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Late last year, we were the lucky recipients of a Telstra Kids Fund grant for $1200. This has allowed us to purchase some ottomans to be used for an outdoor reading space on the balcony of the Year 6 block.

Telstra Kids Fund grants are available to organisations that have children of Telstra employees. In this case we were kindly sponsored by Brett Born, father of Stephanie Born in 6B. Our thanks to the Born family for this opportunity to encourage and promote the joy of reading for our older students.
Communication

Last week the Ferny Grove State School Council approved publication of a policy for our school to support our commitment to positive and open communication between school and community. The link to the new policy is included below so that parents can access it for future reference. The purpose of this policy is to make explicit our process for both handling parent concerns as well as positive feedback.

You will see that we have outlined our desire for an ‘open and approachable’ culture within the school whilst highlighting the rights of all concerned to be treated with respect and dignity and the responsibility to treat others similarly.

Some of the key messages include;

- The importance of natural justice in all actions. Staff have a right to know when a concern is raised and students and parents have a right to assume their complaint will be received politely. This does not however mean all concerns are accepted as valid at the time of them being raised.
- How concerns are raised is very important to the overall success of the process. Please follow the process and ensure if the concern is about another student, that you don’t under any circumstances address it with that student personally.
- Both concerns raised and positive feedback will be documented on our Education Queensland data base at the time of them being raised.
- We love to hear good news stories, particularly when it concerns our students or staff.

Our School Council is dedicated to developing a community engagement strategy that documents all that we do to build our profile within the local community. This policy is the first aspect of this strategy to be published. My thanks to John Darlington and Jessica De La Jara who played a lead role in developing this policy.

Here is the link to A Guide to Raising Concerns and Communicating Feedback.

In light of what I have shared above I need to raise another very important issue in relation to school parent communication. It has been reported to me by several parents that the reputation of staff at this school is being put at risk by unfair, untrue and bordering on defamatory comments made on social media. The staff at this school work extremely hard to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for every student enrolled. In the end, our professional reputation is all we have and I will not, under any circumstances, accept that it is okay to use social media to damage the standing of staff at this school. The above policy makes it clear how we deal with concerns at our school. To use social media to share personal grievances without the opportunity for staff to present a balanced view is unjust and I would ask that it stop immediately.

Brett Shackleton, Principal

Congratulations to the recipients of our March 2015 Student of the Month Awards. These awards were presented on our Whole School Assembly this past Monday by P & C President Tony Clark to students who have been outstanding in their year level.

Prep - Thomas J. Year 4 - Eleanor B.
Year 1 - Lawrence A. Year 5 - Elliot G.
Year 2 - Hamish D. Year 6 - Emma B.
Year 3 - Chloe M.

Don’t forget to like our Facebook page for photos from school events, updates and other timely information.
**What's on**

**Movie Night**
On Saturday the 14th of March we are holding a Family Movie Night in our school hall. Come along and support this community event and enjoy watching 'How to Train Your Dragon 2'. There will be a BBQ and refreshments from 6pm and entry is $5 per family. Movie starts at 7pm and there will be lucky door prizes too. Popcorn and lollies will also be available for purchase. Bring along a blanket, pillow or beanbag. See you all there!!

**School Photos**
Next week we will be having our school photos taken. Information will be coming home shortly with details but please ensure your child/ren are looking neat and tidy and in our correct uniform. Nothing says Respect like wearing our uniform with pride.

**School Disco**
Next week on Thursday, March 19 we are holding our first disco for the year. If you are a first time parent to this event please be aware that we do not allow parents into the hall until it is time to collect your child. We will have ample teachers there to help and ask that parents wait outside the hall. Your cooperation with this will be appreciated.

*Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal*

**Camp Currimundi – Year 6**
Year 6 camp is fast approaching. The children will be heading off to Camp Currimundi on Monday 30 March and returning Thursday 2 April. Payment of $200 is due by Thursday 26 March.

*Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal*

**Sports news**

**District AFL**
Congratulations to Adrian Tebbutt and Dillon Burgess (Yr 6) who have made it into the District AFL team. We wish them all the best at the Regional Trials on 1st and 2nd April.

*Damen Howard, AFL Coach*

**Cross Country**
Our school Cross Country is being held next Monday, March 16.

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:

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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*
Student Council news

Shave/Spray for a Cure
This Friday March 13 is the big day. Two very brave Ferny Grovers, Elliott G from 5H and Teacher Aide, Mrs Cindy McNab will be shaving their heads at a Whole School Assembly starting at 8.50am in support of the Leukemia Foundation.
Students can have their hair sprayed from 7.45 am.
Prep and Year 1 - Tuckshop
Year 2 and 3 - lower Tuckshop
Year 4 and 5 - Year 4 eating area
Year 6 - middle covered area
Cost is 50c for one strip of colour and $4 to colour your whole head of hair.
Thanks to all those who have donated tins of coloured spray. All donations will be gratefully received at 6R until Thursday afternoon.

