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**Thursday Sept 4**
- 7.20am String Ensemble
- Father’s Day Stall
- Year 3 Raw Art
- Student Council visit to Regis Aged Care
- 6pm Farewell Dinner for Japanese Students

**Friday Sept 5**
- Summer Sport
- NO Early Years Assembly

**Monday Sept 8**
- 7.30am Senior Band
- 8.50 Middle Years Assembly
- Expressive Arts Week begins
- Opera Q
- 7pm Fundraising & Social Team Meeting

**Tuesday Sept 9**
- 7.30am Percussion
- 8am Year 1 Reading
- Opera Q
- Year 1 Stargazing Night

**Wednesday Sept 10**
- 7.30am Junior Band
- Free Dress Day - Gold Coin donation for Human

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**From the Principal**

**Welcome to Our Japanese Students**

Sixteen students from Ritsumeikan Uji Junior High were welcomed at Monday’s assembly. The students are visiting our school for the next two weeks. During this time they will be participating in an intensive English language program, visiting our Prep – Year 7 classrooms and taking part in every day lessons and playtime pursuits. Such cultural exchanges enrich students’ educational experiences and we warmly welcome our visitors.

**Instrumental Music Changes**

From the start of 2015, to coincide with Year 7 going to the high school changes will be made to the Instrumental Music program. Expansion will see Years 4 students involved in the brass, woodwind and percussion programs. Children from Years 4 and 5 will make up the increased beginner numbers. Hence in 2015 we will see double the number of beginners commencing the program. As we lose both Years 6 and 7 students at the end of this year a smaller senior band will comprise of only Year 6 students throughout 2015. The strings program will remain the same with children commencing in Year 3 as in previous years. Education Queensland’s decision to expand the program, thus including Year 4 students, has been welcomed as the importance and quality of our instrumental music program is evidenced through the children’s commitment to their musical education. Learning a musical instrument not only teaches children skills and knowledge but also builds pride and confidence and is an immensely satisfying challenge.

**NAPLAN Results**

Years 3, 5 and 7 students took their individual NAPLAN results home on Monday. As was emphasised to the children these test results are not cumulative and only capture a snapshot of their individual abilities. However, collectively these results assist the teaching staff and administrators to analyse current teaching practice and program strengths and shortcomings and inform future actions. Only one copy of each child’s report was sent to the school so please check your child’s bag if you haven’t received the results.

Don’t forget Michelle Mitchell’s parent presentation “Conquering Social Media” next Wednesday, September 2nd from 7pm in the library. All parents are welcome.

Belinda Evans, A/Principal


Ferny happenings

On parade

This week on Middle Years Assembly we celebrated the arrival of our visiting Japanese students. Our String Ensemble entertained us and we handed out some well deserved merit awards. Gotchas were awarded to:

Simon M 7T     Ella B 6T     Cody C 5G
Hailee E 5F     Breeanna D 4M   Colette W 6T

Our Japanese students have spent a few days now at Ferny Grove State School. They have a great group of buddies that have been helping them out and many of the students are being hosted by Ferny Grove SS families. Your child may have come home and talked about the students visiting their class this week. They will be here until Friday next week and we hope they enjoy the rest of their stay!

Early Years Assembly

Merit awards, Happy grams and Year 2 “Run around Queensland” certificates were handed out recently at Early Years assembly. Once again our Year 3 students are doing an excellent job of presenting all the announcements on Early Years Assembly.
Conquering Social Media — Parent Talk
Michelle Mitchell will be presenting a Parent information night on Wednesday September 3rd. She will briefly outline the Sexual Health lessons she will be conducting with students in years 5, 6 and 7. The focus of the evening will be Conquering Social Media. Cyber bullying and risky online behaviour will be covered. The session will be held in the library 7.00pm-8.00pm and parents from ALL year levels are encouraged to attend. The increasing use of technology in everyday life means this is relevant for all of us.

