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**Student Absence**

*Bulk Bill for Term 1 will be emailed home this week.*

**Payments Due**

Year 1 Bug Lady $8.50

9 February

**Payment due 5 February**

Payments will be accepted from next Tuesday, 3rd February.

Normally, payments can be made at the school office between 8.30 and 11.30am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ONLY.

All payments must be made by due date or student will not be able to participate.

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**Shady solution for junior playground**

We are excited to announce that there will soon be shade over our Year 1/2 playground. The Ferny Grove State School P & C Association have been advised that they were successful in their application for $31,000 from the GCBF grants that are available for community groups and schools. The playground was updated 2 years ago with funding from a similar grant and a $60,000 contribution from our P & C.

“We asked for parent feedback via a School Enhancement Survey at the end of 2013,” said Principal Brett Shackleton. “One of the things that was mentioned by numerous parents was their concern about lack of shade on this much used playground equipment. The P & C have actively sought funding for a shade solution and our students will now benefit from having an area where the equipment will be cooler and they have some relief from our intense Queensland sun.”

Thanks to our P & C for making this possible.
I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all students and families who commenced school this week, particularly those joining our school community for the first time. Over 50 students (along with 100 preps) started at our school yesterday. We look forward to meeting you all as the year progresses. It has been fascinating to conduct enrolment interviews this past week and chat to families moving from all over the world to our school. I feel for those who have left countries in the depth of winter only to arrive in Brisbane and be welcomed by 35 degree heat.

Everyone will be pleased to know that both our senior and junior toilets are complete. Renovated from top to bottom and including automatic flushing urinals, air drying for hands, new paint, stainless steel basins and new flooring. If I sound excited it’s because the smell has finally been dealt with and they are worthy of the rest of our facility.

Rules for Parents 101

Each year I remind parents of a few ‘must do’ behaviours for the adults who set the example for our young ones to follow. So here they are.

- Never park on school grounds unless granted a disability access permit granted by me. Reversing cars in peak time risk serious injury or even death. If you have a permit check behind your car before departing as we know how unpredictable children can be.
- Avoid hanging around in front of classrooms before 2:50pm. Our students are expected to concentrate all the way to end of school and this is made more difficult by the presence of Mum or Dad within eyesight.
- We are happy for children to play on the playgrounds after school but ONLY when supervised by their parent or guardian. We do not supervise after school.
- If your child arrives between 8:10 and 8:35 they can wait in the tuckshop area without a parent supervising. Parents with children are able to wait anywhere within the school.
- Keep in contact with your teachers either by email or face to face but if you wish to conduct a detailed discussion, make a time with your teacher to ensure it is done properly.
- Label everything!!
- Read the newsletter. It is fortnightly and comes direct to your inbox or can be accessed via the web or Facebook. It has everything in it you need to know.
- Sign up for our Facebook page to keep in touch with all the wonderful things that happen each day.
- If you notice something that could be a concern and need to notify us please feel free to email or phone.
- Avoid loitering in drop off zones and definitely don’t park and leave your car. If the kids aren’t there either park somewhere else or drive around the block and hope they make it in time. Parking in drop off zones just creates frustration for other users and can be dangerous.

Let’s make 2015 a year to remember at Ferny Grove State School.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Don’t forget to like our Facebook page for photos from school events, updates and other timely information.
Welcome
Welcome back to all of our existing families and a very warm welcome to new families of Ferny Grove State School. The first day ran really smoothly and I was pleased to see so many smiling faces. We hope you had a relaxing break and that students are ready and excited for the year ahead.

I would also like to welcome four new staff members, Michele Foster on Prep, Josh Tynan on year one, Nicole Green on year two and Jo Eales on year three.

Parent Information Evenings - Years 1-6
Elsewhere in this newsletter are the dates and times for the Parent Information Evenings held for your child’s class. Please come along as it is a great chance to meet your child’s teacher and hear important information for the year for each year level. Prep parents had their information evening last Thursday night and we had a great turn out.

Thank You
A big thank you to the FAST committee for organising the ‘Coffee and Cake’ held on Tuesday morning, it was a great opportunity for new and existing parents to sample our Coffee Cart delights and enjoy cake, as well as meeting members of our Admin team and other parents!!!

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal
**Instrumental music news**

**Welcome to 2015 and the Instrumental Program**

Our beginners are keenly awaiting their Beginners’ Camp which take place this week and next.

