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### ANZAC Memorial garden in the works

If you have been anywhere near the administration block in the last few weeks you will have seen some major earthworks and landscaping underway. This is our Anzac Memorial Garden project, which has taken a number of years to bring to fruition.

For safety reasons the entry gate near the Finvoy Street crossing will be closed and the whole area will fenced off while the earthworks and other installation takes place. The footpath will not be impeded so students will still be able to enter via the other gates on Finvoy Street. Bike racks have been relocated to the other end of the admin building on the grass between the fence and the building.

This has been a project dear to our student council for a number of years and they have set aside money from discos and free dress days to support this garden. We now also have grant money from Councillor Andrew Wines and Anzac Centenary funding via Federal member Jane Prentice to add to the hard earned dollars of our student council. It will be a special place in our school that honours the service of so many of our families, both past and present. The garden is designed in the shape of a poppy, specifically to honour the veterans of World War I, but will also have memorial stones moved from various sites throughout the school and incorporated into the space. It should be finished in time for Anzac Day 2015.
**Student Leaders Induction**

It is always an honour to attend our leaders’ induction parade each year. My talk with the students revolved around the capacity of every single person to lead, providing they are ready to do what it takes to be a leader. I listed several characteristics that I believe make you an effective leader (if only we could make these common sense leadership traits ‘more common)

- **Honesty.** Tell me honestly what you want to do as a leader. Good news is easy to share, bad news not so easy but sometimes we need to hear it.
- **Trustworthy.** If you are honest then people are more likely to trust you as a leader. No trust equals no followers.
- **Respectful and respected.** If I trust you then I respect you as both a person and a leader. If you then treat me with respect I might just work even harder.
- **Competence.** Be good at your job, whatever it is. We will respect people who are good at their job but please don’t spend all their time telling us how good you really are. So, be good but also be humble.
- **Co-operation.** Good leaders know they can’t do it without others and that people won’t follow leaders who belittle, bully or ignore the people around them. Share the glory that goes with success and don’t look for the nearest person to blame for failure.

In the end it is all about character. If you wish to be judged by the content of your character then you must decide what content you wish your character to hold.

No one ever said leading is easy. Some days we take the bouquets, other days the brickbats. In the end though, it is people with these attributes that have the greatest capacity to make a difference in this world.

We are fortunate at Ferny Grove SS to have so many honest, trustworthy, respected and competent young people who understand what it means to be part of a team rather than being the only person on the team.

Congratulations to all the students awarded leadership positions. Getting the badge is the easy bit in many respects. Now we need to you to live up to the trust placed in you, by........DWYSYWD (This week’s quiz. What do these letters stand for?). I’ll put the answer on Facebook on Monday.

*Brett Shackleton, Principal*
General news

Upcoming Student of The Month Parade
Our next whole school assembly will take place on Monday 9 March. This will be a whole school parade and the Senior Choir are busily rehearsing and will be performing at the event. Children will wear their school uniform for this performance and will be required to meet at the hall at 8:30am.

No Senior parade on Monday 2 March

Induction Ceremony
This past Monday’s Induction Assembly is one of our important annual events and it was very pleasing to see so many family members joining our student body for the ceremony. Over 70 school leaders were inducted and took the Pledge of Office which was led by our local councillor, Mr Andrew Wines. Each year children take on important roles which give them the opportunities to help, encourage and lead fellow students. We wish them well throughout 2015 and I look forward to working with the students throughout the year.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

On Friday March 13, we will be having a Spray for a Cure assembly. All proceeds support the Leukaemia Foundation.

Our very brave Teacher Aide, Cindy McNab will be having her hair shaved off. Please support our school fundraising efforts by sponsoring Cindy here. Also if you can donate hairspray for our Spray for a Cure, please bring to Mrs Reid’s room in the Year 6 block.
Early years news

Gotchas

Week 3 - Caden 1M, Aerynn 2B, Joel B 2B, Jorja B 2B, Jasmine 1C
Week 4 - Anais 1T, Hayden 1/2C, Lily T 1T, Veronica 1NV

Beans 4 Books brings Casey the Caterpillar
Look what has arrived!! Thanks to Beans for Books we were able to purchase ‘CASEY THE CATERPILLAR’ resources for our Prep classes.

