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From the Principal

**Newsletter Publication Frequency**

From the commencement of next week we will be moving to a fortnightly newsletter. Since we have upgraded both the quality and size of our newsletter it has become apparent that for many people one newsletter blends into another. Our improved production values have also made it a far more readable and informative document but also quite labour intensive. Accordingly, we will publish a newsletter on the 14th August and then fortnightly from there. This will also ensure our newsletter and the Ferny Grove High newsletter are published in different weeks. Everything else about the newsletter will remain the same. If there are urgent reminders or messages we will use the email distribution list, Facebook, Q Schools or our website to inform parents.

**Celebrating Success**

There is so much to be proud of in our community.

Did you know?

- Our athletes performed with distinction at the District athletics carnival last week.
- Our Senior Netball team won the regional championship for the first time in 20 years (coached superbly by Mrs Worthington).
- Eight students were presented with Student of the Month certificates on Monday.
- A group of students manage all our audio visual for events such as parade, discos etc. (with Mr Bryant’s coaching of course).
- Mrs Read (Wendy) has just got back from managing the Australian Orienteering team at the world championships in Italy (tough job she tells me).
- Mrs Begg has just returned from a trip to Canada.
- Mrs Reid makes sure our student council is the most active and real example of student leadership I have seen. (How good are the discos?)
- Two of our parents are heading off to Humani with our good friend Michael Jeh next term, thereby further enhancing the closeness of our relationship with a school less fortunate than ours, on the other side of the world. Connecting our community to a worldwide problem that we can play a part in solving.
- Our P and C President Tony Clark has been responsible for so many of the facilities upgrades over the last 12 months with more to come. We couldn’t do it without him.
- Our teachers are about to commence judging for the talent quest. So many staff giving up lunch breaks to allow students to have a real go at performing.
- Enrolment interviews for Prep in 2015 have commenced. This year you could be lucky enough to be interviewed by Mrs Schott, Mrs Evans or Mr Shackleton (lucky dip I’m afraid)
- Expressive Arts week is coming up in week 9 (8-12 August)
- Mr Rogers was a ‘real’ scientist before becoming a teacher at FGSS.

So much to celebrate!

Brett Shackleton
On parade

Monday was Student of the Month parade, with a stirring performance by our Senior Strings. We also congratulated our Senior A netballers who won their Regional carnival. Congratulations to the Students of the Month for August:

- Caden S. Prep W
- Tyler C. 1K
- Amelia N. 2NS
- India B. 3PR
- Charlie L. 4M
- Chloe T. 5O
- Ayden M. 6T
- Aom N. 7H

Early Years Assembly

Lots of happy faces at Early Years Assembly last Friday, as we handed out merit awards and Happy grams. We also handed out certificates for the year 2’s who “ran around Queensland”.
General News

Netball Win
Congratulations to our Senior A Netball team and their coach Mrs Worthington for their magnificent efforts and success at the recent regional carnival. Initially our girls won the weekly Friday afternoon North West District Competition held throughout Terms 1 and 2. The girls, plus their coach, Cathy Worthington, and umpire, Jen Mould, attended the Regional Schools competition at Bray Park on 1 August. The girls played brilliantly throughout the day under the guidance of their coach and were undefeated in each of their five games. For the first time in twenty years our Senior Girls returned as the successful winners of the Brisbane North Metropolitan Netball Championships. Well done girls and Mrs Worthington. Thank you to Ms Mould for umpiring the entire day.

Summer Sport
Summer Sport commences this Friday. The following sports have been offered to the children - Touch Football, AFL, Diamond Cricket, T-Ball and Beach Volleyball. Children have received permission forms and information sheets. Permission forms are to be immediately returned to coaches to ensure children have permission to travel on Friday. Payment of $70 is to be made by Thursday 14th August.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

School Banking Update
Banking day is THURSDAY. Bring your deposit book to the office by 8:30 or send through the class by 9:30. Every deposit gets a token (limit one per day) and every 10 tokens gets a reward. New rewards available this term are a swimming bag and a tin moneybox (with removable lid). Still all rewards from Term 1 and 2 and some from last year (wallet, handball, torches (with replaceable animal lenses), keyrings, pencil case, scented pencils etc). To redeem reward, just send in 10 tokens and complete a rewards card (or send in a note) and we will order and send with bank book the following week. Please complete deposit slip AND STUB.
New bankers always welcome – just need a Youth Saver account and send it along. Watch the savings grow and earn some cool prizes for you while raising some funds for the school ($5 given to school for each new banker). New bankers can be 0-12yrs. Any questions phone 0437266530.
Another successful Ferny Grove disco with a super night had by all. It was great to see the students enjoying the equipment bought by Student Council including the smoke machine and groovy lighting. Student Council raised over $2700 from the night. A big thank-you to all the staff who supervised the evening and to Mrs Reid, Mr Bryant and our AV crew for all their hard work behind the scenes.
Meet & Make is meeting this Friday to make jewellery for the craft stall at the school Festival. Come along for a great morning of crafting, coffee, cake and chatting. Children welcome. Please RSVP to attend. RSVP to Jenny – jennyowen@aanet.com.au or 0403 367 936.