**Years 4 and all strings students**

**Year 5 students**

**Beginner’s Music Camp Venues are as follows:-**

**Strings** Ferny Hills State School Hall - with concert at 2.15pm Monday for strings.

**Percussion** Ferny Grove High School

**Brass** Samford State School with a concert at 2pm on Monday (Year 4) and Thursday (Year 5).

**Woodwind** Ferny Grove State School Hall with a concert at 2pm on Monday (Year 4) and Thursday (Year 5).

Those students hiring school instruments will be handed their instrument today.

**Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Instrumental Lessons for 2015**

Weekly Instrumental Music lessons commence on the following days and dates.

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**Senior Band**, comprising of Year 6 woodwind, percussion and brass students, will commence rehearsals **Wednesday 11 February at 7.30 am.** Their first public performance will be the **Induction Assembly on Monday 23 February.** Ms Angela Gadd is our new brass teacher and is replacing Mr Grainger as the Senior Band conductor.

**Instrumental teachers for 2015 are as follows:-**

- **BRASS** Ms Angela Gadd
- **STRINGS** Mrs Nicola Seneviratne
- **WOODWIND** Mrs Rhonda Haringcaspel
- **PERCUSSION** Mr Brenden Schick

We look forward to a dynamic year with double the intake of beginners learning an instrument and our Year 6 students further developing their skills and entertaining us on a regular basis.

_Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal_

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**Library news**

This year we have appointed a full-time Teacher Aide to manage our Library resources, but also to create more opportunities for choices during break times. We welcome Leane Dunn to the Library position and look forward to lots of fun in 2015! Some of our students have started off on the right foot, playing games and collaborating on projects during their breaks this week. There will also be a number of Library Monitors appointed from years 4, 5 and 6, so if you are interested collect a form from Mrs Dunn in the library.

_Leane Dunn, Library Aide_
Parent Information Evenings

Every year an information evening is held for parents by Years 1-3 and Years 4-7 year level teachers. Parents find these to be invaluable. Class teachers will outline classroom expectations, teaching and learning priorities for numeracy and literacy, homework requirements and provide many helpful tips and tricks. This is also an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.

This year the Parent Evenings will take place on the following dates:

**Monday 9th February** – Yr 1-3: Two sessions (repeated) 6:00 – 6:45pm and 7:15 – 8pm

**Wednesday 11th February** – Yr 4-6 Two sessions (repeated) 6:00 – 6:45pm and 7:15 – 8pm

The repeated sessions allow parents to participate in two information sessions across two year levels within the one evening. All sessions take place in year level classrooms.

An admin session will take place in the library between 6:50 – 7:10pm. Topic of interest this year will focus upon school based support for under and higher achieving students.

We encourage all parents to come along to these important information evenings.

*Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal*

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Language news

**Guten Tag und willkommen to German in 2015!**

There are a number of changes occurring in the German department at Ferny Grove SS this year:

- Our long standing German teacher Frau Heather Barralet retired at the end of last year. I am now the sole German teacher at Ferny Grove. This means that I will now be here at the school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- German will be taught, assessed and reported on for year 5 and year 6 students, in line with the announcement by the Queensland state government last year, that a foreign language will be compulsory from year 5. ([http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2014/8/25/more-language-lessons-for-students](http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2014/8/25/more-language-lessons-for-students)) Both year levels will receive 90 minutes of German per week. Our year 5 students are very fortunate, in that they are the first cohort of year 5 students to receive a 90 minute allocation.
- Due to year 7 students having moved to High School, there will be some changes to the German Curriculum at Ferny Grove and as a result, I hope to hold German Food Day in Term 1 this year. Please watch this space for further information and updates.

If you have any questions about the curriculum or any other aspects of the German program, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can do this by phoning the office but you are also most welcome to see me for a casual chat in my room.

*Frau Andrea Guerra*

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P & C News

**Uniform Store**

Order forms have gone home this week for Year 6 shirts - make sure you get your order in by Monday 9th February. Payment can be sent by cash, paid at the Uniform Store or on Flexischools.

*Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor*

3550 5342 (0409 272 062)

uniformstore@fernygrovepandc.com.au

**Coffee Cart**

The Coffee Cart is OPEN every day from 7:50 till 9:15. We serve coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and coffee or chocolate frappes.

We will also be open this Saturday for the election and Phoenix netball sign up.

Watch out for the Coffee Cart’s flyer coming home this week, including a voucher for $1.50 off your next drink.
**Lost property**

We have relocated the lost property wheelie bins to the hall (near OSHC) - no longer outside admin building.

Hopefully in this location parents have an opportunity to check when they attend our assemblies or at drop off/pick up at OSHC.

Our OSHC staff have kindly agreed to assist in keeping our lost property under control – thank you to Diana and the team.

