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### Lest we forget...

The 2015 ANZAC Day Service, the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, was a solemn and moving occasion. It brought our community together to remember, respect and honour those who have served our great nation and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Particularly poignant, was the address by teacher, Gary Kirby, who shared his reflections as the father of Grant Kirby who lost his life whilst serving in Afghanistan in 2010.
From the Principal

**Bright Sparks Expo**
The Bright Sparks Program was designed to engage and challenge high performing students in Years 5 and 6. This generation of young people are going to need skills quite unlike previous generations. The capacity for creative thought, collaboration with others locally and globally, development of complex solutions for complex problems and the awareness of the changes in how and when we communicate will be needed.

Our Bright Sparks students have had the opportunity to apply to research, study, create and problem solve an area of interest to them. They are then mentored by our Bright Sparks teachers Mr Bryant and Mrs Read and work on their project one day per week for 10 weeks.

At the conclusion of the program they are expected to present what they have learned or developed to peers, teachers, parents and community via an Expo (held last Wednesday and Thursday). The emphasis is on student ownership of their learning. They are responsible for making the most of the opportunity, checking in with their teacher if they miss something while at Bright Sparks and seeking help when needed.

As we conclude our first cohort of Bright Sparks the students have demonstrated significant growth in their learning and development. They have learnt what it means to be business and social entrepreneurs, how to interact professionally with members of the community, video editing, production values, robotics, journalism and news broadcasting among many other skills and attitudes. Their confidence and engagement has grown along with their sense of “I’m in control of my learning”. Congratulations to the students on the success of this quite bold and innovative extension program. I think I can assume both parents and students have acknowledged the ‘above and beyond the call of duty’ mentoring from our staff, particularly Mr Bryant.

Cohort two will be advertised in coming weeks and students will again be required to submit a worthy and interesting proposal to the selection panel.

**Cross Country**
Congratulations to the team of runners representing us at last week’s district cross country. It was a pleasure to see both the commitment and effort of our students regardless of where they finished. Effort counts and those who persevere and overcome tough things tend to be more likely to succeed in life. Amy, Kelsey, Alex and Isaac will go on to represent us at the regional cross country event. Well done students.

**Did you know?**
Ferny Grove State School is the home of North West District School Sport and that we have more staff than any other school involved in coaching, managing and convening sporting activities across our district and region. Here are just a few to demonstrate our strong commitment to sport in our schools.

**AFL:** Mr Tynan and Mr Howard
**Basketball:** Mr Sandilands
**Cricket:** Mr Sandilands
**District chairperson:** Mr Shackleton

**Hockey:** Ms Hossini, Mr Kirby and Ms Olsen
**Soccer:** Mr Timms
**Touch Football:** Mr Kirby and Mr Thompson
**District finance:** Mrs Frame.

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**Library news**
What an amazing week we had last week in the library with our Bright Sparks Expo. This week we will be making some special craft on the library verandah first break both Tuesday and Thursday with more activities next Tuesday and Thursday. All welcome.

I am looking for some empty clear 2L plastic containers and cardboard cereal sized boxes. I will be using these for craft activities in the coming weeks. Please drop them into the library.

Leane Dunn, Library Coordinator
General news

NAPLAN
Next week the Years 3 and 5 children will participate in the NAPLAN tests. The children will complete the Language Conventions plus Writing test on Tuesday morning. Reading takes place on Wednesday and Numeracy on Thursday. Both tests are completed by 10am on these two days. Parents will find further information regarding the NAPLAN tests on the following link: NAPLAN parent brochure (PDF) (national NAPLAN website). These tests alone do not represent a complete picture of your child’s ability. Instead they represent a point in time picture of the school’s performance in comparison to like schools and state wide comparisons. Teachers formative and summative testing throughout the year capture a true representation of students’ abilities. Children are encouraged to attend school throughout the testing period.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

“I Spy” Theatre Production
Production is well under way for this exciting new creative venture at Ferny Grove State School. Performances are at 6.30pm on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May. Doors open at 6pm and refreshments will be available. Tickets are on sale at www.flexischools.com.au. Come along and introduce your child to the joys of live theatre!

