cultural exchange and experiences. In previous years, many of our school families have enjoyed the opportunity to act as hosts and share our culture and community with the Japanese students. If you wish to re-apply as a Homestay family please contact AJSP via email or phone. For new families applying to become Homestay Family for the first time please complete the **application form** or pick up a hard copy from the office. New families applying to provide accommodation and board to a student are required to apply by **Friday 16 May** as an interview must take place and Blue cards applications made before a child is placed with the family. This is a rewarding opportunity for both our children and the Japanese students.

**Ferny Grove State High School Roadshow**

The high school will be entertaining us with their musical expertise on Monday 19 May from 2:15 - 2:45pm. This is also an opportunity for the high school leaders to promote their school to our older students. Parents are most welcome to come along and enjoy. The performance will take place in the hall.

*Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal*

**School Banking**

**PLEASE SEND BANK BOOKS TO OFFICE BY 9:30 ON THURSDAYS!**

Well done to the many bankers who are saving and starting to redeem rewards for their savings.

Reward items available at present are:

- some 2013 rewards : money boxes, wallets, headphones, torches, pen sets UNTIL STOCK RUNS OUT
- 2014 rewards : handball, scented pencils, shark or dolphin keyring and whale pencil case

If you want one of these rewards – simply bank 10 times for 10 tokens, then put your 10 tokens and a note or official reward card slip into deposit book with your next deposit and the reward should arrive within 2 weeks. Please inform us of child’s name, class, banking number and reward requested. If redeeming 2013 reward, please provide a second request.

Remember you could win a family holiday to Sea World Resort + $3000 travel vouchers by depositing 3 times this term - **SO GET BANKING!** For more details see : [https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking-program.html](https://www.commbank.com.au/personal/youth-students/school-banking-program.html)

**Walk Safely to School Day is next Friday, May 23. Details of walking routes and times will go home next week. A FREE healthy breakfast will be served on the oval, jointly provided by the P & C Association, the Grove Community Church and Chaplaincy Committee (in place of their regular Chappy Breakfast!).**
Visit to Regis Ferny Grove
Thank you to the mothers and grandmother who accompanied us to Regis Parkland Manor last Thursday. Thank you to Kat and Kurt Bryant for the fabulous entertainment they organised with the year three members of the Junior Choir. Lastly thanks to the members of the year 3 to 7 section of the Student Council. Your interaction with the residents was greatly appreciated. In fact one resident was so moved by our visit she rang the school to express her appreciation and wanted to know if we had a CD of the Choir. Our values of Respect, Care and Compassion were truly on show throughout this visit.

Leanne Reid, Student Council Coordinator
Special education news

**National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability - Information for Parents and Carers**

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability. All State Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

_Brett Shackleton, Principal_

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**Instrumental music news**

**Fanfare - 21 May**

Senior Band, Senior Strings and the Percussion Ensemble are busily rehearsing for the upcoming Fanfare competition. This will be held in our school hall next Wednesday 21 May. The first performance commences at 8:45am and the entire program runs until 11am. Participating students have received a note about the competition. Junior Strings and Junior Band members will also have an opportunity to listen to some of the neighbouring schools’ performances. Parents are most welcome to attend this free event.

**Junior Band Bandanza – Cancelled**

Patrick’s Road State School has cancelled the cluster Junior Band Bandanza which was scheduled for 5 June.

**Advanced Music Camp**

Instrumental Music Camp is scheduled for week 9. Medical forms and payment are due by this Friday, the 16 May. Please send these to the office.

_Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal_
Chappy Week - 19th -23rd May
Next week is Chappy Week and we have some special events organised to celebrate Chappy Week in 2014!!

- Tuesday we have students vs teachers games during first break in the hall.
- Thursday we have our Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner at 6.30 pm at Arana Leagues Club with special guest Petero Civoniceva.
- Friday morning is our Walk Safely to School Community Brekky. Hosted by the P&C, The Grove church & The Chaplaincy Committee. All welcome!

Bunnings BBQ
We have been lucky enough to secure a Bunnings BBQ spot at Bunnings Stafford on Sunday, June 15. This is an amazing fundraising opportunity with all funds raised going towards more upgrades for our hall and stage. To successfully run the BBQ we need 18 volunteers to work on the day, for 2.5 hour shifts. If you can help out please contact Vanessa at vbair4@eq.edu.au or text 0433 325 452.

