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### From the Principal

#### Day for Daniel Walk
Our now traditional walk down McGinn Rd will again occur on October 31. This walk has become an important part of our calendar and represents an opportunity to highlight the important messages around child protection and personal safety. As usual the police, SES and other community groups will join us for the walk which concludes at Ferny Grove High School with a whole school assembly in the high school hall before we walk back to school.

#### Get Set for Prep
If you haven’t already enrolled for Prep in 2014 please do so as soon as possible as it helps us to plan for how many teachers we will require next year. Our parent evenings were very well received this year thanks in no small part to our Deputy principal Jacki Schott and her team including Ms Wood, Ms Gejas, Mrs Baird, Mrs Morton and our very able parent speaker Mrs Nicole Crouch. As principal, I have never seen a better quality presentation. Well done everyone. It is worth noting at this time that Mrs Schott will continue in the role of Deputy Principal in 2015.

#### Festival
What a fantastic day! Congratulations to Vanessa and her magnificent team for a truly magic community event. Perfect weather, magnificent entertainment, great rides and quality food complemented the well managed stalls and assorted other fundraising efforts. I spoke to a couple of families who were new to our school who commented and ‘feel’ there was around the school that day. That sort of comment makes all the hard work and commitment of volunteers worthwhile. Well done everyone! We couldn’t do it without you all.

#### Teacher transfers
We welcome Michelle Foster, a Prep teacher from Mt Samson State School to Ferny Grove in 2015. Michelle is the only transfer in to our school for next year and is very excited to be joining our school team.

#### World Teachers Day
Don’t forget an apple for the teacher on Friday 31 October (World Teachers’ day) I’m not actually sure where the whole apple thing came from but a little note, email or chat to acknowledge what a wonderful job our teachers do, means so much to these hard working professionals. Like any job it is the work you don’t see them do that makes it possible for schools like ours to achieve so many things for students. Remember Great Teachers equals Great learning.

_Brett Shackleton, Principal_
As many of you would be aware, Vanessa Baird, (our Community Liaison Officer), Shona Wilson and Michael Jeh (two of our wonderful parents), are currently trekking through Africa on their way to Humani School. They have taken numerous gifts of generosity thanks to our giving community. Here is a quick recap from Vanessa.

What an amazing start to our Africa journey. These were some of the faces of Soweto that we saw today. We visited Kliptown where 40,000 people share 50 running water faucets and 20 families share each of the portable toilets. Despite these extremes we still saw beautiful smiling faces and were welcomed to inside their homes and see the achievements of their youth program. We also saw some other historical sites in Johannesburg (magic Mandela moments) before flying on to Harare tonight. Big thanks to our dear travelling companion Helen Newman who successfully negotiated the release of 350 pairs of thongs destined for Humani from the Zimbabwe customs officials. Instead of the US$350 they wanted us to pay in duty, she managed an Oscar worthy performance and handed over US$25 instead. Weary travellers will be up early - headed to Humani tomorrow!

Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer
G20 Holiday
Friday 14 November will be a public holiday as FGSS in in the Brisbane City Council Shire.

Eleisa is back
Welcome back to our school chaplain, Eleisa who has returned from her overseas holiday. Eleisa will be working every day until Week 9.

MusicFest
By the time the newsletter goes to print results will be available for the Senior Band’s performance at Music Fest – best of luck to them. Best of luck to the Junior Band competing at Music Fest on October 29. Reminder children need to be here at 4.50p.m. for a 5.50p.m. performance. IMPS will be running a sausage sizzle and the coffee cart will be open.

Future Instrumental Music Students
Instrumental music testing and allocation of instruments has been completed. Parents and children will be advised by letter and parents are asked to return their acceptance/non-acceptance slip to the office by October 31. It is desirable that all parents of children entering the instrumental music program attend the information night at Samford State School on November 5.

Ferny Grove High Music Auditions
Students attending Ferny Grove High intending to audition for their music program need to have their notes returned to the high school by November 7.

Parade
There will be a year 4-7 Assembly on Monday 27 October. Monday, November 3 is a Student of the Month Parade. Remember all are welcome to attend any of our assemblies.

Leanne Reid, A/Deputy Principal

World Teachers Day
Friday 31st October is World Teacher’s Day (and Walk for Daniel Day). While the teachers and students are doing their Walk for Daniel, we usually organise a morning tea to show our appreciation of all the amazing work our teachers do each and every day of the school year. This year it will be held in the library at 11am and we ask parents to bake or make savoury food for the teachers to enjoy. We also would love any donations of fresh flowers, teacups or tiered stands for serving. If you can help please contact Katrina Collins at davidntrinabb@dodo.com.au and let her know!