Expressive Arts Showcase
A reminder that it’s only 2 weeks until our Expressive Arts Showcase to be held Thursday 11 September. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the wonderful things our music students have been working on this year, as well as an eclectic display of student art in the hall.

Parents of students performing would have received a note home last week containing all the important information for the night. Spares available in the office foyer.

This week year 5 parents will be receiving their information about the year 5 dance performance for Showcase. Year 5 dance performers need to arrive at 5.50pm and all other groups including senior and junior choirs, strings, junior band and senior band need to arrive at 6.15 please.

Helen Dean, A/Deputy Principal

Father’s Day Stall
The Father’s Day Stall will be held in the Hall on Thursday, 4 September, 2014

All classes will be visiting the stall during the day. All students will have the opportunity to buy something for their Dad, Carer or special someone.

You can send cash (on the day) or pre-purchase a $5 or $10 voucher through Flexischools (www.flexischools.com.au).

Prices range from $2 to $10. Don’t forget to bring a bag to hide your special surprise on the day.

Helpers are also required to assist on the Stall during the day. If you are able to help out all day (or even for an hour), please contact Katrina on 0423 856 804 or davidntrinabb@dodo.com.au.

FAST Committee

Humani Free Dress Day
Wednesday September 10 will be our next Student Council free dress day - all students who don’t wear uniform that day will need to bring a gold coin donation. This time the proceeds will go to our sister school Humani. It’s very exciting as Michael Jeh and two of our Ferny Grove mums, Shona Wilson and Vanessa Baird will be visiting Humani in October to deliver the funds we raise and buy the things that Humani school needs. We are also working on a project where our Student Councillors will record questions that students in their classes have come up with about life in Humani and Africa. Vanessa and Shona will ask the kids in Humani and bring back their answers on video.
Early years news

**Talent Quest**
Congratulations to all of the students who have auditioned for the Talent Quest. Heats conclude this Thursday and the final will be held at 9am on Friday the 12th of September. Good luck to all.

**Prep Enrolments**
We are currently in our 4th week of 2015 Prep Interviews. This interview block will conclude on Friday the 5th of September. Interviews are able to be booked online, follow the link on our website. Children born 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 are eligible for Prep in 2015.

**Read Out Program**
Currently 20 Year 11 Ferny Grove High School students are receiving training in the ‘Read Out’ Program. This is a volunteer student initiative between Ferny Grove State High School and Ferny Grove State School. The Read Out is a book sharing session where the year 11 students and Prep students work together on a one-to-one basis to enjoy books. The aim of this strategy is to help Prep students become friends with books. This program is very valued at Ferny Grove and we believe it contributes to the reading development of our Prep students in their first year at school.

**Gotchas!**
These students were caught doing the right thing and received these on parade last Friday.
Brodie M 2NS
Curtis Mc 2C
Taleisha D 3B
Jacob C 1VH

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

Defence news

**Defence Parents**

**Coffee and Craft Morning**

All FGSS parents are invited to join us for craft and morning tea in preparation for our school festival.

**Dates**
When: Wednesday mornings starting 20th August until 16th September.
Time: 9am to 11am
Where: DSTA room in C Block. Access via the back stairs near the 1/2 playground.

Please join us in creating some fun craft items. No experience necessary.
We also have a special request for materials. We are in need of glass jars of all sizes (with or without lids), shampoo, conditioner plastic bottles and other plastic beauty containers with removable labels.
Festival news

Saturday 11 October, 2014

6 weeks to go!!!

On the countdown to our biggest family day of the year! We need everybody’s help to make it a huge success. Put it in your diary now. Think about what you can donate and think about volunteering an hour of your time - if everyone family gives an hour it will be a huge success!

Armbands

Our ride armbands are now available at www.flexischools.com.au. Order form will go home later in the week for those who choose not to pay online.

Raffle

Our major raffle prize this year is a family trip to Fiji, with other great prizes like a 12 month Jetts gym membership and a kid’s bike. Tickets will come home in a couple of weeks. Tickets are $3 each and each family will get a book of 10 tickets to sell. Raffle ticket opt out forms will also be going out this week.

