Our Ferny Grove State School vision is as follows

Empower and Connect Learners for Sustainable Futures.

What does that mean in real terms? Empowering and connecting learners is all about providing our students with experiences that build their sense of confidence and capability to contribute to a positive future for themselves. To do this we need to provide them with the Literacy and Numeracy skills and knowledge as well as opportunities to apply this knowledge to real situations.

Friday’s Walk for Daniel is an example of this vision put into action. It is one thing to talk to young people about protective behaviours. It is another thing entirely to match that talk with a real action that connects them to their community and allows them to see the support of a whole community; teachers, parents, police, politicians etc. Not only does it empower them to stand up and make a difference but it also connects them powerfully to their community.

Our partnership with Humani School is another example of vision to action. The sustainability of our futures depends largely on the world we leave our young people to inherit. Part of that means building a sense of compassion for others and respect for our own circumstances. Humani teaches our students that connecting people leads to great change and that in many respects this is the only way a sustainable future is possible. Again, it is one thing to talk about cultural understanding and poverty, it is another thing entirely to connect them to another culture and the young people who make up that community. Vision to action.

The more we connect learners, the more understanding we build, the more engaged our young people are. Ours is an optimistic view of the world. We believe these kids will be the creative problem solvers and innovators of the future. Accordingly, our job is to encourage them to literate and numerate, creative problem solvers with a positive sense of their own well-being. They also have to be resilient and willing to persevere through the tough stuff.

We have many positive plans for 2015 to start to provide a range of experiences for our students’ academic and social well-being. Watch this space.

Thank you to our wonderful parents for the World Teachers Day morning tea. What a fantastic spread.

Welcome back to Shona Wilson and Vanessa Baird who personally delivered, along with Michael Jeh, our latest contribution to Humani School. We can’t wait to see the videos.

Brett Shackleton, Principal
Ferny happenings

Student of the Month Assembly

What a lovely surprise for some of our Ferny Grove families who have been here a bit longer, with the appearance of former Principal, Barry Starkey, at our Student of the Month Assembly. It was great to see Mr Starkey and have him remind us how wonderful Ferny Grove State School really is. Our Senior Band performed for the last time this year, playingDansbury Run and Thunderstorms.

Our well-deserving Student of the Month recipients for November are:

Prep - Eli M. Year 1 - Rose O. Year 2 - Gemma W. Year 3 - Campbell B.
Year 4 - Aaliyah M. Year 5 - Luke S. Year 6 - Alex P. Year 7 - Ethan P.

Middle Years Assembly

At last week's Middle Years assembly we handed out awards for the latest ICAS assessments. Congratulations to those students who received a credit, distinction or high distinction and thanks once again to our Senior Band for entertaining us.
Remembrance Day
Next Tuesday we will be celebrating Remembrance Day with a special parade at 10.15 followed by morning tea for parents outside the hall. Everyone is welcome. Student Councillors are selling poppies before school near the tuckshop for 50c up until Remembrance Day. Councillors will also sell to parents before the parade begins.

Leanne Reid, Student Council

Back from Travels
I have returned from a wonderful holiday exploring Morocco and Turkey. So many different sights, and sounds to experience. Wandering through the ruins in Ephesus and sampling the exotic foods in Morocco’s souks and medinas were highlights.
However I always enjoy returning home and slipping back into life’s usual routines, including work.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Humani Update
Shona Wilson, Michael Jeh and Vanessa Baird have returned from their travels in Zimbabwe and South Africa, visiting our sister school Humani and delivering “supplies” to both the school and the Uthando House orphanage in South Africa. Stay tuned for some photos!
Also if students coloured in a book mark for the children of Humani before we left, they can come to the library from Monday next week to collect one that the Humani kids coloured for them.

Medical Alerts 2015
Parents of students who had medical alerts in 2014, are reminded to return these forms, updated or not, to the office as soon as possible.

Class Parent Representatives
Just a reminder that our next meeting has been moved to Wednesday 19th November at 2pm.

Toy Catalogue Fundraiser
Our Success Committee (who fundraise for resources for students who are supported by the Special Education Program and Learning Support), have sent home toy catalogues for Prep-Year 3 just in time to do some early Christmas shopping. The orders are due back by Friday 28th November and can be put in the blue box at the office.