You are also encouraged to think of a way for your child to thank their teacher – a card, a story, something they have made – anything would of course be appreciated.
Wow! What a spectacular event! Every year our school community is able to rally and produce a festival that blows away all expectations and create an event that truly celebrates all the marvellous things that makes Ferny Grove such a wonderful location to live in!

The vibe around the festival was truly electric, with broad smiles, screams of excitement and relaxed chatter being the order of the day. A reorganisation of the entertainment stage environs saw greatly increased numbers of spectators spending more time than ever enjoying the action packed itinerary of performers strut their stuff, building up to the very fitting finale of Killer Queen’s incredible performance, followed by the fireworks.

Everywhere you looked, your gaze was greeted by a sea of people, literally walking shoulder to shoulder to navigate through the stalls and the immaculate weather ensured that the rides (bigger and more numerous than ever) had a never-ending line-up of eager, yet patient patrons.

A massive thank-you must go out to the staff, P & C, students and parents of our great school for the incredible effort of organising, creating, erecting, selling, spruiking, performing, directing or packing away such a momentous undertaking. However, the biggest thanks must be directed towards our Community Liaison Officer, Vanessa Baird, and the FAST team for the hundreds of hours they dedicated to ensuring the 2014 Ferny Grove Festival was the overwhelming success that it was!

David Sandilands, Legendary MC & Year 2 Teacher
**Walk For Daniel Day**
The Queensland Government is committed to making Queensland the safest place to raise a child and nothing can be more important than the prevention of child abuse and promoting child safety. This year’s *Day for Daniel* will be held on Friday the 31st of October. Classes will meet on the oval at 8:50 and walk in their class groups to Ferny Grove High, where we will be welcomed by the year 9 cohort. We will then hear some very important messages about personal safety from services within our local community. Student will then return to our school oval in their class groups. We proudly support *Day for Daniel*, a national day of action which aims to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. Teachers will, as part of the curriculum deliver lessons about personal safety and awareness and it is a great opportunity for parents to open this discussion channel. We encourage students to come dressed in red for a gold coin donation on Friday the 31st of October to link Daniel’s story to the importance of child safety education. Please ensure that the red clothing is still sun safe.

**Early Years Assembly**
Please note there will be NO Early Years Assembly on the 7th of November as per the calendar. We will have a whole school assembly on the Monday of that week for Student of the Month Parade.

**World Teachers’ Day**
Friday the 31st of October is also World Teachers’ Day. Our teachers do wonderful things every day, please show your appreciation with a lovely compliment to a teacher on this day!!

*Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal*

**General news**

**New Qschools Functionality**
New features of the Department’s QSchools mobile app have been released, including an exciting push notification feature which offers a direct communication channel from your school.

To be able to receive important messages instantly to your mobile device (push notifications):

2. If you already have the app, please ensure it is up-to-date, as out-dated versions will not receive notifications.
3. Make sure you have “favourited” Ferny Grove State School.

You are now ready to receive important school messages direct to your mobile device.

**Book Fair**
Next week the FGSS Library will be hosting a Book Warehouse Book Fair. It will be open every morning 8-8:30 and every afternoon 3-3:30.

Our Library retains 30% of the profits which will be used to purchase new and interesting books for our wonderful library.

Come along and purchase some early Christmas gifts at great prices. EFTPOS will be available.

**LOTE news**

Students in Years 6 & 7 had a wunderbar time at the German Food Day. Thank-you to our helpful parents and students for helping to prepare all of the culinary delights. Well-done Frau Guerra and Baralet for organising the event.
School Banking Update – Bring books to office before 9:30am Thursday Mornings

Existing Bankers
New rewards available this term are projector cup and sea streamers (dive pool toys). All previous terms’ items still available except penguin key ring and whale shark pencil case. We can only order a reward if the computer system says you have 10 tokens. We have begun writing no. of tokens the system has recorded on the back of your child’s deposit stub. Hopefully that will help. Also items get ordered for your child the week we receive request and are (usually) delivered by the next week. Please note: Last day to request a reward is Thursday 27 November. Last day of school banking for year is Thursday 4 December. Remember next year to write new class on front of bank book!!!

New Bankers
For anyone wanting to start saving, open a YouthSaver account at any Commonwealth Bank, bring the yellow book with all details and class completed and deposit enclosed and the savings (and reward tokens) will start adding up. When you have 10 tokens (on the system) you can redeem for a fabulous reward. There will be new rewards next year, but often they have some stock from previous years still available.