Donation Stations

Next week is the Donation Station for Cake and Lolly stall pledges. Get your bake on!! We are looking for all of your scrumptious specialties. Cakes, biscuits, slices, fudge, coconut ice, toffee, jams and preserves! Pledge to make something—keep an eye out for the pink form going home on Friday!

We are still taking donations for the following:

Plant Stall
Please bring any cuttings, seedling trays, potting mix, seeds and any plants from your garden that you would like to donate. We are also searching for old leather or rubber boots to make some funky Planters, and if by chance you have any old ride on mower tires or tires of that size we would love them. Donations can be left outside the Greenhouse near Mr Church’s shed.

Treasure Trove
This year more than a book stall! The Treasure Trove will have books, CDs*, DVDs*, Puzzles**, iPod covers, phone covers and quality toys (no stuffed toys, broken toys or McDonalds toys. Please use common sense on what can be sold)

*please ensure that CD’s & DVD’s are in good working order (no scratches).

**please ensure puzzles have no missing pieces & supply in packaging or a zip lock bag if possible.

They can be dropped at Uniform/Stationery Store on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8.30am till Noon.

Dress up stall
OSHC is seeking any hats, scarves, jewellery, handbags and costumes that are cluttering up your cupboards. Bring to Helping Hands!

Craft Stall
Looking for any of you crafty critters who are making goodies at home that we can sell at our handmade craft stall. Drop finished product to the Uniform/Stationery Store on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 8.30am till Noon. Have a look below at what the fabulous Jenny and her helpers have been working on.
Success committee

After consultation with the Ferny Grove State School P & C, a subcommittee has been formed, the “Success Committee” which will focus on fundraising for resources and offering support for both the Special Education and Learning Support areas here at Ferny Grove. This first meeting of the subcommittee will be on Wednesday, 10 September at 7 pm in the library and all parents of students who are working with our Special Education or Learning Support teams are welcome to attend. After their initial approach to the P & C, Jodi Keddie has been appointed as the Chairperson and Carrissa Ahern as the Secretary.

One of the first projects of the Success team is making bags with rice and corn in them which can be used as lap weights for children with identified sensory issues. We have a parent willing to sew but need donations of plain rice and popcorn kernels to fill the bags. Any donations can be left at the Special Education Unit.

There are also plans to pool knowledge of resources for the mutual benefit of all in the committee. If you would like to be involved, or have any suggestions please email the Success committee at success4102@gmail.com.

Ferny Happenings

Maths Tournament

On Monday, 20 students from Year 6 and 7 attended the 2014 Maths Tournament, which was held at Albany Hills SS. After a month of regular practice sessions the teams performed well and did our school proud. A high level of teamwork and creative problem solving skills were required to navigate the maze of questions in the Team Event and Relay Event.

Our participation wouldn’t have been possible without the help of several parent helpers who transported the students and acted as team supervisors. We appreciate you giving of your valuable time.

If mathematical problem solving is an area you enjoy working in this might be an activity for you in 2015!

Damen Howard (Coordinator)

Prep readout

We are very lucky to have an amazing group of Ferny Grove SHS students who volunteer on their Study Day to read with our Prep students. Today we introduced a new batch of Year 11 volunteers to the program and thanked our outgoing Year 12 volunteers who have done an amazing job!
Book week

Well what a hoot! Book Week 2014 saw activities galore in our library, while an amazing day of dress-ups gave our kids a great opportunity to share their favourite book character. Congratulations to the kids (and parents and teachers) who went to so much effort.

Year 2 botanic gardens excursion

Year 2 enjoyed an excursion last week to the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens where they explored all kinds of fauna and flora and discussed animal lifecycles.
Important Dates
August
26th IMPS Meeting 8.50am
Staff Room
September
8th Fundraising & Social Team (FAST) meeting 7pm
Library

Coffee Cart
HELP NEEDED, due to changes in the personal circumstances of some of our volunteers we are once again putting out the call for new helpers. As we are such a small group it only takes 1 person unable to help and we struggle to open the cart for you everyday.