Cooke Dough Fundraiser
Thanks for all of your orders to support our Prep Committee. Cookie Dough collection will be from 2.30—3.30 pm on Tuesday 18th November at the hall canteen.

Free Dress day
The Free Dress Day marked on this term’s calendar for Thursday 13th November has been cancelled.

G20
Just a reminder that there will be no school on Friday 14th November due to the G20 Public Holiday in greater Brisbane.

Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer
Walk for Daniel Day

We were lucky once again to have the support of our whole community on Walk for Daniel Day last Friday. As the sea of red headed down McGinn Road, it gave everyone an opportunity to reflect on the message of child safety that is the central reason for this important day in our school calendar. A big thank-you to our friends at the high school who welcomed us all the way up the walkway to the Ferny Grove SHS hall where the children sat and listened to the message of our Principal, Mr Shackleton and other community members. Here is a reflection from one of our Year 6 students about “Walk for Daniel”.

Hi my name is Josh Jones and I am here to talk to about what Daniel Morcombe Day means to me. When I hear the name Daniel Morcombe, it makes me feel sad and sorry. I feel sad that he was so young and didn’t have a chance to live his life and I feel sorry for his parents for having to go through so much pain. Daniel Morcombe Day reminds me to be safe and aware of my surroundings, not only outside but on the internet as well. It also makes me realise that not everybody in this world is nice and friendly. Daniel Morcombe Day is about raising awareness in the community about child safety. It reminds me how lucky we are to have people like Mr and Mrs Morcombe who have dedicated their lives to make sure that no other child or parent ever has to go through the pain that they have. The Morcombes want children of all ages to remember the 3 "R"s - Recognise, React and Report

Firstly you need to Recognise the danger and recognise your body clues. Then React by getting away from the danger anyway you can and get to somewhere safe. Finally you need to Report it to an adult who cares about your safety. Daniel Morcombe Day to me is about everyone coming together to send a message that child safety is important and we are all responsible for it. Thank you.
Early years news

Deputy Principal Award
We had two very deserving recipients for the Deputy Principal Award at our last Early Years Assembly. Congratulations to Harrison Crouch and Olivia Bertram-Williams both from Prep W. Harrison and Olivia represented our school wearing our uniform with pride at our recent Get Set for Prep Information Sessions. I was extremely proud of them both as they waited patiently for their part of the session and also with how proud and tall they stood as they modelled our uniform. Well done Harrison and Olivia.

Prep Play Morning
On Tuesday the 18th of November our 2015 Preps are invited to come up to the school from 9am to 10am for a Play Morning. This is a great opportunity for the children to become familiar with the playground and also experience some time in a Prep classroom. The children will need a hat to play outside and you may like to bring a water bottle. The uniform shop will be open from 8 – 11am, so it is a fantastic opportunity for new Preppies to try on and for parents to purchase uniforms.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

General news

School Banking Update
Please make sure you bring books to office before 9.30am on Thursday morning.

Existing bankers
Please complete all details on deposit slip AND stub. Rewards available (for those eligible) are projector cup, swimming bag, sea streamers (dive pool toys), money box, shark keyring, handball, scented pencils, wallets. Just complete reward slip or write name, student banking number, class and reward item on a piece of paper and we will order it for you.

Last day to request a reward is THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER. Last day of school banking for year is THURSDAY 4th 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.

Helpers needed
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.

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

Defence news

Thank you
We would like to give a special thank you to our Defence parents, Christine Zevenbergen and Kim Seamos-Houley who gave their time and shared their crafty talents with us to create items for the craft stall at the Festival.

Catch-up Club
This week at Catch-up Club, our Defence students have enjoyed the chance to bring a friend to Catch-up Club and play board games. Next week’s activity at Catch-up Club will be mosaics. We look forward to seeing you then.

Mrs Heddershaw & Ms De la Jara.

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.
Thank you to all the wonderful parents who contributed to our World Teachers Day morning tea in appreciation of the amazing teachers at Ferny Grove. You put on quite a spread. Also special thanks to Katrina Collins for coordinating and those who helped set up and clean up - it is always a huge job and your contributions are very much appreciated.