Early years news

Deputy Principal Award
Congratulations to Tara F. who received the Deputy Principal award last week on Assembly. Tara was nominated by her class teacher for always completing set tasks with a smile on her face. Keep up the great work Tara.  

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

Instrumental music news

Smart Music Parent Session
Woodwind and brass parents are invited to an information session Thursday 7th in the tutor room (behind the hall) commencing at 6:30pm. Smart Music is an interactive, fun software package which encourages children to improve their instrumental skills through practice. Tomorrow night’s session will only run for an hour and Rhonda Haringcaspel and John Grainger will be available to explain how the program works.

Intermediate Music Camp
Eighteen children will be attending the Cluster Intermediate Music camp on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th August. Children are required to arrive at Mitchelton State School at 8:30 am on both days and depart Tuesday at 2:30pm. Children may be dropped off at Turnbull Street (behind the primary school). On Thursday parents are entertained with a concert from 2 – 3pm in the Mitchelton State High School Hall. School uniform, hat, morning tea and lunch are required both days along with instrument, spare reeds, roisin, strings etc, tutor book, pencil and eraser. The goal for this camp is to re-enthuse and nurture our budding instrumental students.

Parade Performances
Senior Strings will be performing on parade on the following Mondays.  
Monday 11 August No performance uniform required  
Monday 18 August No performance uniform required  
Monday 25 August Performance uniform required (Welcome Japanese Students Parade)  
Children are asked to meet Mrs Haringcaspel at the hall on Monday 11 August at 8:30am to setup for parade as Mrs Seneviratne is conducting Patricks Road at The Brisbane Exhibition.

Exhibition Week Instrumental Music Lessons
No strings lessons or rehearsals on Monday (11th) and Thursday(14th) due to Mrs Seneviratne’s absence on Monday and involvement at Intermediate Camp on Thursday. No percussion lessons and rehearsal on Tuesday (12th) due to Mrs Savage’s commitment to Intermediate Music Camp. No brass lessons or Junior Band rehearsal on Wednesday (13th) due to Show Holiday.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
**Library news**

**Guess the Character Competition**
Congratulations to Dillon for winning the final “Guess the Character Competition”. He successfully guessed the final character, Captain America and won a $20 gift voucher to spend on Book Club. Thank-you to Leisa Hedges for volunteering her time and talent to paint the four superhero portraits in our library.

**Book week**
Book week is coming up and we will be having a no cost free dress day to help celebrate such an exciting week. The free dress day will be on Tuesday 19 August and students are encouraged to dress up as a book character. Start thinking about what you would like to dress up as - use your imagination!

**Camera Club**
Mr Bryant is currently auditioning students in years 4 & 5 to be part of the Camera Club. There will be 6 successful students who will be given the opportunity to be part of a training program that will run one lunch time a week. Students will learn how to use a DSLR in manual mode and will learn about shutter speed, aperture, ISO as well as shooting in RAW and post processing of images. Students will be shooting alongside Mr Bryant at events.

**Humani news**

It was so amazing to see our families throwing their support behind our sister school Humani and other Barefoot Projects at the Disco Sausage Sizzle last Thursday. The sausage sizzle raised $600 to provide food for an orphanage in South Africa that houses 15 children who are victims of human trafficking, Uthando House. Mums Shona Wilson and Vanessa Baird will be helping to deliver the truckload of food when they head to South Africa and Zimbabwe in October with Michael Jeh. We have also just bought blankets to keep them warm in what is currently their winter, and have parent and staff volunteers who are making and donating quilts that will be given to the orphans for them to keep as their own. We are also planning to take 400 pairs of thongs so the families of Humani will be Barefoot in Africa no more! Thanks to your generosity (donations and loom bracelet sales) we raised over $300 towards the cost of our thongs. A big thank-you to all the families (and teacher Katrina Peall) who helped with the sausage sizzle.

- Great kids & families
- Great staff
- Great learning opportunities
P & C news

**Important Dates**
August
11th FAST Meeting 7pm
Library
20th P & C Meeting 7pm
Library

**Coffee Cart**
The coffee cart will be open this Saturday for the My Favourite Things Boutique Market from 12-5pm. Come on down and get your fix!

Just a reminder to our lovely hot chocolate kids, the school has asked that we DO NOT sell to students after 8:30 as this doesn’t allow you enough time to finish your drink before class starts. So you don’t miss out, please be in line by 8:25.

Thanks to everyone for your custom, we are so close to reaching our $10 000 goal for "Beans for Books".

**Stationery & Uniform Store**
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.
$5 Bargain Boxes - purchase as is - rugby shorts, skorts, polos, striped shirts, winter items and more.
*Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor*
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

**Tuckshop**
We need your help again. We currently are looking for two people to go onto our roster for tuckshop, for a Wednesday and a Friday. **This roster is only one day a month** and it is from drop off of children to approximately 12pm. If anyone can help us out please drop in to see Julie or Kellee at the tuckshop or email us at tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au.