Volunteering on the coffee cart is a fun way to help out around the school, and as we are solely run by volunteers ALL the money raised goes back into the school for our kids benefit. So far this year that money is close to $9000 which has been used to buy new books, readers and bookshelves. You don’t need any skills, we can easily teach you all you need to know, but trained baristas very welcome also. We will also not leave you alone till you feel comfortable. Can you or someone you know help? If so please respond to this message, private message us, call in and chat or call Yvette on 0409317553.

Oh and I forgot to mention Volunteers get FREE coffee!

Stationery & Uniform Store
Open Monday and Friday 8-9am.
We would like to welcome our new Uniform Store Convenor, Madonna Morton. Please be gentle with her as she learns the ropes!

Cheryl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)

Tuckshop
TUCKSHOP HELPERS!
We are desperately seeking volunteers for our Tuckshop on two Fridays of the month (our busiest day) and a Wednesday shift. We are very lucky to be able to offer Tuckshop 5 days a week. Without some extra help we will need to review the opening days. You only need to help once a month from drop off time until noon. If you can make sandwiches you can help! If you can help please see Julie or Kellee at the Tuckshop or email us at tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au.

Volunteer Roster
Thu 28 August  Heather Darlington, Devi Ajjarapu
Fri 29 August    Kate Newnham, VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Mon 1 September Jodie Bates
Tue 2 September  Carolyn Giddens, Anne Flanagan
Wed 3 September  Cheryl Gray, Danielle Fleming
Thu 4 September  Chris Zevenbergen, Jane Watkinson
Fri 5 September  Simone Howes, Angela Reid
Mon 8 September  Jodie Parker
Tue 9 September  Bianca Wyllie
Wed 10 Sept      Jenny Owen, Amy Martin
Thu 11 Sept      Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead

Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

Second Saturday of each month
12 - 5 pm
Next Market Saturday, September 13th
Ferny Grove State School Hall
Cnr McGinn and Archdale Roads
Enquiries to Vanessa on 0433 325 452
facebook.com/myfavouritethingsmarket

Deadline for inclusion in the Ferny Grove News is 12 Noon on Mondays. Email to newsflash@fernygroves.eq.edu.au. It is emailed every Wednesday. If you are not receiving it please advise your updated email details to the above address.
**Community news**

**Enrolments for 2015**
The school will be holding a further round of enrolment interviews for 2015 on Tuesday afternoon, 09 September. Please contact the office on 3550 5777 if you would like to make an appointment. If you are unable to make it on that day, we will continue to conduct interviews either before or after school as required.

**District Athletics Champions**
Congratulations to our Boys’ and Girls’ District Athletics teams, who are now District Champions for 2014. Over 120 Ferny Grove SHS students competed in the Carnival, which was held at the University of Queensland. Special mention to our age champions Aiden, Julia and Jacob on superb individual efforts. (+ photo). Selected students will now go on to compete in the Regional competition on 26 August. Best of luck, all!

**ANZAC research**
We are looking at constructing an ANZAC Walk at Ferny Grove State High School which we hope to dedicate to pioneers or family members of pioneers of our local area who may have served in the armed forces during WW1. We understand there are still descendants of the original inhabitants living in the area and we would like to make contact with anyone who may be able to help us with any information. Our object is to locate the names of 6 to 8 service people, along with a short history of their involvement in the war, to whom we can dedicate this memorial. If you are able to help, please contact Elaine Newrick - Ph 3550 5812 or email enewr2@eq.edu.au. Thank you.

**Uniform fitouts**
Please don’t forget that if you need uniforms at Ferny Grove SHS for Year 7 & 8 next year you will need to book a fitout appointment with Melissa or Christine on 3550 5792 or email uniforms@fernygroveshs.eq.edu.au.