RSL Community Link

RSL Community Link is a Returned and Services League national remembrance project dedicated to keeping alive the names, memories and deeds of departed Australian or Allied service veterans no matter when or where they served or when they died. RSL Community Link is not a fundraising project: there are no annual fees, meetings, commitment or requests.

RSL Community Link enables people of all ages to attend RSL, school and community remembrance services as the personal representative of a departed veteran. The representative proudly wears a ‘Veteran’s Memorial Plaque’ which shows the basic details of the veteran’s service and includes a full colour ribbon bar indicating the medals issued to the veteran, and a ‘Representative’s Link Card’ to show the representative’s relationship to the veteran. This representation includes the opportunity to take part in the ANZAC Day march.

If you would like to purchase badges to represent a family member, application forms are available at our administration office. Estimated processing time is approximately 3 months, so if you would like the opportunity to represent your family member for the 100th ANZAC Anniversary in 2015 please consider submitting your application as soon as possible.
**Instrumental music news**

**2015 Beginner Instrumental Music Students**

With the inclusion of Year 4 students 2015 sees approximately double the number of students commencing the instrumental music program. Students from both Years 4 and 5 will make up the numbers in the new year.

Selected students’ parents have been advised and are invited to attend tonight’s Information session at Samford State School Hall. Forms and handbooks will be handed out during the evening.

Another important parent night will be held in our library on Wednesday 12 November at 7pm This is an excellent opportunity for parents to hand in the various forms, make payments and ask questions which may have arisen after attending tonight’s cluster meeting and reading through the information. Children do not need to attend this meeting as it is a short meeting with an opportunity for individual questions to be addressed regarding instruments, lessons etc.

**Music fest Competition**

Ferny Grove achieved excellent results during the recent competition. Junior and Senior Bands plus Senior Strings received Gold Awards. I can’t recall all groups achieving gold status at the same competition in previous years. Congratulations to all students and their conductors for being so well prepared. We are truly proud of the efforts of all students involved in the music programs.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the IMPs committee and the coffee cart by volunteering their time and assisting with the fundraising event throughout the Music fest competition. Neighbouring schools’ families very much appreciated the opportunity to purchase refreshments at the events and the money raised through our coffee cart and canteen go towards our students’ needs.

**Parade Performances**

Monday 17 November - Senior Strings (including year 3 students).

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**Ferny happenings**

**German Food Day**

Last week our year 6 and 7 classes experienced German Food Day. This was perfectly timed with the Oktoberfest which is held annually in Germany and in Australia.

Many different German dishes were prepared and sampled by the students. The general consensus was that Germans make some wonderful food (such as Black Forest Cake and Gingerbread) as well as some strange and unusual food (such as Sauerkraut and pickled fish).

The day finished with some lively chicken dancing and a fashion parade of cultural costumes. It was wonderful to see so many students brave enough to get into the dressing up spirit.

Frau Barraleit and Frau Guerra would like to say thank you for the positive attitude and wonderful conduct of most students. Our year 7s in particular were exemplary in their behaviour and worthy school leaders.

We would like to thank all parents for their support in helping to bake and cook authentic German recipes; it made our day a great success.

A special thank you must go to those who came to help us on the day. This year we were privileged to have mums, dads, grandparents and aunts. Thank you, without your help the day could not go ahead.

**Our special helpers:**

Year 6: Paula Perkins, Tatjana Kemp, Craig Sharpe, Janine Ellis, Aaron Horsey, Karen Jenkins, Madonna Morton, Clare Gadd, Kerry Henry

Year 7: Cecily Martina, Cathy Gray, Jenny Ryan, Janette Fitzgibbon, Jenny Ivin, Charles Ivin, Pam Paese, Christina Zevenbergen, Stacey Kent

Another big thank you must go to our fantastic DJs who entertained us with German music and a great light show. The IT crew: Will Burgess, Casey Royal, Matt Watson, Ryan Fitzgibbon

This Saturday

November 8th

12-5pm

Our Prep Committee is running this market with lots of fun things planned including:

**12-3pm** Tanya Love photobooth
Three professional photos for $10, files emailed to parents for DIY printing, think Christmas cards!