Walk to School Day
This annual event, which includes a free “healthy” breakfast will be coming up on Friday 22 May. Students walk to school from designated meeting points throughout the local area. More details to follow.

Save the date - Chaplaincy dinner
Ferny Grove SHS and Ferny Grove SS Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner
When: Tuesday 2nd June 2015, 7pm
Where: Arana Leagues Club - 247 Dawson Pde, Keperra
What: Fundraising opportunities, a two course meal & live entertainment
Cost: $50 pp
RSVP: Monday 25th May to your Table Host, or for individual tickets please contact Anna Lock on 0438 052 411 or by emailing anna@lock.id.au.

Early years news

Under 8’s Day
Friday the 22nd of May will be our Under 8’s Day. The Prep to Year 2 students will have a fun filled morning of activities on our junior oval from 9-11am. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come along and join in the fun (parents will need to supervise their younger children). Please send your child to school with a plastic shopping bag to put all of their lovely creations in.

Parent Information Evening and School Tour
Tuesday the 19th of May is our Parent Information Evening for all new families looking to enrol at Ferny Grove State School in 2015. Our school captains and vice captains will conduct school tours starting at 6:15pm at our library. Following the tours, parents will have the opportunity to find out more about our school and the many programs we offer. If you know of any families considering Ferny Grove as their school for next year please let them know of this evening.

Jacki Schott, A/Deputy Principal
Anzac Day 2015

With over 130 Defence families at Ferny Grove State School, the children play a big part in our Anzac Day Service. As they entered the hall and added doves to the trees of remembrance, the Catafalque party stood guard. Two of our strings students and our Senior Choir performed musical tributes, and past student, Claire Ewer from Ferny Grove State High School, trumpeted The Last Post and Reveille. Mr Kurth’s class was once again integral to the service sharing poetry, verse and reflections about ANZAC Day and its meaning. A big thank you must go to the team of teachers who contribute to this special tradition at our school, and to the students for their respectful participation. It touches the hearts of our community every year, in ways that allow our students to truly understand our school values of Respect and Care & Compassion.

Our classes worked very hard in the weeks prior to ANZAC day to produce artwork that showcased their reflection about the stories and spirit of the ANZACS. This was displayed in the hall on the day of our Anzac service.
**Instrumental and Choral Music News**

**Instrumental Music – NAPLAN Week**

There will be minor changes to the instrumental music program next week due to NAPLAN. Ms Gadd, the brass teacher, and Mr Schick, the percussion teacher, will conduct parent teacher interviews for our beginning students’ parents on their respective days. As their interviews commence before school, Percussion Ensemble and Senior Band rehearsals will be cancelled for May 12 and 13 respectively. Also no percussion or brass lessons will take place those two days.

Junior band and Senior Strings will continue as usual on Monday May 11. Strings and woodwind lessons will also take place as per the timetable on the 11th.

Beginner Woodwind and Strings interviews will be conducted by Mrs Seneviratne and Mrs Haringcaspel in Term 3. Beginner interviews are held during the children’s initial year so that parents and teachers can discuss many of the initial concerns that may come about when learning an instrument. Also this is an opportunity for the parent to meet the teacher and for many this may be for the first time. All parents can arrange parent teacher interviews at anytime throughout the year with their respective instrumental teacher. Emailing the teacher directly to organise a time is usually the best way to arrange an interview. Also all parents are invited to attend lessons or rehearsals at anytime throughout the year.

**QYMA – 11 May – Senior Band**

Our Senior Band are rehearsing for their first competition for the year. This year our school is hosting the Queensland Youth Music Awards competition in the hall. The competition commences at 6pm and concludes at approximately 8:30pm. Seven bands are performing with our band concluding the program. Children are required to sit as a group throughout the performance and will be led to the warm up area at the appropriate time. This is a great opportunity for our students to listen to other quality bands and watch others playing their instrument.