Helpers Needed
We have had a marvelous team of volunteers this year – thank-you Heather, Natalie, Sandra and Yumi. We are losing some of these helpers next year so if anyone has a spare hour or two on a Thursday morning we would love to train up some new talent to assist with school banking. No experience necessary – full training provided. Please come to the office between 8:30 and 10 Thursday mornings.

Please feel free to call Xanthe with any questions about the program. 3851 4089 or 0437 266 530.

Prep Committee Cookie Dough Fundraiser
We are conducting a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Christmas Fundraiser as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. Family support is most appreciated.

Funds raised will provide additional resources for the students in Prep, this year & in years to come.

There are new exciting flavours in 2014 which include Gluten Free Choc Chunk, Lower sugar/fat/salt Choc Chunk, Caramel Fudge, Triple Choc and wait for it..... Doggie Dough!! In Term 4, you can also bake your very own Christmas Fruit Cake and Shortbread Biscuits!

Students have received a Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough Christmas Fundraiser order form. An individual prize program has been included for every student/family that sells one or more tubs. The more tubs you sell the better the prize! There is a selection of over 55 prizes to choose from such as Britz ‘n’ Pieces, Wahoo, Kazoom and much, much, more. If you have misplaced your order form, please email nc1406@tpg.com.au to request a new form.

Please take the order form to your family, friends and work colleagues and even take the order form to your child’s sporting activities. Students who sell one or more tubs will be entitled to a prize of their choice.

WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY - You also have the chance to win a 7 night family holiday for 2 adults and 2 children, staying at either the Gold Coast or Hamilton Island or Fiji including a Virgin Australia airfare voucher and $1,000 spending money. So don’t forget to enter. For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view the inside of the order form.

Once the fundraiser is complete, please detach the order form with your orders and don’t forget to select a prize!

Please return the order form along with your monies to the office or to the red letterbox outside Prep W classroom on or before Thursday 30th October. We will advise a date of when the cookie dough and prizes will be delivered to the school. Please ensure that you make arrangements to collect your cookie dough order on the day of delivery as the product is frozen and we do not have enough storage to store your order when the cookie dough arrives.
Starts Monday 27 October
Open: Monday - Friday
8:00-8:30am and 3:00-3:30pm
The day had dawned. We were going to camp today! We (Grade 5) arrived at school ready to board the bus that would take us across the border into NSW. We all jumped on the bus excited and set off on our big adventure. When we arrived at Camp Goodenough two hours later we grabbed our belongings and had to walk down a steep, steep hill. It wasn’t much fun. When we were based outside the assembly area we were addressed by the lovely camp staff. Once we had placed our stuff in our cabins we, had been explained the rules and had morning tea the real adventure begun.

The first activity was indoor rock climbing. It was awesome! We got into our harnesses, got hooked to the rope and started climbing. It was a big team effort. While someone was up climbing, one person was below cariboeing and the other coiling the rope. Everyone had a really good go and it was a lot of fun.

After that activity we had a bit of free time before dinner. Some people chose to stay in their cabins, while others chose to play basketball. When we heard the bell (which signalled meal time) we lined up outside the dining room we were introduced to the delicacies on show. Each cabin had a go at introducing and serving the food. There was lasagne, salad and many things. After a delicious dinner and
dessert we had showers, got into our night clothes and got ready for night activities. 

In the hall we had a fun time doing tricks and bursting balloons while outside Mrs George and Mrs Leal were doing fitness with music. After both groups had done the two activities, we got into our PJ’s and watched ‘Over the Hedge’ before deciding to turn in for the night.

Day two was up and running bright and early with breakfast at 7:00 (AEDT). We had a two course breakfast, with cereal, toast and muffins. We finished and went to our first activity for the day. First was High Ropes. This was an obstacle course that stretched through the abundant trees. We hooked our harness to the rope above and went round the course a couple of times. Once our time was up we moved to our next fun time. THE GIANT SWING!!! Probably the best activity in the whole complex. We were hoisted up by the rope and to however high we wanted to go, the instructor counted us down, we pulled the rope and we were swung up and down dangling over the cliff half-a-dozen times. It was exhilarating!

