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From the Principal

School Council Election
As stated in an earlier issue of our newsletter, the formation of an Independent Public School Council (IPS) is an important part of the process of IPS development. Having first sought nominations, we are now at the point of convening an election to determine elected parent representatives. These parents will pay an integral part in contributing to the vision and direction of the school over the next 3 years so it is important to consider what experience and skills they bring to the role. Thank you to the five parents who have nominated, namely;

John Darlington
Jessica De La Jara
Liz Kubler
Catherine Turton
Daryl Wilson

Four (4) parents will be elected to the council in an election to be held on Wednesday 28 May from 8am till 4pm. Parents will be invited to call in at the office and complete a ballot paper between these hours. A record of people voting will be maintained but actual votes will be secret ballot. Each person will vote for a total of four (4) parents. Mrs Evans in her role as returning officer will count the votes on Thursday morning with a result to be announced later that day. A similar election has been held for staff representatives with the following staff being elected to our council.

Kurt Bryant
Marg Frame
Damen Howard
Kim Kamholtz

A paragraph from each person who has nominated has been included later in this newsletter for your consideration.

Brett Shackleton
On parade
Our Early Years Assembly had Prue, a special visitor from the Commonwealth Bank who spoke to the students about school banking and rewards. We saw some Merit Awards for our Year, 3’s, Happy Grams for our Prep-Year 2’s and some Gotchas.

Our Middle Years Assembly saw the announcement of the students who will act as Principal (and Deputy Principal) for the Day on June 4. The lucky students will be Jade Kinshela as Principal, and Jessie Zevenbergen and Ruby Greenan as Deputy Principals. Congratulations on your successful applications. We also had Merit Awards to hand out and Gotchas too!

Gotchas! - these students were caught doing the right thing:

Daniel B - Prep W  Kayde R - 4JM
Max T - 1C  Callum B - 5O
Ivy W - 3B  Kiara K - 4A
Eliana S - 2C

Congratulations to our successful applicants for Principal and Deputy Principal for a Day!
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.

Confidentiality
It is wonderful to see so many parents helping in classrooms but please remember that a code of confidentiality applies. It is not appropriate to discuss individual students progress or abilities with anyone else.

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

Disco
Thursday 29 May sees our second disco for the year. Great new D.J.’s. Brand new disco lights and smoke machine. WARNING: lights may have strobe effects and smoke machine will be in operation.
Cost: $4 Prep -3, Time 5.30 – 6.30pm, $5 4 -7, Time 7.00 – 8.30pm
Venue: School hall
Purchase your tickets next week in the area in front of the Tuckshop before school.

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.

High school visit
Ferny Grove SHS brought their Roadshow to us on Monday with some choir performances and some past Ferny Grove State School students who shared their experiences since moving to High School at Ferny Grove.
Join with us for 2014

Walk Safely to School Day

- Teachers will leave with their designated group at the time indicated
- Please feel free to join the walking group anywhere along the route
- We will celebrate the walk and chaplaincy week with a FREE BREAKFAST once we arrive at school
- Route to follow – teachers please wait for groups preceding you so can all walk in together

Amy George, Eve Olton - 7.40a.m. – Cnr Bergin Road and Rinvole Street
Kim Kamholz, Cynthia Cash – 7.35a.m. – Cnr Lanite Road and Archdale Road
Tracey Paige – 7.30a.m. – Cnr Sekirk Cres and Greenock Place
Damen Howard – 7.35a.m. – Cnr Kinross Place and McGinn Road
Leanne Reid – 7.35a.m. McGregor Way opposite Teviot Close
Sarah Batch, Jen Mould, Garry Thompson – 7.40 a.m. Cnr Tramway Street and Samford Road
David Sandlands, Peter Wheeler – 7.35a.m. – Railway Station- Convallee Street
Gary Kirby – 7.30a.m. – Cnr Charleston Cres And Canvey Rd (roundabout)
Matt Kurth – 7.30a.m. Park Upper Kedron (Opposite St Andrews)
Rose Aulbi – 7.30a.m. Cnr Settlement Road and Samford Road

Great kids & families ✅ Great staff ✅ Great learning opportunities
Walk Safely to School Day
This Friday the 23rd of May is ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ Students can meet staff at designated meeting spots and walk safely to school. This will be followed by a ‘Healthy Breakfast’ provided by the P & C, Chaplaincy Committee and The Grove Community Church.

Information Evening
We are holding an Information Evening for any new families thinking of enrolling at Ferny Grove State School in 2015. This will be held in our school library on Tuesday the 27th of May at 6.15pm. This information session is not aimed specifically at Prep, but rather general information about our school. The Get Set for Prep dates will be held in October.