An adult entrance fee of $10 is payable at the door. Children and participating students are free. This fee goes to the QYMA Committee to cover costs. Our IMPS committee is running the canteen and a barbecue to continue to raise funds for the tubular bells. The coffee cart is also open throughout the evening.

A note went home to all Senior Band members earlier this term in regards to this event. If you did not receive the note please ask at the office for another.

**Parade Performances– Senior Choir**

11 and 18 May– Senior Choir

Children are required to wear their performance uniform for both assemblies. These performances are in preparation for the Fanfare competition which takes place on Wednesday 20 May.

Belinda Evans, Deputy Principal

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

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**Parking advice**

Brisbane City Council has notified us that our before and after school parking behaviour will be the subject of enforcement this term. That means they will be around with their parking tickets after school so please be aware of safe and legal parking behaviour at all times.

We are investigating a program that includes volunteer parents in the enforcement of the two minute zone in Finvoy Street. The issue has been raised a number of times, but there are few solutions unless we support such a program as a community. If you are interested in being part of the solution, please contact Vanessa Baird, Community Liaison Officer at vbair4@eq.edu.au.
Defence news

**Catch up Club**
Welcome back to another exciting term. The children have had the opportunity to create some special Mother’s Day gifts in weeks 1 and 2. We hope all our Defence Mums will have a wonderful day on Sunday 10 May.

**Create a Hero Flag at Catch up Club**
As part of National Families Week 2015, the Defence Community Organisation Brisbane is celebrating this year’s event by inviting Defence families and the broader community to create symbolic ‘Hero Flags’ to represent their ‘hero’ family within our local communities. The National Families Week event will also highlight the significant contribution that Defence families play in supporting Australian Defence Force members.

The Hero Flags will be displayed during National Families Week (11 May – 16 May 2015) at the Mitchelton Library and North Lakes Library. The Hero Flags will be part of the broader commemorations being conducted around the community for the 100 Year Anniversary of ANZAC.

**Defence students will be making their own ‘Hero Flags’ during Catch up Club in weeks 3 and 4.** We look forward to seeing you and your friends at first break!

Alternatively, Mitchelton Library and North Lakes Library will be hosting Hero Flag activities on Monday 11 May 3pm–4.30pm; Wednesday 13 May 3pm–4.30pm; Thursday 14 May, 3pm – 4.30pm.

These sessions will provide an opportunity for children to make their Hero Flag at the local libraries with all resources provided.

*Jessica De la Jara & Liz Heddershaw, Defence School Transition Aides*

**Bright Sparks expo**
We have had wonderful feedback about the culmination of our first Bright Sparks projects at their Expo last week. Parents and other potential Bright Sparks visited on Wednesday evening and then our classes visited on Thursday to enjoy all the hands on fun. This initiative is also featured in this weeks North West News. Well done to Mr Bryant, Mrs Read and the team of Bright Sparks.
Languages news

Guten Tag! In weeks 3 and 4 all German students are completing assessment. There are four types of assessment: Speaking and Writing (Composing) and Reading and Listening (Comprehending). We have been preparing for these in class. Students have experienced tasks which are similar to the assessment tasks. The Speaking Task takes the form of a 10 question interview in German. The answers for these interview questions were prepared in class and should have been practiced daily.

Our exciting news for the week is that class 6B is being filmed by a TV crew from Education Queensland. A teacher will deliver a lesson in the CLIL (Content Language Integrated Learning) style. Most of us know this as Immersion German. I am very excited for the students and I am also excited professionally, as I am keen to learn more about this style of language teaching.

An interesting language learning morsel for the week: http://ideas.ted.com/5-examples-of-how-the-languages-we-speak-can-affect-the-way-we-think/

Finally, an advert from FGSHS:

Community French & Russian classes

We are currently seeking expressions of interest to commence a beginners French and Russian class from term 2. Cost is $65 for a 9 week term of one hour lessons after school from 3.30-4.30 on Thursdays. For the class to proceed we require a minimum number of students (adults welcome) and payment would need to be made in advance to ensure the viability of the classes. Please email Mrs Fi Hudghton fhudg1@eq.edu.au to register interest with student name, student email address and mobile phone number.

