Melbourne Schools
A group of our Ferny Grove teachers spent from Wednesday to Saturday of last week in Melbourne visiting high performing schools. The trip was a component of our Great Results Guarantee plan and was designed to allow our teachers to spend time in classrooms, talk to teachers as well as school leaders and discuss what we think could add value to our work at FGSS. From a parent perspective we were looking at ways in which these schools involve and engage parents as partners in the learning process. Of all that we saw and heard, several key points stood out.

- Core business of literacy and numeracy evident throughout everything teachers do.
- Engagement of students is critical. Learning must be interesting and linked to student interests.
- Shared responsibility for learning between parents and teachers.
- The Arts are important.
- Minimising differences from one classroom to the next.
- BYO mobile technology strategy.

These and many other messages will be discussed by our teachers and will contribute to what shapes as an exciting 2015.

School Council
Our School Council met on Monday night and engaged in a deep discussion about the issue of community engagement and parents as partners. Issues discussed included:

- How do parents know who to see or where to go when they need more information?
- The concept of a parent expo that covers a range of topics instead of parent information sessions.
- Transparent complaints management process.
- Training for parent volunteers in how to help students with their learning.

Other issues discussed included the new school review process to be conducted in 2015, school opinion survey results and our new 2015 extension program for high performing students called ‘Bright Sparks’ to be facilitated by Mr Bryant.

BYOD
Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) is a strategy that allows students to bring their own mobile technology device (iPad) to school and be granted access to our network. It is a process that we will be investigating in 2015 with a view to setting up our first BYOD classes in 2016. Parents will be kept well informed next year and we will investigate a range of ways in which other schools have successfully applied this strategy to allow teachers and students to more effectively integrate technology into everyday learning. Watch this space in 2015.

After School Play on Playgrounds
We have always been very happy to see parents and students engaging in creative play after school each day. It is important to understand that this equipment forms part of our after school care licencing agreement and therefore must be fully available for these students and their supervisors from 3:15 onwards. This is particularly the case for the year 1 and 2 play area. Your support with this is appreciated.
Middle Years Assembly

Middle Years Assembly on the past Monday saw some more great merit certificates handed out to recognise classroom achievements. Our String Ensemble shared their last performance of the year. Mr Shackleton congratulated students on the excellent work that he sees on a daily basis here at Ferny Grove State School.

Gotchas (for those caught doing the right thing!) were awarded to:

- Ella M 6T
- Jacquie C 6T
- Tamieka N 4JM
- Rebecca W 4A
- Lindsay F 5O
- Brock 6D

Early years news

Prep Play Morning

Our Prep Play Morning was held this week and it was wonderful to see so many excited children who will be starting Prep next year. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to check out the environment while participating in the many wonderful activities that our Prep teachers provided. This also provided a great opportunity for our new and existing families to ask the prep team any questions they have about Prep.

Volunteers Breakfast

A reminder that our Volunteers Breakfast is on this Thursday, if you help out in any way throughout the year please come along. I’m not sure I have ever worked at a school that has such a large volunteer group, we truly couldn’t achieve all that we do without your help along the way. Thank you!!

Prep Art Show

Our Prep Art Show is held this Friday the 21st of November. It is held in the hall from 6:00-8:00pm, please come along and see the amazing art work of our preppies, enjoy a short performance and bid on their class masterpiece. Entry is $5 per family.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal
General news

**Student Council Update**

Thank you to all those who supported the Student Council sale of poppies for Remembrance Day.

**Gold Coin Free Dress Day** - It has been decided that Thursday the 27th of November will be Free Dress Day. Please come along in your Free Dress for a gold coin donation. The money from this Free Dress will be used to have the flag sent to us from the Humani School mounted in a Perspex display case and hung on the blank wall of the tuckshop area. By doing this the whole school is able to enjoy this very special gift.

*Leanne Reid, Student Council*

**Farewell Ceremonies – Graduations – Year 6 and 7**

This year we have two year levels graduating and leaving the school at the end of 2014.

Year 6 ceremony is on Monday 1 December commencing at 7pm. Likewise Year 7 will hold their ceremony on Tuesday 9 December also commencing at 7pm. Both events will take place in the hall and children are asked to wear school uniform for their respective events. Awards and graduations certificates will be announced and presented at both occasions.

**Volunteers Breakfast**

To all our valuable volunteers. In appreciation for all you do come along Thursday morning and enjoy an informal get together with staff and admin team, commencing at 8am in the library. Your never ending support makes a difference to the children’s learning and we thank you for your dedication.

*Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal*

**Swimming**

Swimming will finish for Preps, Year 3 & 4 on Monday the 24th of November. The Year 1 & 2’s will finish on Thursday the 27th of November.

*Jacki Schott, Acting Deputy Principal*

**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.

*Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer*
This week we hosted all of our new Preppies and their families for a Prep Play morning. We are excited to meet all of our new Ferny Grove SS families for 2015, and welcome our new students from our current families. The children had a chance to try out the playground, make and build all sorts of treasures and try their hand at some cool art projects! We look forward to seeing you all next year.
Interhouse Swimming Carnivals 2014

The Interhouse Swimming Carnivals will be conducted in week 9 of Term 4.

Students are reminded that caps must be worn as a requirement of use of the pool, and that girls participating must wear one piece swimming costumes. The wearing of broad brimmed hats and sunscreen is also required. House colours may be worn for the day, and any article brought to the pool should be named.

Dates

Years 3 & 4 – Tues 2nd December - VENUE – Ferny Hills Pool
Years 5, 6, & 7 – Mon 1st December - VENUE – Ferny Hills Pool

Program

Year 3 & 4
9.30am Freestyle Championship heats
Freestyle ‘participation’ heats
10.00 am Backstroke Championship heats
Backstroke ‘participation’ heats
10.30 am Breastroke Championship heats
Breastroke participation heats
11.00am Freestyle Relays

Year 5 – 7
9.45am Freestyle Championship heats
Freestyle ‘participation’ heats
10.45am Backstroke Championship heats
Backstroke ‘participation’ heats
11.40am Breastroke Championship heats
Breastroke ‘participation’ heats
12.15pm Butterfly Championship heats
Butterfly ‘participation’ heats
1.15pm Freestyle Relays

These times are approximate only and other events eg relays or novelty, may be included if time permits.

Students who are 10 years old and in Year 4 may nominate to swim in a Championship heat at the Year 5-7 Carnival.

If you are able to help at either of these carnivals with timekeeping please complete the attached slip and return to your child’s Teacher.

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist

I can help with timekeeping at the
Yr 3 and 4 Carnival
Yr 5/6/7 Carnival
(circle one or both)

Helper’s Name

Instrumental music news

Instrumental Returns

Instrumental music teachers will be recalling instruments over the next couple of weeks. Families hiring the following instruments during 2014 will be required to purchase for the commencement of 2015.

Strings – violin, viola, cello
Woodwind – flute, clarinet, alto sax
Brass – trumpet, trombone

Please chat to the instrumental teachers about second hand instruments or seek advice regarding the purchase of new instruments.

2015 Instrumental Music Beginners

Two meetings were held for parents of beginning students and were well attended. Many forms and payments have already returned. If you have not done so already please return all forms and payments by Wednesday 26 November as we only have a matter of days to organise the program for an early start next year. If you have any queries please ring Belinda Evans on 35505333.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

Let there be cake!

Our Twilight Market will be held on December 5 this year from 5.00 – 9.00 pm as part of our new monthly boutique markets, My Favourite Things.

The Fundraising and Social Team (FAST) will take this opportunity to raise money for our school via school run stalls. One of these stalls will be the bake stall. All donations to the stall are appreciated—keep an eye out for the flyer with the ingredients tag at the bottom to make it easy for labelling your yummies!

We are collecting your lovely baked goods on Friday 5th December from 2.00pm onwards, in the hall canteen area.

For any queries, please contact Fiona Deegan on 0419 690 996.
Storm Boy by Colin Thiele is the novel Year 5 classes have studied this term. The story is set among the sandhills between the Southern Ocean and the Coorong on the South Australian coast. In 5L and 5G we have been busy making models of the humpy (shack) where Storm Boy and his father live. In small groups students used descriptions from the book to help them with their design plan and then collected materials to build and ‘decorate’ their models to create a realistic representation.

“Storm Boy lived with Hide-Away Tom, his father. Their home was a rough little humpy made of wood and brush and flattened sheets of iron from old tins. It had a dirt floor, two blurry buts of glass for windows, and a little crooked chimney made of stove pipes and wire. It was hot in summer and cold in winter, and it shivered when the great storms bent the sedges and shrieked through the bushes outside. But Storm Boy was happy there.”
P & C news

Following on from our survey of parents and staff earlier this year, we are restructuring our Tuckshop to reflect the feedback of the Ferny Grove State School community. The business will run differently to its current form, and will incorporate some exciting new changes. Because the working hours and staff responsibilities will be quite different, we are advertising the new positions that will exist from the beginning of 2015.

Tuckshop/Canteen Convenors

Ferny Grove State School Parents and Citizen Association are seeking both a Part-Time and a Casual Convenor to bring energy, enthusiasm and innovation to our Canteen commencing late January 2015, as part of a business restructure.