Under 8’s Day
The P-2 Under 8’s day will be held on Friday the 30th of May on the 3/4 oval during the morning session. Please ensure your child has a plastic bag to carry his/her completed ‘tressures’ in and that they are wearing sunscreen and a hat. Please come and join us for a fun filled morning of activities!

LOOM Bands
LOOM bands are not to be worn to school.

Jacki Schott, Deputy Principal

DEFENCE FAMILY
AFTERNOON

DATE
Wednesday 28th May
3:30pm to 4:30pm
In the School Hall

We would like to invite you to a Defence family afternoon with activities for the children run by representatives of Mates 4 Mates. The children will enjoy participating in Zuu which is a fun body weight activity simulating animal movements, wonderful for strength, flexibility and endurance, followed by relay races and a discussion about the benefits of healthy eating and exercise. Parents will have the opportunity to socialise and find out about the services Mates 4 Mates has to offer.

Please RSVP to Jessica or Liz (DSTAs) by Tuesday 27th May. You can email us on jdelia14@eq.edu.au or lhedd1@eq.edu.au
Please note children will not be able to participate without parental supervision.

Early years news

Discos!
Thursday, 29th May
School Discos in the Hall
Prep - Year 3 from 5.30 - 6.30pm $4
Years 4 - 7 from 7 - 8.30pm $5
Tickets on sale Mon-Thur next week
from 8am in the covered area in front of the Tuckshop

Year 2 Raw Art
As part of Chappy Week this year we had our annual teachers verse students games. The year 7 students were very keen to take on the teachers in a game of duster hockey. Although the students put up a good fight, in the end the teachers defeated the students 6 to 3. The students did however make a comeback and with great excitement managed to defeat the teachers in a game of ‘find the beach ball while blind folded’. Next term will be the year six students chance to take on the teachers again.

Eleisa Ironfield, Chaplain

Parent Nominations for Ballot on 28 May

**John Darlington** - husband of Heather, our son is in 4A. I hold graduate and post graduate qualifications in economics and agricultural economics respectively. I am currently working in the Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, in an intensive animal industries development role. The focus of this role is managing and facilitating the development and implementation of complex industry plans. Both in my current role and previous roles within Government I have been responsible for the review of statutory body legislation with a focus on board governance and reporting requirements. My experience and skills that are relevant to the School Council are in the areas of strategic planning, board governance, business planning and reporting accountabilities. In addition, to my work experience I have undertaken company director’s training relating to strategy, governance and finance.

**Jessica De la Jara** - I have been a member of the Ferny Grove State School community since 2008 and have two children currently enrolled at the school. I am a qualified teacher and have had the privilege of being welcomed into many classrooms as a volunteer, providing additional support for students during literacy and numeracy activities, as well as, teaching children songs in Spanish and Latin-American dancing in celebration of multiculturalism for Harmony day. I am also very fortunate to be working at FGSS in the role of Defence School Transition Aide since 2012. This role has taught me a great deal about the strength of the parents and children who face
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difficulties and issues that are unique to our Australian Defence Force families. I have great appreciation for the work and dedication of our teachers and staff, as well as an appreciation of issues faced by teachers and parents not only from a parent’s perspective, but also as a staff member.

**Liz Kubler** - I have two boys at FGSS, one in Grade 7 and one in Grade 4. I believe that I have the strategic skills required to perform this role due to my HR background at Queensland Rail. In this role I was exposed to strategic planning and change management. Over the last 9 years I have been involved with the FGSS P&C, firstly as Secretary for the Pre School committee, moving on to Secretary of FAST and then to hold the position of Secretary for the P&C for several years and finally as Vice President. These roles have allowed me to gain the skills required from an operational point of view, which in turn I believe can be put to use in a strategic point of view. For the past 4 years, I have represented our school as the P&C’s Qld Rep. This role has exposed me to many interesting topics and forums of various school issues. The experience I have gained through these positions will enable me to make informed decision of what is best for our school. Over our 9 years at FGSS we have seen many great changes and look forward to the future over the next two years when my youngest finishes and to see the changes that lie ahead in the future. We are very lucky to be part of such a great community that is Ferny Grove State School.

**Catherine Turton** - I’m a mother of 2 gorgeous girls, and a physiotherapist with Queensland Health. Since 1998, I’ve worked in a number of hospitals and in the community, in both New South Wales and Queensland. I currently work in aged care assessment, and relieve in a management role as needed. Since my children started kindy and then school, I’ve been involved in their P&Cs and fundraising, and volunteered in the classroom. Paid work and parenthood have taught me skills relevant to School Council such as listening, consultation, negotiation, dealing with different ‘styles’ and opinions, and of course patience.