Frau Guerra, German Teacher

Memorial garden

Finished just in time for our Anzac Day service, we’re sure you will agree that this is an amazing and fitting tribute to our Defence community. We hosted morning tea in the garden for visitors and Defence families after our Anzac Day service. The garden is designed in the shape of a poppy, in tribute to the spirit of the ANZACs. One of the screens shares the ANZAC values of Courage, Endurance, Mateship and Sacrifice.

A place of calm and reflection for our students, it demonstrates what is possible when many different parts of our community join forces to bring such a project to fruition. If you haven’t seen the garden, enter the top gate at Finvoy Street next time you are at the school and take a moment to remember.
THE SUCCESS TEAM PRESENTS

Turquoise and Tiaras

MOTHER’S DAY HIGH TEA

SAT 9TH MAY, 11.30am

Join us for a beautiful high tea to celebrate Mother’s Day.
Wear turquoise, a tiara, or both!

TICKETS JUST $35

HURRY! ONLY 40 TICKETS AVAILABLE

Library Deck, Ferny Grove State School
ARCHDALE ROAD, FERNY GROVE

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA FLEXISCHOOLS
For special dietary requirements and seating arrangements,
please email The Success Team at success4102@gmail.com

All funds raised support the SEP at Ferny Grove State School

☑ Great kids & families ☑ Great staff ☑ Great learning opportunities
Important Dates

May
7 Mother's Day Stall
9 Mother's Day High Tea
11 FAST Meeting - 7pm Library
13 Success Meeting - 7pm Library
20 P & C Meeting - 7pm Library

Coffee Cart
Our Birthday hat has been feeling a little lonely lately... As a birthday gift we would love to give you a FREE hot drink on your birthday, just come on down let us know it is your special day, pop on the birthday hat so we can take a photo to put on Facebook. For children we just need a signed note from a parent or permission in person to post your child’s photo on Facebook.

Stationery & Uniform Stores
OPEN MONDAY & FRIDAY 8-10AM, WEDNESDAY 2-5 PM.
Charyl Cowles, Stationery Convenor
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stationery@fernygrovepandc.com.au
Madonna Morton, Uniform Convenor
3550 5342 (0409 272 062)
uniformstore@fernygrovepandc.com.au

Tuckshop
What’s Hot? New Menu is out. Check out our daily yummy specials such as Hot Chicken Roll, Meat Ball sub, Hot Jacket Potato (choose your own fillings), Build a burger and Sushi Roll.

Urgently calling Volunteers, we have created a link https://www.volunteersonline.org/8ELLJ where you can sign up and pick your days, or simply visit us at the tuckshop. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

I will be making Rainbow cookies Thursday 7th May and Friday 8th May for only $1.00 (available 2nd break only).

Please support our tuckshop so we can continue to deliver great food!

Liz Mu, Tuckshop Convenor

Festival 2015 is coming!
Saturday October 10
Looking for stall & logistics convenors to manage just one part of our great event. If you are interested or have some new ideas for a stall that you would like to run, come along to one of our first Festival planning meetings for 2015.
Wednesday May 13 - 9am and 6.30pm in the library.
Vacancy - School Crossing Supervisor

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Ferny Grove State High School. The School Crossing Supervisor will be required to work up to 5 days per week in all weather conditions. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are 30 minutes a day to assist the students to cross the road in the afternoon.

The current rate of pay is $27.49 per hour.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- the favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer;
- a Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position).

Further information on the position, including the Role Description and how to apply, is available from the Administration Office or call 3550 5777.

Completed applications should be returned to:

The Business Manager
Ferny Grove State High School
PO Box 128
Ferny Hills Q 4055
Or email dgarr4@eq.edu.au

The closing date for applications is 13 May at 2.00pm.