Ferny Grove SS has a vibrant school community and our Canteen plays a vital role, delivering a greatly valued service to over 1000 students, staff and volunteers on a daily basis.

We are seeking two highly motivated people to grow our Canteen into a thriving food outlet of quality and choice for its customers. We envision our Canteen as the hub of our school, incorporating special theme days in line with our school calendar, as well as catering for some school events.

Position 1: Senior Managing Convenor
Position Type: Permanent Part Time, Monday to Friday during school terms
Hours: 32 to 38 hours per week

Position 2: Tuckshop Convenor
Position Type: Casual, 3 days per week during school terms
Hours: 9 to 12 hours per week

Requirements:
The successful candidates will have great rapport with children, and the ability to attract and coordinate adult volunteer assistance providing a welcoming, well managed environment for helpers. A high level of interpersonal and communication skills to maintain positive relationships with students, parents, P&C executives, teachers, staff and other stakeholders is vital.

Experience in food handling in commercial volumes and possession of a Certificate III in food processing or a related area or equivalent will be highly regarded. Alternatively, an equivalent qualification or experience will be favourably considered. Please note that the Senior Managing Convenor will be required to obtain the Certificate III. A working knowledge of Quality Assurance and Workplace Health and Safety policies and legislative requirements is also required, including Smart Choices Healthy Food and Drink Strategy.

The ability to be creative, create new menus, manage budgets, provide cost analyses, handle cash, control stock, manage online ordering and suppliers is essential. Successful applicants must hold, or be able to obtain, a working with children suitability card.

If you are passionate about food and nutrition and would love the opportunity to join our great school community, please contact Jodee Harris for a full position description at fgsspc@bigpond.net.au. Applications will be accepted until 3pm on Friday 28th November.

Coffee Cart

Iced Frappes are now back on the menu, $4.50 for chocolate and $5 for a coffee frappe. A great way to cool down, and so tasty.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Craig, which will leave a big hole in our coffee cart roster. This means we are looking for someone or a couple of people who would be interested in joining our happy team. We usually have 2 people on a shift as it can get quite busy (and it is more fun) so you would be fully supported. You don’t even have to know how to make coffee, we can teach you all you need to know. If this sounds like you please come down and have a chat or call Yvette on 0409317553. Did I mention volunteers get FREE coffee?

Yvette Edwards, Coffee Cart
**P & C news**

**Stationery & Uniform Stores** 'BACK TO SCHOOL' HOURS have commenced: (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 the following dates:

- Friday 21 November, Tuesday 25 November & 2 December
- Wednesday 26 November & 14 January
- Thursday 27 November, 4 December & 15 January
- Sunday 18 January 8-12
- Wednesday 21 January 8-11
- Thursday 22 January 4-6

**UNIFORM STORE** - Wednesday 21 January 2015, Thursday 22 January 2015, Tuesday 27 January (other times help would be appreciated)

**BOOKLISTS** - went home last week. They are also available on the school website and on QSchools under your students 2015 year level. 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.**

**REPAIR SERVICE** We are starting a repair service. For small jobs such as sewing on a button or fixing a small hole, the cost is $5. All other repairs will need to be quoted on. To arrange a repair, please contact the uniform store or Jenny Owen on 0403 367 936.