Disco
Disco next Thursday, March 19. Tickets on sale before school in tuckshop area next week.
Junior Disco 5pm - 6.30pm Cost $5 (as it now runs longer)
Senior Disco 7pm—8.30pm Cost $5
Sno-cones on sale on the night for $2.

Leanne Reid, Student Council Coordinator

Library news

It was a pleasure to present our senior library monitors with their badges on Parade on Monday. It is great to see all our library monitors doing a great job.
Last week students made stickers on the library verandah. This week in the library the students enjoyed making paper planes in preparation for our paper plane competition on Thursday which will be held in the hall at first break.
Just a reminder that the library is open Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.15am and Tuesday and Thursday afternoon till 3.30pm. Please remind students that the library is not open on Tuesday mornings when year 1 reading is happening.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator
Leaders news

Last week, on Monday and Tuesday, the six captains went to Leadership Camp which was held at The Gap State School. On the first day we were lucky to have the captains from The Gap High, Ferny High and Mitchelton High come in and do some leadership activities with us. One of the activities we did was where you had to pick a card, choose one of the things off it and act it out in front of the group – this was done with the Mitchelton captains. Another activity we did was when there was a selection of photos spread across the ground, from them we had to choose five and then act them out to the other groups to see if they would guess correctly – this was done with the Ferny captains. The last activity to mention is one we played with the Gap captains. In this activity we had everybody in a line, everyone had a blindfold except the person at the back who was in charge of making sure we went the right way. To do so they would tap our left or right shoulder to lead us in the direction we needed to go. The message to this activity was that you don’t always have to lead from the front. Over all I think we all enjoyed and learnt a lot from this experience, I know I did. 

Hallie Naumann, Vice Captain

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Zanden Jeh, School Captain

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Hayden Kent, Vice Captain

At Leadership camp we learned skills on presentation, confidence, speaking and other similar topics. On the first day Mr Jeh visited us and talked about our ‘brand’ or ‘character traits’. We thought of what our character traits were and then shared them with others who then told us what they thought our character traits were. Mr Jeh suggested that if they were similar it was probably a good indication you are true to who you think you are and if not you probably just view yourself differently from how others see you. Overall the camp was a good experience, which I really enjoyed. I learnt new skills that will be beneficial for not only this year but in years to come.

Abi Jones, Vice Captain

Last Monday and Tuesday, we attended our first Senior Leadership Camp and were involved in some activities with the School Chaplains. We were split into 3 different groups with students from other local schools. The first activity that I participated in was where a marble had to be balanced on a plastic cup, with the cup sitting on a flat bandanna. The bandanna was held by some of the students & moved around the room. We had to make sure the cup & marble didn’t move. This proved to be a bit tricky! The activity helped us to communicate & work as a team to ensure the cup & marble stayed in position. The second activity was a little harder! There was a team of five and we had a wooden stick filled with helium. The aim was to get the stick down to the ground with only a tiny part of your finger touching the wood. This made it really difficult! The final activity was where we had about twenty different sized pipes, and we had to work as a team to slide the marble through all the pipes, without it falling to the ground! All these activities were aimed for everyone to work together as a team, through many different challenges! These skills will definitely benefit me as a School Captain. 

Meggren Birch, School Captain

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**Helping Hands news**

The children at OSHC have been very busy. The ELA ‘Who Done it’ started last week. The children have loved being detectives. We have also been doing the Nature Play Program. The children have gone on nature walks, collected leaves and flowers, made a nature collage and discussed the importance of caring for the environment.

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**Instrumental and Choral Music News**

Our Senior Choir performed for the first time at this week’s Student of The Month assembly. The children have only had a few rehearsals and chose a well known song sung as a round with a year 6 student, Xander, conducting whilst Mrs Miller accompanied. As the choir give up their lunch time to rehearse we are hoping they will perform regularly on assembly. Their next big performance will be straight after the holidays on Friday 24 April at our ANZAC service. For this performance we will require the children to wear the performance uniform. Also during May they will be competing in the biennial Fanfare Choral Competition. Again they will need their performance uniform on this occasion.

**Exciting News**—We have a replacement for Nicola Seneviratne, whilst she recuperates. Ms Jam-Lee Melvin has been contracted to come to our school on Mondays each week until Nicola’s return. This pleasing news came through Sunday and Ms Melvin came in and introduced herself to all the children both on parade and individually. Lessons and Year 4-6 rehearsal will recommence on Monday 16 March. The 7:30am rehearsal and class time lessons will take place in the old music room as woodwind lessons and Junior band will also be rehearsing on Mondays. If your Year 4 to 6 child plays a violin or viola we ask that they bring along their music stand for early morning rehearsals as we are short of stands when we have two large groups rehearsing before school on the same day.