**1pm** Dance Display - Physie Kids on stage
**2.30pm** Kids cupcake decorating Competition – gold coin entry & prize for the best cupcake

**4pm** Free Milo In2Cricket session on oval

Plus all our regular stalls, Bake Sale, Fresh flowers, Craft stall and BBQ

Please come along and support us!
Ferny Grove State School
Parents’ and Citizens’ Association

STATIONERY & UNIFORM STORES

2015 BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS UPDATE

HOURS: During ‘Back to School’ we are open extra days and hours. Check our opening times on your order forms, in the Store windows, the Newsletter or on the school website www.fernygroves.eq.edu.au

HOW TO PLACE YOUR STATIONERY STORE ORDER:
- Hand in at Stationery Store
- Fax to 3351 4523
- Email to stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au
(Please note cut off dates for the above methods on the reverse side of your booklists)
- Online at www.flexischools.com.au
  Until 7 December 2014 – orders placed on Flexischools by 3.50pm Sundays will be available for collection from the following Wednesday, or Home delivery as specified. (see below)
From 8 December 2014 – 2015 Flexischool cut off dates will be listed and orders can be placed for collection or delivery in January.

We recommend that you use our pre-ordering system to ensure stock is available.

HOW TO PLACE YOUR UNIFORM STORE ORDER:
- Hand in at Uniform Store
- Fax to 3351 4523
- Email to uniformstore@fernygrovepandc.com.au
- Online at www.flexischools.com.au

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS:
If you have any second hand uniforms you wish to sell, please WASH and bring into the Uniform Store. We would like to process all, but especially BAND UNIFORMS ASAP before the busy ‘back to school’ period. Forms are available from the Uniform Store or can be downloaded from www.fernygroves.eq.edu.au

HOME DELIVERY
If you require home delivery for your Back to School orders (November to January) you will need to complete the following on your order form or online order:
- add the relevant DELIVERY FEE ($11.00 per student for Stationery/$7.00 for Uniforms)
- AUTHORITY TO LEAVE - indicate
  ‘Yes’ - your package will be left if you are not home
  ‘No’ - a card will be left if you are not home
  If you do not tick either and you are not at home a card will be left
- Enter/print (in BLOCK letters) your NAME & DELIVERY ADDRESS
- Indicate which delivery period you require (depending on volume of deliveries, in November/December delivery may be between midnight & 6am over the weekends)

All information relevant to the stores is available on the school Website – put it in your favourites.
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.

**Important Dates**

**November**  
10th Fundraising and Social Team (FAST)  
7pm Library  
11th Integrated Music Parents Support (IMPS)  
8.50am Staff Room  
12th Success Committee  
7pm Library  
19th P & C Meeting  
7pm Library

**Stationery & Uniform Store**  
NB: Stores will open 8-10am THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER in lieu of G20 holiday.

**‘BACK TO SCHOOL’ HOURS commence MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER**  
[due to the work required in packing Stationery orders at this time, the Stationery Store opens on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as indicated here, but the Uniform store is not open on those days unless indicated]

**ASSISTANCE IN THE STORES:**  
**STATIONERY STORE - help STILL required on ALL dates** (up to & including 27 January)  
**UNIFORM STORE - Wednesday 21 January 2015, Thursday 22 January 2015,Tuesday 27 January (other times help would be appreciated)**  
**BOOKLISTS** - will be sent home next week. Prices effective immediately. Please read the reverse side of your booklists to ensure you meet cut off dates.

**SECOND HAND BAND UNIFORMS:**  
Parents of Year 6 & 7 students wishing to sell their band uniforms should complete the appropriate form and hand the uniforms into the Uniform store AS SOON AS all performances are completed. We need to be able to process the paperwork for these BEFORE the busy 'back to school' period begins. School uniforms from all year levels can also be brought in. **PLEASE WASH ALL UNIFORMS FIRST.**

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

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**Tuckshop**  
**Volunteer Roster**  
Thu 6 November - Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armistead  
Fri 7 November - Donna Bassett, Marie Kinshela  
Mon 10 November - Tania Hyde  
Tue 11 November - Meg Leslie, Uli Esser  
Wed 12 November - Liz Kubler, Emma Ney  
Thu 13 November - Jodee Harris, Melissa Halliday  
Fri 14 November - Kate Newnham, Katrina Collins  
Mon 17 November - Robyn Jones  
Tue 18 November - Claire Tyler

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FERNY GROVE STATE SCHOOL
TEMPORARY PART-TIME POSITION

TEACHER AIDE (TA004)
25 hours per week plus ADO

Applications are invited for the temporary position of Teacher Aide (TA004) at Ferny Grove State School in our library from 22 January to 11 December 2015.

