Ferny Grove State School

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From the Principal

FESTIVAL: THIS SATURDAY. A NOT TO BE MISSED EVENT. BE THERE!!

Term 4 is always such a busy time for students and staff. It is a time when we seek to consolidate their learning and ensure they are making progress across a range of areas. This year is particularly significant for Ferny Grove State School as we farewell both our Year 6 and 7 students after more than a century of Year 7 programs in primary school. In reality it means nearly 200 students will leave us in December and head off to various high schools in our area. In many ways it is the perfect time for schools to look closely at what we offer students and parents as we seek to provide the best possible learning environment we can at Ferny Grove State School.

Over the course of this term you will start to hear about some of the exciting opportunities we have in mind for our students in 2015, particularly given the Queensland Government’s ongoing commitment to funding to the tune of over $215000 for literacy and numeracy programs next year.

On the first Thursday of the holidays I had the privilege of attending the QLD Plan Education Summit at The Gap State High School. Along with representatives from every electorate in Queensland, I was challenged to consider the future needs of our children when they graduate from our education system. If we think about our students currently enrolled in Prep at our school, they will complete Year 12 in 2025. Given the rate of change over the last 12 years, it’s almost incomprehensible to define what the world might look like as these students enter their communities as employees, university students, apprentices, etc.

As just one example, consider the Google Car, a driverless car which has already driven over one million kilometres without an accident. What, I wonder, are the implications of such a car in widespread use? For what it’s worth, the table group I was working with identified a few really important skills our young people will need to thrive in such a rapidly changing world:
Whole school assembly

Our last assembly for Term 3 saw students receiving their certificates for Credit, Distinction and High Distinction in the ICAS English tests. Gotchas were also awarded to these students caught doing the right thing!

*(Kate H 5F; Dylan M. 6T; Ayden M. 6T; Joel S, 4M; Mason 4P; Billy C 5L)*

From the Principal

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- Essential literacy and numeracy skills.
- Critical thinking skills.
- Creativity and the capacity to think in different ways.
- Problem solving skills.
- Collaboration skills and the ability to work and interact with others (in person as well as online).
- An understanding of history, science, society and democracy if we are to prevent repetition of the same mistakes made by previous generations (How can we engage in community based debates about big issues such as climate change, terrorism etc. without being scientifically and historically literate).

Ferny Grove State School has captured this new educational future by highlighting 4 powerful concepts we seek to teach our students.

1. Connectedness (real world, people, active global citizens)
2. Engagement (curiosity, interest, enthusiasm and participation)
3. Diversity (Valuing Difference, respect, best you can be)
4. Creativity (Flexible, divergent and innovative thinking, making a difference in the world)

I wonder what else our kids will need to help them thrive in our communities when they graduate from Year 12.

*Brett Shackleton, Principal*
Student Information to Assist Class Placements for 2015
If you would like to share specific information regarding your child’s friendship issues, past history or learning needs which may help assist us in regards to class placements for 2015 a form maybe collected from the school office. Please do not assume that information shared in previous years will be remembered. Please do not ask for specific teachers as there is no guarantee that they will be teaching the year level next year. Requests are considered however there is no guarantee that all can be met. It is important that all forms are returned by Friday 24 October as after that date the lengthy allocation process commences.

Leaving the School – End of year
If your family is not returning to Ferny Grove State School in 2015 please advise the school by Friday 24 October. This information will assist us in effectively organising classes for 2015.

Sexual Health Lessons
Our years 5,6 and 7 sexual health lessons commence in the first week of term 4.
Your child will be involved in these lessons on the following dates:-
Year 5
14th, 22nd,and 28th October
Year 6
9th, 16th, 23rd October
Year 7
15th, 22nd, 31st October.
The program aims to:-
• Give children medically accurate sexual health information
• Emphasise values that underpin healthy sexuality
• Focus on cyber safety - a major sex educator in children’s world
• Offer age appropriate information so children are neither misinformed or overexposed
• Be sensitive to the diverse range of maturity in each classroom
• Involve parents in the process by providing take home material and information nights
• Prepare students for high school
At the end of the three lessons children will receive a booklet summarising the information they have covered in class. Parents are encouraged to recap and discuss the course with their children using the booklet as a guide. Children may wish to keep the booklet for future reference.