*Marg Frame, Business Services Manager*

**School banking**

We do school banking at FGSS on Thursday mornings (starting THIS THURSDAY - 29th Jan). It is a great fundraiser ($5 for each new banker and 5% of total deposits is donated to school from the bank’s profits). If you are interested in starting to teach your kids to save money, this is SO easy and the kids will earn rewards AND bonus interest along the way.

Simply open a *YouthSaver* account for primary school (and even pre-school) aged children at any Commonwealth Bank branch and send your deposit book with a minimum of 50c to the office (via class bag for Prep-3) by 9:30am every Thursday. If transferring from another school, send to office as above and we will issue you a new student number.

After 10 deposits through the school, your child can order a reward. The rewards items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4

Any questions please phone 0437 266 530 or ring the school between 8:30 and 10:30 Thurs mornings. PLEASE ensure the child’s *2015 class* (or their siblings class if a preschooler) is clearly written on front of yellow bank book before sending to school to ensure it gets returned promptly. Thanks and happy saving!!!!

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**P & C news**

**Important Dates**

**February**

2nd Fundraising and Social Team (FAST)
7pm Library
18th P & C Meeting
7pm Library

**Tuckshop**

Lots of changes for 2015!

1. **New Managing Convenor** is Liz Mu – please make her welcome. Kellee Gyles is returning as Assistant Convenor. Liz is full time and this will allow us to offer more fresh food choices made from scratch.

2. **Open for Breakfast** from 8 – 8.30am – see options on new paper menu that goes home this week. **Closed for sales at first break** (no chips and iceblocks before lunch food). Open from 1.20-1.35pm for over the counter sales of our snack menu as well as leftover food in counter top fridge.

3. **New menu** on www.flexischools.com.au. Includes some more healthy choices and daily specials including Sushi on Tuesday and Friday. Keep an eye out for the WOW Wednesday specials! We will have a **new earlier closing time for Flexischools** so all orders will need to be placed by 8.30am.

4. **Limited menu this week** – Breakfast and full menu starts from next Monday 2nd February.

5. **Counter top refrigerator**. Thanks to a grant obtained by the P & C we were able to purchase this display fridge which will be filled with extra sushi, salads and fresh rolls/wraps for purchase by staff, visitors and volunteers to our school, as well as any children who still have an appetite at second break! EFTPOS will be available for any staff, parents or volunteers that wish to make a purchase.

6. As always we are **looking for volunteers** and also have some donation options for those who can’t help out – more information will land in your inbox this week. We will have 2 volunteer shifts in line with our extended hours—one from 9-12 and one from 11.30-2.30 to give our volunteers more flexibility.

We hope you enjoy our new menu – the P & C has listened to survey feedback from 2014 and are headed in a new direction with the food we are offering and convenience for all our customers.
Community news

Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisors
Casual positions exist for School Crossing Supervisors at multiple schools throughout the region. Please tell neighbours, friends and family of these positions available. Please help us to help our students.

School Crossing Supervisor positions are for up to 5 days per week on a roster. Remuneration $27.49 per hour.

Contact the Brisbane North Road Safety Office for more information. Phone: 3863 9873
Email: Zillmere_road_safety@tmr.qld.gov.au

FREE healthy lifestyle program for families – places still available
Families can still register for the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health – starting in February.

The free program is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age.

The program is great fun for kids and helps parents make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life.

It runs for 6 months and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and is being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au.
Community news

Girls, want to play a new sport? With your friends?
Come and learn to play Hockey at our club!

SIGN ON - Saturday 31st January, 9am - 1pm at Amart All Sports, Mitchelton
Sunday 1st February 1pm - 4pm at our training ground - Olearia Street, Everton Hills
Age Groups: U7’s, U9’s, U11’s, U13’s on grass or U17’s play on grass or artificial turf.
See website www.aranaascothockey.com.au or Facebook for details and times for Hockey Development Program
For further information please contact, Club Secretary, Margie Brown on aranaascot@gmail.com or 0419 689 239 or Liz O’Connor, Development Co-ordinator on 0458140294 or lizoconnor@carkeets.com

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN FOOTBALL CLUB
SIGN-ON DAY
Saturday 31st Jan 2015
12.00 PM to 3.00 PM
Darien Street, Bridgeman Downs
EVERYONE WELCOME
All Age Groups - from 3 Years old
Male & Female
Tiny Tots, Juniors, Youth & Seniors
PRE-REGISTER ONLINE
www.northsidefootball.org.au
0417 191 141

Pine Hills Netball Club
Register on line @ www.pinehillsnetball.club
Our grading day is Sat 21st Feb
For further info refer to website: www.pinehillsnetball.club
Come and join the fun!