Please email the.principal@fernygroves.eq.edu.au for an application package.

Closing date is Friday 21 November at 1pm.
The successful applicant will be required to obtain a Suitability (Blue) Card.

PURE TENNIS
Free Hot Shots Come & Try Week

Has your child ever wanted to try out tennis? Pure Tennis Ferny Hills will be holding free Hot Shots Come & Try days from Tuesday the 11th of November for all children aged between 5 and 8! Pure Tennis Ferny Hills offers before-school coaching at Ferny Grove Primary School as well as afternoon and Saturday morning coaching at the Ferny Hills Tennis Centre.

Hot Shots is an exciting tennis program designed for children aged ten and under! Hot Shots uses smaller courts, smaller racquets and low-compression balls to make learning tennis easier for new players. The fundamental premise of Hot Shots is the concept of “learning through play”. This is based on developing skills in real situations that happen on a tennis court. The program allows children to develop technically and tactically in an environment that is always fun and exciting!

Pure Tennis Ferny Hills will be holding free Hot Shots Come & Try lessons on the following days:
Tuesday the 11th of November: 3:30pm – 4:15pm & 3:45pm – 4:30pm (at Ferny Hills Tennis Centre)
Wednesday the 12th of November: 7:45am – 8:30am (at Ferny Grove State School) and 3:30pm – 4:15pm & 3:45pm – 4:30pm (at Ferny Hills Tennis Centre)
Saturday the 15th of November: 8:00am – 8:45am & 8:15am – 9:00am (at Ferny Hills TC)

To book your free trial, please phone Pure Tennis Ferny Hills on (07) 3851 0444 or visit our website http://fernyhills.puretennis.com.au/book-online-now/ before Friday the 7th of November. To book online, please enter Credit Voucher Code C&T4 and select “Credit Card Payment”.

Social and Emotional Issues of the Gifted
(Including Resilience and Perfectionism)

Thursday November 27, 2014
SAMFORD STATE SCHOOL
LIBRARY SEMINAR ROOM
6pm for a 6:30pm start
(all ages welcome)

Gain insights as Dr Mirella Oliveira shares her extensive research on social, emotional and cognitive aspects of giftedness, including resilience and perfectionism.

“Teachers generally accept that academically gifted students are more mature in their cognitive development than the majority of their classmates. Children who differ significantly from their age-peers in terms of their intellectual development also offer somewhat in their emotional maturity. “The intensity of the gifted student’s response to intellectual, emotional, aesthetic and even physical stimuli can sometimes be confused with immaturity. It is important to understand that while some of the behaviors associated with intellectual, emotional and imaginative overabilities may at first glance appear immature, they actually arise from the child’s intellectual and emotional maturity.”

PURE TENNIS

Brisbane International Schools Challenge

Hot Shots Red
The Brisbane International Schools Challenge Hot Shots Red Ball competition is open to all pupils in grade one, two and three at your child’s school! It doesn’t matter if your child has never played tennis before – Hot Shots is a modified form of tennis that is easy for kids to play and learn and the Brisbane International Schools Challenge is the perfect fun team atmosphere in which to pick-up the basics of the game! Over four exciting weeks of Saturday competition (Saturday the 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th of November), players will compete at Pure Tennis Ferny Hills before participating in a fun Regional Final at the Queensland Tennis Centre on Sunday the 7th of December. All players will be invited to play in the Regional Final regardless of their team’s overall position on the leader-board. The winners & runner ups of the Regional Final will then go on the play the Grand Finals which will be held at the Queensland Tennis Centre during the Brisbane International!


Hot Shots Orange & Green
Brisbane International Schools Challenge Hot Shots Orange & Green Ball players are selected & invited to join their school tennis team by the Pure Tennis Ferny Hills coaching staff. If your child has not received an invitation to register and they are interested in being considered for their school team, please contact Pure Tennis Ferny Hills on (07) 3851 0444.