If you do not wish your child to be involved in the classes please advise the classroom teacher prior to the commencement of the lessons.

Acting Deputy
As you read this I am travelling through Turkey and already enjoyed visiting Morocco. I am away for the first four weeks of term 4. During my extended holiday Leanne Reid will be acting Deputy and Ben Reason teaching Year 6R. I return the beginning of November and look forward to seeing you all once again.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
Expressive arts week

In Week nine of Term 3, we celebrated our annual FGSS Expressive Arts Week. The students in every year level participated in a range of arts activities in visual arts, drama, dance, music and media. Some of the activities included tie dying, drama games, zumba, digital imaging using PowerPoint, mask making, photography, choreographing dances, creating puppet shows on the iPad, yoga, dragon art and much more. The Year 3’s were also lucky enough to participate in drumming workshops with Mr Grainger, which was according to the children, noisy and lots of fun! The Year 6’s were entertained by the Year 8 Ferny Grove SHS drama students.

It was a spectacular end to the week with our Talent Quest Finalists performing for us on the Friday morning, hosted by the boot-scootin Rusty Grills (a.k.a. Mr Sandilands). We were amazed by the talent on show, the quality of the performances and the variety kept even the Preps entertained for the whole morning (with a bit of help from the antics of Rusty Grills!) Congratulations to all the students involved in the Talent Quest, Art Competition and Expressive Arts Showcase Evening. A big thank you to Leane Dunn and her team of parent and student helpers who worked hard setting up and taking down the beautiful art display in the hall and to the dedicated AV crew who helped with all the sound and lighting for our Talent Quest, from heats to finals.
FERNY GROVE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY OCT 11TH

FERNY GROVE STATE SCHOOL
12-7 pm
12:00 Welcome to Festival
12:05 Ferny Grove State High School Ensembles
1:30 Break it Down School of Entertainment
1:50 Rhee Taekwon-do
2:15 Fame Theatre Company
2:30 Central Sound Machine, Live Band
3:45 Official Opening by Lord Mayor Graham Quirk
3:55 FAD Fitness and Dance
4:40 Disco and Open Dance Competition
5:10 Draw for Major Raffle
5:20 Killer Queen Experience - Live Band
6:50 Festival Wrap up
7:00 Fireworks

Top 10 Things to do at Ferny Grove Festival

1. Eat your way through the afternoon – take your pick from German Bangers, Steak burgers, hot chips, Paella, Gozleme, Shishkebabs and more!
2. Make a bid at our Silent Auction - from restaurant vouchers to recreation!
3. Shop till you drop at our Boutique Market, our Treasure Trove of gently loved books, CDs, DVDs and toys, our Handmade Stall and our Plant Stall.
4. Indulge your sweet tooth - a choice of Strawberry Sundaes, Churros, Gelati, Fairy Floss, Snow Cones and homebaked yummies from our Cake & Sweet Stalls.
5. Relax and watch our amazing entertainment with your favourite beverage from our Coffee Cart or Bar.
6. Try your luck at our Sideshow Alley - everyone's a winner.
7. Have the kids choose their favourites from the Showbags and Novelties Stalls.
8. Buy your raffle tickets – Fiji Holiday, Hampers, Shumba (our Humani lion) & others.
9. Brave the rides - plenty of fun for young and old!
10. Little ones will love Animal Farm, Facepainting, Balloony Tunes & Dress up Stall.

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Early years news
Welcome back to everybody, I hope your holiday was fantastic and restful, ready for a busy term 4.

Swimming
Swimming commences for Prep, year 3 & 4 on Monday the 13th of October. The year 1 & 2 students will commence on Thursday the 16th of October. Please make sure you child has everything they need to participate in these lessons.

Get Set For Prep
The Get Set For Prep parent sessions will be held in week two. The first session is offered on Tuesday the 14th of October at 7pm. The second session is Wednesday the 15th of October at 9am. Both sessions are the same and held in the Library. These dates have been advertised all year to give people ample time to arrange babysitting.

Payment Due Dates
Please be aware of all due dates for payments. It is vital payments are made on time to ensure your child does not miss out on an activity. We do have a ‘no pay no go’ policy. If a situation arises and you are unable to make a payment on time, please come and speak with admin staff prior to the closing date.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

General news

Year 5 Camp
Students will return Friday from their adventures at Year 5 camp. Call the infoline on 3550 5350 or check the Facebook page after 1pm for expected bus arrival times.