**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

---

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>MON</th>
<th>TUES</th>
<th>WED</th>
<th>THURS</th>
<th>FRI</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>NOVEMBER</strong></td>
<td>17 Nov</td>
<td>18 Nov</td>
<td>19 Nov</td>
<td>20 Nov</td>
<td>21 Nov</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stationery</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-10am &amp; 3-6pm</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uniforms</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>8-11am</td>
<td>3-6pm</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NOVEMBER</strong></td>
<td>24 Nov</td>
<td>25 Nov</td>
<td>26 Nov</td>
<td>27 Nov</td>
<td>28 Nov</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stationery</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>8-10am &amp; 3-6pm</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uniforms</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>3-6pm</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DECEMBER</strong></td>
<td>1 Dec</td>
<td>2 Dec</td>
<td>3 Dec</td>
<td>4 Dec</td>
<td>5 Dec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stationery</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>8-10am &amp; 3-6pm</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uniforms</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>3-6pm</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>DECEMBER</strong></td>
<td>9 Dec</td>
<td>10 Dec</td>
<td>10 Dec</td>
<td>11 Dec</td>
<td>12 Dec</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stationery</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>8-10am &amp; 3-6pm</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uniforms</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>3-6pm</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>JANUARY</strong></td>
<td>19 Jan</td>
<td>20 Jan</td>
<td>21 Jan</td>
<td>22 Jan</td>
<td>23 Jan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stationery</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-11am &amp; 4-6pm</td>
<td>4-6pm</td>
<td>closed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uniforms</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-11am &amp; 4-6pm</td>
<td>4-6pm</td>
<td>9am-12pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>FEBRUARY</strong></td>
<td>2 Feb</td>
<td>3 Feb</td>
<td>4 Feb</td>
<td>5 Feb</td>
<td>6 Feb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stationery</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>3-6pm</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uniforms</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>3-6pm</td>
<td>closed</td>
<td>8-10am</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Tuckshop Volunteer Roster**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Thursday 20 November</th>
<th>Friday 21 November</th>
<th>Monday 24 November</th>
<th>Tuesday 25 November</th>
<th>Wednesday 26 November</th>
<th>Thursday 27 November</th>
<th>Friday 28 November</th>
<th>Monday 1 December</th>
<th>Tuesday 2 December</th>
<th>Wednesday 3 December</th>
<th>Thursday 4 December</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Heather Darlington, HELP NEEDED</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kate Newnham</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jodie Bates</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carolyn Giddens, Anne Flanagan</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Danielle Fleming</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christina Zevenbergen, Jane Watson</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Simone Howes, Angela Reid</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jodie Parker</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blanca Wyllie</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jenny Owen, Amy Martin</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kylie Lawrence, Rebekah Armstead</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

---

Deadline for inclusion in the Ferny Grove News is 12 Noon on Mondays. Email to newsflash@fernygrove.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**

**Brisbane Heat Tickets**

This is a great opportunity for the students and parents of Ferny Grove State School to secure discounted Brisbane Heat Tickets this summer. Also, if members of our school community use the following code when purchasing their own discount tickets and are amongst the top ‘ticket purchasers’ in the region, Ferny Grove State School could win a visit to the school by 6 of the Brisbane Heat players to conduct either game development activities or for a meet and greet with members of the school community. The unique discount ticket code that Ferny Grove State School has been granted is: **SCBH10**. You are able to pass this on to family and friends and those ticket purchases will count towards Ferny Grove SS’s total.

**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.
Community news

PLAY WATER POLO
waterpoloqld.com.au
15&16 December
Somerville House
Aquatics Center
Ages 7-11 (Primary School)
Born 2003 or younger
boys and girls
skills and competition
9.30am - 3.00pm

WPQ Annual U12 FESTIVAL
OF WATER POLO
Emphasis is on FUN rather than winning and losing
Formally qualified Coaches and Referees
Alternate or swimming with safe games
No experience necessary, but must be a competent swimmer
Participate greater involvement - social, mental and physical development
Structured competition draw within program
Affordable program and only need tags

Register online
www.waterpoloqld.com.au
Join as an individual
or a team
$25 existing Club player
$45 New to the sport

Fee Includes
Player and spectator entry
A Bag filled with
Water Bottle, Cap, Activity book!

Christmas Light
Competition
Decorate your home this year to win!

- Cover your house and front yard with lights & decorations
- Send us through a photo of your decorated home along with your details to keperra.qld@raywhite.com
- Get your friends and family to help make our decision by ‘liking’ your photo on our Facebook page

Entries close 13 December
Judging will take place between 15 - 18 December
Winners announced 19 December
Enter by email at keperra.qld@raywhite.com along with the photo of your decorated home.
facebook.com/raywhi.keperra 07 3351 8200

You could win...
1st Prize 2 nights away to the Gold Coast or Sunshine Coast - 2 adults & 2 kids
2nd Prize Australia Zoo family pass
3rd Prize family movie pass
Mystery Prize Judged by the most ‘likes’ on the Ray White Keperra Facebook page

BRAINways.com.au
SAMFORD STATE SCHOOL
Social and Emotional
Issues of the Gifted
(including Resilience and Perfectionism)
Thursday November 27, 2014
SAMFORD STATE SCHOOL
LIBRARY SEMINAR ROOM
even for 8:30 am
(all ages welcome)

Gain insights as Dr Mirella Olivier shares her extensive research and experiences regarding social and emotional aspects of Giftedness (both the positive and negative, including perfectionist tendencies and resilience).

"Teachers generally assist that academically gifted students are more mature in their cognitive development, than the majority of their classmates. Children who suffer significantly from their age years 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 connected with intensity. It is important to understand that while some of these tendencies associated with intellectual and imaginative understandings may at first glance appear invalid, they actually arise from the child’s intellectual and emotional maturity.

Professor Mirella U M Gross (2004)"