**Daryl Wilson** - I have 3 sons, 2 of whom are currently at Ferny Grove SS. I have a background in business and property including qualifications in accounting and financial planning. I worked as an accountant helping small to medium businesses for many years. Since 1999 I have worked for Cromwell Property Group, and am currently their Chief Finance Officer. Cromwell is a property owner and investment manager and is listed on the stock exchange. I have been a member of the Board of Cromwell since 2001 and have experience in finance, property and funds management.

Year 2 excursion

Each year our Year 2 classes visit the LEGO Education Centre as part of their technology unit. Our students had a wonderful time and demonstrated the values of respect, responsibility, learning, effort and co-operation with their outstanding behaviour.
Sports Forum and Panel Discussion

**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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**Trivia Night**

Saturday, 24th May

6 pm for 6.30 pm start

$10 per person

Still taking table bookings for Saturday’s event - round up your friends and head to our hall for a great night out.

**BYO Nibbles. Drinks for sale. Lots of Raffle prizes.**

Table bookings can be made on your Flexischools account or via Vanessa on 0433 325 452.

*Come along and support your school!*  

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**Defence news**

**Catch Up Club**

All children have been welcome to join us for this week’s Catch up club activity giving our Defence students the opportunity to bring their friends and have lots of fun while being healthy and active.

Join us for chalk drawing at Catch up Club next week, near the Courtyard games area. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Jessica De la Jara and Liz Heddershaw*
**Important Dates**

**May**
- 21st P & C Meeting
- 7pm - Library
- 24th Trivia Night

**June**
- 3rd IMPS Meeting 8.50am
- 15th Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- 16th FAST Meeting 7 pm

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**Stationery Store**
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.

Charyl Cowles, Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

**Uniform Store**
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.

Vanessa Baird, Convenor
0433 325 452

**Coffee Cart**
Cooling down in the mornings! Warm yourself up from the inside with a great coffee or hot chocolate from our Coffee Cart.

**Tuckshop**

Volunteer Roster
- Thu 22 May   Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead
- Fri 23 May   Donna Basset, Marie Kinshela
- Mon 26 May   Tania Hyde
- Tue 27 May   Meg Leslie, Uli Esser
- Wed 28 May   Liz Kubler, Emma Ney
- Thu 29 May   Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday

Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

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**Festival—We need YOU!!!**

Time to set the wheels in motion for the Ferny Grove Festival being held on October 11. We need YOU!!

As you know, our Festival is a huge event, but many hands make light work and it is an opportunity to fundraise big money for the projects we would like to see at here at Ferny Grove SS. I am looking for convenors for the following stalls/aspects of our Festival. Most year levels take ownership of a stall so feel free to claim any of these for your own! Finding a friend to work with makes it twice as much fun or half the work – our year 3 book stall has 4 convenors!

Co-convenor – I know it sounds daunting but it is another set of hands to help me so please consider!! Even 2 would be great!

- Facepainting - Yr 1 Fiona Judd
- Cakes – Yr 4 Fiona Deegan
- Lollies – Yr 2 Katrina Collins
- Books – Year 3 Shona Wilson and crew
- Show Bags
- Novelties
- Sideshow Alley
- Craft Stall
- Logistics Crew - for the heavy lifting - pack up and set up
- Marketing Assistant
- Entertainment Coordinator/s
- Silent Auction
- BBQ
- Drinks
- Food Stall coordinator

Community Showcase coordinator – liaising with our local sporting clubs and not-for-profits to have stalls on day

Last year we ran Hot Chips and Strawberry Sundaes – while labour intensive they make good profits so anyone who is interested in these let me know.

I am also open to any ideas you might have for new stalls, keeping in mind that the event takes a huge volunteer load. If you want to suggest something, please consider if you would be willing to run that stall. Food stalls are great profit for us but they are volunteer intensive, however if you are keen we can discuss. Some other ideas we thought of include jams and preserves – could be separate or work with cake stall if anyone wants to champion this one. Also have had plant stall and white elephant/trash and treasure in past although the latter often ends up with lots of leftover trash – again if someone is keen this can make great money.

It is really just one big day out in the year – I try to minimise the meetings leading up to it, but will work with you to make your stall/area a success and ask you to meet as a group when needed!!

If you can help, please contact me at vbair4@eq.edu.au or 0433325452 or drop by the library and see me - I am there most days.

Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer

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**Saturday 11 October, 2014**
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.

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

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

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