Lost Necklace
At our Expressive Arts Showcase last term, one of our parents lost a distinctive gold necklace with great sentimental value. If anyone had found it could they please contact the office.

Winners of Visual Art Competition
Congratulations to all those who entered our Visual art competition during Expressive Arts Week. Such a great standard of entries and very hard to choose the winners!

Prep-Y3: Drawing and Painting category
1st place: Jordan Cherry (3SB)
2nd place: Donnie Saunders (2B)
3rd place: Rose Oldham (1C)

Prep-Y3: Crafts/Textiles Category
1st place: Carmen Viero (1C)
2nd Place: Annabel Carter (3SB)
3rd place: Gemma Wilkes (2S)

Y4-Y7: Painting/Drawing category
1st place: Caitlyn Webster (7H) “Toucan” portrait
2nd place: Billy-Roy Sandy (6K) (Splash lettering)
3rd place: Tianna Major (4P)

Y4-Y7: Crafts/Textiles category
1st place: Jonny Gadd (4A)
2nd place: Ruby Greenan (6T)
3rd place: Ivy Greenan (4P)

Y4-Y7 Construction/Sculpture category
1st place: Jessie Zevenbergen (7W)
2nd place: Hannah Pickett (4M)

Special Mention Y4-Y7 Construction/Sculpture category
Aynsley Netto (4P) and Chelsey Sloots (4P)

Festival news
Two more sleeps to our amazing Festival! Fun for all ages—bring your family and friends for a great day out!

Reminders
1. Please bring back your raffle tickets!! They MUST be returned (even if you haven’t sold them) by tomorrow!!
3. Sign up to volunteer - we really need help with a few of our stalls! Some have managed to fill their roster but we really need all hands on deck – just one shift would be great! Year 5 and Year 7 particularly need some helpers! Sign up at https://www.volunteersignup.org/PAA8F

iPod shuffle winner
Everyone who sold and brought back their raffle tickets before the holidays went into the draw for an iPod shuffle. Congratulations to Roland Van Rooyen from 5L who was our winner for the iPod shuffle.

A message from the Chaplain
Hello everyone, just letting you know that I will be away for two weeks after the holidays and will return to school on Tuesday the 22 October. When I return I will be working full -time, for the following seven weeks. I look forward to seeing you all when I return.
Teddy bear’s picnic
With our teddies tucked safely under our arms, Prep walked to the Upper Kedron Recreational Park to enjoy a Teddy Bear’s Picnic. Honey sandwich making, face painting, bears in a blanket and teddy portraits were some of the activities we did with our teddies. After some songs, a play on the equipment and lunch, Prep headed back to school with some tired little teddy bears. Thanks to all the parents who helped Prep have a fun excursion.
**Ferny happenings**

**Parade next week**
We will have a whole school parade on Monday October 13th and no Early Years Assembly next week due to the MusicFest on the weekend.

**Thanks to Mrs Cash**
Our Year 1 parents presented Mrs Cash with a bouquet of flowers before the holiday as a big thank-you for organising the Year 1 Stargazing evening. From all reports it was a great family night out and was a great opportunity to learn more about the constellations!

**Group photos**
Group photos will be happening next week. All interschool sporting groups will have their photos taken on Tuesday, while all music groups, Year 6 & 7 year level groups and school leaders will have their photo taken on Wednesday. Please ensure your child is dressed in neat, correct school uniform.

**Amart Shopping night**
Amart Sports at Mitchelton will be holding a special shopping night on Thursday October 23rd with 20% off for Ferny Grove families. Amart support us year round with a Community Kickback program where 5% of what you spend goes back to our school. Flyers will go home shortly.

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**Instrumental music news**

The Expressive Arts Showcase was a huge success and well supported by our entire school community. Thank you to all the families who support us every year by ensuring children attend the performance, correctly dressed, rehearsed and prepared to perform at our annual showcase. Each year the production team under the guidance and direction of Kurt Bryant “raise the bar” by streamlining the lighting, video and sound. This year our IMPS Committee funded the improved sound system, whilst the FAST fundraising efforts have added the stage curtains and screen. These additions certainly enhance the performances and open up greater opportunities for future productions.