Early years news

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped on the Mother’s Day stall. It is certainly a big job setting up, packing up and also helping the children with their choices. Your help is very much appreciated.

Jog Around Queensland
The Year 2’s have made an excellent start to their Smart Moves Jog Around Queensland. Their combined total distance travelled was a whopping 618.5km which has seen them pass through Gympie, Maryborough and Gladstone and sees them just south of Rockhampton on our challenge to huff and puff our way around the state.

Jacki Schott, Acting Deputy Principal

Defence news

Term 2 has started on a very positive note. Our Defence students participated in an ANZAC day activity during week one of catch up club and demonstrated outstanding manners and pride during our school’s ANZAC parade. The children have also been very busy creating Mother’s Day gifts during weeks 2 and 3. This week the children have enjoyed playing with the iPads. Thanks to Mr Bryant for loaning us the iPads for this activity.

We look forward to next week as we will be skipping near the year 1 play area.

Liz Heddershaw and Jessica De la Jara, Defence Transition Aides

Invitation to a Defence Family Afternoon
Wednesday 28th May 2014
3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Defence Families are invited to join us for an afternoon of activities for the children and an opportunity for the defence parents to socialise. Representative from Mates 4 Mates will be attending this gathering and running a special activity for our Defence students. Parents will have the opportunity to gain information about services Mates 4 Mates has to offer. We look forward to seeing you on the day.
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

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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.

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Calling all Shop-a-holics

Join us for the Ferny Grove SS

Foodie Shopping Tour

Saturday, 19 July, 2014

Are you passionate about cooking and love to collect kitchenware? This is the perfect opportunity to stock your pantry, taste test some new products and discover some cool gadgets and appliances!

The cost of this tour is $30 per head and includes the tour which takes you to warehouses not open to the public, samples at a number of warehouses, morning tea, freebies, lucky door prizes, and lots more!!! Bring your friends, to keep the cost down (we need 45 to confirm this price). Some of the outlets we will be visiting include fresh pasta, yoghurt, wine, kitchenware, appliances, frozen meals just to name a few. BYO Lunch or you can pre-order Quiche, Side Salad and Drink for $8.00. Drinks and snacks will also be available to purchase on the bus during the day. If you love a bargain, and a great day out, come and join us on the bus!

Cut off and payments required by 27/6/14.
Payments can be made via Flexischools or cash via the payment slot in the office. Please clearly mark these with FAST Foodie Tour.

To book your spot or for more information, phone Fiona Deegan on 3851 3223 or 0419 690 996 or email fiona.d1@optusnet.com.au
Phone Katrina Collins on 0423 856 804 or email davidntrinabb@dodo.com.au

All funds raised directly benefit our school.
Our current focus is the completion of the Hall Stage Curtains.
P & C President’s Report

This week is the 25th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, and there are many who work very hard within the P&C for the benefit of the entire school. One of the P&C businesses that is run entirely by volunteers is the Coffee Cart. They do a fantastic job in not only making great coffee but also in raising funds for the school. I for one have appreciated the early morning coffees, the conversations around the cart and have admired their commitment.

Add to this volunteers within P&C as executives, on committees, in workgroups, as members of P&C, plus the many committed parents in the Tuckshop and all who do work just helping out wherever needed.

Without all these parents and citizens our school would not be the great school that it is. To all our volunteers, ‘Thank you’.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage more to be involved as the rewards for our children and community are well worth it. Funds raised by the P&C go towards projects in the school such as the recent year 1 & 2 playground, iPads in the library, and Prep playground upgrade just to name a few.

If you would like to be involved and find out first hand what’s happening within the P&C, all are welcome at our next meeting on the 21st May at 7pm in the Library.

Tony Clark, President

Uniform Store
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.
Fleece jackets have arrived!
Vanessa Baird, Convenor
0433 325 452

Coffee Cart
Did you know we have beautiful home made CUPCAKES on Friday mornings? Thank you to Amanda Edwards for these delicious treats, and they are only $1.50 each. We will be open next Wednesday morning, May 21st for Fanfare. So don’t forget to grab a cuppa on your way in to watch our amazing students preform.