**Junior Band Commences**

Years 4 and 5 brass, woodwind and percussion students will have their first Junior band rehearsal on Monday 16 March. Children are asked to go to the hall at 7:20am to set up for a 7:30am rehearsal. Trumpet, flute and clarinet players are asked to bring along their music stands from home as there are two rehearsals competing for the stands on Mondays whilst we have a replacement strings teacher.

Every Monday from now on the children will have a weekly rehearsal plus their weekly lessons will continue as usual, Mondays – woodwind lessons, Tuesday – percussion lessons and Wednesday – brass lessons.

**Parade Performances – 23 March**

Senior band will be performing on parade on Monday 23 March. They will need to meet Mrs Haringcaspel at 8:30am in the hall. Children are only required to bring instruments and music to this performance as there is no need for children to wear their performance uniform.

Drum Beat will also conclude their Term 1 program with a short performance on Monday 23 March. Do join us for this entertaining assembly.

**Senior Band and Senior Ensemble Telephone Tree**

Most forms have been returned and some children have taken home extra blank forms. If you wish your child to be listed on the telephone tree please complete the form and return to the office by Friday as we would like to commence compiling the lists for 2015.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal
Important Dates

March
11th Success Committee Meeting
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 roles will be declared vacant, and the information below explains each of the roles, if anyone is interested in volunteering in these capacities

President:
The accountable officer of the P&C Association. Chairs P&C meetings, provides leadership & represents the association.
Encourages participation and communication between the association, school administration and the community.

Vice President:
Provides support for the President and other executive officers as required.
Chairs P&C Meetings in the absence of the President.
Carries out any duties delegated by the President.

Secretary:
Prepares the agenda for each P&C meeting.
Prepares and presents minutes of meetings.
Organises, records and maintains information pertaining to the activities of the association.

Treasurer:
Has overall responsibility for the financial management of the association.
Prepares an annual budget and operational plan in consultation with the other officers.

**All Executive members are to attend monthly meetings and become familiar with the rules, Constitution and other documents governing P&C Association operations. Must be available at the school at least once a week to sign cheques/authorise payments

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

SPECIALS on superseded stationery stock items:
- Set Square 60 - 10c
- Set Square 45 - 10c
- Spiral Notebook - 20c
- A4 96pg Botany Book - 40c

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
Thanks to our hardworking volunteers, I really appreciate your help. We only need 2 more volunteers on Thursday. So if you can (or know anyone that can) spare a couple of hours once a month please contact us!

What’s new or on special?
Our menu at www.flexischools.com.au is always up to date with new products, special homemade foods and themed specials. Have just added Meatball pasta, Mac and cheese and Tuna mornay. Happy eating!

Easter Specials - Only Available on these dates
Week 8 (16-18/3) Week 9 (23-25/3) Week 10 (30-31/3 1/4)

- Fish and Potato Wedges $3.50
- Chicken Wedges and Potato Wedges $3.50
- Traditional Fruit Easter Bun $1.50
- Chocolate with choc chip Easter Buns $1.50

We are also running an Easter Egg colouring competition that closes on March 23. Winners will be announced on March 25 via the newsletter and Facebook page.

First prize - $10 Tuckshop voucher
Second prize - $7.50 Tuckshop voucher
Third Prize - $5 Tuckshop voucher

Prizes are not redeemable for cash. Vouchers can be used to purchase lunch. So what are you waiting for? Have a go and pick up a blank egg canvas from the Tuckshop.

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

Amart Sports
Thanks to Amart Sports Mitchelton and the community kickbacks programme we are on-selling AMART SPORTS $50 vouchers, for the discount price of $45. So if you need some new sports gear or shoes (especially with weekend sport starting) pick up your vouchers from the Coffee Cart or from Jodee in the P and C office (old school next to Stationery Store) on Monday, Wednesday or Fridays. This is a easy way to help fundraise for the school and you save money!

Coffee Cart
Come and see us for your caffeine and hot chocolate fix, each morning 7:50-9am. We will also be open all day for the cross country (Monday 16th of March), and for the disco (Thursday 19th of March).

HELP needed, one of our volunteers is unable to help next term so we are looking for 1 or 2 new volunteers, no experience necessary, all training provided. Making coffee is a fun way to help out around the school. Please contact Yvette 0409317553 for any information.
Community news

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

Please support our school fundraising efforts by clicking below to sponsor our brave shavers.

To support Teacher Aide Cindy McNab
To support Elliott G from Year 5

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High Tea
An Afternoon for Africa
Saturday, March 21 at 2pm
In the Library at Ferny Grove State School

RSVP to Shona Wilson on 0403 333 650 or shona@eftel.net.au

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$35 per person including bubbly on the deck and High Tea.
RSVP by Wednesday 18 March.
100% of profits support the orphans of Uthando House, South Africa.
Deadline for inclusion in the Ferny Grove News is 12 Noon on Mondays. Email to newsflash@fernygroves.eq.edu.au. It is emailed every second Wednesday. If you are not receiving it please advise your updated email details to the above address.