**Term 4 Instrumental Music Competitions**

This year Music Fest will be held at our school for all ensembles. In years gone by many families have had to drive to Wynnum for this competition. So we are very pleased to host the event here as it is so convenient for our community.

Times are listed below. A note went home during the last week of term 3 with further details. If you have missed this please check the website or collect another note from the office.

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A sausage sizzle, drinks, cakes and coffee will be available for purchase on the **Wednesday evenings** thanks to the enthusiastic and dedicated IMPS committee members and Coffee Cart volunteers.
P & C news

Important Dates
October
13th Fundraising and Social Team (FAST) 7pm Library
15th P & C Meeting 7pm Library

Stationery & Uniform Store
NEW & INCREASED OPENING HOURS -
Monday 8am - 10am
Wednesday 3pm - 6pm
Friday 8am - 10am

ASSISTANCE IN THE STORES FOR THE 'BACK TO SCHOOL' PERIOD - NOVEMBER TO JANUARY
STATIONERY STORE - 'Request for Help' form with dates and times will be emailed home next week so that a roster can be prepared by mid November. The form will also be available under Bookshop on the school website. www.fernygroves.eq.edu.au. Some of our regulars are 'retiring' this year so please consider helping out.
UNIFORM STORE - help is required assisting parents and students select and try on uniforms during this period. Help is especially required Tuesday 18 November 8am - 11am for Prep purchases; Wednesday 21 January 2015 8am - 11am and 4pm - 6pm; Thursday 22 January 2015 4pm - 6pm; and Tuesday 27 January (first day of school) 8am - 10am. Please contact Madonna if you are able to help at ANY TIME during the 'Back to School' period.

Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
3550 5359 (0431 265 068)
stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au

Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor
3550 5342 (0409 272 062)
uniformstore@fernygrovepandc.com.au

FAST
Family Photos are on offer again this year with Sheila Sissons Photography - Sunday 19th October 10am - 5pm. Sessions cost $20 per family which includes one (1) 8x10" print (to be paid to the school). Bookings are being managed by Peta Kimball, please send an sms ASAP to 0416062250 with your name and preferred time slot.

Tuckshop Volunteer Roster
Fri 10 October Donna Bassett, Marie Kinshella
Mon 13 October Tania Hyde
Tue 14 October Meg Leslie, Uli Esser
Wed 15 October Liz Kubler, Emma Ney
Thu 16 October Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday
Fri 17 October Kate Newnham, Katrina Collins
Mon 20 October PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 21 October Claire Tyler
Wed 22 October Simone Howes, Andrea Netto
Thu 23 October Heather Darlington, Davi Ajarapu

Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors
3550 5361

Community news

Attention all Junior Netball Players – Phoenix Netball Club will be running its annual Net-Set-Go program again in 2014. All interested players aged from 7-10 can now register. All previous years have been fully booked, so don’t miss out – register now!

When: Saturday October 25th – Saturday November 29th November
Time: 8am
Where: Ferny Grove State School – McGinn Road, Ferny Grove
Cost: $80.00

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.
TRIVIA NIGHT!

Ferny Grove State High School Interact Club is hosting an African Themed trivia night to raise funds for our sister school in Humani, Zimbabwe.

It will be held at the Ferny Grove State High School Hall.

Takes place on the Friday of the first week back of school, 10/10/2014.

Sausage sizzle begins at 5.30pm

Get your tickets from the Ferny Grove SHS office today

For more information contact Nina Busteed on nina.busteed@gmail.com

Prices:
$40 per table
6-10 people
Or $5 per person

Ferny Fireballs Cricket Club in2CRICKET
Program 2014/2015
20 Tramway Street, Ferny Grove, QLD 4055

When: Saturday mornings from 11 October onwards
Time: 8:45am-10am
Cost: $80 for the season
Who: Boys and Girls aged 5-7 who are new to the sport
Contact: playcricket.com.au or Andrew Middleton 0421583241 or Email: president@fernyfireballs.org.au

NAB AFL Auskick is running at your school now!
Where: Ferny Grove State School oval
When: First session is on Tuesday 21st October 2014
Time: 3:15 – 4:15pm
Length of program: 8 Weeks*
Cost: $65

When you participate in Auskick you also receive your very own football, backpack with a hat, stickers, pump plus heaps more!
For more information visit aflauskick.com.au
or call 3865 8700.