As we get busier at the tuckshop, having two volunteers is a requirement to run the tuckshop efficiently.

Just remember, your kids love seeing you there and it is a great way to meet new people. Also if you volunteer you can stop and get a free coffee from our coffee cart on the day you volunteer.

**Volunteer Roster**
Thu 7 August    Chris Zevenbergen, Jane Watkinson
Fri 8 August    Simone Howes, Angela Reid
Mon 11 August  Jodie Parker
Tue 12 August  Bianca Wylie
Wed 13 August  PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Thu 14 August  Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead

**Uniform Store Convenor**
The Ferny Grove State School P & C Association has a vacancy for a paid part-time Uniform Store Convenor.

The Convenor is responsible for the successful management and operation of the FGSS Uniform Store. The position involves 2 x 3 hr shifts weekly, with increased hours during end of year and back to school times which are the busiest times for this P & C Business. Current days of operation are Monday and Friday, but there is a possibility that a late afternoon shift may be introduced.

The Convenor’s major responsibilities include stock management and ordering, customer service and processing of second-hand uniforms. This is a key position in our school as it is, in many cases, one of the first points of contact for new families.

For a position description and key criteria, please contact our P & C Business Operations Manager, Jodee Harris at fgsspc@bigpond.net.au.

**Closing date for applications is Monday, 11 August by 5pm.**
**MY FAVOURITE THINGS**

**BOUTIQUE MARKET**

Second Saturday of each month
12 - 5 pm
Next Market Saturday, August 9th
Ferny Grove State School Hall
Cnr McGinn and Archdale Roads
Enquiries to Vanessa on 0433 325 452
facebook.com/myfavouritethingsmarket

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**UNIFORM FIT OUTS – YEAR 7 & 8’s 2015**

Uniform Store & Second-Hand Uniform Store
Normal trading hours 8.00am – 9.00am Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri

Extended trading hours for December 2014 and January 2015 along with an updated price list will be sent out with the stationery order forms in November 2014.

**SAVE TIME**

**BE ORGANISED AVOID QUEUING IN DECEMBER/JANUARY**

Phone Melissa or Christine on 3550 5792 to make an appointment or email uniforms@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au

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You must bring your child with you to the allocated appointment.

Please allow 30 minutes for the appointment. Uniform items will need to be purchased at the time of the appointment.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A WAIT IF AN APPOINTMENT HAS NOT BEEN SCHEDULED.**
Visit from Japanese Students

On Saturday 26 July, 25 students from Aichi Kogyu School returned to visit us with their teachers Mr Kiyoshi Matsumoto and Mr Shinya Ito. It was a return trip for Mr Matsumoto and two of the students. Students ranged in age from 13 – 16 years and this year the group included six girls. Whilst the students were in Brisbane they enjoyed a trip to Maroochydore for a surfing lesson, were visited by “Geckoes Wildlife”, visited City Hall and had free time to shop in the City.

Fortunately for the visitors, one of our farm ewes had given birth and the new lamb was a highlight for them. The Japanese students have been attending classes with their buddies and engaging in a variety of activities including learning to play the Indonesian gamelan. The students will be departing tomorrow.

Gala Concert Series

Tickets for our Gala Concerts to be held on Thursday 21, Friday 22 and Saturday 23 August are now on sale from the school office. The concerts showcase the talent of our senior ensembles from the Instrumental and Choral Music Department and are always very popular, so get in quickly for your tickets. Adults $35, Concession $25. The concerts commence at 7pm.

Entertainment Books

Our Prep Committee is still selling Entertainment Books with lots of excellent deals to save money on restaurants and attractions all over South East Queensland. Hurry—nearly sold out!

Pure Tennis

Free Come & Try Hot Shots Tennis Week at Pure Tennis Ferny Hills – Ages 8 – 12!!!

Pure Tennis Ferny Hills will be holding free Come & Try days for kids aged 8 to 12 from Monday the 11th to Saturday the 16th of August! Perfect for those who have never tried tennis before as well as kids wanting to pick up the sport again! Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoon as well as Saturday morning sessions are available. Please phone (07) 3851 0444 to confirm lesson times & to book in for your free trial by Friday the 8th of August. All new sign-ons receive a free Hot Shots tennis racquet to keep! Flyers will be going out to Grades 3 – 7 this week – keep your eyes out!

Pure Tennis Ferny Hills Colouring-In Competition – Open to Pupils in Prep-Yr 2!

Pure Tennis Ferny Hills will be hosting a Colouring-In Competition for pupils in prep to grade two! A Winner and Runner Up will be selected from each grade...

Each Winner will receive a free term of group coaching at the centre as well as a Hot Shots tennis racquet (total value - $220) and each Runner Up will receive a lunch box & water bottle! Make sure you grab an entry form from your teacher this week and return your entry by Friday the 15th of August to enter.

Pure Tennis Ferny Hills, 144 Samford Road, Ferny Hills 4055
proshop@fernyhillstennis.com.au