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**Zumba® Fitness with Wendy**

**Charity Event**

**Tuesday 9th September 2014**

- **Sign in from 6:35pm Class starts 7:00pm to 8:00pm**
- **Patricks Road State School Hall 238-256 Patricks Road, Ferny Hills**
- **Cost: $10, Cash only, sorry NO eftpos**
- **Ph: 0419 728 151 for enquiries**

On October 18th this year, Shona Wilson and Vanessa Baird, two parents from Ferny Grove State School, will be embarking on a very special trip to Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Over the 14 days they will spend time with locals & help at the school in the village of Humani in Zimbabwe, participating in anti-poaching activities & visit an orphanage for children who are victims of human-trafficking in South Africa.

Humani is greatly supported by our local community here at Ferny Grove, but there is always a need for more — medicines, footwear etc. The most heartbreaking is the orphanage, in South Africa. They are in desperate need of bedding (mattresses), food and gas. It’s impossible to physically take everything over, but money raised can be used to purchase the items needed over there.

I am asking for your support. Profits from this Zumba class will be donated to the ladies & this great cause. There is a rumour that Michael Jeh will be doing Zumba too on the night!

There will be some great raffles on the night and tickets are $2 each.
**FERNY HILLS AND DISTRICTS**
**Swim Club**
At the Ferny Hills Pool
Sign on days:
Monday 1st September from 3pm
Friday 5th September from 3pm-5:30 pm

Come along and join our Swim Club. We guarantee great social nights out with your children in a friendly and safe environment at our Club Nights while the kids brush up on their swimming skills and meet up with old friends and make new ones. **Children aged 7 years old & under join the club for free**

For more information on joining our club or if you would like to come try out a club night first please phone Leonie on 0414965613 or check out our website [http://www.fhdsc.org/](http://www.fhdsc.org/)

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**School holiday fun**

**Mitchelton Library**

**Great paper plane race**
Be part of the great paper plane race. Ideal for children aged six years and older.
**Tuesday 23 Sept 10.30-11.30am**

**Lego activity centre**
Construct a work of art using Lego and your imagination. Ideal for those aged 8-18 years.
**Wednesday 24 Sept 2-4pm**

**Pirate treasure hunt**
What exciting things can be found in Mitchelton Library? Join us for a swash buckling adventure of library discovery.
**Thursday 25 Sept 2-3pm**

**Decorate a library bag**
Come along to the Mitchelton Library and design a unique bag.
**Tuesday 30 Sept 10.30-11.30am**

**Spring flower craft**
Learn to make simple paper flowers. Take home your own bouquet in your handmade vase. Ideal for children aged 5-10 years.
**Thursday 2 Oct 1.30-2.30pm**

**Holiday maker spaces**
Friday 26 September and 3 October 2-4pm
* Bookings essential.

Call Mitchelton Library on (07) 3403 7410 for more information.

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**Free dental check-ups and treatment available now!**

Regular dental check-ups and early preventive care are an important part of good oral health.

The Dental Van is not currently at your school but Metro North Oral Health Services are offering your child an additional dental check-up between visits. Your child will also receive additional appointments if any treatment is needed – all free of charge!

This offer of care is an opportunity to provide your child with more timely access to public dental care and we also now have the ability to offer more regular recalls for children who attend our service. So if it has been more than six months since your child’s last check-up ring us up now.

Call 1300 300 850 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and our friendly staff will arrange an appointment for you at one of our school-based dental facilities.

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**2014/15 Summer Season**

**Hills District PCYC**

- **Friday** afternoons from 5.00pm
- **13/14 yrs** competition
- **$48** weekly match fee
- **%$48 one-off team nomination fee**

**Football Queensland**

- **Friday** afternoons from 5.45pm
- **11/12 yrs** competition
- **$48 weekly match fee**

**Futsal**

- **Sunday** mornings from 8.30am
- **9/10 yrs** competition
- **$48 weekly match fee**

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