We had lunch which was a ‘Make your own sandwich’ and started the last activity for the day. The crate stack was where you are hooked to your harness inside an enclosed net with your group feeding you the crates and holding you up. It was hard work. A couple of people even made it to the top which is eighteen crates high! Once everyone had had a go at it, we all settled in for dinner which was beef, gravy and salad. Yum! But it was the big night. The Talent Quest! Everyone rushed down to get dressed and get their props for the acts. We had the lot. Dancing, singing, stand-up comedy, plays. It was endless. We watched Despicable Me 2 afterwards and then fell off to sleep.
The last day had risen. We again had breakfast and then set off for the last activity of the camp. We had Team pursuit. It was a game(s) of two teams working together to win points by fixing problems like getting you whole team across the river with a cart, balancing a see-saw and many more. We closed up by having a sausage sizzle up the top of the hill with our belongings. We said goodbye and thanks to the camp staff and boarded the bus for our journey back to Ferny Grove. Camp Goodenough wasn’t good enough, it was awesome!

Zanden Jeh, Year 5 Student
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.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

The Senior String Ensemble performed on Saturday afternoon and played well. They received a Gold award which they were very excited to receive. I would like to thank the parents for bringing the students up to the competition, especially as it was a long weekend and a lot of parents had planned to go away.

Nicola Seneviratne, Strings Teacher

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Ferny happenings

**Coffee Cart News**

We have reached our $10 000 beans for books goal. Thank you to everyone who has brought a drink or two. Our next goal is to continue raising money for book shelves to put those books on and help brighten up the classrooms.

Next Friday the 31st is a huge day! Walk for Daniel. World teachers day, and as a thank you for all they do teachers get their drink free. Lastly it is also Halloween so come down and see our spooky surprise! We are also selling Halloween and tricks and jokes show bags.
**P & C news**

**Important Dates**

**November**

19th P & C Meeting  
FGSS Library 7pm

**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 has been emailed home & is also available under Bookshop on the school website. [www.fernygroves.eq.edu.au](http://www.fernygroves.eq.edu.au). Some of our regulars are 'retiring' this year so please consider helping out.

**UNIFORM STORE** - if you can help: 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 or at anytime during the 'Back to School' period please contact Madonna.

**Cheryl 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

**Tuckshop**

**Volunteer Roster**

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**Julie Haslam & Kellee Gyles, Convenors**  
3550 5361

**P&C Presidents Report**

It has been a busy month for the P&C and I can sum it up in one word… Festival, and what a great Festival it was! Good weather and great people came together to make an event where we bring the community into our school and raise funds for the school at the same time. I have had many people speak to me about how much they enjoyed it and how fantastic it was to see so many attend and support it.

We all need to give Vanessa Baird a huge thank you for spending month’s co-ordinating the whole event, going far and beyond her role within the school and P&C.

I also need to thank our local, state and federal members for their attendance and support of our Festival, in particular Graham Quirk and Andrew Wines for financial support through the Lord Mayor’s Suburban Initiative Fund.

Thank you to all of our stall convenors who worked tirelessly in the months leading up to the big day making sure their stalls were organised. Thank you to the helpers who showed up on Friday, Saturday morning and Saturday night to help with the enormous task of putting up marquees, moving tables and the hundreds of other jobs that need doing - and then packing it all away! Thank you to our overnight crew who kept an eye on everything. All of them volunteers, from teachers running the bar, painting faces, and MC’ing onstage to our principal and janitors clearing rubbish and emptying bins in the middle of the night. Thank you to all the others who worked in the background supporting us in making the day such a huge success, especially the school admin team, P&C executive, P&C committee and P&C staff. Thank you to our local community who supported us with donations, discounts and sponsorships.

And of course the parents of children at the school, who gave up time from taking their own kids on the rides to work on stalls, grind coffee, flip burgers, spin fairy floss, and run errands to ensure the day ran smoothly. Mum and dads cleaned equipment and put things away around the school while the kids were in classes through last week, and yet there is more to be done, reviewing the event’s successes, identifying ways to make it even better next year, and writing reports to council to discharge grant funding received.

So much hard work from a varied band of volunteers, building this great event for our community. Everyone worked knowing that apart from enjoying a fantastic festival, the current and future students of Ferny Grove would benefit from the funds raised. We are still finalizing the figures but it is in excess of $30,000 raised.

And lastly a big thank-you to each and every one of you who showed up to support our event, to have a great day out and to remind us what the true meaning of community is! We sure have it here at Ferny Grove.

If you would like to be involved you can find out more at our next P&C meeting on the 19th November at 7pm in the Library.

Tony Clark, President  
Sarah Rogers, Treasurer  
Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer

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.
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
Time: 8am
Where: Ferny Grove State School – McGinn Road, Ferny Grove
Cost: $80.00
Spaces are very limited – apply NOW!