Tuckshop
Our Tuckshop is run by a convenor with as little as one volunteer some days, and as I am sure you can imagine we are very busy. Sometimes mistakes happen, and we apologise for when they do. This could be as little as the wrong drink being put into the children’s lunch bag or a missing packet of chicken wedges. Please make sure that your child knows if at anytime they don’t receive what they have ordered they should come to the tuckshop and we will correct it straight away. Normally if the child is missing the food item it is still at the tuckshop as we cook to order. Thanks for your understanding.

Volunteer Roster
Thu 15 May  Chris Zevenbergen, Jane Watkinson
Fri 16 May  Simone Howes, Angela Reid
Mon 19 May  Jodie Parker
Tue 20 May  Bianca Wyllie
Wed 21 May  Jenny Owen, Amy Martin
Thu 22 May  Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead

Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

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

Saturday 11 October, 2014
Community news

Roedean Choir Visit
The Ferny Grove community was treated to a concert by the world famous girls' choir from the Roedean school in Johannesburg, South Africa, on Friday night, May 2nd. The girls arrived on Thursday night, as part of a tour of Singapore and Australia, and were billeted with Ferny Grove SHS families overnight. After a workshop with our students on Friday, the choirs combined for a wonderfully stirring concert to a packed house on Friday night. It was a great opportunity for our students to hear, and perform with, a group renowned for their interpretation of traditional African choral music.

Twilight Expo
A reminder that our Twilight Expo/Open Day will be held next Wednesday 21 May from 3.00pm to 8.00pm. We are looking forward to welcoming Ferny Grove SS students and their families to our Expo, where you will be able to see and experience all that Ferny Grove SHS has to offer. There will be hourly information sessions, beginning at 3.30, about what it means to go to high school, and all Departments will be having interactive displays which you can join in – taking part in experiments in four science laboratories, trying out different media in the Art Department, testing bridge destruction in ITD, seeing our animals in the Agriculture display, fitness displays and so many more. Watch and listen to some of the travelling ensembles from our acclaimed Instrumental Music Program and The Arts Department. We’ll give you a program of all the events when you arrive at the school so you don’t miss any.

There will be food stalls including a barbeque, wood-fired pizza, cakes and drinks.

For mums, dads and carers, it will be the best opportunity to make enrolment interview bookings for your student for Year 7 or Year 8 next year. Simply go to Rooms S6 and S7 (a map will be provided) after you have attended one of our Information Sessions.

We look forward you seeing you next Wednesday.

Mark Breckenridge, Principal
Come and Try Tennis at Pure Tennis Ferny Hills!
This week, pupils in prep and grade one should have received an invitation to our Come and Try Tennis Week here at Pure Tennis Ferny Hills! Come and Try days will be held on Tuesday the 20th, Wednesday the 21st and Saturday the 24th of May. Children between the ages of 3 and 8 are welcome to join us for a free Teeny Tennis (ages 3 & 4) or Mini Tennis Red (ages 5 – 8) coaching lesson during this week. Racquets will be provided to those who do not have one. All new pupils who decide to sign up to a lesson will receive a free Hotshots Tennis racquet upon booking in for the term! Please phone on 3851 0444 by Saturday the 17th of May to book in for your free lesson or for more information!

MLC Tennis Hot Shots Inter Schools Challenge Cup
The Hot Shots Interschools Challenge Cup will commence on Saturday the 21st of June. This competition is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to represent their schools in tennis teams playing against six other local schools in the area. The competition, based on modified MLC Tennis Hot Shots is open to all children in grade two and three and will be run at Pure Tennis Ferny Hills over four Saturdays (21st of June, 28th of June, 19th of July, 26th of July). The Grand Finals will be held on Saturday 2nd of August at the Queensland Tennis Centre in Tennyson! All school teams will play on the Grand Finals day. Students in grades two and three should have brought home information on the competition as well as a registration form this week. Please contact Pure Tennis Ferny Hills on 3851 0444 if you did not receive one! Parental permission forms must be returned to the school office.

Pure Tennis Ferny Hills – 144 Samford Road, Ferny Hills.

Note: This is a privately run competition and has no association with the school except to group the children in teams by school.