Our Prep classes are implementing the ‘Casey the Caterpillar’ handwriting program in their rooms this year. This program is based around a shared story following the adventures of Casey the Caterpillar and the friends she meets along the way. Throughout the story, the children are introduced to different shapes that when put together in different combinations, form the letters of the alphabet. We will send home a note with the shapes they learn, how they are described, and how they are combined together to form letters and numbers. Please keep this as a future reference as you may like to use this language when working with your children at home. Children spend a lot of time practicing these shapes in isolation and then move on to combining them to form letters. Casey the Caterpillar will start in Prep classes next week. If there are enough parent interest we would be happy to run an information session one afternoon after school to explain this program, as consistent language is the key. Thank you to all of our coffee drinkers for supporting Beans 4 Books!

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal

The Great Bunyaville Excursion
On Monday 23 February, we went to Bunyaville and had 24 hours to save the world and rescue Agent Claw! We got to be E.I.A agents. We learnt all sorts of things and looked at different living, non-living and once living things. We did a nature treasure hunt and played games about nature in the forest part of Bunyaville. We especially loved being blind-folded and then being led to trees and having to guess which tree we felt. It was also fun hiding in the Bunyaville forest.
We felt very, very tired by the end of the day but it was an extraordinary day! We hope we get to go back to Bunyaville sometime soon.

Written by Freja Staunton and Cayden Ranizowski (3SB)
As you know the library is now open both first and second break for all students. We are also open some mornings and afternoons for students and their parents to come and read and borrow books.

Library hours are currently
- **Monday**: 8.15am to 2.30pm
- **Tuesday**: 9am to 3.30pm
- **Wednesday**: 8.15am to 2.30pm
- **Thursday**: 9am to 3.30pm
- **Friday**: 9am to 2.30pm

Students should not come to the library before school on days the library is not open as there is no staff supervision.

We have had a great response from students with ideas for activities and new books for the library. We will see some of these coming in the next few weeks.

The students have suggested that we get some more board games in the library. We are looking for donations of board games that will have some educational benefit and ones with not too many pieces to get lost. If you have anything that you think might be suitable please give me a call or drop them into the library. Ph. 35505319.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator

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**Language news**

Guten Tag!

Over the last two weeks in German class, the year 5 and 6 students have dived right into unit 1: Making Contact. Students learned to describe themselves and were able to express both their creativity and their languages skills by first building a model of themselves made of Lego and then describing it in German. A great effort was made by all.

This week, the students were able to engage in a cultural experience by celebrating Karneval (or Fasching/Fastnacht) in line with the celebrations in Germany. Students learned about the history and significance of this festival, were able to get into the spirit by dressing up in costume and had the opportunity to create some Karneval masks. A vigorous round of chicken dancing even added to a little bit of fitness.

Bis bald und hellau/ahoi/alaaf (Karneval greetings)

PS: German Food Day in 4 weeks

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**Family Movie Night**

- **Date**: Saturday 14 March
- **Venue**: FGSS Hall
- **Time**: Movie from 7pm
- **Food**: BBQ and Refreshments from 6pm
- **Entry**: $5 per family

**How to Train Your Dragon 2**

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**Frau Andrea Guerra**

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Great kids & families  Great staff  Great learning opportunities
Hello our names are Zoe and Olivia from grade 6. We are part of the Bright Sparks program. Our project will be targeting students’ mental health and wellbeing, looking at things which make students anxious and happy. We are asking if students in grades 3-6 could please fill in our quick survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZSXFTPK

As a thank you for your help everyone who fills out the survey, and their name and class will go in the draw to win chocolate and appear in our video presentation. (All survey answers are anonymous and names are collected by the programme separately).

Please help us get 200 responses to our survey—we are not half way there yet!

Thank you.
Kind regards,
Zoe and Olivia
Year 6 Bright Sparks Program
Ferny Grove State School
Students have been enjoying some outdoor activities for Catch up Club for the past two weeks. We played poison ball in week 4 which attracted a large crowd of happy children eager to join in the games. In week 5 children have been adding colour to our pavement with some fantastic chalk drawings. Due to popular demand, we will be skipping in weeks 6 and 7 for Catch up Club instead of bubble play which is scheduled for week 6. Come and join us outside the Catch up Club room and bring your friends.

We would like to thank Natasha and Camryn for their help at both Catch up Club and Courtyard Games for the past few weeks. Your helpful attitude and smiling faces make us very happy and proud of you.

Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw, Defence Transition Aides

2015 has seen the establishment of a student theatre group at Ferny Grove SS – SPAG BOL (Student Performing Arts Group – Brightening Our Learning).

SPAG BOL will be performing 2 productions this year. The first will be on the evenings of 21/22 May and the second sometime in November.

Currently, approximately 45 budding student actors and 10 audio/visual and backstage crew have ‘survived’ the auditioning process and are beginning rehearsals for our May production – ‘I Spy (Top Secret Drama)’. Cast and crew will be learning about theatre terminology, etiquette, acting skills and the best ways to learn lines – these being but a few of the numerous skills they will acquire over the course of the production.

Keep your eye on our school newsletters for more SPAG BOL news and pictures in the near future!

Mr Sandilands & the SPAG BOL Team
Parent education
We will be offering 1-2-3 Magic classes for parents of Prep, Year 1 and 2 students. It teaches strategies for managing behaviour at home.

Thursday nights
March 12 and 26, 7 pm to 8:30 pm
Multi media room, Library

Email interest in attending to pwhee3@eq.edu.au

Day time classes will be offered during Term 2, for parents who can’t make it to night times.

Sports news

Cross Country

It is time again for our school Cross Country. Classes are busily training for what is a popular event on our school calendar.

## Due to logistical issues the date of this year’s event has had to be changed from the date that appeared in this Term’s Calendar.

The date for this year will now be MONDAY 16th MARCH

As usual children will be expected to run in suitable footwear. NB Running barefoot or in running spikes will not be allowed.

Session times for each age group are as follows:

- 9:00 am 12 yr olds
- 10:00 am 11 yr olds
- 12:20 pm 10 yr olds
- 1:50 pm 9 yr olds

# The top three from each age group for boys and girls will qualify to represent our school at the District event on the 28th April.

### (9 yr olds do not compete at the District Carnival)

Gary Kirby, PE Specialist

P & C news

Important Dates

March
9th FAST Meeting (Fundraising & Social Team) 7pm Library
18th P & C Meeting and AGM (Annual General Meeting) 7pm Library

The Annual General Meeting of our P & C Association will be held on Wednesday 18th March after our General Meeting at 7pm in the library. All are welcome! All Executive positions will be declared vacant, so if you are interested in nominating for a role, please come along!

Tuckshop

*********** Volunteers Urgently needed ***********
We need three people for a Thursday or Friday shift each month. Can you fill a spot? Volunteers are only rostered once a month and usually help from drop off time till noon. We are lucky to be able to offer our Tuckshop service five days a week but this relies on volunteers helping our paid staff. If you can help please drop into the Tuckshop or let Liz by phone or email.

Liz Mu, Senior Managing Convenor
3550 5361
tuckshop@fernygrovepandc.com.au

Stationery & Uniform Stores
OPEN MONDAY AND FRIDAY 8-10AM, WEDNESDAY 3-6PM.

Backpacks have arrived so if you had one on order please come collect. Size 6 shorts will be here by the end of the week.

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

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

The Ferny Grove Junior Australian Football Club is seeking players aged 5-13 years. The Falcons are a Community Club that focus on developing players’ fundamental skills and game sense abilities by creating an enjoyable and challenging experience for the players to learn. Coaches aim to develop young people into responsible contributing members of society through the principal of NED – Never give up! Encourage others! Do your best!

Phone 0435 977 500, e-mail fernygrovejuniors@aflbj.com or visit www.falconsfooty.org for further information.
Closet Cleanout
market morning

When: Saturday 28th February 2015
Time: Doors open at 9.00am - 11.30am
Where: SANDRAGS, 153 Rainbow Street, Sandgate, 4017 (near Sandgate Train station)
Cost: $2 entry to the market

Morning Tea and drinks will be on sale! Please bring along friends and family to grab a bargain! If you would like to have a stall please contact Dan on damfox@gmail.com ASAP as spots are limited. Stalls are $10 which includes your table and entry into the market. 100% of the stall money goes to supporting Breast Cancer patients in North Brisbane. Your old clothes could be someone's new while supporting a great cause.

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Costume and random draw prizes to be won
Goodie bags for first 100 entrants

Race starts from
Kov McKeil Oval (Main Field)
247 Dawson Parade, Keperra.

Race distances
Open age
10 - 13 year olds
5 - 9 year olds
5km
2.5km
1km

Register before 26th Feb: $2.0 per person/individual or team member (team of 4 or more)
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